

For in service support (ISS) contracts of this type, NMCARS 5237.102 requires the use of FAR 16.5 e-SeaPort procedures to satisfy the competitive requirement. NMCARS 5237.102 further requires that either a Justification and Approval (J&A) be approved, or that a Determination and Findings (D&F) be approved by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Procurement) (DASN(P)) if a e-SeaPort contract vehicle is not used. The NILE PMO obtained DASN(P) approval because non-U.S. vendors are not able to use e-SeaPort, and it is important to the NILE PMO to comply with the spirit, as well as the letter, of the MOU, i.e., to open up contracting actions to ALL NILE Member Nations in accordance with MOU Article 6.

The Government remains fully committed to a full and open competition with respect to this procurement and is strongly encouraging the submission of competitive bids from all qualified vendors. We would be very interested to hear any questions you may have and would be happy to answer these questions, with the understanding that the Government would subsequently publish any questions and answers on an anonymous basis, and make the answers available to all interested Offerors. The Government requests interested vendors confirm whether you plan to submit a bid.

Several RFI Responders indicated that they are not planning to submit a proposal. If you have previously confirmed that you plan to submit a “no bid” response, please provide the reasons for this decision. This will assist the Government in planning with respect to this solicitation, and enable careful consideration of the reasons for “no bids”. Additionally, given the information above, if you are intending not to bid on ISS5, the Government respectfully requests that you reconsider your no-bid decision.

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