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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**  
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<b>Title - Sujet</b> Integrated Soldier System Project	
<b>Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation</b> W8476-112965/A	<b>Amendment No. - N° modif.</b> 013
<b>Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client</b> W8476-112965	<b>Date</b> 2012-05-02
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<b>Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin</b> <b>at - à 02:00 PM</b> <b>on - le 2012-06-11</b>	<b>Time Zone</b> <b>Fuseau horaire</b> Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
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**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>	
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<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>

This Request For Proposal (RFP) amendment 013 is to extend the solicitation period from 28 May to 11 June 2012, amend the RFP, distribute responses to inquiries and other communications so far submitted to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Contracting Authority.

## **NOTICE**

# **The solicitation period is extended from 28 May to 11 June 2012.**

(Bidders should plan on a P(Bid) System delivery window starting on 30 July 12, pending receipt of an invitation to the Performance Evaluation (PE))

### **Questions and Answers:**

**Q80.** In reviewing the CDRL LS-001 for the ILS Plan, it is our interpretation that dollar amounts are requested as part of the plan. Please confirm that dollar amounts are not necessary for the draft ILS Plan, as the RFP indicates only the Financial Sections should include dollar amounts.

**A80.** It is confirmed that dollar amounts are not necessary for the draft ILS Plan.

**Q81.** Table 1 of Annex CF in volume 2 of the ref. 1 RFP describes the Contract Line Items for delivery to the Crown.

It is not clear whether PWGSC would like the line items packaged by Line Items, or whether the Crown would like the line items combined into deliverable systems prior to delivery.

Could the Crown clarify whether the system should be delivered in individual component packages, or the system be kitted into a system package for delivery?

**A81.** All Annex CF Table 1 line items are to be packaged by line item with the exception of item 101 which should be packaged at major sub-component level if applicable.

**Q82.** Upon review of the above subject RFP, in particular, Volume 1, paragraph 3.4.1 (page 33 of 171), it references a list of Canada Reference Documents for the Integrated Soldier System Acquisition ISS-A at RFP Annex CE to Volume 2. When I go to this Annex, the page is blank, is there a reason for this?

**A82.** The title page of Volume 2, Annex CE contains the following text:

"THE DICTIONARY OF REFERENCES, ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY IS HEREBY INCORPORATED IN THIS ANNEX CE BY REFERENCE AND HAS THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS IF IT WERE ATTACHED HERETO.

THE COMPLETE DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED IN ITS ENTIRETY AS ANNEX CE TO THE OPTIMISED WEAPON SYSTEM SUPPORT CONTRACT."

As per the above paragraphs, refer to Volume 3, Annex CE for the complete list of Canada Reference Documents.

**Q83.** Amendment No. 11 (Q57) referred to a list of distributors for the coyote brown fabric, however the original question was that we are looking for fabric suppliers for both the **shell and lining** fabrics. The list of distributors in Amend. No. 11 (Q57) are for which fabrics - the shell or lining or for both? Please advise.

Further clarifications are needed:

- Does it have to be IR compliant? (this is assuming it is for the shell fabric)
- Does it have to be P.U. coated with DWR or DWR only? (this question applies for both the shell and lining fabric)
- Does it have to be solution dyed coyote or jig dyed? (this question applies for both the shell and lining fabric)
- Note, this would have saved a lot of time, confusion and resources if this was a GSM item - please consider.

With respect to the webbing - we are unable to find a supplier that can provide minimums for the 1.5" wide nylon (MIL A-A-55301). Our webbing supplier advised if we can accept 1.5" wide nylon (MIL-W-17337) instead (for the pre-award sample only). If not, do you have a suggested supplier for this?

Can you please clarify the type of IR reflectance required on the webbing - typically it ranges from 600 nanometres to 860, sometimes higher.

Is IR reflectance mandatory for the pre-award sample for the webbing?

**A83.** Issue 1: Finding a supplier for both shell and lining.

- The list of distributors that was provided in amendment 011 (Q57) was for the shell fabric as the question pertained specifically to 1000 denier Cordura. These companies and others should also be able to provide 230g/m2 or similar density fabric for the lining that will be adequate for the Performance Evaluation.

## Issue 2: IR Reflectance of shell fabric.

- IR reflectance is colour-specific and Canada has not provided any IR reflectance requirements for Coyote Brown fabric. Therefore there is no IR Reflectance requirement for the shell fabric for the purpose of the Performance Evaluation.

## Issue 3: P.U. coated fabric with DWR or DWR only?

- Use the coating specified in the RFP and associated specifications.

## Issue 4: Solution dyed or jig dyed?

- Canada does not mandate a dyeing method.

## Issue 5: GSM

- DND will not provide any material as GSM for the MLCS requirement.

## Issue 6: MIL A-A-55301 vs. MIL-W-17337 webbing?

- The webbing used must be as per the RFP.

## Issue 7: IR Reflectance of webbing:

- IR reflectance is colour-specific and Canada has not provided any IR reflectance requirements for Coyote Brown material and hardware.

Canada recognizes that the MLCS provided by Bidders will be produced using different fabric, material and hardware from what is required in the final product. Therefore, Canada will not evaluate the fabric, material and hardware used to manufacture the MLCS at bid time except for the MLCS colour and shell fabric material used for the Performance Evaluation samples. The MLCS colour and shell fabric material will be evaluated in accordance with the Performance Evaluation (PE) Mandatory Requirements Compliance Matrix (Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 2, Table 1, serial #10). The Bidder's ability to assemble and manufacture a quality MLCS will be evaluated during the MLCS Evaluation specified in Volume 1, Annex CC, Appendix 3, P(Bid) Evaluation, serials 60 and 61.

**Q84.** In Volume 3, on page 11 of 103, paragraph 2.2.1.2 it specifies the following amendment:

Subsection 12 3 of 4002, Software Development or Modification Services, is amended as follows:

**DELETE** "thirty (30)"

**INSERT** "ninety (90)"

**DELETE** "Canada at its option and expense, either; (a) deliver the source code for that software to Canada; or"

**INSERT** "Canada, at its expense"

I cannot find this language in 4002, subsection 12 (3), can you please advise if the amendment is to another paragraph?

**A84.** The Amendment should have been to subsection 8(3) instead of 12(3).

**Q85.** General Conditions 2030 includes a clause entitled "Liability", which, in essence, states that there is no limitation of liability or indemnity provision applicable to any resultant contract. There are significant cost implications related to unlimited liability. In view of this, does Canada intend to modify these provisions to include a limitation of liability by replacing this clause with one of the related standard clauses N0001C, N0002C, or N0003C?

**A85.** No, Canada does not intend to modify these provisions to include a limitation of liability.

**Q86.** Refs: Section 8.12.2 of Annex AC to Volume 1 says (in part) *"The items 9.1 to 9.4 are the list of LRUs, as spares, equivalent, in quantity, to the purchase of 1680 ISS P(Prod).", and again in 8.12.3.1: "The instructions for the submission of prices for the ISS-ES P(Prod) are at paragraph 9.9.1.1 of RFP Annex AB to Volume 1. In paragraph 9.9.1.1, considers the item number described by the letter "A." as being equal to item number "9.". In that same paragraph, everywhere the Bidder can read "1600", the Bidder must read instead "1680"."*

Furthermore, Annex CF to Volume 2 indicates how many of ISS-ES units are to be delivered: 168 for the Initial Training Batch; 176 for the Operational Stock Batch, 628 for Task Force 1, and 628 for Task Force 2; for a total of 1600.

Question: What is the correct number of units, 1,600 or 1,680?

**A86.** The answer is 1,680 and there is no error in the document. The question shows confusion between the purchase of "systems" and the purchase of "spares", and, the ISS-A Financial Bid Presentation Sheet (FBPS) and the ISS-OWSS FBPSs.

"1,600" is the quantity for the purchase of systems. This is the Volume 2 annex AB to ISS-A FBPS Part 2 item 13.

"1,680" is the quantity for the purchase of spares in systems quantity equivalent. "1,680" is a fictitious quantities used to calculate the competitiveness of your quoted prices for the spares in your financial proposal for the ISS-OWSS resulting contract.

The annex CF relates only to the purchase of systems. Again this is the number "1,600". The annex is in the Volume 2 ISS-A resulting contract. The annex AC is for instructions for the FBPS in Volume 3 ISS-OWSS resulting contract. The annex CF to volume 2 has nothing to do with the Volume 3.

The instructions for filling in the Volume 2 annex AB to ISS-A FBPS Part 2 item 13 were the first instructions that were written in the preparation of the ISS-A and ISS-OWSS FBPSs. We decided to recycle these instructions for other FBPS items that were very close in terms of nomenclature. This is why we refer back to them for few other items. The FBPS items that are similar to Item 13 *"Integrated Soldier System (ISS) P(Prod) version"* to annex AB FBPS to Part 2 to Volume 2 are as follows:

- In annex AB FBPS volume **2 (ISS-A)** resulting contract):
  - Item 10 *"Integrated Soldier System (ISS) P(SAT) version"* to Part 2;
  - Sub-Item 17.1 *"Main Equipment"* to item 17 *"Initial provisioning of ISS Spare Parts"* to Part 2;
  - Item 1 *"The purchase of optional Integrated Soldier System (ISS) P(Prod) quantities"* to Appendix 2;
  - Item 2 *"The purchase of optional ISS Battery Set and Battery Charger Set quantities"* to Appendix 2;
- In annex AB FBPS volume **3 (ISS-OWSS)** resulting contract):
  - Sub-Item 9.1 *"Main Equipment"* to item 9 *"ISS-OWSS ISS Spare Parts"* to Part 1;

For even more explanation, I invite you to read the Bidder's conference presentation slides 140 to 142, 158 and 164.

### **Modifications to the RFP:**

**68.** At Page 1 of the Solicitation, under "Solicitation Closes";

**DELETE:** "2012-05-28" and

**INSERT:** "2012-06-11".

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**69.** At Volume 3, Paragraph 2.2.1.2 at page 11 of 103:

**DELETE:** "Subsection 12 3 of 4002"

**INSERT:** "Subsection 8 3 of 4002"

**70.** At Volume 1, Paragraph 1.5.1:

**DELETE:** "These bidders will not be invited to the physical Performance Evaluation (PE). Once the Bidders invited to the PE have met the requirements of RFP paragraph 2.6.4.2 to Volume 1"

**INSERT:** "These bidders will not be invited to the Performance Evaluation (PE). Once the Bidders invited to the PE have successfully completed the PE Phase 1 (as defined in Volume 1, annex CB, appendix 2, paragraph 3)"

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SOLICITATION REMAIN UNCHANGED**