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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 COMBAT POUCHES for the ISSP Project		
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8476-165441/B		Amendment No. - N° modif. 005
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8476-165441		Date 2016-11-02
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File No. - N° de dossier pr737.W8476-165441	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME	
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2016-11-29		Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Standard Time EST
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes		
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Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: See Annex "A-1"		

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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Signature	Date

This solicitation amendment no. 005 is to provide clarification to all potential bidders.

Question #21

Solicitation document para 6.10 Priority of Documents lists Item h – Drawings, which implies that drawings are available. Can level 3 drawings be provided?

Response #21

Drawings/standards that are available and relevant have been provided digitally as part of the Technical Data Package (TDP) from Department of National Defence (DND)/Directorate of Supply Chain Operations (DSCO), the patterns for the actual pouches have also been provided. There is no more tech data available at this time.

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Question #22

If the evaluation equipment or drawings cannot be made available, at the very minimum can a set of final dimensions be provided so the bidders have specifications to measure their samples against?

Response #22

If the pouches are made up using the paper patterns provided following the assembly instructions, the pouches should go together properly and not require separate final dimensions for this purpose.

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Question #23

Solicitation document para 6.10 Item i – Sealed Samples. The viewing samples have quite a few discrepancies with Annex “C”, we note that Annex C takes precedence over the sealed samples so any discrepancies we find in the sealed samples can be ignored?

Response #23

Discrepancies in the samples cannot be ignored, in that, if there is a discrepancy marked on the tag of the sample, it is considered a non-compliant feature and should not be repeated in the bidder's samples. The samples are not perfect, they were to provide the bidders with a general feel for the pouches. The requirements in Annex “C” are what the bidder samples will be evaluated against.

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Question #24

Annex “A” para 3.5.2.4, Annex “C” para 3.8, and Annex “D” para 5.2 – Can the safety requirement be removed? Annex “C” Section 3.1 specifies the required materials, specifications, and in some cases even a supplier. Safety compliance should have already been established when the materials were selected.

Response #24

Safety compliance cannot be removed.

Question #25

Annex "B" para 3.1.2.1 please confirm the TDP for pouch (p) is not required to be delivered with the Pre-award sample.

Response #25

This was already confirmed in solicitation amendment no. 002 Response 7a.

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Question #26

Annex "C" para 3.1.2 spec D-80-001-091/SF-001 which is provided with the TDP specifies 195g/m2 as opposed to 230g/m2 and there is no Type II as stated in para 3.1.2. Is there an updated spec that includes 230g/m2, Type II or is there a different spec for the 230g/m2 Type II fabric?

Response #26

Response to follow.

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Question #27

Annex "C" para 3.1.10 specifies which pouches use either ¾" or 1" binding tape. This conflicts with the assembly instructions in Appendix 1: pouches (h) and (l) call up 1" only, pouch (j) calls up ¾" and 1", pouch (h) calls up 1" only, pouch (n) calls up ¾" only. Do the assembly instructions take precedence? Also, the assembly instructions for pouch (m) references binding in para 9.1.6 but the instructions to do the binding are missing.

Response #27

As there are two widths of binding depending on the pouch requirements, please follow the assembly instructions as precedence:

Pouch H-4.3.1=1" binding tape

Pouch L-8.2.6.1=1" binding tape

Pouch J 6.5.4 =1" binding tape

Pouch N 10.1.2 = ¾" binding tape

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Question #28

Annex "C" para 3.3.2 specifies double needle topstitching at 5 mm (3/16") gauge. All assembly instructions in Appendix 1 specify 6mm (1/4") gauge for both ¾" and 1" wide binding tape. It is industry best practice to use 3/16" gauge on the ¾" binding and 1/4" gauge on 1" binding. Is this acceptable?

Response #28

It is preferable to use 1/4" gauge for both the ¾" and 1" binding, however, if the 1/4" gauge is going over the edges of the binding due to the individual pouch shape curved sewing area requirements, it is acceptable to use 3/16" gauge.

Question #29

Annex "C" para 3.5 Label states info to be in English & French. D-80-001-055/SF-001 states the lettering must be at least 1/8" high. To accommodate the bilingual lettering on the 2" by 7/8" label, is it acceptable for the lettering to be approx. 3/32" high? Otherwise the label will need to be longer than 2". Also, please provide the applicable French nomenclature to be printed on the labels. If we take the item descriptions from the French version of the RFP, they will not fit on the label per the spec.

Response #29

Please provide a sample to show how 1/8" lettering is too large and will not fit.

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Question #30

Annex "C" Appendix 1 instructions for the PALS Attachment Straps are not consistent WRT attachment to the pouches, is the attachment method the same for all the pouches, i.e. as per Figures 4 & 5 of Annex "C" Appendix 1?

Response #30

Each pouch has separate assembly instructions, please follow the assembly instructions.

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Question #31

Annex "C" Appendix 1 instructions in sections 2.0, 3.0 & 5.0 call up an interlining in the lid between the shell and lining. This interlining is not defined in Annex "C" para 3.1 materials. Please provide details for the interlining.

Response #31

In three pouches, there is a piece of SHELL fabric used as an interlining between the outer SHELL and the inner NYLON LINING. The "interlining" is SHELL fabric, this fabric type is indicated on the paper patterns.

The "inner liner" in the case of these three pouches, are pieces made from SHELL fabric. I have listed the pieces below, the main body and these inner pieces are all the same fabric.

To summarize the answer, all of these three pouches are very similar in construction of the body. There is a main body SHELL, a partial flap reinforcement piece made of SHELL (which is meant to be trapped in between the main body and main liner so it is technically an inner layer but is also sometimes called a reinforcement), a complete layer called LINER. On the pattern pieces for the main body and the "inner" partial flap reinforcement, both pieces are labeled as SHELL fabric.

There is also a piece on each pouch for the MOLLIE webbing stiffener made of HDPE but listed as STIFFENER.

1. 2.0 Pocket, Ammunition Magazine (MLP60RD)
There is a full shell piece and a full lining piece for the main body of the pouch. There is also an inner partial piece called "**MLP60RD213** FLAP REINF" the fabric type for this listed as SHELL.
2. 3.0 Pouch, Smoke Grenade/ Night Vision Device (MLPOSMK)
There is a full shell piece and a full lining piece for the main body of the pouch. There is also an inner partial piece called "**MLPOSMK213** FLAP REIN SH" the fabric type is SHELL

Response #31 (continued)

3. 5.0 Pouch Utility Large (MLPOULG)

There is a full shell piece and a full lining piece for the main body of the pouch. There is also an inner partial piece called "**MLPOUSH228** FLAP INTERLINING SH" the fabric type is SHELL

In summary, for these three pouches, there are only SHELL and LINER fabric for the main body of the pouches, the MOLLIE webbing stiffener fabric is HDPE all of which are listed in your spec.

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Question #32

Annex "C" Appendix 1 instructions in sections 7.0, 8.0, 10.0 and 11.0 call up 500 D nylon. Is this the same shell fabric as Annex "C" para 3.1.1? Otherwise please provide details for this fabric in Annex "C" para 3.1 materials.

Response #32

The fabric required in the instructions are referring to the 500 weight Denier SHELL Fabric which is the same fabric as Annex "C" para 3.1.1.

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Question #33

Annex "C" Appendix 1 instructions in sections 7.0, 8.0, and 10.0 call up nylon pack cloth (or pack cloth). Is this the same lining fabric as Annex "C" para 3.1.2? Otherwise please provide details for this fabric in Annex "C" para 3.1 materials.

Response #33

The fabric required in the instructions are referring to the Nylon Lining Fabric (sometimes called Pack Cloth) which is the same fabric as Annex "C" para 3.1.1.

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