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**Agenda Item 5.2.2: Specific Air Navigation issues**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MIDAD PROJECT**

*(Presented by MIDAD TF Chairman)*

**SUMMARY**

This paper presents a report related to the progress on Phase 2 of the MIDAD Project, including and up to the initial evaluation of the bids received in response to the MIDAD Detailed Study request for proposal.

Action by the meeting is at paragraph 4.

**REFERENCES**

- MIDAD TF/2 Report

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Phase 2 of the MIDAD project is led by Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE, according to the decision of the DGCA-MID/2 and supported by the MIDAD Support Team composed representative from Jordan, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Sudan and the ICAO MID Regional Office, as per the Decision 14/20 of MIDANPIRG/14. The stakeholder consultation and reporting is ensured by the MIDAD Task Force, based on the revised terms of reference (ToR) included in the TF/2 Report, Appendix 5, following the decision 4/19 of MSG/4.

1.2 During MIDAD TF/2 (Cairo, Egypt, 3-5 March 2015) the various options for the funding mechanism of the Detailed Study were discussed under Agenda Item 4. Based on the inputs received from States, the meeting agreed that the MIDAD Project should be managed as a TCB project, in the framework of MAEP.

1.3 MIDAD TF/2 also recognised that timelines of Phase 2 are very tight and agreed on their revision. Consequently, an update of the Action Plan / Timelines has been provided (Appendix 4A of MIDAD TF/2 Report).

## **2. DISCUSSION**

### ***Phase 2 Call for Tender (CfT)***

2.1 In preparation of the tender for Phase 2, ITV Consult prepared a Specification of the MIDAD Detailed Study and a request for proposal (RFP) based on the UAE GCAA tender regulation.

2.2 The CfT consisted in two steps: a pre-qualification phase of the companies / consortia manifesting an interest in bidding for the tender and the floating of the RFP by UAE GCAA on behalf of the four leading States (Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE), as mandated by MIDAD TF/1.

2.3 The CfT was open from 25 November 2014 until 1 March 2015.

### ***Response to the Call for Tender and initial evaluation***

2.4 By the end of the CfT process, one company (NATS Services Limited) and one consortium (Helios Technology Limited, Group EAD Europe and APAC Computer Software Development) expressed their interest in the project and submitted offers in response to the RFP. Both entities qualified against the UAE GCAA pre-qualification criteria.

2.5 In parallel with the CfT process, UAE with the support from ITV Consult coordinated and consolidated an evaluation procedure and proposed a scoring methodology. Following the consultation with the four leading States and with the MIDAD Support Team an evaluation matrix has been agreed upon. A significant contribution to the final content and the automation of the evaluation matrix has been brought by Qatar.

2.6 The four leading States decided that in the evaluation process, each State will perform an independent evaluation, based on the agreed methodology and the MIDAD Support Team will also coordinate and provide a consolidated evaluation matrix.

2.7 It has also been agreed that the five evaluations will be compiled into a final matrix and all the scores will be taken into account in a consolidated average (arithmetical mean).

2.8 On 27-28 May 2015 a coordination meeting between the four leading States with the support of ITV Consult acting as Secretary was scheduled, with the agenda focusing on the analysis of the Evaluation Report produced by ITV Consult in the framework of the support contract, followed by discussions related to the initial evaluations provided by the States and by the MIDAD ST, identification of the issues and matters of clarification to be addressed back to the Bidders during the clarification sessions and the agreement on the strategy for the finalisation of the evaluation process and the reporting back to MIDAD TF and subsequently to MAEP SC / Board of the outcome.

## **3. CONCLUSION**

3.1 After a discussion of the evaluation report of the consultant and the initial evaluation of the four leading States and the MIDAD ST the coordination meeting decided that both bidders shall be invited to a clarification session.

3.2 The meeting agreed on a consolidated list of questions for the clarification session on behalf of the leading states and the support team. A sub-list of the questions will be sent to the bidders in advance.

3.3 The proposed date of the clarification session with the bidders is planned to take place in the beginning of August. The venue will be the Sheikh Zayed Air Navigation Centre, Abu Dhabi.

3.4 After the clarification session a report with the consolidated evaluation with the scoring and recommended bidder will be provided to MIDAD/TF3.

**4. ACTION BY THE MEETING**

4.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in the Progress Report.

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