

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES– INDIVIDUAL EXPERT SELECTION)

Country: Chad

Project Name: African Union (AU) Mission Support to the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) against Boko Haram.

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Consulting Services on the Management and Supervision of the implementation of the MNJTF Command, Control, Communication and Information System (C3IS) and Aerial Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (A-ISR) Service Contracts.

Reference No: AUC/PSOD/EU/QCBS/C-01/2016

The AU Commission has received financial support from the European Union (EU), through the African Peace Facility (APF), to the MNJTF in order to enable it to contribute to the restoration of a safe and secure environment in the areas affected by the Boko Haram. The MNJTF is comprised of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) member countries (Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad) and the Republic of Benin. It operates in Four Sectors in Cameroon (Sector 1, Headquarters at Mora), Chad (Sector 2, Headquarters at Baga Sola), Nigeria (Sector 3, Headquarters at Baga) and Niger (Sector 4, Headquarters at Diffa), including the MNJTF Headquarters in N'Djamena, Chad. The procurement of various MNJTF requirements using the EU contributed funds is managed by the AU Commission Procurement Division.

Among the MNJTF requirements is procurement of a C3IS service and A-ISR service.

The AU Commission intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include provision of technical assistance to the AUC on the management and supervision of the implementation of the MNJTF C3IS and A-ISR Service Contracts.

Specific Objective

To create a shortlist of experienced individual experts in management and supervision of C3IS and A-ISR.

The consultants on the shortlist will then be invited to submit a proposal based on detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) to provide technical assistance to the AUC on the management and supervision of the implementation of the MNJTF C3IS and A-ISR Service Contracts described in the 'Scope' section below.

SCOPE

The services to be rendered by the consultant will include but not limited to:

For C3IS:

- Advise the AU Commission on the necessary authorizations for C3IS.
- Assist the MNJTF on establishing and, when established, improve the operational Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs), including protection of sensitive data.
- Based on the technical specifications issued by the AU and contract agreement signed with C3IS service provider, supervise the implementation of the C3IS Service contract, including ensuring that the procedures and timelines for delivering the C3IS service are met.
- Check and confirm that the physical accomplishment of the C3IS setup is in line with the C3IS Service contract and in collaboration with the MNJTF and the AU Mission Support Team (MST).
- Advise the AU Commission on the interim, monthly and final payments to be made to the C3IS service provider, in collaboration with the MNJTF and the AU MST at the MNJTF Headquarter. The individual consultant is responsible to inform the AU whether the amounts claimed by the C3IS service provider have actually been incurred, in line with the requirements of the contract being supervised.
- Be the technical focal person of the AU Commission for the C3IS Service contract supervision or C3IS service contract management.
- Advise the AU MST and the AU Headquarter for the efficiency of the C3IS capability and the required additional measure so as to achieve the maximum advantage.
- Review the contractor's reports regarding unforeseen event, or an action, or an omission in the C3IS service contract that puts the implementation of the service contract directly or indirectly in peril, partially or totally.
- Provide regular reporting to the AU Commission, AU MNJTF MST Head or MNJTF Force Commander (FC) as per the requirements laid down under reporting procedures in the terms of reference.

For A-ISR:

- Advise the AU Commission on the necessary authorizations for A-ISR.
- Assist the MNJTF on establishing and, when established, improve the operational Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs), including protection of sensitive data gathered and classified products released by the service provider to the FC.
- Based on the technical specifications issued by the AU and contract agreement signed with A-ISR service provider, supervise the implementation of the A-ISR Service contract, including ensuring that the procedures and timelines for delivering the A-ISR service are met.

- Check and confirm the physical accomplishment of the A-ISR setup that is in line with the A-ISR Service contract and in collaboration with the MNJTF and the AU MST.
- Advise the AU Commission on the interim, monthly and final payments to be made to the A-ISR service provider, in collaboration with the MNJTF and the AU MST at the MNJTF Headquarter. The individual consultant is responsible to inform the AU whether the amounts claimed by the A-ISR service provider have actually been incurred, in line with the requirements of the contract being supervised.
- Be the technical focal person of the AU Commission for the ISR Service contract supervision or ISR service contract management.
- Advise the AU MST and the AU Headquarter for the efficiency of the ISR capability and the required additional measure so as to achieve the maximum advantage.
- Review the contractor's reports regarding unforeseen event, or an action, or an omission in the A-ISR service contract that put the implementation of the service contract directly or indirectly in peril, partially or totally.

Qualification and experience Requirement.

The individual expert should have the following minimum technical qualifications and experience:

- A Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) or equivalent in Communication and Information Technology or in military Command and Control systems, with a minimum of 5 years of experience in C3IS and/or ISR at the strategic level as a system administrator and user.
- Have a post-graduate degree or its equivalent with minimum of 3 years of experience in similar project.
- Have self-management skills including being dependable, resourceful, prompt, able to perform under an extreme amount of stress, trustworthy, very adaptable and responsible.
- Be fluent in either English or French and have good working knowledge of the other language.
- The expert shall sign a certificate of availability and exclusivity with the AU Commission for the period of his/her contract.
- The expert shall be present at the site of the MNJTF Force Headquarters in N'Djamena/Chad during the execution period of the C3IS and A-ISR service contract.
- Relevant experience in working with International Organizations like EU and AU is an added advantage.

Individual Experts will be shortlisted by comparing their qualifications and experience against the minimum qualification and experience required for the assignment. A Yes or No matrix against each qualification and experience requirement will be applied. The individuals with the highest

compliant scores will make the shortlist and subsequently will be invited to submit proposals to undertake the assignment based on detailed Terms of Reference to be issued. Please note that only shortlisted individuals will be contacted.

To avoid any cases of conflict of interest, an individual consultant who has a contract engagement or has been a former employee of Saab Grintek Defence or THALES DMS France is not allowed to apply for this service.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours, -3hours GMT].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 4th February 2019.

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