

RFP-ACT-SACT-26-36 M&S PoC Q&A #2

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Question #	RFP Part & Section Reference	RFP Page#	Question	Submission Date	Response
13	Annex B: Requirement 1 Requirements Matrix	22	<p>The RFP seems to state that having access to JCATS & JTLS prior to submission is a go/no-go criteria.</p> <p>Our engineers have had prior experience with these simulations, but my current company does not have access.</p> <p>We'd love some clarification on that point and whether it is possible for our team to be granted access prior to creating a submission package.</p>	20MAR26	<p>There will not be granted access prior creating a submission package by ACT. The granted access needs to be provided by the contractor.</p> <p><u>Clarification of "Access to JCATS and JTLS Databases"</u> "Access to databases" refers to the contractor's ability to create, modify, and ingest data structures used to initialize, configure, and adjust ORBAT, system characteristics and model specific data (e.g., probability of detection, hit, and kill).</p> <p><u>Clarification of "Granted Access to JCATS and JTLS for the Project"</u> "Granted access" refers to the contractor's demonstrated ability to interface with, influence, and control simulation entities within JCATS and/or JTLS in support of project objectives. This may be achieved for example through one or more of the following means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration via a Federation Object Model (FOM) where JCATS and/or JTLS participate within a federated environment; • Use of established or custom Application Programming Interfaces (APIs); or • Direct integration or modification at the simulation software/source-code level, where authorized.
14	Annex B: Requirement 1 Requirements Matrix	22	<p>The SOW emphasizes a simulation agnostic, standards based approach, while Annex B requires written certification for access to modify JCATS and JTLS and to access their databases. Can you confirm whether these JCATS/JTLS access requirements are intended to support the implementation and proof of concept demonstration, with JCATS and JTLS used as reference simulations, rather than constraining the overall solution architecture?</p>	24MAR26	<p>It shall not constrain the overall solution architecture; however two NATO simulation system needs to be used in the PoC.</p>
15	Annex B: Requirement 1 Requirements Matrix	22	<p>When the RFP refers to "access to modify" JCATS and JTLS, does this mean configuration, scripting, APIs, or data import/export, as opposed to source code-level modification or ownership of the systems?</p>	24MAR26	<p><u>Clarification of "Access to JCATS and JTLS Databases"</u> "Access to databases" refers to the contractor's ability to create, modify, and ingest data structures used to initialize, configure, and adjust ORBAT, system characteristics and</p>

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16	Annex A: SOW	14-15 16-17	Req 1: Regarding the scope of the PoC, will ACT provide a list of typical MelMil Actions for design consideration/demonstration of the automation process? If so, can this be made available before the bid submission deadline?	24MAR26	HQ SACT will not provide a typical list of Mel Mil Actions. It is up to the design phase of the project and up to the contractor to proposed actions to be later implemented in the PoC.
17	Annex A: SOW	14-15 16-17	Req 1 [Implement and demonstrate automation solutions using at least: JTLS/JCATS’] – Should the PoC consider the current capabilities of the respective simulation systems in order demonstrate the proposed capability? If so, will ACT provide details on which method for the respective NATO sim systems to use in order to demonstrate SIM automation from MelMil?	24MAR26	HQ SACT will not provide guidance on the method. However generic approaches are already explained in #2.
18	Annex A: SOW	14-15 16-17	Req 1: If the proposal for SIM automation requires changes to JTLS or JCATS, what process should be followed in order to make these changes? Does this require the contractor to factor in these changes as part of the proposal, including related costings?	24MAR26	If contractor design requires changes in the simulation system, then all the related cost needs to be considered.
19	Annex A: SOW	14-19	Req 1 & Req 2: Are the respective authorities/owners for JTLS and JCATS expected to respond to direct contractor RFI’s with regard to the automation/external interface capabilities of their Sim systems and also to grant access to modify their systems? Please describe this process.	24MAR26	Contractor’s RFI will be responded by the COTR. If a modification of a system is required, then it is the contractor responsibility to grant access to modify the system.

20	Annex A: SOW	15, 18-19	Req 2: [Demonstrate interoperability by importing from and exporting to NATO simulation systems.] Should the PoC consider the current capabilities of the respective simulation systems in order demonstrate the proposed capability? If so, will ACT provide details on which method for the respective NATO sim systems to use in order to demonstrate dataset interoperability?	24MAR26	HQ SACT will not provide details on methods. It is a part of analysis and design phase to find the appropriate methods to assure import and export functions from/to NATO simulation systems.
21	Annex A: SOW	15, 18-19	Req 2: [initial content of the common agreed dataset] How should the contractor interpret the scope of 'initial content'?	24MAR26	"Initial content" is a generic term to be used to satisfy demand at the POC level. It is not requested to deliver Verified and Validated FOC dataset for any NATO simulation event. Further details on meaning of "initial content " will be agreed during the analysis phase based considering data available and sharable in NATO M&S Col.
22	Annex A: SOW	14-15 16-17	When MEL/MIL actions involve BLUEFOR activities, is the intent of Requirement 1 to: a) assess automation of MEL/MIL to simulation translation only, or b) also assess how such actions propagate into TA planning and force execution workflows?	24MAR26	PoC is not only about action translation into simulation, but as well combining actions to deliver effects that can not be achieved in isolation from MDO effects perspective and more generic EXCON control over a simulation system. See Table 1. – Taskings for Requirement 1: EXCON-Simulation Automation. Ser#1 for all details.
23	Annex A: SOW	14-15 16-17	How does NATO envisage coordination responsibility between MEL/MIL, EXCON control points, and TA planning cells during exercise execution, particularly when automated processes are introduced?	24MAR26	This is a part of the contractor analysis and design phase. Automation should reduce the manning and simplify the overall EXCON related processes.