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Title - Sujet Horizon 1 - Temperate Woodland (TW)	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8486-173470/A	Date 2017-05-26
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8486-173470	GETS Ref. No. - N° de réf. de SEAG PW-\$\$PV-956-72914
File No. - N° de dossier pv956.W8486-173470	CCC No./N° CCC - FMS No./N° VME
Solicitation Closes - L'invitation prend fin at - à 02:00 PM on - le 2017-06-29	
Time Zone Fuseau horaire Eastern Daylight Saving Time EDT	
F.O.B. - F.A.B. Plant-Usine: <input type="checkbox"/> Destination: <input type="checkbox"/> Other-Autre: <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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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



NOTICE

This document has been examined by the Technical Authority for content and confirmed that it has no references to controlled goods.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

(RFI)

**CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR
(CBRN) COVERALLS**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
FOR THE
CBRN COVERALLS**

1.0 SCOPE

1.1 Purpose – The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to inform industry that the Department of National Defence (DND) intends to post a Request for Proposal (RFP) for CBRN Coveralls. The intention of the future RFP is for stock replenishment of the in-service coveralls. In preparation for the RFP, this RFI seeks to obtain feedback from industry on the attached Technical Documents as well as responses to other specific DND questions posed herein. Further, interested vendors are requested to provide feedback on the proposed high level procurement strategy details associated with this requirement.

1.2 Nature of Request for Information – This Request for Information (RFI) is not a bid solicitation. This RFI will not result in the award of any contract; therefore, respondents should not earmark stock or facilities, nor allocate resources, as a result of any information contained in this RFI. Nor will this RFI result in the creation of any source list; therefore, whether or not any respondent replies to this RFI will not preclude that respondent from participating in any future procurement. Also, the procurement of any of the goods and services described in this RFI will not necessarily follow this RFI. This RFI is simply intended to solicit information from industry with respect to the contents of this RFI.

1.3 Background - The CBRN Coveralls are currently in-service and are available in two colours: Temperate Woodland (TW) and Arid Region (AR). Additionally there are both Operational and Training variants of the coveralls. The intent of the procurement is to establish a Standing Offer Agreement (SOA) to replenish stock when required.

2.0 DRAFT TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS

2.1 Requested Feedback – As described above, DND would appreciate industry feedback regarding the following technical annexes, appendices and drawings.

Annex A: Statement of Work

Appendix 1: Manufacturing DATA

Appendix 2: Specification for Cloth (Ops) DSSPM 2-2-80-227

Appendix 3: Specification for Cloth (training) DSSPM 2-2-80-231

Appendix 4: Specification for CADPAT

Appendix 5: Textiles Testing and Sample Submission

Appendix 6: Quality Control Requirements

Appendix 7: CCWPH152, PDM package

Appendix 8: CFTPO Coveralls

Appendix 9 Specification for Label D-80-001-055/SF-001

Appendix 10: Specification for Fasteners, slide, Interlocking
D-83-001-005/SF-001

Appendix 11: Specification for Cord, Plaited, Spun Synthetic
D-80-001-028/SF-001

Annex B: Bid Evaluation for Bidders

2.2 Questions – In addition to reviewing the Technical Documents and providing written feedback on the specified materials and components, RFI respondents are requested to respond in writing to the following questions. Responses should be returned to the RFI Authority in accordance with Section 7.0.

1. What is the lead time to procure the liner material?
2. What is the lead time to procure the outer material in both colors?
3. What is the expected pre-production time?
4. What is the expected production rate of the coveralls?
5. What is the minimum number of coveralls that can be manufactured economically?
6. What is the minimum quantity of coveralls that could be feasibly ordered in a call-up if the Contractor provides the liner material?
7. What is the minimum quantity of coveralls that could be feasibly ordered in a call-up if Canada provides liner material as Government Supplied Material (GSM)?

SOLICITATION PROCESS

3.1 Proposed Procurement Strategy – It is anticipated that a future procurement for the CBRN Coveralls would be run as a competitive process. DND is considering the establishment of Standing Offer Arrangement in order to allow maximum flexibility in orders, while still respecting minimum order quantities that provide a reasonable return on investment to the Supplier. Feedback from Respondents will be critical in determining the feasibility of such an approach.

3.2 Canadian Content Policy – As the International Trade Agreements do not apply to this commodity, Canada reserves the right to leverage any future CBRN Coveralls RFP for economic benefit to Canada through the application of the Canadian Content Policy (CCP).

Greater detail on the CCP may be obtained from the Buyansell.gc.ca website:

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/supply-manual/annex/3/6>

3.3 Other Potential Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions

Respondents are encouraged to review Canada's standard acquisition clauses and conditions at the web link provided below. While a future RFP may present different standard terms and conditions, these clauses are standard in Canadian federal government contracts and are indicative of the General Conditions that could be applied to any future RFP:

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual/3/2030/16>

3.4 Cost Estimates – In order to assist DND with achieving its business planning requirements, interested suppliers are requested to provide a non-binding, indicative unit cost(s) in their native business currency in accordance with the items detailed in Section 4.0 (excluding shipping, packaging, and taxes). Interested suppliers are also requested to state any relevant information or assumptions that were made regarding the development of their estimate and identify any areas that could be potential cost risks.

4.0 ESTIMATED INITIAL QUANTITY

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost Estimate (as per para 3.4)
1	Temperate Woodland (TW) Operational Coveralls	4,500	
2	Arid Region (AR) Operational Coveralls	500	

5.0 ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Procurement Activity	Estimated Timeline
Request for Information	Spring 2017
Request for Proposal (RFP) posting on Buy & Sell	Summer 2017
RFP closes (Pre-Award Sample(s) and Bid Documents due)	Summer 2017
Award of full Contract	Fall 2017
Pre-production Sample Submission	Winter 2018
Estimated First Deliveries of Firm Quantity	Summer 2018

6.0 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

6.1 At this time, PWGSC and DND have not scheduled any formal industry engagement activities associated with this RFI. There may be further engagement with industry, which could involve formalized industry engagement activities. Further, if interested respondents are inclined to meet in the National Capital Region, with government representatives involved with this RFI, it is requested that they indicate this interest to the RFI Authority identified at paragraph 7.9.

7.0 SUPPLIER RESPONSES

7.1 Instructions – Respondents are requested to submit a written response to the RFI Authority identified at paragraph 7.9 by the closing date of this RFI. It is requested that the following information be provided:

7.1.1 Respondent's name, contact information and return address;

7.1.2 Indication of interest in a future procurement, either as a prime contractor, sub-contractor or materials or components supplier;

7.2 Format – Written responses must be submitted in two (2) hard copies only. Responses may be submitted in either official language.

7.3 Delivery Address – Responses are not considered bids, however, responses shall be sent to the Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit at the following address:

Bid Receiving Unit
Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)
Place du Portage
Level 0A1, Phase III
11 Laurier Street,
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1C9

7.4 Use – Responses will not be formally evaluated, however, they may be used by DND to develop the Specification, Statement of Work and or Bid Evaluation Plan for a future RFP. All responses received by the RFI closing date will be reviewed by DND. DND may, at its discretion, review responses received after the RFI closing date. Written responses to this RFI will not be returned.

7.5 Costs – The Government of Canada will not reimburse any respondent for expenses incurred responding to this RFI.

7.6 Parameters – Respondents are reminded that this RFI is not a Request for Proposal. In that regard, respondents should feel free to include any comments or concerns with their responses. Canada reserves the right to seek clarification from a respondent on information provided in response to this RFI, either by telephone, in writing, or in person.

7.7 Confidentiality – The confidentiality of each Respondent will be maintained. Respondents are requested to clearly identify portions of their response that are proprietary. Items that are identified as proprietary will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the item is not of a proprietary nature.

7.8 Enquiries – Enquiries regarding this RFI must be directed to the RFI Authority identified at paragraph 7.9. Enquiries received after 15 days before the closing date of this RFI may not be answered. Because this is not a bid solicitation, the Government of Canada will not necessarily respond to all enquiries in writing, nor circulate all answers to industry. However, in the event that answers are circulated, Enquirers should clearly identify portions of their questions that are proprietary in nature. Canada may edit the questions or request that the Enquirer do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be circulated to industry.

7.9 RFI Authority – Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) is responsible for the management of the RFI process. The PWGSC contact and RFI Authority for this RFI is:

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