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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

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

Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire, les modalités de l'invitation demeurent les mêmes.

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Title - Sujet Helmet System for the SAR Tech Com.	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8485-174411/A	Amendment No. - N° modif. 003
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Amendment 003 to the Request for Proposal is raised to make modifications and answer questions.

All other terms and conditions of the solicitation remain the same.

A proposal already submitted may be amended prior to closing time by sending the amended correspondence to Bid Receiving, the envelope/fax bearing the Request for proposal No. W8485-174411/A and the closing date of April 12th, 2018.

MODIFICATIONS

Modification #1

ENCLOSURE 1 OF APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX D
PART 1 - Mandatory Technical Criteria Screening
BID EVALUATION FORM FOR THE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) TECHNICIAN
HELMET SYSTEM (STHS)

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4	SOW 4.1(d) Protect the wearers face and eyes and not cause the wearer's vision to be obscured nor result in any unwanted adverse contact with the wearer's head or	Does the bidder state that they comply with the requirement and provide documentation or proof in their proposal.	

	neck when there is maximum amount of STHS displacement in operational use while allowing for the wearer to make adjustments with one hand while wearing gloves. It must allow for unobscured vision in high light day time and very low light night time conditions. It must not interfere with the wearing of personal prescription eyewear.		
5	SOW 4.1 (e). Accommodate fitment of EADs (External Attachment Devices) if any, securely and stable throughout all mission scenarios as indicated in 5.1(b). EADs if any will be easily adaptable and changeable by SAR Techs to function during the different phases of the particular mission as it changes	Does the bidder state that they comply with the requirement and provide documentation or proof in their proposal.	
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7	SOW 4.1 (g) Provide secure facial and visual protection through the range of missions conducted from FW and RW AC throughout all scenarios as indicated in 5.1 (b);	Does the bidder state that they comply with the requirement and provide documentation or proof in their proposal.	
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14	SOW 4.1. (n) Provide a positive indication to the wearer, either sound or physical, when the retention system is engaged	Does the bidder state that they comply with the requirement and provide documentation or proof in their proposal.	
15	SOW 4.1. (o) Material that comes into contact with SAR Tech must be such that it prevents sweating in warmer temperatures and warms quickly in colder temperatures.	Does the bidder state that they comply with the requirement and provide documentation or proof in their proposal.	
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QUESTIONS

Q1

Per subject RFP, Table 2: Compliance Matrix Rated: Item #14, Rated Requirement – Weight, Evaluation Criteria - Must not exceed 4 lbs. with EADs attached, if any. EADs will be fitted to the helmet and the Helmet System will be weighed.

How many EADs are to be attached on helmet if more than 1 and what is the overall weight of these EADs?

A1

Helmet weight must not be greater than 4lbs including **bidder supplied EADs**. DND EADs weigh in 2185 grams /4.81 lbs and will not be used as an evaluation criteria. DND EADs include:

Night Vision Goggles – 400 grams/.89lbs
Counter weights – 385 grams /.85lbs
Face and eye shield components- 800 grams/1.76lbs
Communication Head Set – 600 grams/1.32

Q2

Ref: ENCLOSURE 1 OF APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX D, PART 1 - Mandatory Technical Criteria Screening, BID EVALUATION FORM FOR THE SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) TECHNICIAN HELMET SYSTEM (STHS)

Table 1: Compliance Matrix – Mandatory (Page 37/38 of 45) is missing row # 21. Is this a typo or is there content that needs adding?

A2

There is a correction required for Table 1: Compliance Matrix. Row 21 is missing and should have included SOW requirement SOW 4.1. (t) The STHS must have a shelf life when stored in the manufacturer's original packaging of not less than ten (10) years and while following supplier maintenance instructions, the STHS must remain serviceable for a minimum of ten (10) years;

Evaluation criteria: Does the bidder state that they comply with the requirement and provide documentation or proof in their proposal.

SEE MODIFICATION #1

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Q3

Can the contracting authority clarify what radio connections are required for use with both Fixed Wing and Rotary Wing aircraft (port connection types) as well as what personal borne mobile radio is to be used with the Communication system requested in this RFP?

A3

The current connector at end of helmet headset is U174/U and the TP106 for DND aircraft. The current radio used by SAR technicians is UHF/VHF (Motorola 6000 R) which has blue tooth wireless technology.

Q4

As the offered products are to be military/commercial off the shelf we request that the requirement for configuration management as per: "Annex D, Section 6.3 – Quality Assurance Program" be amended/deleted as this requirement seems to be more onerous than the RFP products require.

A4

DND requires a quality assurance program. This requirement will not be deleted.