

APPEL D'Interêt-i - VIA « I-SOURCING »

Call for interest No. 17-100705-I in view of updating the Radio Frequencies SAFIRE system with the new SAFIRE v6 system

Radio Frequencies are a key enabler for Air Traffic Management (ATM), for Voice and Data Communications, Radio Navigation and Surveillance.

In the European Region, civil aviation frequency matters are coordinated by the Frequency Management Group (FMG) of the ICAO European Air Navigation Planning Group (EANPG). The FMG established a strict frequency coordination procedure between all States for the assignment of a Frequency to a Facility. The procedure requires that each State must nominate a Frequency Manager authorised to grant and delete aeronautical frequency assignments in her/his country.

EUROCONTROL launched the operation of SAFIRE (Spectrum and Frequency Information Resource) which is a web-based application, developed in 2006 in cooperation with ICAO FMG, to assist with frequency management activities in the European Region, and it is still the same application that is used today, based on the requirements and specifications developed prior to 2006.

The ATM network functions regulation, Regulation (EC) No 677-2011 of July 2011, contains requirements for the creation of the Network Manager Radio Frequency Function (RFF) within the Network Manager, and the development a central register of frequency assignments that should include all the information required to determine whether the aviation spectrum is used efficiently, and the development of the tools and procedures to ensure that the use of the aviation spectrum is continuously optimised.

The current SAFIRE system (referred to as SAFIRE v5) does not meet the requirements of such regulation. Therefore a new system, known as SAFIRE v6, must be developed to fully meet the RFF requirements.

Therefore, a Call for Interest has been prepared. If, based on the outcome of the present Call for Interest, the decision is taken to continue, this Call for Interest may be followed by an open Call for Tenders.

The objectives of this Call for Interest are to:

- Notify the market of the possible upcoming Call for Tender (CFT) and identify interested suppliers;
- Gather knowledge on the market solutions available.

Closing date: Thursday 15 February 2018 at 03.00 p.m. (Local (Brussels) Time)

Who should register their interest:

Companies who can meet EUROCONTROL's expectations concerning the update of the Radio Frequencies SAFIRE system with the new SAFIRE v6 system.

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- **If you are not yet a EUROCONTROL supplier, please follow the 4-step process described on the following link:**

<http://www.eurocontrol.int/articles/supplier-portal-registration-procedure>

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