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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
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Signature	Date

AMENDMENT 001

The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions from suppliers, modify the Annex B and C and extend the bid period to May 23, 2013, 2pm, EDT.

Question 1

Annex C, Para2 (b) ii, states “Where test results are requested, the bidder must provide a laboratory analysis of the products offered showing complete results that confirm that the material meets the standards specified. Testing must be performed by an independent accredited laboratory establishment and it must be dated with six months of the solicitation posting date” If a product has been in circulations for many years these test results would be well beyond 6 months old. It does not make economical sense to have the tests redone for one tender. Also these tests take time so requesting it at time of submission is unrealistic. I suggest that these test results be required when/if submitting samples, and only be within 6 months if the product is new and hasn't been sold to one thousand (1000) ABCA forces or a north American (Canada or US) police agency in the last five (5) yrs.

Answer 1

The clause at Annex C para 2 (b) ii applies to the materials at paras 3.2(a) and 3.2(b). The requirement is for "Full test results" AND/OR "Third Party Certification" that confirms that the material meets or exceeds the standards specified. Where test results are more than 6 months old, certification from the material manufacturer that the material has been tested and meets the requirement would satisfy the "Proof of Compliance".

Question 2

Annex C, Para 4 Table 1 item 11 3.6.2 (c) iv and Annex C, Para 4 Table 1 item 13 3.7.2 (d) ii c and states “have total four (4) strong elasticized loops on each sleeve as follows.....upper loops centered at 108mm (4.25in) from the bottom of the pocket”.

An existing ACU in production does not have this feature and would have to be done after the bid is awarded, as the manufacturer will not entertain this modification for the quantity requested. This would add cost and delivery time to the product. I suggest that this be changed to an option rather than a must. This would speed up delivery and keep added costs down. These modifications could be done at a later date by the end user.

Answer 2

There is no requirement for pre-award samples; therefore, the manufacturer does not have to modify the existing production to produce a sample prior to Contract Award. Following Contract Award, the pre-production samples must fully meet the requirement as specified in Annex B including the elasticised loops on the sleeves of the two shirts.

Question 3

Can you clarify when the certificates are required?

Page 6, Part 4, 1.1.1 MANDATORY TECHNICAL CRITERIA. States that it is required at time of the bid.

However page 15, Part 5, Para 18, sub Para 1 & 5 PRE-PRODUCTIONS SAMPLES. Para 1 states that contractor must provide pre-production samples of the three garments to the Technical Authority for acceptance within 60 days from the date of the contract award. Para 5 then goes on to say that the contractor must provide the samples and a copy of the inspection and test reports or certificates of compliance to the Technical Authority.

Answer 3

The Bidder must provide certificates for materials specified at Annex B paras 3.2 (a) & (b) with the bid. The Bidder must provide certificates for materials specified at Annex B paras 3.2 (c), (d) & (e) with the Pre-Production Samples. Everything that is required at Annex C must be submitted with the bid.

1. Under Annex C, Section 4.0, Table 1, Item 1, Column "Requirement", delete the following:
The Bidder must have an existing similar product and have sold a minimum of one thousand (1000) similar uniforms to an American, British, Canadian or Australian (ABCA) military force or a North American (Canadian or US) police agency in the last five (5) years.

Insert the following:

The Bidder must have an existing similar product and have sold a minimum of five hundred (500) similar uniforms to an American, British, Canadian or Australian (ABCA) military force or a North American (Canadian or US) police agency in the last five (5) years. Cumulative sales from multiple contracts are acceptable.

2. Under Annex C, Section 4.0, Table 1, Item 1, Column "Proof of Compliance", delete the following:

The Bidder must provide:

(1) Contract number, award date, model and quantities delivered;

AND

(2) Customer contact information;

AND

(3) Written Attestation that they have provided one thousand (1000) uniforms similar to the ACU Shirts and Pant to an ABCA military force or a North American (Canadian or US) police agency in the last five (5) years.

Insert the following:

The Bidder must provide:

(1) Contract numbers, award dates, models and quantities delivered;

AND

(2) Customer contact information;

AND

(3) Written Attestation that they have provided five hundred (500) uniforms similar to the ACU Shirts and Pant to an ABCA military force or a North American (Canadian or US) police agency in the last five (5) years under one or more contracts.

3. Annex B (para 2, 3.2(a), ii, c) and Annex C, 4.2, Table 1, Item 2, 3.2(a), ii, c

Replace "Flash fire exposure in accordance with ASTM F1930-11 manikin test: Afterflame, Afterglow, Char Length and Melt/Drip, with a resulting whole body burn (2nd and 3rd degree) of no more than 27%".

With "Flash fire exposure: A garment made of this material (with or without the 2% Static-Control) has been tested in accordance with ASTM F1930 manikin (pyroman) test for Afterflame, Afterglow, Char Length and Melt/Drip, with a resulting whole body burn (2nd and 3rd degree) of no more than 27%".

4. Annex B para 3.6.1 (c) and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #11 para 3.6.1 (c)

Delete "and elbow pad insertion and removal".

5. Annex B para 3.6.2 (c).v and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #11 para 3.6.2 (c).v

Delete entire para.

6. Annex B para 3.7.1(c) and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #13 para 3.7.1(c)

Delete "and elbow pad insertion and removal".

7. Annex B para 3.8.1(c) and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.1(c)

Delete "and knee pads".

8. Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).1.a and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).1.a

Change "Width of 63 mm (2.5 in) in the center back area" to "Width of 89 mm (3.5 in) in the center back area".

9. Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).1.b and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).1.b

Change "Tapering to 89 mm (3.5 in) at the front" to "Tapering to 63 mm (2.5 in) at the front".

10. Annex B para 3.8.2 (c).i.d and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (c).i.d

Delete entire para.

11. Annex B para 3.8.2 (c).iii.b and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (c).iii.b

Change "Nominally 102 mm (4 in) wide by 152 mm (6 in) deep" to "Nominally 127 mm (5 in) wide by 203 mm (8 in) deep"

12. Annex B para 3.8.2 (c).iv.d and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (c).iv.d

Delete entire para and renumber Annex B para 3.8.2 (c).iv.e to Annex B para 3.8.2 (c).iv.d and

renumber Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (c).iv.e to Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (c).iv.d

13. Annex B para 3.8.2 (c).v.b and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (c).v.b
Change "Nominally 102 mm (4 in) wide by 152 mm (6 in) deep" to "Nominally 127 mm (5 in) wide by 203 mm (8 in) deep".

14. Annex B para 3.8.2 (e).ii.a.2 and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (e).ii.a.2
Change "and have no hard parts such as metal or plastic fasteners" to "and have a non-metallic fastener".

15. Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).iii and Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).iii
Delete entire para "Have a gusseted crotch"

Renumber Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).iv to Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).iii

Renumber Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).v to Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).iv

Renumber Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).vi to Annex B para 3.8.2 (b).v

Renumber Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).iv to Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).iii

Renumber Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).v to Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).iv

Renumber Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).vi to Annex C Section 4 Table 1 item #15 para 3.8.2 (b).v

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