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Subject: “Commercial Options for Refuelling of naval ships at sea during EU Maritime Operations” – Request for Information

Dear Madame, Sir,

Recently EU naval forces have engaged in a range of maritime tasks worldwide. As you know, Operation ATALANTA is being conducted in the framework of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) (since 2008) and its mandate has been extended until 12 December 2012.

The purpose of this RFI is to gather current information about commercial solutions for refuelling at sea of naval ships. The information provided will be assessed by governmental subject matter experts in order to support possible further steps over providing operational support solutions.

The RFI has also been placed in a restricted EDA extranet forum, which can be used to ask and clarify questions regarding the RFI or its process. Access to this forum will be limited to companies and to governmental experts, who will provide clarification on possible questions.

In order to grant you access to the forum, you are requested to confirm by e-mail as soon as possible that your company is interested to respond to the RFI. For the registration you are kindly asked to provide us the name, e-mail address, phone and fax number of the Point of Contacts (maximum 3 POCs per company) by e-mail to tpls@eda.europa.eu. The Point of Contacts of all participating companies will have access to the restricted extranet forum and to the same information. If your company wishes to keep specific questions confidential they can directly be addressed to tpls@eda.europa.eu.

The final response to the RFI must be received by EDA not later than 30 April 2011. It shall be produced in electronic format (pdf, doc, docx format) and sent by e-mail to tpls@eda.europa.eu.

The response to the RFI can be used by EDA, the participating Member States of EDA or other European bodies free of charge and without violation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) or any other rights. All communication and documentation have to be in English. The RFI's security level is unclassified, however all information received will be treated as commercial in confidence!

You are informed that EDA, the participating Member States of EDA or any other European body cannot accept any economical claim arising from the production of the response to the RFI. Moreover the fact that you have responded to the RFI does not represent any further commitment or contractual obligation.

Finally, for any other clarification regarding the RFI please contact EDA Capability Directorate,
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