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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.

### Comments - Commentaires

**Vendor/Firm Name and Address**  
**Raison sociale et adresse du**  
**fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

**Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution**  
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<b>Title - Sujet</b> HOT WEATHER SAFETY BOOTS	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W8476-123712/A	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 001
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8476-123712	<b>Date</b> 2012-12-14
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<b>File No. - N° de dossier</b> pr707.W8476-123712	<b>CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME</b>
<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2013-02-20</b>	<b>Time Zone</b> <b>Fuseau horaire</b> Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
<b>F.O.B. - F.A.B.</b> Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes <b>Plant-Usine:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Destination:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other-Autre:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction:</b> <b>Destination - des biens, services et construction:</b> See Request for Proposal Voir Demande de Proposition	

**Instructions: See Herein**

**Instructions: Voir aux présentes**

<b>Delivery Required - Livraison exigée</b>	<b>Delivery Offered - Livraison proposée</b>
<b>Vendor/Firm Name and Address</b> <b>Raison sociale et adresse du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur</b>	
<b>Telephone No. - N° de téléphone</b> <b>Facsimile No. - N° de télécopieur</b>	
<b>Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor/Firm</b> <b>(type or print)</b> <b>Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur/</b> <b>de l'entrepreneur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

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**This amendment #01 to the Request for Proposal answers questions from a potential bidders.**

Q1.- RFP Part 6 B section 3.2 - page 18/30 and Annex B 9.2 page 12/18- Warranty :

The expected warranty is : "two (2) years from final delivery of firm, fixed quantities". In theory, with a delivery schedule stretching to one year, this would result in the first boots issued being guaranteed for a three (3) years period. Usual commercial practices for warranties are one (1) year. We are hereby requesting that the warranty period be one (1) year of actual time issued.

A1. DND will revise Annex B, paragraph 9.2.

The following sentence in Annex B, paragraph 9.2 will be deleted: "There must be a two (2) year warranty on all components from final delivery of firm, fixed quantities."

The following sentence will be substituted: "There must be a two (2) year warranty on all components from reception at the Depot."

Q2.- RFP Part 6 B section 4.2 page 20/30 - optional goods :

It is mentioned that DND has the right "to change the color of the boots at no additional costs". Table III of Annex C page 5/7 refers to testing that would need to be conducted more than one in case of a change in color. At this stage, we are not in a position to properly reflect this possibility in the boot costing as DND could decide to change or not the color, and could potentially change it for each option exercised. Accordingly, we are requesting that the costs of any new test results resulting from a change in color be paid by DND.

A2. DND agrees to pay the costs of any new testing required resulting from a change in color during the Option period.

Q3.- Annex B section 2.2.1- page 3/18 - Color :

As the color of material might vary from batch lots, DND should ideally specify a tolerance to "true black".

A3. DND will not specify a tolerance to "true black".

Q4.- Annex B Table 1- page 6/18 - Boot height :

We consider that the tolerance is too high for a boot of the height of the HWSB. In comparison, the Land Operation Temperate Boot ( LOTB) specs refer to 22 cm +/- 0.5 cm while the specs for the HWSB are allowing +/- 1.27 cm on the expected height of 20.3 cm. This is approximately twice as much. The difference in height of 1 inch between the highest and the smallest acceptable boot for a size 265/104 if not revised will be important and rather noticeable. We suggest that the tolerance for the HWSB be +/- 0.5 cm.

R4. To clarify, the tolerance in height mentioned in Annex B, Table 1 means that the height of a pair of Mondopoint 265/104 boots can be from 7-1/2 inches (19.05 cm) to 8-1/2 inches (21.6 cm). As stated in Annex B, paragraph 2.4, "this height must be graded proportionally to the size."

Q5.- Annex B section 5.3 page 9/18 - design of uppers :

It is specified that : "the design of the upper must prevent fluid "splash over" protection against accidental spillage of liquid". Could we get more precision as to what is intended ? Does DND have any drawings, pictures or else to demonstrate what is expected ?

A5. After consideration, DND is going to delete the requirement for the design of the upper to prevent fluid "splash over" protection against accidental spillage of liquid". In Annex B, paragraph 5.3 (Design of the Upper), the following sentence must be deleted:

The design of the upper must prevent fluid "splash over" protection against accidental spillage of liquids such as, but not limited to, hot oils as used by cooks and common POL products.

Q6.- Annex C page 2/7 section 1.2.2

Annex H page 3/9 section 1.1.2.2 - Test interval :

It is mentioned that the test interval "may be increased or decreased at the discretion of DND. DND may also request additional tests and samples at any time". Many of the tests already required are costly and we have no idea of what additional testing DND might want. It is becoming very difficult to properly cost the HWSB project with such uncertainty. In that case, DND should pay for the associated costs thereon.

A6. DND agrees to pay the costs of any additional testing DND would request.

Q7.- Annex E section 1.8 page 3/6 :

In the case that the 60% user acceptance is not achieved by the trial boots, will RFP Part 4 section 2.1 page 10/30 apply thus the next responsive bid will be awarded a Trial Contract ?

A7. Yes. The next responsive bid will be awarded a conditional contract for trial quantities. If the second boot fails to meet the 60% user acceptance deeming suitability for service, the requirement will be canceled and retendered at a later date.

Q8.- Annex J page 4/8 - MVTR and Weight :

It is specified that any test results must be as good or better at the Trial Stage as the Pre-Award. This does not reflect the actual laboratory deviations based on past experience with MVTR testing. Similar boot tested at different time will not necessarily reach the same MVTR results. Moreover, the weight of the various components can vary from boot to boot thus resulting in a possible reject of an identical boot being submitted. We are suggesting that a tolerance be accepted by DND as opposed to only a "as good or better" principle.

A8. At this time, only positive tolerances will be allowed for MVTR results (from each boot of a pair) and negative tolerances will be allowed for weight results (on three pairs of Mondopoint size 265/104 boots) at the trial stage.

Q9.- Is there a test required for waterproofs?

A9.- DND has not included specific tests for waterproofs or requirements for any component to be waterproof in the performance specification for the Hot Weather Safety Boot (HWSB).

DND expects the boot manufacturer and material / component manufacturers to determine what combinations of material performance are required in order to submit a whole boot that will comply with the requirements outlined in the performance specification.

#### Q10. 2.9 Drying Rate:

Does the test method provide that the boot will have the Slide Fastener Side Closure opened and the foot bed removed of the boot during the 18 hours drying time ?

A10. DND wishes to add the following paragraph to Annex B (DSSPM 2-3-87-6689) as paragraph 2.9.1:

The whole boot must be placed flat in a climatic chamber after being wetted with 20 grams of sprayed, distilled water. The footbed/removable insert must not be removed from the boot. The slide fastener side entry must be open. The whole boot must be a minimum of 95% dry in a period of 18 hours.

#### Q11. Annex B section 2.12 Exposure to chemicals page 5/18

Some of the chemicals resistance requirements are currently identified as critical; would DND be willing to reconsider its position on this issue to a desirable?

A11. DND has reconsidered and will make all exposure to chemicals testing as described in Annex B, paragraph 2.12 desirable.

" Annex B, paragraphs 2.12, 2.12.1 and 2.12.3 will be deleted in their entirety and the following paragraphs will be substituted:

2.12 Exposure to Chemicals. Testing for exposure to chemicals shall be done on all materials used on the upper of the boot. These parts would include, but not necessary be limited to, upper materials such as the vamp, upper and lower quarters, eyelet facing, eyelet stay, back strap, and the collar.

2.12.1 Everyday Exposure: The materials should not dissolve, disintegrate, absorb, or result in surface damage after exposure to all types of standard commercial and in-service POLs including aviation fuel, hydraulic fluids, engine and turbine oils, antifreeze, and in-service weapon cleaning products. Further definition of these liquids is defined in paragraph 11.1.1. When tested in accordance with the applicable test methods, the boot should meet the requirements after exposure to these chemicals outlined in Table 1.

2.12.3 Contamination by POL. If the materials are contaminated by POL, simple washing should remove a sufficient amount of the POL to render any residue nonhazardous to combustion.

Annex B, Table 1, the following row referencing Exposure to Chemicals will be deleted in its' entirety.

Performance Requirement	Test Method	Requirement		Minimum	Maximum
		Essential	Desirable		
<b>Exposure to Chemicals</b> (paragraph 2.12) Exposure to Jet Fuel, Lubricating Oil, Degreasers & Cleaning Agents, Anti-Freeze, and Broad Spectrum Sunscreen.	<b>Changes in appearance:</b> for test method of upper materials, see paragraph 11.1.3.2 (everyday exposure).	X		<b>Changes in appearance:</b> When tested in accordance with the test method outlined in paragraph 11.1, all specimens must be visually examined for changes in appearance and pass.	

The following row will be **substituted** in its' place:

Performance Requirement	Test Method	Requirement		Minimum	Maximum
		Essential	Desirable		
<b>Exposure to Chemicals</b> (paragraph 2.12) Exposure to Jet Fuel, Lubricating Oil, Degreasers & Cleaning Agents, Anti-Freeze, and Broad Spectrum Sunscreen.	<b>Changes in appearance:</b> for test method of upper materials, see paragraph 11.1.3.2 (everyday exposure).		X	<b>Changes in appearance:</b> When tested in accordance with the test method outlined in paragraph 11.1, all specimens must be visually examined for changes in appearance and pass.	

- Annex B, paragraph 11.1.3.5 (Results): **Delete** the second sentence stating, "Those chemicals listed in paragraph 11.1.3.2 must pass (mandatory), while those chemicals listed in paragraph 11.1.3.3 shall pass (desirable)." **Substitute** the following: "Those chemicals listed in paragraph 11.1.3.2 and 11.1.3.3 shall pass (desirable).";
- Annex H, Table III (Mandatory Material Testing Information At Pre-Award): Cells referencing test results for Exposure to Chemicals – Changes In Appearance will be **deleted** in their entirety; and
- Annex C, Table III – Mandatory Material Testing Information At Production Stage (Changes in Supplier or Colour): Cells referencing test results for Exposure to Chemicals – Changes In Appearance will be **deleted** in their entirety;

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Q12. RFP Part 4 - section 1.3.1 c. i. - page 9/30 :

The evaluation of the price will be calculated based on "the average of the sum of the 12 unit prices (quoted at Annex A)". Please note that Annex A also includes spare laces and spare foot beds. Can you please clarify this calculation ?

A12. This section is changed to read" The evaluation of the price will be calculated based on "the average of the sum of the prices for item 1 (both destinations) and all prices quoted for the option" (quoted at Annex A)".

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