

**HQ NRDC-GR**



**COMPATIBLE INK AND TONER SUPPLIES  
CONTRACT**

***PART I***

***BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS***

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ENCLOSURES TO PART I:

- 1: Compliance Statement
- 2: Price Proposal Format
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**BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS****1. GENERAL**

The purpose of this Invitation For Bidding (IFB) is to establish a cooperation for **compatible** ink and toner supplies purchasing for the period **10 Mar 14 to 31 Dec 14**. The Contractor must be able to provide **compatible** ink and toner supplies in accordance with the provisions of special and technical specifications (Part III).

**2. DEFINITIONS**

a. The term "Prospective Bidder" shall refer to the person (individual or corporate) that has completed and returned the Enclosure of the transmittal letter of this IFB, and has indicated thereon its intention, without commitment, to participate in the bidding.

b. The term "Bidder" shall refer to the bidding person (individual or corporate) that has submitted a bid in response to this IFB.

c. The term "Contractor" shall refer to the bidder to whom the contract is awarded.

d. The term "Contracting Officer" designates the official executing this invitation for bids on behalf of the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps Greece (NRDC-GR/G8/P&C)

e. The term "NATO" shall refer to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

f. The term "NRDC-GR" means the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps – Greece, located at Thessaloniki, Greece.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

This Invitation For Bid (IFB) is open to bids from every company which serves the particular asked aim. Bidders must be legally authorised to operate, at the time of bidding and contract undersigning, this kind of enterprise.

**4. AMENDMENT OR CANCELLATION OF IFB**

HQ NRDC-GR reserves the right to amend or delete one or more of the terms, conditions or provisions of the IFB prior to the date set for the bid closing. An amendment or amendments to this IFB shall be announced to the prospective bidders.

a. HQ NRDC-GR reserves the right to cancel, at any time, this IFB partially or fully. In such case no prospective bidder shall claim for payment of any sort of expenses concerning the preparing or the submission of the bid. If this IFB is cancelled prior to the bid opening, the bids already received will be returned sealed as submitted to the senders upon their request.

**5. EXTENSION OF BID CLOSING DATE**

No request for extension of the bid closing date will be accepted.

**6. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

a. Bidders' proposals must be based on maximum compliance with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the IFB and its future clarifications and/or amendments.

b. The bidder shall include in its proposal the compliance statement (see Enclosure 1).

**7. ACTIVATION SCHEDULE**

The activation of the service by the Contractor shall be executed in such a way as to guarantee full operational availability of the services under the contract as of **10 Mar 14**.

**8. DURATION OF THE CONTRACT**

The contract awarded through this IFB will be effective from **10 Mar 14** and it will be in force until **31 Dec 14** (included).

**9. EXEMPTION FROM TAXES**

According to the NATO / HQ NRDC-GR Technical Agreement, goods and services are exempt from taxes, duties and similar charges. A VAT (Value Added Taxes) exemption certificate will be delivered to the contractor upon payment.

**10. CONTENTS OF PROPOSAL**

a. **The proposal should include the following documents:**

(1) A table of contents for the entire proposal.

(2) Bidder's name, address, Point Of Contact, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and Internet site, person responsible to the national authorities of commerce and public health.

(3) Compliance Statement for the intended contract (Enclosure 1 hereto).

(4) Valid licence of company operation.

(5) Price Proposal. The Price Proposal shall be submitted on the attached PRICE FORMAT (Enclosure 2). **Bidders must note that partial bidding is not possible for this IFB.**

(6) Valid Tax Clearance Certificate.

(7) Valid Insurance Clearance Certificate.

(8) List of Sub-Contractors that the bidder proposes to use in connection with the performance of the contract. In case that bidder does not use any Sub-Contractor, it shall be clearly stated.

b. Bids that do not include all the contents except from 10.a.(1) and 10.b.(2), will not be considered for award.

c. Bids that will not be submitted upon the price proposal format and according to the instructions will not be considered for award.

## 11. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

a. The whole proposal shall be written in English and handed over to NRDC-GR/G8/Purchasing & Contracting Section **no later than 04 Mar 14/12:00hrs (bidding closing date/time).**

b. Proposals shall be submitted inside a single sealed envelope. The envelope will be marked "**Sealed Bid to IFB NRDC-GR G8-14-02**". The sealed envelope will be placed in another (exterior) envelope or box on which will be glued the mailing label found on Enclosure 3 to these Instructions.

c. Bids may be submitted by courier or hand-carried. Bids hand-carried to HQ NRDC-GR or delivered on site by commercial courier and parcel-delivery companies must be packed and labelled as indicated in paragraph above. Packages have to be handed over to a representative of the HQ NRDC-GR PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING SECTION in Building C in the HQ NRDC-GR (HQ NRDC-GR telephones: 2310-882685 or 882683) during working days between 08.00 to 14:00 hrs except from the bidding close date **(04 Mar 14)** when the closing time is 12:00hrs. The date and the time the bid is handed over will be recorded on the envelope or package and the delivery agent will be requested to sign the date/time endorsement, signifying his agreement as to its accuracy.

**12. LATE PROPOSALS**

a. The bidder must make every effort to ensure that his bid reaches HQ NRDC-GR before or on the exact date and time set for the bid closing. Any Bid received after this time is considered as late bid.

b. Late bids shall be considered only before the Contract has been awarded and on condition that their failure to arrive on time is solely the result of mishandling by HQ NRDC-GR personnel upon or after receipt.

c. **Other late proposals cannot be considered for award.** These bids will be treated as non-responsive and will be returned un-opened to the bidder, at his expense.

**13. BID WITHDRAWAL**

A bidder may withdraw his bid up to the date and time specified for the bid closing, by written or facsimile notice to the HQ NRDC-GR Contracting Officer. The bid will be returned un-opened to the bidder, at his expense.

**14. BID CLOSING DATE**

Bids must be received at HQ NRDC-GR no later than 04 Mar 2014/12:00 hours. At that date and time the bidding will be closed.

**15. BID VALIDITY**

Bids submitted shall remain valid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days counted from the bid closing date. HQ NRDC-GR reserves the right to request an extension of validity if a decision cannot be made within this time. Bidder will be entitled to either grant or deny this extension of validity; HQ NRDC-GR will automatically consider a denial as a withdrawal of the bid.

**16. BID EVALUATION**

The evaluation of Bids and the determination as to the responsiveness and technical adequacy of the services offered shall be the responsibility of HQ NRDC-GR and shall be based on information provided by bidders. HQ NRDC-GR will not be responsible for searching, locating or confirming any information, which is not clearly identified and available in the bid.

a. **Bids will be evaluated under the factor of lower price, implementing on evaluation formula, as depicted in enclosure 4.**



b. For the purpose of comparison all price proposals must be submitted according to the exact form of enclosure 2 and prices must be submitted in EURO (€).

## 17. AWARD

a. HQ NRDC-GR Contract Award Committee (CAC) will award the Agreement to the Bidder whose conforming proposal represents the most financially profitable solution to NRDC-GR, and demonstrates that the Bidder can fully accomplish IFB requirements. The CAC will select the best overall offer, based upon an integrated assessment of the Bidder's price.

b. HQ NRDC-GR reserves the right to negotiate the final terms and conditions of the contract before making the award.

c. In case that the bidder fails or denies to proceed to the signature of the contract within 10 days after a written notice from the Contracting Officer, HQ NRDC-GR reserves the right to award the contract to the next most financially profitable solution.

## 18. CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

During the entire bid evaluation process HQ NRDC-GR reserves the right to discuss any bid with the bidders in order to clarify what is being offered and to resolve any potential areas of non-compliance.

## 19. COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT FOR CLARIFICATION

### a. COMMUNICATIONS

Any communication related to this IFB, between a prospective bidder or a bidder and HQ NRDC-GR shall only be through the HQ NRDC-GR Contracting Officer in the first instance. Designated HQ NRDC-GR personnel will assist the Contracting Officer in the administration of this IFB. **There shall be no contact with other HQ NRDC-GR personnel.** This is to maintain all bidders on equal and competitive footing.

### b. BIDDERS REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

Prospective bidders should seek clarification as soon as possible. Any explanation, desired by a bidder regarding the meaning of this IFB, clauses, specifications etc., must be **requested in writing** (fax) from the Contracting Officer. **The Contracting Officer must receive such requests for clarification not later than 3 calendar days before the bid closing date.**

Information given to a prospective bidder will be announced to all prospective bidders, as an amendment to this IFB, only if such information is necessary to bidders in submitting offers or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to other

bidder. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding unless confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

**d. POINTS OF CONTACT:**

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All correspondence will be forwarded to:

**NRDC-GR  
G8 Branch - Purchasing & Contracting Section  
Attn: Chief Contracting  
CPT (HE A) PETKOU Aikaterini  
BST 903  
Pedion Areos Camp  
Thessaloniki, Greece**

**COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

It is hereby stated that we have read and understand all documentation issued (via email) as part of **IFB NRDC-GR G8-14-02 (Part I, Part II & Part III)**. Our proposal submitted in response to the referred solicitation is fully compliant with the provisions of the IFB and the intended contract.

Date : .....

Signature : .....

Name & Title : .....

Company : .....

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*(The label below is to be completed by the bidder and affixed/glued to the exterior envelope or parcel with which the Bid Packages are mailed to HQ NRDC-GR)*

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| <b>SEALED BID TO IFB NRDC-GR G8-14-02</b><br><b>To be opened by the Contract Award Committee (CAC) only</b> |   |
| <b>SENDER:</b>  | .....<br>.....<br>.....<br>.....  |
|   | <b>TO: HQ NRDC-GR</b><br><b>G8 Branch - Purchasing &amp; Contracting Section</b><br><b>BST 903</b><br><b>Pedion Areos Camp</b><br><b>Thessaloniki, Greece</b> |

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