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## Amendment 1 to Market Survey - Request for Information

# Establish and Enhance the ALLIANCE FEDERATION NETWORK (AFN)

NCI Agency Reference: RFI-CO-424226-AFN

The NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA) is seeking information from Nations and their Industry regarding their ability to support the growth and the evolution of the Alliance Federation Network (AFN) as a managed service, adopting a greenfield approach, with infrastructure and services coexisting with those delivered by the current instance of the AFN (AFN 1.0). The AFN 1.0 is the segment of the NATO Communications Infrastructure (NCI) providing connectivity to the NATO nations, to elements of the NATO Force Structure, and to multi-national entities, at the NATO S3CRET level.

The portfolio of services sought aligns with the broader framework of NATO Communications Services, including Protected Core Networking (PCN) services and Ethernet Transport Network (ETN) services, in support of NATO Enterprise and Alliance connectivity requirements other than those driven by the growth of the AFN. These services would be commissioned on demand, through one single services catalogue, featuring AFN, PCN and ETN entries.

The scope of the prospective services contract concerns the staged delivery of AFN connectivity services to new locations, using a new set of AFN core nodes. The scope further encompasses establishing an adjacent core capability for the delivery of PCN and ETN services. The scope includes the docking of the new infrastructure and services with the respective extant NATO Enterprise instances, resulting in a unified capability to deliver communications services Alliance-wide, able to scale in response to future demand.

Future scope contemplates the transition of existing NATO-owned and NATO-managed infrastructure currently serving the AFN 1.0, onto and through amendments to the prospective services contract, upon that infrastructure completing its lifecycle.

NCI Agency Point of Contact (POC) for this Request For Information:

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1. The purpose of this Amendment 1 to RFI-CO-424226-AFN is to extend the closing period until 24 March 2024.

- 2. Therefore, responses are requested to reach the NCI Agency no later than by **12:00 Brussels** time on **Monday 24 March 2025**.
- 3. Except, provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the RFI documents remain unchanged.
- 4. Please send all responses via email to the following NCI Agency Point of Contact:

To Attention of: Mrs. Lise Vieux-Rochat, Senior Contracting Officer,

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5. Your assistance/participation in this Request for Information is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ACQUISITION:

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