

Random Brokerage Services

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The Random Brokerage Services (RBS) project is the oldest at NSPA and has been supplying ad hoc requirements to the armed forces of NATO since 1963 and to Partnership for Peace (PfP) nations. The project provides support for the procurement of all items, material and services for which NSPA has no other user group.

Random Brokerage Services (RBS)

Unlike other NSPA projects, RBS has no specific membership and is not limited to any particular armed force or weapon system. It exists to provide any nation with a means of procuring un-planned or urgent requirements.

The scope of the project, as detailed in NSPO Programme Directive 373, allows any individual armed force, gendarmerie (in cases where the gendarmerie reports to the Ministry of Defence) and Defence Ministries themselves to procure:

- Items of Supply (usually based on NATO Stock Numbers or Part Numbers)
- Services (complex requirements, equipment leasing, troop support, technical / engineering services etc)
- Projects (including Statement of Work preparation, Contract Management etc)

In some cases a Sales Agreement (or Implementing Agreement) is required.

RBS and PfP

Partnership for Peace (PfP) nations wishing to procure supply, services or projects through RBS must in the first instance have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NSPO for Logistics Support. Thereafter a Sales Agreement should be signed.

What can be procured through RBS?

It is easier to say what CANNOT be procured through Random Brokerage: complete weapon systems. Examples of recent acquisitions include:

- Surveillance systems
- Body armour
- Containers (many configurations), shelters and tents
- Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and CBRN equipment
- Deployable equipment
- Grinding machines
- Aviation fuel
- Medical equipment
- Environmental projects
- Swords, helmets, boots and uniforms
- Guard dogs and kennels
- Disposal services and much more.

What does it cost?

Supply and Services

For Supply and Services an administrative (handling) fee of € 300 is levied per requisition.

An additional administrative surcharge is levied by NSPA based on the operational cost of the goods or services provided. This can vary between 0.5% to 7% based on the order value.

Projects

The financial arrangements for Projects for which NSPA has concluded a Sales Agreement with the Customer will be governed by the conditions described in the Sales Agreement.

Sharing the news

A monthly newsletter keeps the user community up to date on recent procurement activities performed by means of Random Brokerage or through the NATO Logistics Stock Exchange (NLSE). The Random Brokerage Services User Group meetings take place twice a year.



How to get started?

Stating your requirements by email to: lb@nspsa.nato.int