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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION**

**Proposal To: Public Works and Government
Services Canada**

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods, services, and construction listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

**Proposition aux: Travaux Publics et Services
Gouvernementaux Canada**

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux annexes ci-jointes, les biens, services et construction énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

Comments - Commentaires

Vendor/Firm Name and Address

**Raison sociale et adresse du
fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur**

Issuing Office - Bureau de distribution

Clothing and Textiles Division / Division des vêtements et
des textiles
11 Laurier St./ 11, rue Laurier
6A2, Place du Portage
Gatineau, Québec K1A 0S5

Title - Sujet BOOTS	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation M0077-16J112/A	Date 2017-04-04
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client M0077-16J112	
GETS Reference No. - N° de référence de SEAG PW-\$\$PR-761-72789	
File No. - N° de dossier pr761.M0077-16J112	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2017-04-27	Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Specified Herein - Précisé dans les présentes Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Address Enquiries to: - Adresser toutes questions à: Beaumier, Julie	Buyer Id - Id de l'acheteur pr761
Telephone No. - N° de téléphone (613) 851-9981 ()	FAX No. - N° de FAX (819) 956-3814
Destination - of Goods, Services, and Construction: Destination - des biens, services et construction: Specified Herein Précisé dans les présentes	

Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Security Requirement

There is no security requirement associated with this bid solicitation.

1.2 Requirement

The "Requirement" is detailed at Annex "A" of the resulting contract clauses.

1.3 Debriefings

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days from receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

1.4 Trade Agreements

The requirement is subject to the of the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT).

1.5 Canadian Content

The requirement is subject to a preference for Canadian goods and/or services.

PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the [Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The 2003 (2016/04/04) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

Subsection 5.4 of 2003, Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days
Insert: 180 days

2.2 Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

2.3 Enquiries - Bid Solicitation

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than seven (7) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is

eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all Bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Bidders may not be answered by Canada.

2.4 Applicable Laws

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Bidders.

2.5 Viewing Sample

The viewing sample may be viewed (by appointment only) at the following offices:

Public Works & Government Services Canada
Supply Directorate
6th floor
1550 ave D'Estimauville
Quebec, Que. G1J 0C7
TEL: 418-649-2714
FAX: 418-648-2209
Attention: Micheline Naud (micheline.naud@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Public Works & Government Services Canada
Place Bonaventure, South-East Portal
800 de La Gauchetière Street West, 7th Floor
Montreal, Quebec H5A 1L6
TEL: 514-496-3404
FAX: 514-496-3822
Attention: Viviane Rouhault (viviane.rouhault@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Public Works & Government Services Canada
Suite 480, 33 City Centre Drive
Mississauga, Ont. L5B 2N5
TEL: 905-615-2070
FAX 905-615-2023
Attention: Rosy Gupta (rosy.gupta@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Public Works & Government Services Canada
Suite 100, 167 Lombard Avenue
P.O. Box 1408
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2Z1
TEL: 204-983-3774
FAX: 204-983-7796
Attention: Bev Laurin (bev.laurin@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Public Works & Government Services Canada
Telus Plaza North
10025 Jasper Avenue, 5th Floor
Edmonton, AB T5J 1S6
TEL: (780) 497-3517
FAX: (780) 497-3510
Attention: Nicole Boucher (wst-pa-edm@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

Public Works & Government Services Canada
Pacific Region, SOSB, Industrial & Commercial Products
219 - 800 Burrard Street
Vancouver, B.C V6Z 0B9
TEL: 604-775-7630 (Linda Harding) OR
TEL: 604-658-2799 (Betty Chan)
FAX: 604-775-7526
Attention: Linda Harding (linda.harding@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)
OR
Attention: Betty Chan (betty.chang@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)

2.6 Specifications and Standards

2.6.1 United States Military Specifications and Standards

The Bidder is responsible for obtaining copies of all United States (US) military specifications and standards which may be applicable to the requirement. These specifications and standards are available commercially, or may be obtained by visiting the US Department of Defense Website, at the following address: <http://quicksearch.dla.mil/>

2.6.2 ASTM International – Standards

A copy of the ASTM Standards referred to in the bid solicitation is available and may be purchased from:

ASTM Headquarters
100 Barr Harbor Drive
PO Box C700
West Conshohocken, PA
19428-2959 USA
Telephone: 1-877-909-2786 (USA & Canada) or 610-832-9585 (International)
ASTM Website: <http://www.astm.org/Standard/>

2.6.3 American Leather Chemists Association (ALCA)

A copy of the ALCA Standards referred to in the bid solicitation is available and may be purchased from:

American Leather Chemists Association
1314 50th Street, Suite 103,
Lubbock, Texas
79412
Telephone: 1-806-744-1798
Fax: 1-806-744-1785
ALCA Website: www.leatherchemists.org
Email: alca@leatherchemists.org

2.7 Transportation Costs Information

The Bidder is requested to provide the following information concerning transportation costs for the delivery of the units to destination:

- (a) shipping weight by unit; _____
- (b) number of items by unit; _____
- (c) cubic measurement by unit; _____
- (d) number of units per shipment: _____
- (e) name of shipping point; _____
- (f) recommended method of shipment and carrier _____
- (g) Unit cost per Destination \$ _____
- (h) Total cost \$ _____

PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Bid Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that bidders provide their bid in separately bound sections as follows:

Section I: Technical Bid (3 hard copies)
Section II: Financial Bid (1 hard copy)
Section III: Certifications (1 hard copy)

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Canada requests that Bidders follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their bid:

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to the bid solicitation;

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process [Policy on Green Procurement](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, Bidders should:

1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and containing minimum 30% recycled content; and

2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

3) Green Initiatives (for PWGSC information only)

Bidders are requested to provide details of their policies and practices in relation to the following initiatives:

- environmentally responsible manufacturing;
- environmentally responsible waste disposal;
- waste reduction;
- packaging;
- re-use strategies;
- recycling.

Section I: Technical Bid

In their technical bid, Bidders should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work (reference pre-award sample, Part 4, Evaluation Procedures, 4.1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria).

Section II: Financial Bid

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment. The total amount of Applicable Taxes must be shown separately.

3.1.1 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Bid

If you are willing to accept payment of invoices by Electronic Payment Instrument, complete the following:

The Bidder accepts the following Electronic Payment Instrument:

() Direct Deposit (Domestic and International);

If the above is not completed, it will be considered as if Electronic Payment Instruments are not being accepted for payment of invoices.

Acceptance of Electronic Payment Instruments will not be considered as an evaluation criterion.

3.1.2 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

C3011T 2013/11/06 Exchange Rate Fluctuation

Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.
- (c) The evaluation team will determine first if there are two or more bids with a valid Canadian Content certification. In that event, the evaluation process will be limited to the bids with the certification; otherwise, all bids will be evaluated. If some of the bids with a valid certification are declared non-responsive, or are withdrawn, and less than two responsive bids with a valid certification remain, the evaluation will continue among those bids with a valid certification. If all bids with a valid certification are subsequently declared non-responsive, or are withdrawn, then all the other bids received will be evaluated.

4.1.1 Technical Evaluation

4.1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

Pre-Award Samples and Supporting Documentation

1) As part of the technical evaluation, to confirm a bidder's capability of meeting the technical requirements, two (2) pre-award samples of the following items: one (1) pair of Boots Congress, male in size 9E, Stock# 2625-407 and one (1) pair of Boots Congress, Female in size 7D, Stock# 2630-253, along with certificates of compliance, will be required from low bidders after the bid closing date upon a written request from PWGSC. The samples must be properly identified with the size and the RCMP stock-item number.

2) The Bidder must deliver the required pre-award samples and certificates of compliance at no charge to Canada and must ensure that they are received within 30 calendar days from PWGSC's request. Failure to submit the required pre-award samples and certificates of compliance within the specified time frame will result in the bid being declared non-responsive. The samples submitted by the Bidder will remain the property of Canada.

3) The Bidder must ensure that the required pre-award samples are manufactured in accordance with the technical requirement and are fully representative of the bid submitted. Rejection of the pre-award samples will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

4) The pre-award samples will be evaluated for quality of workmanship and conformance to specified materials and measurement. Minor observations will not be a reason to reject the

sample unless, in the opinion of the technical evaluator, they are considered to render the item unserviceable. However, only one deviation will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

5) A RCMP viewing sample will be provided to bidders who are requested to provide pre-award samples and is to be used for guidance for all factors not covered by the RCMP specification. The RCMP specification shall govern.

6) The viewing sample is not to be damaged or cut, but returned in the same condition as sent to the Bidder. The viewing sample should be returned to the RCMP with the pre-award samples. If the viewing samples are not returned with the pre-award samples, the Bidder must return the viewing samples within fourteen (14) calendar days upon written notice from the Contracting Authority.. Failure to return the viewing samples within that timeframe will result in the bid being declared non-responsive. Lost or damaged viewing samples must be reimbursed to the RCMP for the cost of an acceptable replacement.

7) Certificates of Compliance

In addition, Certificates of Compliance (as defined hereunder) are required with the pre-award samples. The Certificate of Compliance must be dated **within 18 months of the solicitation posting date**.

The following certificates are required:

- a. Leather, Vamps and Quarters, paragraph 4.1.1.1 & 4.1.1.2 and Table I and Table II of the specification.
- b. Leather, Vamp and Quarter Lining, paragraph 4.1.1.3 of the specification
- c. Leather, Welting, paragraph 4.1.1.4 of the specification
- d. Leather, Insoles, paragraph 4.1.1.5 of the specification
- e. Leather, Outsoles, paragraph 4.1.1.6 of the specification
- f. Leather, Heels, paragraph 4.1.1.7 of the specification
- g. Thread, paragraph 4.1.13.1, 4.1.13.2 & 4.1.13.3 of the specification

Definition – Certificate of compliance: A Certificate of compliance is defined, for this document, as a signed and dated certification to confirm that a specified component or requirement adheres to the specification. The certification must be prepared, signed and dated by an official representative of the component manufacturer using company letterhead making reference to the specification number and paragraph number. It must specifically address the component or requirement and compliance can be shown by referring to a part number, by providing the component values, by providing a manufacturing data sheet to show technical compliance or by a description stating compliance to the requirement. In-house testing is acceptable to show compliance. Copying the specification word for word is not acceptable.

A separate certificate of compliance is required for each individual component or requirement. Multiple components supplied by the same component manufacturer may be submitted on one certificate of compliance as long as the paragraph numbers and components are clearly identified. **With this document, the bidder certifies that the product for which the certificate of compliance is issued is the same product used in the bid submission, or in the pre-award samples or in the pre-production samples, or in the production units as applicable.**

The bidder is to note that copies of invoices, purchase orders, packing slips and certificates of compliance for products or components that are not manufactured by the certifier are not suitable for use as a certificate of compliance.

The RCMP reserves the right to request the original version of any Certificate of Compliance provided by the Bidder. The Bidder must provide the original Certificate(s) of Compliance within

three (3) working days upon written notice from the Contracting Authority . Failure to provide the original Certificate(s) of Compliance within that timeframe will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

8) Rejection of the pre-award samples or certificates of compliance will result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

9) The requirement for pre-award samples and certificates of compliance will not relieve the successful bidder from submitting samples and certificates of compliance as required by the contract terms or from strictly adhering to the technical requirement of this Request For Proposal and any resultant contract.

4.1.2 Financial Evaluation

4.1.2.1 Mandatory Financial Criteria

- a. The Bidder must submit firm unit prices in Canadian dollars, applicable taxes are excluded, DDP (Destination as identified in Annex A) Incoterms 2000, transportation costs included, all applicable Customs Duties and Excise taxes included.
- b. The Bidder must submit firm unit pricing for all items for any item quoted including options and "as and when requested" quantities.

4.1.2.2 SACC MANUAL CLAUSE

A9033T 2012/07/16 Financial Capability

4.2 Basis of Selection

A bid must comply with all requirements of the bid solicitation and meet all mandatory technical and financial evaluation criteria to be declared responsive.

The responsive bid with the lowest evaluated aggregate price will be recommended for award of a contract (1 contract only). Evaluation will be established using the firm quantities for all the items, and 100% of the option quantities and 100% of the "as and when requested" quantities.

4.3 Contract Financial Security

1. If this bid is accepted, the Bidder may be required to provide contract financial security, after the bid closing date and within 10 calendar days from receipt of a written request from the Contracting Authority.
 - (a) a security deposit as defined in clause "Security Deposit Definition" in the amount of up to ten percent (10%) of the contract price.
2. Security deposits in the form of government guaranteed bonds with coupons attached will be accepted only if all coupons that are unmatured, at the time the security deposit is provided, are attached to the bonds. The Contractor must provide written instructions concerning the action to be taken with respect to coupons that will mature while the bonds are pledged as security, when such coupons are in excess of the security deposit requirement.
3. If Canada does not receive the required financial security within the specified period, Canada may, as its discretion, accept another offer, issue a new bid solicitation, award a contract or reject all the bids.

4.4 Security Deposit Definition

1. "security deposit" means
 - (a) a bill of exchange that is payable to the Receiver General for Canada, and certified by an approved financial institution or drawn by an approved financial institution on itself; or

- (b) a Government guaranteed bond; or
 - (c) an irrevocable standby letter of credit, or
 - (d) such other security as may be considered appropriate by the Contracting Authority and approved by Treasury Board;
2. "approved financial institution" means
- (a) any corporation or institution that is a member of the Canadian Payments Association;
 - (b) a corporation that accepts deposits that are insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or the "Régie de l'assurance-dépôts du Québec" to the maximum permitted by law;
 - (c) a credit union as defined in paragraph 137(6) the *Income Tax Act*;
 - (d) a corporation that accepts deposits from the public, if repayment of the deposits is guaranteed by Canadian province or territory; or
 - (e) the Canada Post Corporation.
3. "government guaranteed bond" means a bond of the Government of Canada or a bond unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Government of Canada that is:
- (a) payable to bearer;
 - (b) accompanied by a duly executed instrument of transfer of the bond to the Receiver General for Canada in accordance with the *Domestic Bonds of Canada Regulations*;
 - (c) registered in the name of the Receiver General for Canada.
4. "irrevocable standby letter of credit"
- (a) means any arrangement, however named or described, whereby a financial institution (the "Issuer"), acting at the request and on the instructions of a customer (the "Applicant"), or on its behalf,
 - (i) will make a payment to or to the order of Canada, as the beneficiary;
 - (ii) will accept and pay bills of exchange drawn by Canada;
 - (iii) authorizes another financial institution to effect such payment, or accept and pay such bills of exchange; or
 - (iv) authorizes another financial institution to negotiate, against written demand(s) for payment, provided that the conditions of the letter of credit are complied with.
 - (b) must state the face amount which may be drawn against it;
 - (c) must state its expiry date;
 - (d) must provide for sight payment to the Receiver General for Canada by way of the financial institution's draft against presentation of a written demand for payment signed by the authorized departmental representative identified in the letter of credit by his/her office;
 - (e) must provide that more than one written demand for payment may be presented subject to the sum of those demands not exceeding the face amount of the letter of credit;
 - (f) must provide that it is subject to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Uniform Customs and Practice (UCP) for Documentary Credits, 2007 Revision, ICC Publication No. 600. Pursuant to the ICC UCP, a credit is irrevocable even if there is no indication to that effect; and
 - (g) must be issued (Issuer) or confirmed (Confirmer), in either official language, by a financial institution that is a member of the Canadian Payments Association and is on the letterhead of the Issuer or Confirmer. The format is left to the discretion of the Issuer or Confirmer.

PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bidders must provide the required certifications and additional information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by Bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default if any

certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority will render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract

5.1 Certifications Required with the Bid

Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their bid.

5.1.1 Integrity Provisions - Declaration of Convicted Offences

In accordance with the *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy* (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html>), the Bidder must provide with its bid the required documentation, as applicable, to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.1.2 Additional Certifications Required with the Bid

5.1.2.1 Canadian Content Certification

5.1.2.1.1 SACC Manual clause [A3050T](#) (2014/11/27) Canadian Content Definition

Canadian Content Certification

This procurement is conditionally limited to Canadian goods.

Subject to the evaluation procedures contained in the bid solicitation, bidders acknowledge that only bids with a certification that the good(s) offered are Canadian goods, as defined in clause A3050T, may be considered.

Failure to provide this certification completed with the bid will result in the good(s) offered being treated as non-Canadian goods.

The Bidder certifies that:

() the good(s) offered are Canadian goods as defined in paragraph 1 of clause A3050T.

Plant Location

Items will be manufactured at: _____

5.2 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the bid, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame provided will render the bid non-responsive.

5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – Required Documentation

In accordance with the *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy* (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html>), the Bidder must provide the required documentation, as applicable, to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.2.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Bid Certification

By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder, and any of the Bidder's members if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for

employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list available at the bottom of the page of the Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) - Labour's website (http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/jobs/workplace/human_rights/employment_equity/federal_contractor_program.page?&_ga=1.229006812.1158694905.1413548969).

Canada will have the right to declare a bid non-responsive if the Bidder, or any member of the Bidder if the Bidder is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of contract award.

5.2.3 Samples and Production Certification

The Bidder certifies that:

- () the manufacturer that produced the pre-award samples will remain unchanged for the pre-production samples and full production of the contract quantity including option quantities and "as and when requested" quantities (specials and regular sizes).

PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

6.1 Security Requirements

6.1.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

6.2 Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed under the "Requirement" at Annex "A".

6.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

6.3.1 General Conditions

2030 (2016/04/04), General Conditions - Goods (Higher Complexity), apply to and form part of the Contract.

6.4 Term of Contract

6.4.1 Delivery Date

The RCMP is requesting that the first shipment be made within 45 calendar days from the written 45 calendar days from the written notice of approval of pre-production samples. All firm deliverables are requested complete by August 31st, 2017.

Delivery - Firm Quantity - Phased

The first delivery must be made within _____ calendar days from the date of the written notice of approval of pre-production samples. The quantity delivered must be _____ pairs. The balance must be delivered at the rate of _____ pairs weekly after the first delivery until completion of the Contract.

Delivery - Option Quantities

The RCMP is requesting that delivery of the option quantity commence within 45 calendar days after the receipt of the written notice of approval of the certificates of compliance.

Delivery - Option Quantities - Phased

The delivery of the option quantity must commence within _____ calendar days from receipt of the contract amendment and written notice of approval of the certificates of compliance. The quantity delivered must be _____ pairs. The balance must be shipped at a rate of _____ pairs weekly after the first delivery until completion of the option quantity.

6.4.1.1 Shipping Instructions - Delivery at Destination

1. Goods must be consigned to the destination specified in the Contract and delivered:

(b) Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) (Destination identified in Annex A) Incoterms 2000 for shipments from commercial contractor.

6.4.1.2 Packaging, Marking, Rejected Goods, Overrun and Underrun

Packaging

Packing must be in accordance with standard commercial practice to ensure safe delivery at destination. Ten (10) pairs to be placed in plain shipping containers L-28" x W-24.5" x D-15.5".

Marking

Marking and labelling to be in accordance with the Specification. Proper shipping documents must accompany each shipment. Packing slips must include the contract number, item description, size, RCMP stock item number and quantity per size being shipped.

Rejected Goods

If any goods are rejected and are sold to commercial outlets, all RCMP markings and insignia must be removed before being turned over to the purchaser.

Overrun/Underrun

The quantities stated herein represent the quantities to be delivered in satisfaction of this requirement/contract. No overruns or underruns will be permitted. However, should the contractor experience an overrun, they must provide the details in writing to the Contracting Authority only after contracted quantities have been accepted by the RCMP. At their discretion, the Government may consider all or part of the overruns at a discount from the firm price on the original contract. Any unauthorized overruns will be returned to the contractor at their expense.

6.5 Authorities

6.5.1 Contracting Authority

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Julie Beaumier
Public Works and Government Services Canada
Acquisitions Branch
Commercial and Consumer Products Directorate (CCPD)
Clothing & Textiles Division
Place du Portage, Phase III, 6A2
11 Laurier Street
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0S5
Telephone : 613-851-9981 Facsimile: 819-956-5454
E-mail address: Julie.Beaumier@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

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6.5.2 Technical Authority

The Technical Authority for this Contract is:

RCMP - Uniform & Equipment Program
Policy, Design & Specification Section
440 Coventry Road (Warehouse Bldg.)
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R2

The Technical Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Technical Authority, however the Technical Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

6.5.3 Contractor's Representative

The person responsible for :

General enquiries

Name: _____
Telephone No.: _____
Facsimile No.: _____
E-mail address: _____

Delivery follow-up

Name: _____
Telephone No.: _____
Facsimile No.: _____
E-mail address: _____

6.6 Payment

6.6.1 Basis of Payment – Firm Unit Prices

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid firm unit prices, as specified in Annex A for a cost of \$_____ (amount to be inserted at contract award). Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

6.6.2 SACC Manual Clauses

H1001C 2008/05/12 Multiple Payments

6.6.3 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract

The Contractor accepts to be paid using any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument:

(to be advised at contract)

6.7 Invoicing Instructions

1. The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.
2. Invoices must be distributed as follows:
 - (a) The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the following address for certification and payment

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Uniform & Equipment Program, 2nd floor
Attn: Planning & Accounting Section
440 Coventry Road (Warehouse Bldg.)
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R2
Email: _____ (to be inserted at contract award)
 - (b) One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.
 - (c) One (1) copy must be forwarded to the consignee.

6.8 Certifications and Additional Information

6.8.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the Contract and failure to comply will constitute the Contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract.

6.8.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Default by the Contractor

The Contractor understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the Contractor and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)-Labour, the AIEE must remain valid during the entire period of the Contract. If the AIEE becomes invalid, the name of the Contractor will be added to the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list. The imposition of such a sanction by ESDC will constitute the Contractor in default as per the terms of the Contract.

6.8.3 SACC Manual Clauses

A3060C 2008/05/12 Canadian Content Certification

6.9 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

6.10 Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- a) the Articles of Agreement;
- b) the general conditions 2030 (2016/04/04), General Conditions - Goods (Higher Complexity);
- c) Annex "A", Requirement;
- d) Annex "B" Specification G.S. 1045-092 dated 2016-11-08;
- e) Viewing Sample;
- f) the Contractor's bid dated _____

6.11 Materials: Contrator Total Supply

The Contractor will be responsible for obtaining all materials required in the manufacture of the items Specified. The delivery stated for the item(s) allows the necessary time to obtain such materials.

6.12 Plant Closing

The Contractor's plant closing for Christmas and Summer holidays are as follows. During this time there will be no shipments.

YEAR 1: Summer Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
Christmas Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
YEAR 2: Summer Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
Christmas Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
YEAR 3: Summer Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
Christmas Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
YEAR 4: Summer Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
Christmas Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____

6.13 Plant Location

Items will be manufactured at: _____

6.14 Subcontractor(s)

The following subcontractor(s) will be utilized in the performance of the contract.

Name of Company: _____
Location: _____
Value of subcontract: \$ _____
Nature of subcontracting work performed: _____

Subcontractors, other than those listed above, may not be utilized without the written permission of Canada.

6.15 Pre-Production Samples (PPS) and Supporting Documentation

1. Unless a waiver is requested by the supplier and granted by the RCMP, the contractor must provide two (2) pre-production samples listed below for evaluation prior to production. The PPS must be submitted to the RCMP Technical Authority for acceptance within 30 calendar days from date of contract award. The viewing sample, if one was provided, should accompany this package. The Contractor must deliver the required PPS transportation charges prepaid, and without charge to Canada. The PPS submitted by the Contractor will remain the property of Canada.

- a. One (1) Pair of Boots, Congress, Male, size 9E, Stock# 2625-407
- b. One (1) Pair of Boots, Congress, Female, size 7D, Stock# 2630-253

2. If the pre-production samples are rejected, the Contractor must submit second pre-production samples within 21 calendar days of notification of rejection from the Technical Authority.

3. If the pre-production samples are accepted by either full acceptance or conditional acceptance, the Contractor must proceed with production as per the Contract requirements.

4. Rejection by the Technical Authority of the second pre-production samples submitted by the Contractor for failing to meet the contract requirements will be grounds for termination of the Contract for default.

5. Certificates of Compliance (CofC)

In addition, to providing the pre-production samples, the Contractor must provide Certificates of compliance (CofC), (as defined hereunder). The CofCs must be dated within 18 months of the solicitation posting date.

The following Certificates are required:

- a. Leather, Vamps and Quarters, paragraph 4.1.1.1 & 4.1.1.2 and Table I and Table II of the specification.
- b. Leather, Vamp and Quarter Lining, paragraph 4.1.1.3 of the specification
- c. Leather, Welting, paragraph 4.1.1.4 of the specification
- d. Leather, Insoles, paragraph 4.1.1.5 of the specification
- e. Leather, Outsoles, paragraph 4.1.1.6 of the specification
- f. Leather, Heels, paragraph 4.1.1.7 of the specification
- g. Thread, paragraph 4.1.13.1, 4.1.13.2 & 4.1.13.3 of the specification.

Definition – Certificate of Compliance: A CofC is defined, for this document, as a signed and dated certification to confirm that a specified component or requirement adheres to the specification. The certification must be prepared, signed and dated by an official representative of the component manufacturer using company letterhead making reference to the specification number and paragraph number. It must specifically address the component or requirement and compliance can be shown by referring to a part number, by providing the component values, by providing a manufacturing data sheet to show technical compliance or by a description stating compliance to the requirement. In-house testing is acceptable to show compliance. Copying the specification word for word is not acceptable.

A separate CofC is required for each individual component or requirement. Multiple components supplied by the same component manufacturer may be submitted on one CofC as long as the paragraph numbers and components are clearly identified. With this document, the bidder certifies that the product for which the CofC is issued is the same product used in the bid submission, and in the pre-award samples and in the pre-production samples, and in the production units as applicable.

The Bidder is to note that copies of invoices, purchase orders, packing slips and CofC certificates of compliance for products or components that are not manufactured by the certifier are not suitable for use as a certificate of compliance.

The RCMP reserves the right to request the original version of any Certificate of Compliance provided by the Contractor. The Contractor must provide the original Certificate(s) of Compliance within three (3) working days upon written notice from the Contracting Authority.. Failure to provide the original Certificate(s) of Compliance within that timeframe may be grounds for termination of the Contract for default.

6. The Technical Authority will notify the Contractor, in writing, of the full acceptance, conditional acceptance, or rejection of the pre-production samples and CofCs. A copy of this notification will also be provided by the Technical Authority to the Contracting Authority. The notice of the full acceptance or conditional acceptance does not relieve the Contractor from complying with all requirements and conditions of the Contract.

7. The Contractor must not commence or continue with production of the items and must not make any deliveries until the Contractor has received a written notification from the Technical Authority that the pre-production samples and CofCs are fully acceptable or conditionally acceptable. Any production of items before pre-production samples acceptance will be at the sole risk of the Contractor.

8. Rejection by the Technical Authority of the CofC submitted by the Contractor for failing to meet the contract requirements will be grounds for termination of the Contract for default.

6.16 Technical Requirements During Production

In addition to the pre-production sample, and if requested by the Technical authority, the Contractor must submit one or more production samples at any time during the contracting/production stage. This requirement will be done in writing by the RCMP Technical Authority. Rejection by the Technical Authority of one or more Production Samples for failing to meet the Contract requirements will be grounds for termination of the Contract for default. The sample(s) submitted by the Contractor will remain the property of Canada.

6.17 Technical Requirements for the Options

1) The Contractor must provide Certificate of Compliance (as defined under Part 6, Article 6.15 Pre-Production Samples (PPS) and Supporting Documentation), for evaluation prior to full production of the option quantities, for each of the following components:

- a. Leather, Vamps and Quarters, paragraph 4.1.1.1 & 4.1.1.2 and Table I and Table II of the specification.
- b. Leather, Vamp and Quarter Lining, paragraph 4.1.1.3 of the specification
- c. Leather, Welting, paragraph 4.1.1.4 of the specification
- d. Leather, Insoles, paragraph 4.1.1.5 of the specification
- e. Leather, Outsoles, paragraph 4.1.1.6 of the specification
- f. Leather, Heels, paragraph 4.1.1.7 of the specification
- g. Thread, paragraph 4.1.13.1, 4.1.13.2 & 4.1.13.3 of the specification.

2) The Certificates of Compliance must be dated **within 3 months** of exercising the option quantity and must be submitted **within 30 calendar days** from receipt of the contract amendment exercising the option.

3) The Contractor must not commence production of the option items and must not make any deliveries until the Contractor has received a written notification from the Technical Authority that the Certificates of Compliance are fully acceptable or conditionally acceptable. Any production of the option items before acceptance will be at the sole risk of the Contractor. If the Certificates of Compliance are accepted by either full acceptance or conditional acceptance, the Contractor must proceed with production as per the Contract requirements.

4) Rejection by the Technical Authority of the Certificates of Compliance submitted by the Contractor for failing to meet the contract requirements will be grounds for termination of the Contract for default.

6.18 Viewing Sample - Guidance Only

The viewing sample is to be used for guidance for all factors not covered by the RCMP specification. The RCMP specification shall govern.

6.19 Viewing Sample - Return to Sender

The viewing sample which may have been sent to the Contractor, are to be returned to the sender upon completion of Contract.

The viewing sample is not to be mutilated or cut, and must be returned in the same condition as sent to the Contractor.

6.20 Specifications and Standards

6.20.1 United States Military Specifications and Standards

The Bidder is responsible for obtaining copies of all United States (US) military specifications and standards which may be applicable to the requirement. These specifications and standards are available commercially, or may be obtained by visiting the US Department of Defense Website, at the following address: <http://quicksearch.dla.mil/>

6.20.2 ASTM International – Standards

A copy of the ASTM Standards referred to in the bid solicitation is available and may be purchased from:

ASTM Headquarters
100 Barr Harbor Drive
PO Box C700
West Conshohocken, PA
19428-2959 USA
Telephone: 1-877-909-2786 (USA & Canada) or 610-832-9585 (International)
ASTM Website: <http://www.astm.org/Standard/>

6.20.3 American Leather Chemists Association (ALCA)

A copy of the ALCA Standards referred to in the bid solicitation is available and may be purchased from:

American Leather Chemists Association
1314 50th Street, Suite 103,
Lubbock, Texas
79412
Telephone: 1-806-744-1798
Fax: 1-806-744-1785
ALCA Website: www.leatherchemists.org
Email: alca@leatherchemists.org

6.21 Financial Security

1. Canada may convert the security deposit to the use of Canada if any circumstance exists which would entitle Canada to terminate the Contract for default, but any such conversion will not constitute termination of the Contract.
2. Where Canada so converts the security deposit:
 - (a) the proceeds will be used by Canada to complete the Work according to the conditions of the Contract, to the nearest extent that it is feasible to do so and any balance left will be returned to the Contractor on completion of the warranty period; and
 - (b) if Canada enters into a Contract to have the Work completed, the Contractor will:
 - (i) be considered to have irrevocably abandoned the Work; and
 - (ii) remain liable for the excess cost of completing the Work if the amount of the security deposit is not sufficient for such purpose. "Excess cost" means any amount over and above the amount of the Contract Price remaining unpaid together with the amount of the security deposit.

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3. If Canada does not convert the security deposit to the use of Canada before completion of the contract period, Canada will return the security deposit to the Contractor within a reasonable time after such date.

4. If Canada converts the security deposit for reasons other than bankruptcy, the financial security must be reestablished to the level of the amount stated above so that this amount is continued and available until completion of the contract period.

ANNEX «A» REQUIREMENT

1. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT

The Contractor is required to provide Canada for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with Boots, Congress, Male & Female in accordance with the RCMP Specification G.S. 1045-092 dated November 08, 2016 and the viewing sample.

2. ADDRESSES

Destination Address	Invoicing Address
Royal Canadian Mounted Police Uniform & Equipment Program 440 Coventry Road, East Door Ottawa, Ontario K1K 2C4	Royal Canadian Mounted Police Uniform & Equipment Program, 2nd floor Attn.: Planning & Accounting Section 440 Coventry Road (Warehouse Bldg.) Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

3. DELIVERABLES

CONTRACT QUANTITY

Firm Quantity

Item	Description	Firm Quantity	Unit of Issue	Firm Unit Price, DDP, Transportation costs included, Applicable taxes extra
1	Boots, Congress Male	1070	Pair	\$ _____
2	Boots, Congress Female	155	Pair	\$ _____

Size Roll – Item 1 Boots, Congress Male

	Size	Quantity (pair)
2625-024	7D	30
2625-040	7.5D	10
2625-067	8D	10
2625-083	8.5D	30
2625-121	9.5D	30
2625-148	10D	15
2625-164	10.5D	35
2625-180	11D	25
2625-326	7E	20
2625-342	7.5E	40
2625-369	8E	80
2625-385	8.5E	100
2625-407	9E	120
2625-423	9.5E	150
2625-440	10E	50
2625-466	10.5E	50
2625-504	11.5E	70
2625-547	12.5E	10
2625-563	13E	10
2625-575	13.5E	5
2625-628	7F	20
2625-644	7.5F	30
2625-660	8F	60
2625-687	8.5F	40
2625-849	12.5F	30

Size Roll – Item 2 Boots, Congress Female

Stock Number	Size	Quantity (pair)
2630-012	5B	5
2630-023	5.5B	5
2630-034	6B	5
2630-045	6.5B	5
2630-056	7B	5
2630-067	7.5B	5
2630-078	8B	5
2630-110	5C	5
2630-121	5.5C	5
2630-132	6C	5
2630-143	6.5C	15
2630-154	7C	10
2630-165	7.5C	10
2630-176	8C	10
2630-209	5D	5
2630-220	5.5D	5
2630-231	6D	5
2630-242	6.5D	5
2630-253	7D	10
2630-264	7.5D	15
2630-275	8D	15

Priority in production and delivery for size: Male – 7D, 7.5D, 8.5D, 7.5E, 8E

"As and When Requested" Quantity – Regular sizes

Item	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit of Issue	Firm Unit Price, DDP, Transportation costs included, Applicable taxes extra
3	Boots, Congress, Male	300	Pair	\$ _____

"As and When Requested" Quantity – Special sizes

Item	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit of Issue	Firm Unit Price, DDP, Transportation costs included, Applicable taxes extra
4	Boots, Congress, Male	25	Pair	\$ _____
5	Boots, Congress, Female	10	Pair	\$ _____

Option 1

Item	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit of Issue	Firm Unit Price, DDP, Transportation costs included, Applicable taxes extra
6	Boots, Congress, Male	200	Pair	\$ _____
7	Boots, Congress, Female	100	Pair	\$ _____

4. "AS AND WHEN REQUESTED" QUANTITIES - Identified as Items 3 to 5

Under this Contract, the Contractor is required to provide certain goods to Canada on an "as and when requested" basis. Except as expressly provided in this Contract, Canada is not obliged to request any such goods under this Contract and this Contract does not represent a commitment to purchase such goods exclusively from the Contractor.

RCMP may issue orders for "as and when requested" quantity directly to the Contractor detailing the exact quantities of goods being ordered and the delivery date during the effective period and in accordance with the predetermined conditions.

The quantity of "as and when requested" goods specified under items 3 to 5 is only an approximation of requirements.

Order will be made on Form 942 (special sizes) or on a RCMP order form (regular sizes).

The period for placing "as and when requested" orders will be 48 months from contract award date.

Insofar as specials are concerned, the RCMP will provide a completed individual measurement form adapted to the individual's special measurements. The manufacturer is responsible to make the boots according to the finished measurements when using the measurement form. If the manufacturer requires additional measurements, the Technical Authority shall be notified prior to starting the specials. In addition to the label information as specified in Paragraph 4.3.27 of the Specification G.S. 1045-092 (dated 2016-11-08) at Annex B, the following information is required; the members' name, Reg. number and order number. This information can be added to the same label or a separate label.

The RCMP is requesting that delivery of regular sizes be made within 30 calendar days after receipt of order document.

Delivery of regular sizes will be made within _____ calendar days after receipt of order document.

The RCMP is requesting that delivery of special sizes be made within 30 calendar days after receipt of order document.

Delivery of special sizes will be made within _____ calendar days after receipt of order document.

Deliveries made against orders of the "as and when requested" quantities will be inspected by the Consignee at destination.

Financial Limitation

The total cost to Canada resulting from orders of "as and when requested" quantities must not exceed the sum of \$ _____ (to be established at contract), applicable taxes extra, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not be obligated to perform any work or services or supply any articles in response to orders which would cause the total cost to Canada to exceed the said sum, unless an increase is so authorized.

5. OPTION QUANTITIES - Identified as Items 6 and 7

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to acquire the goods described under items 6 and 7 and under the same terms and conditions and at the prices stated in the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority for a minimum of 50% up to a maximum of 100% distributed amongst the items and destinations and will be evidenced through a contract amendment.

The Contracting Authority may exercise the option within 36 months after contract award date by sending a written notice to the Contractor.

Only one amendment may be issued to exercise this option.

A size roll will be provided if and when the option is exercised.



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The document is available in English and French.

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The photograph on this page is for reference only.



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RCMP VIEWING SAMPLE

A viewing sample, when available, will be supplied to the successful bidder.

This will be used for the guidance of the manufacturer in all factors not covered by this specification or referred to therein. Variation from the specification may appear in the sample in which case the specification shall govern.

It may be obtained from:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
ATTN: Uniform & Equipment Program
(440 Coventry Road, Warehouse Building)
1200 Vanier Parkway
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R2

It will be sent “prepaid” and is to be returned “prepaid”.

The viewing sample shall be returned to the RCMP in the same condition as received by the manufacturer. Lost or damaged viewing samples shall be replaced by an identical item or the RCMP shall be reimbursed for the cost of an acceptable replacement.

SPECIFICATION
BOOTS, CONGRESS, MALE AND FEMALE

1. Definition

- 1.1 This specification shall govern the manufacture and inspection of Boots, Congress, Male and Female. The specific items covered under this specification with stock numbers are as follows:
- i. 2625 – Boots, Congress, Male / Bottines de cérémonie à élastique latéral pour hommes;
 - ii. 2626-004 – Boots, Congress, Male, Special / Bottines de cérémonie à élastique latéral pour hommes, pointure spéciale;
 - iii. 2630 – Boots, Congress, Female / Bottines de cérémonie à élastique latéral pour femmes;
 - iv. 2631-004 – Boots, Congress, Female, Special / Bottines de cérémonie à élastique latéral pour femmes, pointure spéciale.
- 1.2 This specification, viewing sample, drawing or other information issued in connection therewith, may only be used for specific enquiries, solicitations, or orders placed on behalf of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 1.3 This specification supersedes all previous specifications for R.C.M.P. Boots, Congress, Male and Female.
- 1.4 This specification has been translated into French from this original English language document.

2. Applicable Specifications

- 2.1 The following publications are applicable to this specification and to the issues in effect on the date of the solicitation, unless otherwise specified.
- 2.2 ALCA, American Leather Chemists Association, Method B4.
- 2.3 A-A-59826A, Thread, Nylon.
- 2.4 ASTM, American Society for Testing and Materials, Method D2210-13, D2211-00 (2010), D2617-12, D2807-93 (2015), D2810-13, D3495-10 (2015) and D4705-13.
- 2.5 FED-STD 311-7011.1, Federal Standard, Textile Test Methods.

3. **General Requirements**

- 3.1 The boots covered by this specification shall be free from material and manufacturing defects that may affect its appearance or serviceability. In all particulars not covered by this specification or contract documents, production shall be equivalent in all respects to the viewing sample.
- 3.2 **Design** – Boots, Congress shall be constructed of black cow hide uppers, leather soles, heel bases and top lifts, and elastic gore sides. Each pair shall have matching components similar in weight and quality. The boots shall be available in both male and female boot sizing. In all areas not covered by the specification, the viewing sample shall govern.

4. **Detail Requirements**

4.1 **Components**

4.1.1 **Leather**

- 4.1.1.1 **Leather, Vamps** – The vamps shall be cut from high quality black chrome-tanned cow hide leather from the best portion of the butt, as per Table I. It shall have a thickness of 1.3 mm to 1.6 mm. It shall be free from open or healed-over scratches and grub damage. Refer to Table II, Inspection for Defects, for acceptable quality of leather.
- 4.1.1.2 **Leather, Quarters** – The quarters shall be cut adjacent to the vamp area specified in 4.1.1.1 and from parts of the shoulder that are not hinged and are free from excessive fat wrinkles. Light, well healed over scratches that do not affect the serviceability or seriously affect the appearance will be accepted. The quarters shall have a thickness of 1.3 mm to 1.6 mm.
- 4.1.1.3 **Leather, Vamp and Quarter Linings** – The vamp and quarter linings shall be vegetable or chrome vegetable re-tanned leather cut from cowhides, taken from the sides, shoulders or bellies. It shall be grey or beige in colour. No stretchy, spongy or hard bony linings will be accepted. Linings with light, well healed-over scratches and grub holes will be accepted provided they do not affect the wear or seriously affect the appearance. They shall have a thickness of 1.3 mm to 1.6 mm.

- 4.1.1.4 **Leather, Welting** – The welting leather shall be first quality, squared double shoulder leather of welting tannage. It shall be firm but flexible, with no soft, spongy or loose fibred leather accepted. No hide or mechanical defects shall be allowed. It shall be of sufficient width and thickness to properly attach to the upper, lining and insole.
- 4.1.1.5 **Leather, Insoles** – The insoles shall be cut from combination tanned (vegetable tanning followed by chrome re-tannage, or chrome tanning followed by vegetable re-tannage) bends or shoulders of cowhides. The leather shall be mellow and of medium-tight fibres. Loose or pipy leather will not be acceptable. The grain surface and all loose flesh shall be carefully removed by the use of a "Summit" or other similar splitting machine. The removal of the grain or flesh by equipment employing sandpaper or wire brushes shall not be permitted. The de-grained and fleshed insoles shall be firm, free of open grub holes or cuts and shall have a thickness of 3.2 mm to 3.7 mm.
- 4.1.1.6 **Leather, Outsoles** – The outsoles shall be cut from first quality bends. The leather shall be full grain (not buffed or snuffed) and free from imperfections or blemishes that may affect its appearance or serviceability. The leather shall be soft, smooth and pliable. After all excess flesh has been removed and the outsoles are evened, they shall have a minimum thickness of 5.8 mm and a maximum of 6.3 mm. Outsoles graded as "Number One Scratch" will be accepted.

Note: The term "Number One Scratch" denotes a grade of leather that may include grain damage such as healed wire scratches, medium fat wrinkles (not hinged), light healed-over brands and shallow flesh cuts in the shank and under the heel, minor grain blemishes, and soles with some stain or wild grain defects that will not affect the wearing quality of the leather, but shall not include "Butty" toes, soft spots or open grub holes.

- 4.1.1.7 **Leather, Heels** – The leather for the heels shall be full grain (not buffed or snuffed) and free from imperfections or blemishes that may affect its appearance or serviceability. The leather shall be soft, smooth and pliable. The heel base shall be built up with firm whole lifts. The grain side of the lifts may be lightly scoured with a rough sand paper to obtain maximum adhesion after gluing and compression. No soft or spongy lifts shall be used. The lifts shall be glued together with a water-resistant glue and then compressed tightly together with the use of moulds and compressing equipment. The heel base shall be gouged out at the breast to give what is known as a "Full Cup". The compressed heel base when combined with

the lift shall be of sufficient height at the heel breast and heel to cause the boot to tread correctly. The heel base shall be of sufficient length and width to provide the specified extension in the finished boot.

4.1.2 **Counters**

4.1.2.1 **Material** – Material for counters shall be reconstituted leather fibre sheet, made only of leather fibres bound with suitable binders, between 1.6 and 2 mm thick with a suitable density to hold its shape. The finished sheet shall be smooth. Counters shall not bulge or cause a warping of the quarters along their forward edges.

4.1.2.2 **Moulding** – The counters shall be properly skived and moulded on left and right moulds, which shall correspond closely in shape and design to the heel portion of the lasts. The counters shall be available in all sizes and widths.

4.1.3 **Bottom Filler** – The filler shall be a granulated cork bonded by a waterproof and thermo-setting binder which is free from any material subject to rapid deterioration with age. The filler shall be compatible with the specified soling adhesive and shall not stain nor bunch and shall retain flexibility throughout the life of the boot. The cantilever movement between the filler surface and the outsole shall not cause squeaking.

4.1.4 **Heel Seat Lift** – The lift shall be good commercial quality, cut from leather.

4.1.5 **Box Toes** – The box toes shall be cut and moulded with a rigid material that forms to the shape of the last at the toe. The finished thickness shall be no less than 1.4 mm or more than 1.5 mm. The box toes shall be skived to a feather edge across the front with a 13 mm scarf. After lasting, the box toe length shall be sized appropriately to the size of the boot. After lasting, this measurement shall be approximately 6 to 7.5 cm in length depending on the boot size, measured with a tape from the welt around the curve of the toe.

4.1.6 **Shanks** – The shanks shall be made of rigid materials such as high-carbon, cold-rolled strip steel, fiberglass and Kevlar. If made of steel, the shank shall be sound and free from roughness, pitting, blisters, limitations, surface defects or edge cracks. The shank shall be appropriately curved to fit the bottom of any designated last. It shall be sized appropriately to the size of the boot. The shanks may be covered with a tape material to reduce the possibility of squeaking.

- 4.1.7 **Spur Boxes** – Spur boxes shall be produced as per the RCMP viewing sample available from the Uniform and Equipment Program.
- 4.1.8 **Pull Tabs** – The pull tabs shall be cut from durable nylon webbing, luggage quality, black in colour measuring 2 cm (¾”) wide and 0.04” ± 0.01” thick. It shall be equal in appearance to the viewing sample.
- 4.1.9 **Gore Fabric** – The gore fabric shall be cut from high quality woven elastic fabric, black in colour, equivalent in all respects to the viewing sample. The elastic fabric shall stretch at least 60 percent of its normal un-stretched length to permit the boot to be pulled on and off the wearer's foot.
- 4.1.10 **Rubber Top Lift** – The rubber top lift shall be black rubber equal in all respects to the viewing sample, with a thickness of 11 to 12 mm. The top lift may alternatively be the kind that has pre-located holes in place with washers inside used to secure nails in place during the heel attachment process.
- 4.1.11 **Heel-Pads** – The heel-pads shall be cut from leather specified in Para. 4.1.1.3.
- 4.1.12 **Nails**
- 4.1.12.1 **Heel Base Attaching** – The heel base attaching shall be steel, half-rough type of sufficient length to burr securely and smoothly on the insole.
- 4.1.12.2 **Heel Seat Nails** – The heel seat nails shall be brass, loose type. Nails shall be of sufficient length to clinch firmly and smoothly on the inner sole.
- 4.1.13 **Thread**
- 4.1.13.1 **Upper** – All upper stitching shall be done with Class A, Type II, size "E", bonded nylon thread (top and bottom) in accordance with specification A-A-59826A. The thread colour shall be black.
- 4.1.13.2 **Welting** – The welting shall be sewn with Class A, Type I, Size 8 (Tex 600), soft filament nylon in accordance with specification A-A-59826A. The thread colour shall be black.
- 4.1.13.3 **Sole Stitching** – The stitching shall be done with Type II, Class B, size 6 (Tex 400) in accordance with specification A-A-59826A. The thread colour may be white or black.

- 4.2 **Size and Dimensions** – The Boots, Congress Male & Female to this specification shall be supplied in the sizes specified by the RCMP. After lasting, the height of the upper shall be 14 cm with a plus tolerance of 3 mm, when measured from the heel seat at the back for size 8D Male Congress. All other sizes and widths shall be in correct proportion. The male boots shall be available in sizes (full and half sizes) ranging from size 7 through 15 in widths of D, E and F. The female boots shall be available in sizes (full and half sizes) ranging from size 5 through 10 in widths of B, C and D.
- 4.3 **Construction**
- 4.3.1 **Cutting Uppers** – The uppers shall be cut from the leather specified in Para. 4.1.1.1 and 4.1.1.2. No open scratches, hard, bony or flanky leather will be accepted. The two portions of the vamps shall be free from all damage. Leather with light, well-healed-over damage that does not affect serviceability or appearance will be accepted in the rest of the upper.
- 4.3.2 **Skiving** – All the upper parts shall be skived on the flesh side with a straight taper skive 5 mm in width. The top edges shall be skived, cemented and turned in with a fold that is no less than 4 mm or more than 5 mm. All seams in the finished boot shall be smooth and serviceable.
- 4.3.3 **Upper Stitching** – All upper stitching shall be lockstitched using the thread specified in Para. 4.1.13.1. There shall be no less than four or more than five stitches per centimeter. The loose ends of all upper stitching are to be trimmed off with the use of scissors or knife. Burning or ‘flaming’ off the loose ends will be permitted providing no damage occurs to upper leather. The needles used shall be the smallest size possible.
- 4.3.4 **Vamp and Quarter Linings** – The vamp and quarter linings shall be cut from material specified in Para. 4.1.1.3. They shall be cemented smoothly to the flesh side of the vamps and quarters.
- 4.3.5 **Quarters and Back Strap** – The quarters shall be butted and seamed at the front and back on a zigzag machine using three to four stitches per centimetre. The seams shall be rubbed out flat. After lasting, the quarters shall show no gaping. The back strap shall be stitched to the back of the quarters by two rows of topstitching on each vertical edge using 1.5 mm gauge and 3 mm gauge. The top edge shall be topstitched using 1.5 mm gauge.

- 4.3.6 **Vamps** – With the vamp overlapping the quarters, the two shall be stitched together with two rows of topstitching using 1.5 mm gauge and 3 mm gauge, starting and stopping at the bottom of the vamps.
- 4.3.7 **Counters** – The counters specified in Para. 4.1.2, shall be dipped in latex counter paste just prior to assembling. The appropriate size of counter to fit the designated upper shall be used. Counters shall be caught with no less than two welting stitches in each wing.
- 4.3.8 **Elastic Gore Fabric** – The elastic gore fabric shall be placed between the quarter and quarter lining and caught by two rows of topstitching using 1.5 mm gauge and 3 mm gauge.
- 4.3.9 **Quarter Lining and Pull Tabs** – The leather quarter lining shall serve as a counter-pocket as well as an inside backstay. The two back pieces shall be sewn together and with the seam rubbed out flat. These seams shall be placed on the inside of each boot directly in line with the outside seams joining the vamps and quarters, using three to four stitches per centimetre. The seams shall be rubbed out flat. The top of the back and front portions of the lining shall be sewn to the top of the vamps and quarters by one row of stitching placed 2 mm from the top edges. This stitching shall secure two pull tabs from webbing specified in Para. 4.1.8 folded and inserted between the lining and the vamp in the front and quarter in the back. The finished pull tab shall be 4 cm \pm 0.5 cm long.
- 4.3.10 **Vamp Lining** – The vamp lining shall be stitched with the quarter lining overlapping it 1 cm and shall be sewn together with two rows of topstitching using 1.5 mm gauge and 3 mm gauge.
- 4.3.11 **Box Toe** – The box toe specified in Para. 4.1.5, shall be positioned between the vamp and the vamp lining in such a way that it will meet the length requirement of the finished boot. The bottom edge of the box toe shall be fully caught by the welting stitches.
- 4.3.12 **Lasting** – The boots shall be made on lasts, the same as the viewing sample or equivalent, by what is known as the Goodyear Welt Process. A “roper/rodeo last has been found acceptable. Lasts used shall be in the correct sizes and widths in accordance with the sizes and widths of the uppers. Insoles shall be evenly tacked to the lasts with one tack at the toe, two at the ball, and one in the shank and heel. The uppers shall be lasted 14 mm \pm 1.5 mm over and all around the heel seat. The

heels and toes shall be smoothly, firmly and evenly wiped in against the shoulder of the insole. The uppers shall be pulled down tight to the lasts. The back seams shall be straight. Lasts shall not be pulled until after edge and heel finishing operations are completed. Boots shall remain on the lasts until completely dry, approximately one to two days.

- 4.3.13 **Welting** – The welting leather specified in Para. 4.1.1.4 shall be sewn level and close to the shoulder of the channel with the welt thread specified in 4.1.13.2, positioned at the root of the shoulders. Dropped or broken stitches, broken or torn channel lips will not be accepted. Either 270 degree welting or 180 degree welting is acceptable. There shall be no more than one joint in the welting for each boot. Tension on the stitches shall be tight with no less than one nor more than 1.5 stitches per centimetre. The ends of the welt shall be trimmed with a 15 mm \pm 1.5 mm bevel, pulled in, tacked down and pounded. The welt shall be beaten out while in temper.
- 4.3.14 **Removal of Tacks** – All lasting tacks shall be removed following the welting operation.
- 4.3.15 **Inseam Trimming** – The excess part of the upper and insole shoulder shall be trimmed off. Care should be taken to not trim too close to the welting stitches.
- 4.3.16 **Shanks** – The shanks shall be as specified in 4.1.6. They shall be tacked to the insole with two tacks, under the heel, in such a position that the shank shall not extend too far forward and interfere with the tread across the ball. Alternatively, the shanks may be set in position using a suitable thermoplastic adhesive. The shanks shall be sized appropriately to fit the size of the boot.
- 4.3.17 **Bottom Filler** – The bottom filler shall be as specified in 4.1.3. The filler shall be applied by heat and mechanical pressure to ensure level and uniform bottoms. The bottoms including the open space in the heel seat, shall be completely filled.
- 4.3.18 **Sole Laying** – The outsole specified in Para. 4.1.1.6 shall be fully scoured on a rapidly revolving steel wire brush. The steel wire bristles in the brush shall have a diameter of 3 mm \pm 0.025 mm. The outsole shall be cemented and laid with the aid of a sole laying machine using correct pressure and suitable, shaped pads. The use of temporary tacks or nails while sole rounding and stitching is not permitted.
- 4.3.19 **Rough Rounding** – The edges of the sole and welt shall be rounded on a rough rounding machine to provide the required extension for edge trimming.

- 4.3.20 **Sole Stitching** – The outsole shall be stitched to the welt by lockstitch in a groove on the outsole. The thread specified in Para. 4.1.13.3 shall be thoroughly coated with hot wax and be sewn using a needle and awl of the smallest combination for the specified threads. The number of stitches shall be no less than 2.5 nor more 2.75 stitches per centimetre. The lockstitch shall be embedded in the outsole to approximately 1/3 of the depth below the surface. A tight tension shall be used on the thread. The distance between stitching and the edge shall be minimal to allow for edge trimming and shaping operations. The sole stitching shall continue to at least 1 cm to the back of the breast of the heel. The stitches shall be neatly and lightly separated with the use of a stitch separating machine.
- 4.3.21 **Bottom Levelling** – The outsoles shall be levelled in order to conform to the shape of the bottom of the last. The seats shall be pounded down firmly and evenly.
- 4.3.22 **Heel Seat Fastening** – The seats shall be nailed with brass nails as specified in 4.1.12.2, spaced 13 mm \pm 1.5 mm apart. They shall be clinched firmly and smoothly on the heel seat part of the insole. The fastening shall be on the outside of the lasting tacks. They are to start and to stop approximately 13 mm behind the breast of the heel.
- 4.3.23 **Heeling**
- 4.3.23.1 **Heel Base** – The heel base and heel part of the outsole shall be scoured with the steel wire brush used in sole laying, and cemented firmly together. Heel bases shall be attached with nine to eleven nails as specified in Para. 4.1.12.1. Alternatively, the heel base may be attached using 6 steel nails of an appropriate type through the top lift and four inside nails with washers.
- 4.3.23.2 **Rubber Top Lift** – The top lift specified in Para. 4.1.10 shall be securely cemented to the heel base with a suitable cement. Alternatively, the top lift may be attached with up to six steel nails of an appropriate type through the top lift and four inside nails.
- 4.3.23.3 **Spur Boxes** – The spur boxes shall be inserted into the centre of the back of each heel during the heeling operation and secured by two steel nails as in the viewing sample.
- 4.3.24 **Trimming**

- 4.3.24.1 **Heels** – The heels shall be trimmed to form a heel shaped as in the viewing sample. The heel seat shall be trimmed with no more than 1.5 mm extension all around. The heel breast shall be curved as represented in the viewing sample. Heels shall not be under seated and shall tread flat.
- 4.3.24.2 **Sole Edges** – Boots shall be trimmed in pairs, square around the forepart and shank. Edges shall have the following extensions, measured at right angles to the upper; 6 mm at outside ball, gradually decreasing to 5 mm at the end of the toe and inside ball. Edges shall be smoothly trimmed with a correct size cutter. No ragged or wavy edges will be accepted.
- 4.3.25 **Finishing**
- 4.3.25.1 **Sole Edges** – The sole edges shall be filled with best quality filler and set up with a hot oscillating iron the same size and shape as the edge trimming cutter. The edges shall then be inked in with best quality edging ink, and set up again with the same iron to produce a solid, smooth edge that shall then be padded and brushed to a bright finish.
- 4.3.25.2 **Heels** – The heels shall be scoured with two scouring operations, using a fine Grit (No. 120) paper in the second scouring operations, and then stained black. Heels shall be hot waxed, padded and brushed to a bright finish, then wheeled and brushed again. The heel breast shall be scoured with one paper, using no stain.
- 4.3.25.3 **Bottoms** – The outsole bottoms shall be clean and free from stains. They shall not be buffed, painted or stained. After cleaning, the bottoms shall be brushed.
- 4.3.25.4 **Insoles** – All tacks or nails shall be smoothly clinched and there shall be no roughness to the hand when examined.
- 4.3.25.5 **Upper Finishing** – Uppers shall be thoroughly cleaned, then dressed with one coat of semi-bright dressing. No filler shall be used on the uppers.
- 4.3.25.6 **Sole Stitching** – Sole stitches shall be inked in black on the welt side. The welt and stitches shall be cleaned and brushed.
- 4.3.26 **Heel Pads** – The heel pads shall be cut from the leather specified in Para. 4.1.1.3. They shall be skived at the breast with a 1 cm straight taper skive. The heel pad shall be at least 4 cm in length from the centre of the breast to the back

- 4.3.27 **Marking** – The marking shall be done in one of three ways depending on the manufacturing preference of the vendor. These markings are to remain for the life of the boot. The stock number and size shall be in a font no less than size 8. All other marking shall be in a font size 6. The marking options are as follows:
- a. Inscribed on the shaft of the boot.
 - b. On a durable label captured in the quarter lining stitched in a position visible to the wearer.
 - c. On the outsole near the heel breast.
1. RCMP stock number - reference contract documents. (Ex. 2625 000)
 2. Size of the article, combining the size designation referenced in the English and French contract documents. (Ex. 8E Male/ Homme)
 3. Date of manufacture, in numeric format year/month (Ex. 2001/11)
 4. Your manufacturer identification (Company name or number).

5. **Quality Assurance Provisions**

- 5.1 **Responsibility for Inspection** – Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, it is the prime contractor's responsibility to satisfy the R.C.M.P., Uniform & Equipment Program that the material and services being supplied conform to this specification. This may be accomplished by performing the tests specified in this specification or by demonstrating to the satisfaction of the R.C.M.P., Uniform & Equipment Program that conformity to this specification of manufacturing processes is assured. The contractor may use any commercial testing establishment acceptable to the R.C.M.P., Uniform & Equipment Program.
- 5.2 The R.C.M.P., Uniform & Equipment Program reserves the right to perform any inspection considered necessary to ensure the material and services conform to the specified requirements. For the purpose of inspection, a portion of each delivery not exceeding two percent or two out of any number delivered under 100 may be put to tests that could destroy the articles. If found to be inferior or not in accordance with this specification, all articles so destroyed shall be replaced by others of proper quality and pattern at the expense of the contractor. The entire delivery may also be rejected if it is found that articles previously rejected due to non-repairable defects are redelivered for inspection.
- 5.3 The contractor will be promptly notified when any articles are not accepted and such articles will be returned at the contractor's risk and expense.

TABLE I
Chemical and Physical Properties of Upper, Calfskin, Chrome Tanned

REQUIREMENTS			TEST METHODS
1	Thickness	for Upper – 1.3 mm – 1.6 mm	• Woburn Gauge
2	Chloroform extract	3.5 – 6%	• ALCA B4 • ASTM D3495-10 (2015)
3	pH Value	3.5 minimum	• ASTM D2810-13
4	Ash	8.5% maximum	• ASTM D2617-12
5	Chrome Oxide	4% minimum	• ASTM D2807-93 (2015)
6	Burst Strength (Mullen)	350 psi (min.)	• ASTM D2210-13
7	Stitch Tearing Strength	40 lb (min.)	• ASTM D4705-13
8	Shrinkage Temperature	100°C	• FED-STD-311/7011.1
9	Elongation at 2000 psi.	50% maximum	• ASTM D2211-00 (2010)

TABLE II
Inspection for Defects

CLASS OF DEFECT	ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
Fibre Quality	Tight Fibre	Loose Fibre
Brands	Not acceptable	Not acceptable
Fat wrinkles	Medium wrinkles	Heavy wrinkles
Ticks and Fly bites	Minor scars and bites	Severe scars or bites
Grain Damage	Slight grain damage	Deep grain cuts, or extensive grain damage
Appearance (Salt Stains, Iron Stains, Unremoved hair and discolouration)	Good Appearance	Salt or iron stains, unremoved hair or serious discolouration
Slaughter cuts	Slight slaughter cuts	Deep slaughter cuts
Fleshiness	Clear	Excessively fleshy

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