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SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION

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

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

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Title - Sujet ADVANCED COMBAT UNIFORMS	
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AMENDMENT 003

The purpose of this amendment is to include a revised version of Annex C and answer questions from a supplier.

Delete the Annex C in its entirety.

Insert the attached Annex C.

Question 1

The Advanced Combat Uniform Solicitation (W6399-12DD74/A) calls for “DEFENDER™ M-DM9210 manufactured by Royal Ten Cate Inc.”. Sometime around August of last year, the 210 gsm Defender M ripstop was replaced by the 220 gsm ripstop. Could the 220 gsm replace the 210 gsm for your requirement?

Answer 1

Canada wants the requirement to stay as it is with the 210 gsm. However, as per Annex B of the RFP, if the fabric offered by a bidder meets or exceeds all of the specifications of the DM 9210 and does not add more than 5% of weight than the substitute fabric could be considered equivalent. The bidder must provide the specifications of the 220 gsm with the bid and the Technical Authority will determine if it is considered an equivalent product.

Question 2

Am I right in assuming that a product with no antistat would NOT be considered an Equivalent Product? Is it a problem if, for pre-award samples, a fabric using 3% rather than 2% antistat is used with the understanding that standard production would use 2%?

Answer 2

Anti-static is in fact a requirement for DND. A product that does not meet that specification would not be considered equivalent. Also, the RFP states that the samples shall be representative of the final proposed product. Therefore, the samples are not required to be exactly like the final product, but any differences in form, fit and function and a way to mitigate them should be clearly identified to avoid being considered non-compliant.

A bidder can also be considered non-compliant if they fail to provide sufficient information to conduct a full evaluation of their product. Therefore, if the substitute fabric fails to represent the form, fit and function of the proposed final product, the TA will be incapable to compare it to the baseline products specified in the RFP which would render the bid non-compliant. To avoid this, the bidder should, as a minimum, include a small sample of the proposed final fabric(s), with technical specifications to allow for a full evaluation.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

BID EVALUATION PROCESS ADVANCED COMBAT UNIFORM (ACU)

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

This document outlines the bid evaluation process for the Advance Combat Uniform (ACU).

1.2 Instructions

Bidders shall be assessed in accordance with the following instructions and criteria as detailed within this document. The following instructions shall apply to the Bidder evaluation:

- (a) Mandatory requirements are identified by the word "shall". All mandatory requirements must be met in order to meet compliance with the requirements;
- (b) **DELETE:** Where a standard or specification is required and the bidder offers an equivalent, a Certificate of Compliance shall be provided with the bid;
INSERT: For the purposes of this RFP, a Certificate of Compliance (C of C) is a written statement from the supplier guaranteeing the full compliance of the product to the specification, or portion thereof, referenced. This document must be on official Bidder's stationary, it must be current, it must reference the applicable specification and have the original signature of the Bidder's designated representative. Canada reserves the right to verify the statements made in the C of C. Full test results including third party certifications where applicable, demonstrating the product's compliance, will be accepted in lieu of a C of C;
- (c) **DELETE:** Bid submissions shall address all criteria with complete supporting detail. **INSERT:** Bid submissions shall address compliance with all criteria identified in Annexes A and B with complete supporting detail. Insufficient information to substantiate compliance or a nil response may result in the rejection of a response and may result in the bid submission rated as non-compliant. Bid submissions shall provide documentation (e.g., brochures, pamphlets, test results, etc.) with full explanation and background testing certification, if applicable, in order to show that every aspect of the proposed solution is compliant; and
- (d) Bid submissions shall provide responses in a type written narrative form. Handwritten submissions will not be considered. Bid submissions shall be either hard copy or in electronic format (PDF or Word). Three copies of a completed bid evaluation and supporting documentation shall be provided.

2.0 EVALUATION

2.1 Evaluation Methodology

Contract award shall be based on the lowest cost compliant bid submission. The evaluation will be conducted on the supplied information and garment samples only. All mandatory criteria must be met or the bid submission will be deemed non-compliant. Failure to provide sufficient detail in the bid submission to evaluate the proposal against the mandatory criteria will also deem the bid non-compliant.

2.2 Evaluation Samples

The Bidder shall provide quantity one (1) sample each of the proposed Advanced Combat Shirts (both in the Direct Action and in the Special Reconnaissance versions) and the Pant to be used in the bid evaluation process. The samples shall fully represent the proposed finished garments. All samples are to be provided in size Large-Regular and be constructed of the same material to be utilized in the final product including use of the MULTICAM™ color scheme. The evaluation samples shall not have any identifying marks with respect to the name or exclusive brand marks of the manufacturer. Material and/or fasteners that have generic (i.e., non-manufacturer exclusive) brand marks are acceptable. The samples submitted with the bid submission will not be returned to the Bidder following evaluation. No performance or user trial will be conducted.

2.3 INSERT : Evaluation of Equivalent Products

If the Bidder provides a substitute product that is said to be equivalent (i.e., not as specified in Annex B for any of the clothing being offered), the sample will be compared to the Crye Precision products, with the associated modifications as detailed in Annex B, to determine equivalency in accordance with Section 2.3.1 as follows:

- (a) All substitute products will be physically compared and evaluated against the items for which they have been deemed equivalent, for form, fit and function based on the samples and technical data packages provided by the Bidders. For the purpose of this RFP, form, fit, and function are defined as follows:
- i. Form is the overall design, engineering and intended use of a garment (cut, sizing, features, craftsmanship, attention to details, etc);
 - ii. Fit is a garment's ability to move and bend with soldiers of various shapes and sizes and all of the items of their soldier system (helmet, ballistic protection, load bearing devices, boots, etc) without causing mobility restrictions; and
 - iii. Function is the garment's ability to meet the specifications of an intended design and purpose (i.e., location, orientation and access to features and adjustments, waterproofing, flame resistance, breathability, moisture wicking, odour management, durability, weight, size, etc);

2.3.1 Equivalent of Products

Product equivalency will be determined as follows:

- (a) Products offered as equivalent in form, fit and function will be considered for evaluation where the Bidder:
- i. Designates the brand name, model and/or part number of the substitute product;
 - ii. States that the substitute product is fully interchangeable with the item specified;

- iii. Provides complete technical data packages to include specifications and descriptive literature for each substitute product that meets all mandatory performance criteria that are specified in the bid solicitation; and
 - iv. Clearly identifies, in Section 3.0, those areas in the specifications and descriptive literature that support the substitute product's compliance with any mandatory performance criteria;
- (b) Products offered as equivalent in form, fit and function will not be considered for evaluation if:
- i. The bid fails to provide all information requested to allow the Technical Authority to fully evaluate the equivalency of each substitute product; or
 - ii. The substitute product fails to meet or exceed the mandatory performance criteria specified in the bid solicitation for that item;
- (c) In conducting its evaluation of the bids, Canada may, but will have no obligation to, request Bidders offering a substitute product to demonstrate, at the sole cost of the Bidders, that the substitute product is equivalent to the item specified in the bid solicitation.

3.0 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

The Bidder shall provide the following with the bid:

Item #	Requirement	Proof of Compliance	Compliant (Y/N)
	<p><u>Expertise and Proven Design</u></p> <p>The Bidder shall have an existing similar product currently in production and have sold a minimum of one hundred (100) similar uniforms DELETE: (each consisting of a one shirt (DA or SR) and a pant) INSERT: (each consisting of a shirt (DA or SR) and a pair of pants) under a single contract to a NATO allied military organization or police agency in the last five (5) years.</p>	The Bidder shall provide details of contracts and/or customer references with the bid to demonstrate that they meet this requirement.	
3.2 (a)	<p>DELETE: The uniforms, except the torso of the DA shirt, shall be constructed of the DEFENDER™ material printed with the MULTICAM™ camouflage pattern.</p> <p>INSERT: The uniforms, except the torso of the DA shirt, shall be constructed of a composite rip-stop, inherently flame-resistant (FR) material composed of 64% Lenzing FR® Rayon, 24% Para-Aramid, 10% Nylon and 2% Static-Control™ that provides Heat & Flame protection in accordance with EN ISO 11612:2008, and Anti-Static</p>	<p>DELETE: If an equivalent material is provided, a Certificate of Compliance shall be provided that demonstrates that material meets the stated requirements.</p> <p>INSERT: If an equivalent material is provided, a Certificate of Compliance shall be provided that confirms that the material offered is of a similar</p>	

	properties in accordance with EN 1149-3:2004. In addition, the material shall provide superior performance in a flash fire exposure test (in accordance with ISO 13506:2008 manikin test: 800 °C, 83.4 kW/m ² , 4 second exposure, 60 second evaluation time), with a resulting whole body burn (2nd and 3rd degree) of no more than 31%. The material shall have a weight (\pm 5%) of 210 grams per square meter (6.2 ounces per square yard). Due to the unique requirements of this material, the material shall be DEFENDER TM M-DM9210 manufactured by Royal Ten Cate Inc., or an equivalent material. The material shall be printed with the MULTICAM TM camouflage pattern, and is referred to in this specification as MULTICAM TM material.	composition and weight (+/- 5%), and are tested to meet or exceed the specified properties of heat and flame protection, anti-static, and flash fire exposure in accordance with the standards specified.	
3.2 (b)	The torso of the DA shirt shall be constructed of DRIFIRE® INSERT : light-weight, wicking, flame-resistant knit material, or equivalent, used in the manufacture of the Crye Precision Combat Shirt TM (Model G3).	DELETE: If an equivalent material is provided, a Certificate of Compliance shall be provided that demonstrates that material meets the stated requirements. INSERT: If an equivalent material is provided, a Certificate of Compliance shall be provided that confirms that the material offered is of a similar composition and weight (+/- 5%), and has the same or better wicking and flame-resistant properties as DRIFIRE®.	
3.2 (c)	INSERT : In addition to the DEFENDER TM and DRIFIRE® materials, all other materials (e.g., thread, buttons, slide fasteners, backing and fill material, cords, etc) used in the manufacture of the ACU shirts and pant shall be made of no-melt, no-drip fire resistant materials (such as Nomex, Kevlar, etc.).	DELETE: A Certificate of Compliance shall be provided for each material used including the type of material and the standard to which the material is certified (e.g., EN ISO 11612:2008, ISO 13506:2008, ASTM 1506-08, ASTM D6413, NFPA 2112, ect). INSERT: A Certificate of Compliance shall be provided for each material used including the type of material and the standard to which the material is certified	

		to be no-melt, no-drip fire resistant including, but not limited to, EN ISO 11612:2008, ISO 13506:2008, ASTM 1506-08, ASTM D6413 and NFPA 2112.	
3.2 (d)	All material (e.g., MULTICAM™ and knit materials, fasteners, closures, cords, padding, etc.) shall be sourced and supplied by the Bidder.	The Bidder shall provide written attestation of compliance.	
3.3	The uniforms shall be available in the sizes specified INSERT: in Annex B, Section 3.3.	The Bidder shall provide a sizing chart for each uniform piece (DA shirt, SR shirt and pant) that covers the range of sizes specified.	
SOW (2.1(b))	The uniforms shall be available in custom sizes.	DELETE: The Bidder shall provide a certification that they will support custom sizing of uniforms. INSERT: The Bidder shall provide written attestation that custom sizing of uniforms is available.	
3.4	<u>Similarity of Manufacture</u> The ACU shirts (DA and SR) and pant, based on the details within DELETE: specification INSERT: Annex B, shall be of the same make, colour, material DELETE: ect. INSERT: and design. Mismatched or dissimilar designs for the shirts and pant will be considered non-compliant.	The uniform samples shall be compared to ensure that there is a uniform design.	
3.6	DELETE: The DA shirt is the Crye Precision Combat Shirt™ (Model G3) complete with Field Elbow Pads and modifications as specified. INSERT: Advanced Combat Uniform - Direct Action (DA) Shirt™ The ACU DA Shirt shall be the Crye Precision Combat Shirt™ (Model G3), or equivalent, complete with Field Elbow Pads and modifications as detailed in Sections 3.6.1 and 3.6.2.	DELETE: A certificate of compliance shall be provided for any variation or equivalent offered. INSERT: If the Crye Precision Combat Shirt™ (Model G3) is provided, DND will conduct an examination to confirm that the modifications specified in Sections 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 are included. If an equivalent shirt is provided, a	

			Certificate of Compliance shall be provided by the Bidder that demonstrates that the shirt offered is in every way equal or better than the Crye Precision Combat Shirt™ (Model G3) with Field Elbow Pads. DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify equivalency.	
3.6.1	<p><u>INSERT: General</u> The ACU DA Shirt shall:</p> <p>(a) <u>Not</u> utilize snaps or buttons in any area of the design; and</p> <p>(b) Have an attached label that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date of manufacture; ii. Size; and iii. Washing instructions; 		<p><u>INSERT:</u> DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify that there are no snaps or buttons and that the specified label is included.</p>	
3.6.2	<p><u>INSERT: Design</u> The ACU DA Shirt design shall incorporate the following modifications from the Crye Precision Combat Shirt™:</p> <p>(a) <u>Material</u> - The ACU DA Shirt shall be made of DEFENDER™ fabric as detailed in 3.2 (a), with the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A wide band (102-152 mm (4-6 inches)) of DRIFIRE® material as detailed in 3.2(b) that extends below the shoulder in the front of the shirt down to the mid-chest area below the slide fastener for the collar; <p>(b) <u>Collar</u> - The ACU DA Shirt collar shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Have a slide fastener (such as a Zipper™) centered in the front of the collar between the shoulders. The slide fastener shall be 216 mm (8.5 inches) in effective length and open downwards (neck to waist) such that the collar is open at the top when the slide fastener is in the lower position. The inner side of the fastener shall be of a low-profile design that does not have any sharp or protruding surfaces that would cause irritation to the wearer; and 		<p><u>INSERT:</u> DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify that the material, collar and pocket loops are as specified.</p>	

	<p>ii. Have a placket of material of a soft design on the entire length of the inner side of the slide fastener to prevent the slide fastener from chaffing the neck/chest of the wearer;</p> <p>(c) Pockets - The ACU DA Shirt shall have total four (4) strong elasticized loops on each sleeve pocket as follows:</p> <p>i. Two (2) loops shall be on the inner side of the pocket and two (2) loops shall be on the outer side of the pocket;</p> <p>ii. The loops shall be stitched into place between the outer layer of the shirt and the pocket material in a manner that provides strength without being bulky (i.e., no plastic or metal fasteners);</p> <p>iii. The lower loop shall be centered 45 mm (1.75 inches) from the bottom of the pocket, and the upper loop centered 108 mm (4.25 inches) from the bottom of the pocket; and</p> <p>iv. Each loop shall be 25 mm (1 inch) wide and 19 mm (3/4 inch) in effective diameter.</p>		
3.7	<p><u>DELETE:</u> The SR shirt is the Crye Precision Field Shirt™ (Model AC) complete with Field Elbow Pads and modifications as specified.</p> <p><u>INSERT:</u> Advanced Combat Uniform - Special Reconnaissance (SR) Shirt</p> <p>The ACU SR Shirt shall be the Crye Precision Field Shirt™ (Model AC), or equivalent, made of DEFENDER™ fabric as detailed in 3.2 (a), complete with Field Elbow Pads and modifications as detailed in Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.2.</p>	<p><u>DELETE:</u> A certificate of compliance shall be provided for any variation or equivalent offered.</p> <p><u>INSERT:</u> If the Crye Precision Field Shirt™ (Model AC) is provided, DND will conduct an examination to confirm that the modifications as specified in Sections 3.7.1 and 3.7.2 are included.</p> <p>If an equivalent shirt is provided, a Certificate of Compliance shall be provided by the Bidder that demonstrates that the shirt offered is in every way equal or better than the Crye Precision Field Shirt™ (Model AC) with Field Elbow</p>	

			Pads. DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify equivalency.	
3.7.1	<p><u>INSERT: General</u> The ACU SR Shirt shall:</p> <p>(a) Have an attached label that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Date of manufacture; ii. Size; and iii. Washing instructions; 		INSERT: DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify that the specified label is included.	
3.7.2	<p><u>INSERT: Design</u> The ACU SR Shirt design shall incorporate the following modifications from the Crye Precision Field Shirt™:</p> <p>(a) Pockets - The ACU SR Shirt shall have total four (4) strong elasticized loops on each sleeve pocket as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Two (2) loops shall be on the inner side of the pocket and two (2) loops shall be on the outer side of the pocket; ii. The loops shall be stitched into place between the outer layer of the shirt and the pocket material in a manner that provides strength without being bulky (i.e., no plastic or metal fasteners); iii. The lower loop shall be centered 45 mm (1.75 inches) from the bottom of the pocket, and the upper loop centered 108 mm (4.25 inches) from the bottom of the pocket; and iv. Each loop shall be 25 mm (1 inch) wide and 19 mm (3/4 inch) in effective diameter. 		INSERT: DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify that the pocket loops are as specified.	
3.8	<p><u>DELETE:</u> The DA pant is the Crye Precision Combat Pant™ (Model G3) complete with Field Elbow Pads and modifications as specified.</p> <p><u>INSERT:</u> Advanced Combat Uniform - Pant The ACU Pant shall be the Crye Precision Combat Pant™ (Model</p>		<p>DELETE: A certificate of compliance shall be provided for any variation or equivalent offered.</p> <p>INSERT: If the Crye Precision Combat Pant™ (Model G3) is provided, DND</p>	

	G3), or equivalent, made of DEFENDER™ fabric as detailed in 3.2 (a), complete with Combat Knee Pads and modifications as detailed in Section 3.8.1.	will conduct an examination to confirm that the modifications as specified in Section 3.8.1 are included. If an equivalent pant is provided, a Certificate of Compliance shall be provided by the Bidder that demonstrates that the pant offered is in every way equal or better than the Crye Precision Combat Pant™ (Model G3) with Knee Pads. DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify equivalency.	
3.8.1	INSERT: General The ACU Pant shall: (a) Not utilize snaps or buttons in any area of the design; and (b) Have an attached label that includes: i. Date of manufacture; ii. Size; and iii. Washing instructions;	INSERT: DND will conduct a physical examination of the sample in accordance with Section 2.3 to verify that there are no snaps or buttons and that the specified label is included.	