

W6399-20LC66/A Questions and Answers #1

Question #1

As per Table 2: Compliance Matrix, “**Expertise and Proven Design**, The Bidder must be an experienced military garment manufacturer by having been in the business of manufacturing military garments for a minimum of five (5) years and having sold a minimum of five hundred (500) similar garments to an American, British, Canadian or Australian (ABCA) military force in the last five (5) years.”

I would like to ask if it is possible to change the wording of the experience from “bidder” to “manufacturer”.

Answer #1

The word Bidder must remain as it references the person who is submitting the bid, and the intent is to enter a Contract with the manufacturer. The bidder may be a joint venture with the manufacturer, thereby permitting the experience of the manufacturer to be used to prove compliance.

Question #2

The current leather spec appears to be an amalgam of different leather specs and there are conflicts inherent in this one. For example, the tender is calling for a leather with an oil tacky surface treatment. You can't have that and require oil resistance in the leather. Can you give me some guidance on how to proceed to make sure that the tender is asking for leather with achievable specs?

Answer #2

The material specification for the Goatskin is based upon the specification for the previous procurement (DSSPM 2-3-80-1672), and the same leather is required for this procurement.

Revised Annex C – Amdt 1 is attached that reflects the DSSPM specification

Question #3

Sourcing the fabric has been problematic. The fabric specified differs from what was used originally and sourcing it and testing it prior to closing date will be very difficult. We were wondering if we can be directed as to who made the specified fabric.

Answer #3

DND does not have a specific fabric in mind (other than being a nylon-polyester-spandex material suitable for gloving). Due to the ongoing situation, DND will accept fabric test results from the manufacturer in lieu of current test results as part of the bid. This does not by any means negate the requirement for post-contract testing of materials if required by DND in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFP/contract

Question #4

Can we submit the Pre-Award sample with a different color than an earth Tone for the Glove body and Fourchettes?

Answer #4

Yes, as long as you submit the letter as per Annex D, Section 2.0(a) “In the event that a component required to make the garment is not available to the Bidder in a time frame to manufacture the pre-award samples, the Bidder may use a similar substitute component. In this event, the Bidder must include a

letter explaining the substitution submitted with the pre-award sample(s), together with a statement that, should the Bidder be awarded the contract, all materials will be strictly in accordance with the technical requirement.

Question #5

Would Brown Coyote 476/498 be an acceptable color for the actual contract or is there another color being considered

Answer #5

FED-STD-595 Coyote 476/498 would be an acceptable color

Question #6

Would it be acceptable to make the Pre-Award sample in say a black and supply along with the sample some lab dips of each fabric in the Brown Coyote 476/498?

Answer #6

Yes, as long as you submit the letter as per Annex D, Section 2.0(a) "In the event that a component required to make the garment is not available to the Bidder in a time frame to manufacture the pre-award samples, the Bidder may use a similar substitute component. In this event, the Bidder must include a letter explaining the substitution submitted with the pre-award sample(s), together with a statement that, should the Bidder be awarded the contract, all materials will be strictly in accordance with the technical requirement."

Question #7

In Annex B to W6399-20-LC66/A in section 3.1 (b) it specifies Woven, Nylon Spandex face laminated to a polyester spandex velour fleece back. However in Table 1 the fiber content is a specifies a Nylon/polyester/spandex blend? Can this please be clarified? In fact, to our knowledge having such a high spandex percentage in these fabrics will yield fabrics which are too heavy to obtain the mass required for the laminate glove body and fourchettes.

Answer #7

The requirement is for a Woven, Nylon Spandex face laminated to a polyester spandex velour fleece back. DND does not have a specific fabric in mind; therefore the specific content of each material is not important as long as the material is suitable for gloving and the other properties specified are obtained.

Replace Fiber Content from Annex C, Table 1 as follows:

Property	Test Method	Specified Requirement	Minimum Acceptable	Maximum Acceptable
Fiber Content	CAN/CGSB 4.2 Test Method 14	nylon polyester spandex		

Question #8

I would respectfully ask for a closing extension, due to the Covid pandemic.

Answer #8

The closing date is extended by four (4) weeks to August 6, 2020

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED