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i- CALL FOR TENDERS

Call for Tenders No.:	ECTL_SRC_260084
Title:	Senior Expert for the Datalink Test Facilities

General:

EUROCONTROL* is an intergovernmental organisation with 42 Member and 2 Comprehensive Agreement States. We are committed to building, together with our partners, a Single European Sky that will deliver the air traffic management (ATM) performance required for the twenty-first century and beyond.

Technical subject matter:

The Network Manager Datalink Programme is entering a new phase where the priority is no longer the deployment of datalink services but the delivery of operational benefits through improved performance, harmonisation and operational use across the European ATM Network. The support to be procured under this Call for Tenders directly contributes to EUROCONTROL priorities related to operational continuity, network performance, interoperability assurance and support to summer readiness activities. Furthermore, this procurement aims to provide expert support to the Datalink Test Facility, providing the necessary preparation, execution, and reporting of datalink interoperability and validation activities. This will enable EUROCONTROL to maintain critical technical capabilities required to support operations, investigate interoperability issues and facilitate coordination with ANSPs, airlines, avionics manufacturers and Communication Service Providers.

Main selection and assessment criteria:

TECHNICAL SELECTION AND CAPACITY CRITERIA
The Tenderer shall provide a compliance matrix for the requirements outlined in Section 4 of the Technical Specifications.
The Tenderer shall demonstrate the capability of the proposed senior expert to provide the required expertise full-time throughout the contract duration.

PASS/FAIL TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
CV of the proposed senior expert shall be provided
The proposed senior expert shall have a university degree in Aeronautical Engineering, Telecommunications, Computer Science, Electronic Engineering or demonstratable equivalent experience, with clear supporting evidence.
The proposed senior expert shall have English fluency (level C1), demonstrated through certificate or educational and/or working experience.

SCORING TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
Experience in ATM datalink systems, ATN Baseline 1, CPDLC and ADS-C
Experience supporting operational ATM stakeholders (ANSPs, Airlines, CSPs, OEMs, International Organisations)
Experience in monitoring support, operational performance assessment and technical analysis
Experience preparing technical studies, assessments, working papers and technical specifications
Experience contributing to European ATM programmes, technical groups or multi-stakeholder coordination
Experience supporting Network Manager activities or equivalent network-level operational activities
Knowledge and experience related to ATS-B2, CP1/AF6 and future datalink services
Knowledge of monitoring tools, data analysis or performance reporting methodologies (DESIRABLE)
Postgraduate qualification or specialisation in Air Traffic Management, Communication Systems, Network Technologies or Systems Engineering (DESIRABLE)
Knowledge of French (DESIRABLE)

The economically most advantageous offer will be established in accordance with the following Award criteria:

For the Technical tender, a weighting of 60% is applied, for the Financial tender, a weighting of 40%.

Tender closing date:

19 October 2026 at 15:00 Brussels time.

Point of Contact:

Please see the “Important Notice” below and if you have any other related questions, please contact:

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