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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**  
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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> 009
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8476-123712	<b>Date</b> 2013-03-07
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<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2013-04-02</b>	
<b>Time Zone</b> Fuseau horaire 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"/>	
<b>Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à:</b> Elder, Sylvie	<b>Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur</b> pr707
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<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 answers a question from a potential bidder.**

**Q23.** For the Pre-Award and Trial quantities, would it be possible to use a Removable insole with a different color top cloth than the black color as requested in the spec with the understanding that in production the insoles would be black? The reason is that due to the high minimums required it would be extremely costly to make so few pairs to cover the pre-award and even the trial quantities necessary for the contract bid. The bidder could provide a swatch of the material to be used for the removable insoles with the Pre-Award samples. The removable inserts will be identical with exception to the top cloth which will be a different color.

**A23.** Deviations in colour were addressed in another question (PWGSC Amendment 2, question 13) which detailed a revision of Annex B, paragraph 2.2.3 (Fittings and Internal Components) to state that the "Fittings (for example, laces, eyelets, slide fasteners, etc) and all internal components (for example, linings, removable cushioning insoles, etc) of the HWSB must be either commercial black or shades of black (grey, dark charcoal, etc)."

DND states that "Exterior and interior materials and components not colour specified" is an observation at the Pre-Award Stage, thus DND will allow a deviation in colour only for the "top cloth" of the removable insole with the caveat that the deviation in colour must not affect any of the performance requirements for the removable insole or the whole boot.

The bidder must provide a "swatch of the material to be used for the removable insoles" with their bid submission at the pre-award stage and state that, if awarded a provisional contract, trial quantities will be fully compliant to that required in the performance specification, Annex B.

As well, DND would like to state that the deviation will be explained by DND to Navy personnel involved with the judgement of Overall Appearance. The difference in colour may affect Navy personnel's opinion when doing the Overall Appearance during the Point Rated Requirements phase.

In the Construction and Workmanship table in the pre-trial technical evaluation, DND states that "Exterior and interior materials and components not colour specified" would be a critical infraction, thus, DND will not allow a deviation in colour for the "top cloth" of the removable insole for trial quantities of footwear.

This decision affects the following:

" Annex H, paragraph 1.2.3 (Material Substitutions): Add the following sub-paragraph:

1.2.3.1 Colour Substitutions. A colour substitution will be allowed for the removable insole provided that none of the performance characteristics for the insole or the whole boot are affected. The bidder must provide a swatch of the material in the correct colour with their bid submission at the pre-award stage and state that, if awarded a provisional contract, trial quantities will be fully compliant to that required in the performance specification, Annex B.

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**Q24. Question about CSA certification (trial boots)**

The HWSB RFP states on page 9 / 30 :

**1.2.1 DELIVERY OF TRIAL BOOTS**

Following the award of the Trial Contract, the Contractor must supply 60 pairs of boots, to be evaluated via the User Acceptance Trial, within 60 calendar days from the effective date of the Trial Contract. Failure to submit the 60 pairs of boots within the specified time frame will result in the bid for the Main Contract being declared non-responsive.

Considering the significant delays involved by having the boots CSA certified, can the time to supply the 60 pairs of boots for the Trial Contract be increased from 60 days to 75 calendar days and valid in-house testing accepted.

**A24.** As trial/field test boots are going to be trialed by Navy personnel on-board ship, the trial boots must be certified to CSA-Z195 for all safety features (Grade 1 Protective Toe, Puncture Resistant Sole, and Electric Shock Resistance).

DND will increase the time to supply trial quantities from within 60 calendar days from the effective date of the Trial Contract to within 75 calendar days from the effective date of the Trial Contract.

**All other Terms and Conditions remain the same.**