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The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

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This solicitation amendment 3 is to provide clarifications and answer bidder questions. New versions of all updated documents can be downloaded under the "Attachments" section at the bottom of the Tender Notice as file "amend_3_updated_docs.zip". Yellow highlighted text in these updated documents identify where changes have been made as a result of Canadas clarifications, or questions from bidders.

Clarification1

Some of the solicitation documents contained erroneous header references at the top of each page. The following documents have been corrected and are included with this amendment:

- Volume 2 Annex B Statement of Work for A Modular Indoor Range;
- Volume 2 Annex C Specification for the Modular Indoor Range; and
- Volume 3 Annex B Statement of Work for Support of the Modular Indoor Range.

Clarification 2

The following is a list of solicitation document updates that are not driven by bidder questions. These updates have been made to accommodate for licensing requirements, update cross-references, and improve language for clarification:

Volume 2 Annex B – Statement of Work

- Para 3.2.5 c i) – replaced paragraph
- Para 4.8 – inserted paragraph
- Para 6.1 g) – inserted requirement
- Document version date was updated

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification

- Para 3.2.1 – inserted paragraph
- Para 3.2.3 h, i) – inserted paragraphs
- Para 3.4.1 a i 3) – replaced paragraph
- Para 3.5.1 c) – inserted paragraph
- Para 3.6 h) – replaced paragraph
- Para 3.9 d) – replaced paragraph
- Para 3.10 g, h) – inserted paragraphs
- Para 3.15.3 k, l) – replaced paragraphs
- Para 3.17.4 b) – replaced paragraph
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Volume 3 Annex C – Statement of Work

- Para 1.3 m) –replaced paragraph
- Para 2.3.1 a) – inserted paragraph
- Para 2.3.2 d) – inserted paragraph
- Para 3.1 c i) – replaced paragraph (French only)
- Para 3.4 – replaced paragraph
- Para 4.1 – replaced paragraph
- Para 4.2 a ii 6) – replaced paragraph
- Para 4.2 f i) – inserted paragraph
- Para 4.2 h) – replaced paragraph
- Para 4.2 l) – replaced paragraph
- Para 4.2.1 i 4) replaced paragraph
- Para 4.5 – inserted paragraph

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Volume 1 Annex C – Bid Evaluation

- Requirement Vol 2 Annex C Para 3.17 – replaced proof of response 1.
- Requirement Vol 2 Annex C Para 3.17 – replaced proof of response 3 (French only)
- Desirable criteria requirement Vol 2 Annex C Para 3.5.1 c) – inserted requirement and proof of response
- Document version date was updated

Answers to Questions from Bidders

QUESTION 1

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause 3.1 a & b

Question:

Is the experience of key sub-contractors acceptable?

Answer:

As specified in Volume 2 Annex C Clause 3.1 (a) and (b) the manufacturer's experience must meet the criteria.

The role of the manufacturer in the bid and resultant contract (i.e. as prime contractor or sub-contractor) is not evaluated against this criteria.

QUESTION 2

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.1. (c)

Question:

Is the experience of key sub-contractors acceptable?

Answer:

DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.1 (c), in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:

- c. Have installation lead by **an installer** with at least 5 years' experience with modular indoor ranges, within the last 20 years as of the RFP posting date.; and

QUESTION 3

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.2.e

Question:

How long will the rate of fire be sustained for? Only a rubber mound trap is suitable for this rate of fire.

Answer:

DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.2 (e), in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:

- e. On full automatic at a sustained rate of up to 1,000 rds/min, for a maximum three-round burst per interval with a minimum of 15 second interval between burst.

QUESTION 4

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.8.2.b (i) & (ii)

Question:

The requirement for a rubber mound trap describes a proprietary item protected by Patent; this will limit competition without providing any operational advantages to the Government. The option to provide a Steel Vertical Helical Deceleration Chamber Trap described in 3.8.1.1 is effectively made redundant by the firing practices stated in 3.2.e. Will the Government accept alternative rubber mound traps which comply with the ammunition and anticipated usage requirements?

Answer:

The requirements identified in Volume 2 Annex C Clause 3.8.2 b i) & ii) are not mandatory. This is a desirable criteria that is applicable to the point rated evaluation.

DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.8.1.1, in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:

- 3.8.1.1 Steel Deceleration Chamber: If the range utilizes a steel deceleration chamber, the bullet trap must:
 - a. Collect and contain spent rounds and bullet fragments in removable containers capable of holding at minimum of 2,000 rounds per lane of coverage;
 - b. Have a full container indicator for each container;
 - c. Provide for quick access to, and replacement of, the bullet recovery containers without any special tools;
 - d. Have impact plates that are interchangeable and reversible;
 - e. Must include a removable and replaceable curtain wall made of a self-healing/self-sealing rubber covering the front of the bullet trap to prevent ricochets and fragments from returning to the shooter;
 - f. Utilize a dust collection system separate from the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) filtration system to manage particulates in the deceleration chamber. The dust collection system must: i. Pull dust, particulates, and air by negative pressure through an independent filtration system. The dust filtration system must meet the requirements of paragraph 3.15.3.2 Air Filtration.
 - g. Must not include vertical structures, which are not in line with lane walls, that could cause ricochets;
 - h. Must contain no mechanical system or moving parts for bullet and fragment deceleration or collection and containment, and normal operation; and

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- i. For the purpose of minimizing hazardous waste management costs, not rely on, or employ, any secondary media (including but not limited to wood, sand, water, rubber, or oil) to de-energize and capture bullet fragments and spent rounds, or contain lead dust.

QUESTION 5

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.9.g

Question:

Will the Government consider a Polyurethane floor finish on top of the anti-ricochet tile?

Answer:

DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.9 (g), in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:

- g. Have a vinyl or laminated covering, or polyurethane finish over the floor sound insulating and bullet containment floor tiles to enable ease of cleaning;

QUESTION 6

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.6.d.ii

Question:

Do the shooting stall walls have to protect shooters in adjacent lanes from negligent weapon discharges? If yes, to what standard and level?

Answer:

No

QUESTION 7

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.10.c

Question:

Is the window required to provide ballistic protection? If yes, to what standard and level?

Answer:

Yes, ballistic protection is required and to be deemed responsive and considered for contract award, the proposed range must meet the requirements of Volume 2 Annex C Clause 3.2.3, and Clause 3.9 b. ii.

QUESTION 8

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.13.1.a

Question:

Are proprietary doors and frames which are independently certificated as rated for the relevant ammunitions with less than 3/8" AR500 steel acceptable?

Answer:

No, the offered solution must meet the specifications outlined in Volume 2 Annex C in order to be considered responsive to the requirement and considered for contract award.

QUESTION 9

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.18.1.a.i.1.l

Question:

Page 6, Clause 3.5.h states that a minimum internal height of 2.2m is required. Can the Government confirm that 2.2m is sufficient?

Answer:

The following updates have been made to Volume 2 Annex C (note that another amendment regarding article 3.2.2 had been implemented under question 13):

- 1) DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.2.2 (g), in its entirety, and
REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:
 - g. Provide complete ballistic protection to all conduits, lighting, electrical and equipment downrange of the firing line, from direct fire in the designed direction(s) of fire. All ballistic protection and protrusions for ceiling mounted equipment and components must have a height clearance of 2.3 m unless otherwise specified;

- 2) DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.4 (b) iv, in its entirety, and
REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:
 - iv. Have a parallel wall opening, at least 5 m long and 2.3 m tall, beginning at least 5m downrange and no more than 10 m downrange, to allow shooters to pass laterally from the first lane to the last lane without moving down or up range;

- 3) DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.4 (i), in its entirety, and
REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:
 - i. Have a minimum interior ceiling height of 2.5 m; and
INSERT the previous article (i) as (j):

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- j. Be designed and manufactured to enable the standard policies and procedures outlined in B-GL-38-001/TS-000, Section 2, Chapter 3, Paragraphs 30 to 37.
- 4) INSERT The new article 3.7 (s) after existing article 3.7 (r):
- r. Have a rail with a height clearance of 2.3 m.
- 5) DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.18.1 (a) (i) 4 (I), in its entirety, and
REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:
- I. For the top bar, including light bar and cameras, from all projectiles fired down range. Ballistic protection for the top bar must have at least a 2.2 m height clearance;

QUESTION 10

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.12 e.

Question:

At what height above finish floor level should the specified illumination levels be achieved?

Answer:

The following updates have been made to Volume 2 Annex C:

- DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.12, in its entirety, and
REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:

3.12 Lighting

The range must have a complete lighting system that:

- a. Uses LED lighting only;
- b. Uses lights that are replaceable using commercially available components without specialized training;
- c. Has positioned and protected in a manner to ensure they will not be damaged or accidentally changed during normal operation of the range;
- d. Is made up of, and separately adjustable and controllable in, at a minimum the following location groups:
 - i. Exterior lighting;
 - ii. Each shooting lane or lane group;
 - iii. Control room;
 - iv. Shooting gallery / preparation area;
 - v. Each Shooting stall; and
 - vi. Complete range.

- e. Provides illumination levels for white light in accordance with MIL-STD-1472G Section 5.5.3; Illuminance: Minimum: 540 lux (50 fc); Preferred: 755 lux (70.0 fc); Maximum: 1075 lux (100 fc), in all areas of the range, **measured at a height of 76 cm;**
- f. Is fully adjustable in intensity by a minimum of 5% increments for the entire range interior from 100% light emissions to 0% light emissions
- g. Is fully dimmable between 10% and 0% light emissions by a minimum of 1% increments (Star Light), for the entire range interior, for use with night vision goggles (NVGs);
- h. Is in compliance with MIL-STD-1472G, Section 5.5.3.1.1 Workspace lighting - General;**
- i. Is in compliance with MIL-STD-1472G, Section 5.5.3.1.2 Workspace lighting - Location;**
- j. Is in compliance with MIL-STD-1472G, Section 5.5.3.1.3 Workspace lighting - Reach;**
- k. Is in compliance with MIL-STD-1472G, Section 5.5.3.1.4 Workspace lighting - Mounting;**
- l. Include strobe lighting or flashing coloured lighting in the lanes to provide shooter distraction training;
- m. Includes clearly labelled exterior red/green lighting mounted outside and next to the entrance doors and maintenance hatches to be used as a range status indicator, where red colour indicates "No Entry" / "Loaded Weapon" modes; and green colour indicates "Entry" / "Non-Loaded Weapon" modes;
- n. Includes lighting to illuminate a minimum 3 m by 3 m area just outside the main entry way;
- o. Includes lighting to illuminate the exterior area within 2 m of the bullet trap collection areas and maintenance doors;
- p. Includes lighting to illuminate inside the maintenance and storage areas;
- q. Includes lighting controls in the maintenance areas for maintenance lighting ;
- r. Has exterior ground illuminating lighting that is automatically activated at night or in the low light conditions. The exterior ground lighting must include a high/low setting controlled by motion sensors; and
- s. Includes an emergency lighting system in accordance with the National Building Code of Canada 2010 (NBCC 2010). The emergency lighting system must:
 - i. Be independently powered;
 - ii. Automatically activate in the event of loss of power, or emergency situation requiring evacuation of the range, such as a fire;
 - iii. Provide full light for a at least 60 minutes;
 - iv. Light up the primary interior areas of the range to enable safe evacuation of the range; and
 - v. Provide light to the doorway landings both inside and outside the range covering a minimum area of 1 m x 2 m.

QUESTION 11

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.18.1

Question:

Page 24, Clause 3.18 states that two simulator systems will be installed. Please clarify?

Answer:

Please see the update to Volume 2 Annex C Clause 3.18 below.

The Crown has 3 simulator systems, each with the components outlined in Clause 3.18 a., and one complete set of the components outlined in Clause 3.18 b. set aside for use in the range. After acceptance of the range in accordance with Volume 2 Annex B, the Crown will install at least 2 of the simulator systems, with all of the components outlined in Volume 2 Annex C Clause 3.18 a in the range for use by personnel training in the range.

DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.18, in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted article with the following:

3.18 Simulator System Compatibility

The range must be fitted for and fully compatible with the virtual / live fire simulator systems to be installed by the Crown and its authorized installer. The simulator system that will be installed is the "Meggitt FATS 100-MIL". The range must provide protection to and enable the full functionality of the simulator systems. Two (2) simulator systems will be installed in the range.

- a. Each simulator system includes the following components:
 - i. Quantity 1 – Tension mounted image screen, with bullet detection system (2 light bar sections, cameras, and diffusion plates) dimensions: 3650 mm wide, 2187 mm tall, 577 mm deep;
 - ii. Quantity 1 – Projector;
 - iii. Quantity 1 – Operator station (Monitor, keyboard, mouse, joystick controller);
 - iv. Quantity 1 – Rack mounted computer components (router, image generator, OCR and simulator computer) mounted in a portable box;
 - v. Quantity 1 – Shooter tablet; and
Power cables and Cat 6 cables.
- b. The following accessories will also be provided
 - i. Quantity 1 – Trainer tablet;
 - ii. Quantity 1 – Look-back camera; and
 - iii. Quantity 1 – Hostile Shoot back gun with Joystick controller.

QUESTION 12

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.18.

Question:

The specification calls for Meggitt System. Would the Government consider an alternative simulation system?

Answer:

As per Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.18, DND already owns the specified simulators. Bidders are only required to design their range solution to be able to accommodate these simulators.

QUESTION 13

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.2.1

Question:

What is the anticipated usage for side wall engagement?

Answer:

The following updates have been made to Volume 2 Annex C:

- 1) DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.2.1 and 3.2.2, in its entirety, and
REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted articles with the following:

3.2.1 Lead-Free Ammunition

The range must be compatible with lead-free ammunition with the same maximum ballistic properties of the current lead NATO standard ammunition as specified in paragraph 3.2 Ballistic Requirements.

3.2.2 Estimated Usage

- a. An estimated minimum 35,000 rounds of 9mm and 5.56mm combined will be fired in the range each month;
- b. An estimated maximum 875 rounds, per lane, of 9mm and 5.56mm combined will be fired in an 8 hour training period; and
- c. If the range enables multi-directional shooting as specified in paragraph 3.4.1 a.i. – Desired Configuration, an estimated 1,000 rounds per month will be fired at each side wall available.

- 2) INSERT the new Volume 1 Annex C Article 3.2.3 under existing Article 3.2.2:

3.2.3 Ballistic Protection Coverage

The range must:

- a. Offer 100% ballistic containment and protection;
- b. Fully contain and prevent all projectiles, which meet the ballistic requirements outlined in paragraph 3.2 - Ballistic Requirements, fired from any point in the shooting area, in any direction or angle up-range, downrange, or cross-range from exiting the range and shooting areas;
- c. Have a Zero Surface Danger Zone (0-SDZ) and be certifiable as a zero-template range by the CF authority in accordance with B-GL-381-001/TS-000;
- d. Utilize, at a minimum, a ballistic envelope composed of 3/8" AR500 steel;
- e. Be designed and constructed to prevent any ricochets back towards the origin of fire;
- f. Be designed and constructed to prevent any ricochets back towards the firing line;
- g. Provide complete ballistic protection to all conduits, lighting, electrical and equipment downrange of the firing line, from direct fire in the designed direction(s) of fire. All ballistic protection and protrusions for ceiling mounted equipment and components must have a height clearance of 2.3 m unless otherwise specified;
- h. All ballistic rubber tiles must be:
 - i. At least 5 cm thick; and
 - ii. Removable and replaceable.
- i. Not included concrete or wood as a bullet capture or ricochet prevention material.

QUESTION 14

Volume 2 Annex B – Statement of Work, Clause: 3.2.3

Question:

Will physical attendance at the PRM be mandatory or will video conferencing facilities be used?

Answer:

Physical attendance at the PRM's is not mandatory. If available video conferencing will be permitted. If due to interference by the Crown's IT infrastructure, video conference is not possible, the Crown will travel to a Contractor's facility for the PRM's. In the event that Crown representatives travel to a Contractor's facility, Contractor representatives who are able to attend by video conference to a PRM hosted at the Contractor's facility are not required to physically attend PRM's.

QUESTION 15

Volume 2 Annex B – Statement of Work, Clause: 3.2.4.a.iii

Question:

Will a live fire demonstration be required?

Answer:

No.

QUESTION 16

Volume 2 Annex B – Statement of Work Page: Clause: 5.1.1.a

Question:

Clause 3.3.1 of the same document states all documentation must be in English. Please confirm which statement is correct?

Answer:

Volume 2 Annex B Clause 3.3.1.a, refers to the project management documentation only as specified in Clause 3.3 and its sub-clauses.

As stated in Volume 2 Annex B Clause 5.1.1.a, all ILS documentation must be in English and Canadian French unless otherwise specified

To further clarify language requirements under the contracts, the following changes have been made:

- 1) DELETE Volume 2 Annex B Article 4.5.3.2, in its entirety, and
REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted articles with the following:

4.5.3.2 Visit Clearance Request

At least 30 days prior to any meeting (including delivery and installation), on a DND facility, the contractor must provide a complete list of attendees to the TA to complete a visit clearance request, **in English or Canadian French**. The list of attendees must include:

- a. Full name (First, Last, Initials);
- b. Birthdate;
- c. Birth Location;
- d. Personal Reference Identifier (PRI) if available;
- e. Security Clearance; and
- f. Nationality.

2) DELETE Volume 2 Annex B Article 5.1.2.1, in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted articles with the following:

5.1.2.1 Draft Documentation

Draft copies of the following technical documents must be submitted to the TA, **in English only**:

- a. Operator manual – 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled arrival of the range at the installation site, one (1) electronic copy;
- b. Maintenance manual – 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled arrival of the range at the installation site, one (1) electronic copy;
- c. Preliminary Range Layout Drawings – Within 30 calendar days of contract award, one (1) electronic copy, and two (2) paper copies (one copy on 8.5" x 14" and one on minimum 11" x 17", or their ANSI equivalents);
- d. Spare parts list – 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled arrival of the range at the installation site, one (1) electronic copy;
- e. Recommended spare parts list – 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled arrival of the range at the installation site, one (1) electronic copy;
- f. Range infrastructure requirements – Within 30 calendar days of contract award, one (1) electronic copy; and
- g. Training documentation – 60 calendar days prior to the scheduled arrival of the range at the installation site, one (1) electronic copy.

Documentation provided for bidding purposes will not be considered delivered for contract purposes.

The TA must approve all documentation before final acceptance of the range will be provided. The Contractor must update and revise the documentation as directed by the TA within 15 business days of receipt of feedback.

When a draft copy of documentation is received by the TA, the TA will provide written feedback to the Contractor for editing or confirmation of approval of the document within the later of:

- a. Ten (10) business days from document receipt; or
- b. Ten (10) business days of the initial inspection as outlined in paragraph 3.2.3 Initial Inspection at Contractors Facility.

Please note that manuals are returned to a contractor for correction or amendment an average of two to three (2 to 3) times before a final version is approved.

QUESTION 17

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.7.1 (a)

Question:

The requirement describes a proprietary item; will the Government accept a target system with the same feature but is mechanically driven by an aircraft cable? The cable transmits no data or power and is hidden to prevent damage from misdirected shots or ricochet.

Answer:

Requirement 3.7.1 (a) is not a mandatory requirement and not providing will not make a bid non-responsive. 3.7.1 (a) is a desirable criteria that is applicable to the point rated evaluation.

QUESTION 18

Volume 2 Annex C – Specification, Clause: 3.7.1 (c)

Question:

The requirement describes a proprietary item; this will limit competition without providing any operational advantages to the Government. Will the Government accept alternatives?

Answer:

DELETE Volume 2 Annex C Article 3.7.1 (c), in its entirety, and

REPLACE the above-mentioned deleted articles with the following:

3.7.1 Target Desirable options

It is desirable that the target retriever:

- a. Is wireless and does not use wires or cables to transmit power or data to and from the target retriever. When at low power, wireless target retrievers must automatically dock, and indicate low power;
- b. Has hit sensors that can detect, and respond to hits on the installed target at a minimum rate of 1000 rounds per minute. The retriever must be capable of the following movements
 - i. Edge or back when hit; and
 - ii. Edge or back when hit after a predetermined number of hits.
- c. Is provided with at least two redundant drive motor for each retriever; and
- d. Allows for the adjustment of the height, by at least 0.5 m, of installed targets for use with different shooting positions.

QUESTION 19

Volume 2 Annex C - Specification:

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Canada has included a large number of desirable criteria in its RFP for the range. It is not possible to provide all of the desirable requirements for the budget provided. Would Canada consider removing some criteria?

Answer:

No.

It is not expected that all desirable criteria will be offered for the maximum acquisition budget threshold. Canada has provided the following information in the RFP Package:

- i. The maximum budget for the initial acquisition contract.
- ii. A detailing of the desirable criteria with a weighted value for each to indicate the value of a particular criteria to the Crown. Items that are considered of high worth or usefulness to the Crown have been assigned a higher point value. Cost to provide a desirable criteria was not and will not be considered in the assignment of point value to a criteria.

Canada has provided the mentioned information so that all bidders have as much information as is available. The expectation is this will allow bidders to determine what the best valued proposition(s) they can offer to the Crown without exceeding the budget available. Whether a bidder chooses to offer a lower cost range with no or minimal desirable criteria, a higher cost range with as many desirable criteria as possible (while remaining below the Maximum Acquisition Budget threshold), something in the middle, or multiple offerings is up to the bidder(s).

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