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Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer

Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes

National Individual Standing Offer (NISO)

Offre à commandes individuelle nationale (OCIN)

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.

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Title - Sujet NISO - SCBA Self-Contained Brthg Ap	
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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

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The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
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This amendment 003 is raised to **extend the solicitation closing date to April 20, 2015**, at 2:00pm EDST **and** to answer the following questions. See attachment (8 pages).

***** ALL OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED *****

Q&A Number	Page	Item	Requirement	Question / Comment	DND Response
1	24 of 46	1.3	I-HUD Internal Heads-Up Display	The term I-HUD is utilized by only 1 SCBA manufacturer to identify their integrated Heads-Up display. Is it the user's intention to only consider Heads-Up Display devices from this manufacturer? If not we request a statement to this effect.	We use the term I-HUD or Integrated Heads Up Display to be understood in the generic sense and not to a particular manufacturer's naming of such a component. While one or more SCBA manufacturers may refer to their product as I-HUD, we find several manufacturers design to be well integrated despite not using that specific term. See response to Item 1.3.
2	26 of 46	3.2.1.iv	Full Facepiece Assembly (medium size) with Integrated Head Up Display (IHUD);	The presence of an approved Heads-Up Display (HUD) is an integral performance requirement of NFPA approval referenced as a mandatory requirement in Section 2.3. The requirement for the HUD to be integrated into the facepiece is a design specification that places limits on some models. Is it the intention of the user to limit HUD location? If not we request rewording of the statement as follows: "Full Facepiece Assembly (medium size)"	

3	27 of 46	3.3.14	An adjustable, self-centering swiveling waist pad shall be attached to the bottom of the back frame	<p>NFPA and NIOSH requirements do not require that the backframe swivel. In fact, an unnecessary swivel point is often considered a weakness as it may require additional maintenance. The majority of SCBA waist pads used in North America are fixed to the backframe for durability. Is it the intentions of the user to limit their requirement to the minority of waist pads that swivel and expose the SCBA to unnecessary wear? If not, we request the rewording of the statement as follows: “An waist pad shall be attached to the bottom of the backframe.”</p>	<p>Section 3.3.14 to read "A waist pad shall be attached to the bottom of the back-frame that can include standard or optional adjustable or swiveling features to enhance user comfort."</p>
4	27 of 46	3.4.7	The pressure gauge face shall be luminescent.	<p>This requirement does not reflect any NFPA, NIOSH, CGA, Transport Canada or DOT requirements. Given the requirement for HUD and the prevalence for pressure indications elsewhere on the SCBA kit, this request is redundant and limited to certain suppliers. Is it the intention of the user to limit their requirement to suppliers offering luminescent cylinder gauges? If not we request the suppression of this requirement as it adds no value to performance and is a design feature.</p>	<p>Section 3.4.7 to read "The pressure gauge face can be luminescent to enhance visibility in low-light conditions."</p>

5	27 of 46	3.4.9	The valve body shall contain a safety feature to minimize unwanted air loss or thrust.	We request clarification on this requirement or suppression if it is not understood by the user.	This is typically a flow limiter device located at the tank exit or equivalent mechanism or design feature located in the high pressure air-stream used to limit air flow in the event of inadvertent disconnection or failure in the high pressure air passage.
6	27 of 46	3.5.2	The FSPR shall also act as a splitter allowing unregulated bottled air to flow through other high pressure components	NFPA recognizes low pressure EBSS as a safety component. The RIC/UAC fitting permits unregulated bottled air to flow into the cylinder without entering the breathing path. The requirement to permit unregulated bottled air to flow out from the SCBA wearer's cylinder is unique to 1 manufacturer's design and is considered dangerous by others. We request the suppression of this requirement as it is a design feature, compromises safety, is not an NFPA requirement and limits bids to one specific brand.	Requirement 3.5.2 removed.
7	27 of 46	3.5.3	The FSPR shall allow low and high pressure hose connection.	See above. We request suppression of this design requirement.	Requirement 3.5.3 removed.
8	28 of 46	3.6	Full Facepiece Assembly with Integrated Head Up Display (I-HUD)	See 3.2.1.iv above	See response to Item 1.3.

9	28 of 46	3.6.6	The facepiece shall contain removable inhalation and exhalation check valves to prevent cross-contamination of the mask-mounted regulator.	The locations of inhalation and exhalation valves are considered design features. These can be at other locations in the breathing path and still offer protection to the user and better facilitate cleaning/disinfection than if located in the mask itself. In addition, their location in the mask requires each and every mask to be subject to an annual quantitative functional test (Posi-Chek) due to the requirement to test valve functioning. Is it the intention of the user to limit bids to this design feature? If not we request suppression of this requirement. All SCBA will possess inhalation / exhalation valve in the breathing path. See 3.2.1.iv above	Section 3.6.6 to read "The facepiece shall make use of removable inhalation and exhalation check valves to prevent cross-contamination of the mask-mounted regulator."
10	29 of 46	3.6.13	The facepiece shall contain an Internal Head Up Display (I-HUD).		See response to Item 1.3.
11	29 of 46	3.7.3	The MMR shall automatically stop the flow of air and release the regulator when disengaged from the facepiece.	This design feature limits competition. Some manufacturers have adopted a separate air-flow stoppage switch independent from release of MMR from facepiece. Is it the intent of the user to limit competition to manufacturers using this non-approved design feature? If not we request the suppression of this design requirement.	Section 3.7.3 to read "The flow of air to the MMR shall be capable of being stopped when the regulator is disengaged from the facepiece."

12	29 of 46	3.8.1	The IPASS system shall be certified to 2013 edition of NFPA 1982.	It is important to request that the PASS module also meet the requirement for RF transmitting PASS due to subsequent sections requiring telemetry connections. We request the wording be amended to "The IPASS system shall be certified to 2013 edition of NFPA 1982, including requirement for RF transmitting PASS"	The RF transmitting requirement is part of the 2013 edition of NFPA 1982. It follows that to be certified, we require that the IPASS system shall be compliant with the RF portion of the NFPA requirement.
13	30 of 46	3.11.4	The carrying case shall include padding or foam to hold and isolate the internal components.	The requirement of "padding" or "foam" is a design requirement. There are numerous ways of securing SCBA within a case. Is it the intent of the user to limit competition to those who use as design as required? If not, we request suppression of this requirement.	Section 3.11.4 to read "The carrying case shall include mechanisms such as padding or foam to hold and isolate the internal components."
14	30 of 46	3.14.1	The RIC UAC RK shall consist of a belt mounted carrying pouch and transfer filling hose.	Here is our comment/question/concern and we request at the very least the allowance of one or the other designs so that all manufacturers are included. "Transfer filling from cylinder to cylinder is neither recognized nor sanctioned by NFPA 1981:2013 edition. In addition, it is unique to one manufacturer and this exclusive requirement is restrictive to competition. The use of a Dual Emergency Breathing Safety System (EBSS) is now the recognized NFPA method of sharing air on the low pressure circuit and is subject to NFPA approval as an accessory. This preferred and safer alternative is available from all SCBA manufacturers. We request the inclusion of a requirement for an NFPA-approved Dual EBSS as an	We will accept the low or high pressure transfer system and corresponding kit(s).

				alternative option. Dual EBSS includes a hip-mounted pouch with low-pressure hose.”	
15	36 of 46	1.2.1 Item 3 Item 4	Small/Large Size Facepiece assembly with I-HUD includes head harness, small size nose cup, neck strap, bag	Remove reference to I-HUD per request above pertaining to 3.2.1.iv	See response to Item 1.3.
16	36 of 46	1.2.1 Item 12	RIC UAC Rescue Kit (RK)	We request suppression of this requirement as it is unique to one manufacturer and is not subject to NFPA approvals.	The RIC UAC connection is required by NFPA 1981, 2013 edition. We also require the rescue kit offered by several manufacturers that typically consists of a high or low pressure transfer hose with appropriate end connectors that may be identified by a different name. There are several manufacturers that offer either or both systems.
17	37 of 46	1.2.1 Item 4, Item 5, Item 6	Small/Medium/Large Size Facepiece assembly with I-HUD includes head harness, small size nose cup, neck strap, bag	Remove reference to I-HUD per request above pertaining to 3.2.1.iv	See response to Item 1.3.

18	37 of 46	Item 14	RIC UAC Rescue Kit (RK)	We request suppression of this requirement as it is unique to one manufacturer and is not subject to NFPA approvals.	The RIC UAC connection is required by NFPA 1981, 2013 edition. We also require the rescue kit offered by several manufacturers that typically consists of a high or low pressure transfer hose with appropriate end connectors that may be identified by a different name. . There are several manufacturers that offer either or both systems.
19	39 of 46	1.2 SOW pg 3.2.1iv	Full Facepiece Assembly (medium size) with Integrated Head Up Display (I-HUD);	Per previous – Rewording requested	See response to Item 1.3.
20	39 of 46	1.2 SOW pg 3.2.1.vii	Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) – Portable Rescue Kit (PRK);	Per previous – Suppression requested	Section 1.3, 3.2.2 vii and 3.12 to replace RIT-PRK with RIC-PRK (Rapid Intervention Crew-Portable Rescue Kit). The RIC-PRK is offered by several manufacturers that may identify it by a different name.
21	40 of 46	1.2 SOW pg 3.6	Full Facepiece Assembly with Integrated Head Up Display (I-HUD)	Per previous – Rewording requested	See response to Item 1.3.

22	42 of 46	1 Line 4 Line 5 Line 6	Small/Medium/Large Size Facepiece assembly with IHUD includes head harness, small size nose cup, neck strap, bag	Per previous – Rewording requested	See response to Item 1.3.
23	42 of 46	1 Line 16	RIC UAC Rescue Kit (RK)	Per previous – Suppression requested	The RIC UAC connection is required by NFPA 1981, 2013 edition. We also require the rescue kit offered by several manufacturers that typically consists of a high or low pressure transfer hose with appropriate end connectors that may be identified by a different name.