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Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer

Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes

Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO)

Offre à commandes individuelle régionale (OCIR)

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Offer remain the same.

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'offre demeurent les mêmes.

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address

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Title - Sujet Protective Vests		
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation 47905-138446/A		Date 2012-12-06
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client 47905-138446		Amendment No. - N° modif. 002
File No. - N° de dossier TOR-2-35130 (015)	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME	
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$TOR-015-6076		
Date of Original Request for Standing Offer		2012-11-05
Date de la demande de l'offre à commandes originale		
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2012-12-17		Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Abela, Aaron		Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur tor015
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Delivery Required - Livraison exigée		
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction:		
Security - Sécurité This revision does not change the security requirements of the Offer. Cette révision ne change pas les besoins en matière de sécurité de la présente offre.		

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

Acknowledgement copy required	Yes - Oui	No - Non
Accusé de réception requis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
Signature	Date	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of offeror. (type or print) Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du proposant. (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

Solicitation Amendment No. 002 is being issued to reflect the following:

A) Questions & Answers

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Q1. Our vests are a gender neutral with different cut outs to allow for male and female figures. Both are .84. What is the rationale in not allowing a .84? The weight difference is negligible (grams) from .78 and would not be noticeable to the wearer or tester without instruments.

A1. A mass of .78 lbs per square foot is what is currently being used in the standard CBSA protective vests. Therefore, to ensure National consistency within the organization CBSA is not willing to accept an increased mass.

Q2. At Annex A, Section 4.2, Subsection 1.0 - This section details that the standard for the soft body armour requested must be the NIJ 0101.04 and 2005 Interim Requirement for Level II Armour. The document uses the NIJ as the benchmark for the level of protection for Canadian Border Services Officers.

At this time the NIJ publishes a list of Compliant Models on their public website, <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/topics/technologoy/body-armor/welcome.htm>. The web site no longer publishes the compliant models under NIJ 0101.04, introduced in June 2001. The web site, for reference by Law Enforcement Agencies, also no longer recognizes the NIJ 0101.05, introduced in August 2005. The only vests no listed by the NIJ are the NIJ 0101.06 introduced in July 2008. As stated in the NIJ 0101.06, it supercedes both the NIJ 0101.04 and the Interim 0101.05 standard. The following is from the Forward of the NIJ 06 Standard.

"Publication of this revision of the standard does not invalidate or render unsuitable anybody armor models previously determined by NIJ to be compliant to either the NIJ 2005 Interim Requirements or the NIJ Standard 0101.04 Rev. A Requirements. While it may not be necessary to remove these existing armors from service, agencies are advised to always require their procurements to meet or exceed the most recent and up-to-date version of this standard".

The NIJ 0101.05 addressed short comings in the NIJ 0101.04 test standards. The NIJ 0101.05 Interim Standard specified the maximum test size panels that could be submitted by vendors for Compliance Testing. Test size panels had become larger and larger and did not reflect the acutal performance of smaller sizes. The .05 also warmed the temperature of the clay backing to insure that the backface testing to 44mm became even more difficult to pass than the NIJ 0101.04 backface test. Therefore, models sold as .04 had the option of being tested to that NIJ 0101.05 and being compliant to the more current standard in 2005.

Vendors who continued to sell the NIJ 0101.04 Compliant Models did so because their vest would not pass the tougher NIJ 0101.05 Interim Standard. Even though the .05 test velocities remained the same as the .04 the above two changes in .05 were just that significant.

The NIJ 0101.06 further addressed the issues of test panel sizes, biullet test round velocities, and accelerated aging of armour to determine if well-worn armour would still be effective throughout the full Manufacturer's Warranty period (i.e. 5 years).

The NIJ 0101.06 now identifies five panel sizes for testing to insure that officers of smaller build (than the .04 and .05 test panel sizes submitted) would still be protected from ballistic threats, as the smaller vest panel sizes had been found to not meet the ballistic testing of the larger .04 and .05 test panel sizes submitted for compliance. We are concerned that the NIJ 0101.06 five test panel size criteria (C1-C5) waived by your specifications of the NIJ 0101.04 Interim 2005 being acceptable; is detrimental to the safety of the Canadian Border Services Officers that will be wearing these vests.

Therefore, we request that the RFSO be amended to delete the reference to the NIJ 0101.04 with Interim 2005 and replaced with the NIJ 0101.06 Standard.

Q3. At Annex A, Section 4.2, Subsection 3.0 - The aerial density of the soft body armour must be .78 for males and .88 for females and be compliant with the NIJ 0101.04 Interim 2005. Significant advancements in the 2006 Standard have produced more comfortable vest designs for female officers and such technology achieves a .88 lbs. /sq. Ft. Aerial density. We request that reference to the NIJ 0101.04 with Interim 2005 be deleted and replaced with the NIJ 0101.06 and an aerial density of .84 for males and .88 for females remain the same.

Answer to Q2 and Q3.

CBSA's current level of protection for all officers is a protective vest meeting the requirements of NIJ 0101.04, Interim 2005 requirements. At this time this will not change. All officers within CBSA are currently wearing, and being issued protective vests certified to this standard. CBSA is actively working towards writing a specification which will upgrade the ballistic requirements to the NIJ 0101.06 this will be part of a new future requirement. At this time no amendments will be made.