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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 Multi-Cal Rifle System	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation W8476-196090/B	Amendment No. - N° modif. 002
Client Reference No. - N° de référence du client W8476-196090	Date 2020-09-10
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Signature	Date

The following changes to the tender documents are effective immediately. This amendment will form part of the contract documents.

Amendment 002 is issued for the following reason:

Publish Bidders' Questions and Answers.

Bidders' Questions and Answers

QUESTION # 1:

Under paragraph 7.4.2 Delivery Date of the Request for Proposal (RFP), specifically for sub-paragraph 7.4.2.1, which states that the Pre-Production Samples (PPS) rifles need to be delivered no later than 90 days after contract award, and the delivery times in the other sub-paragraphs in 7.4.2, would it be possible to have those timelines extended? Due to COVID slowdowns, the duration for getting licences and other exportation paperwork in a timely fashion has drastically increased, coupled with the limited amount of shipping options and dates when shipping internationally (again drastically affected by COVID), these time frames may not be sufficient to provide the product as requested. In these trying times, these factors should be taken into consideration, as if they are not, this could skew the tender to hurt products produced outside of the Dominion of Canada.

ANSWER # 1:

Canada could potentially offer a 15-day extension for delivery of PPS which would push the delivery schedule from 90 to 105 days if a formal and substantiated request is provided.

QUESTION # 2:

Reference Annex C Mandatory Technical Requirements, paragraph 3.1.3.8 states: "The 12 O'clock NATO rail must have a 40 MOA slanted angle, sloping down towards the front of the Rifle."

Is there any way this can be altered to offer a range of declination 20 MOA -40 MOA? The reason being that it will impact what we offer for the submission.

With respect to the 20 MOA declination with the combined elevation of the in-service day scope with the Canadian Forces (CF), it will allow for up to 2000 M adjustment under standard conditions. This is beyond the capability of the intended ammunition 250 Lapua .338. So 40 MOA would be rather excessive.

ANSWER # 2:

During requirements development for this solicitation, Canada conducted trials with the 40 MOA NATO rail and found that it meets the Snipers' operational requirements using the in-service ammunition in all weather conditions. Additionally, the rifles will be better equipped with a 40 MOA NATO rail if new ammunition/equipment with longer range capability are introduced into service in the future.

There will be no changes to Requirement 3.1.3.8.

QUESTION # 3:

In Annex C Mandatory Technical Requirements section 3.1.3.8, it states that the 12 O'clock NATO rail must have a 40 MOA slant. Would it be possible to have the requirement for this altered to reflect 20-40 MOA? If you use a 20 MOA rail in 338LM in conjunction with the 26 Mil of adjustment in a S&B PMII 5-25x56, there is more than enough adjustment to reach out to 2000m or more if need. Having a 40 MOA rail on the rifle when in 7.62, drastically reduces the amount of optical adjustment you have available at shorter ranges, as most of the adjustment is compensating for the 40 MOA.

ANSWER # 3:

Please see response in Answer # 2.

QUESTION # 4:

Would it be possible to get some clarification on a point in the Compliance Matrix?

Section 3.1.5.1 reads: "The Rifle design must prevent the bolt from being disengaged from the cocked position while the safety is in the "SAFE" position, in both configurations."

Furthermore, according to Appendix 2 to Annex D, "the evaluator will cock the bolt on the PPS rifle and set the safety in the "SAFE" position. The evaluator will then attempt to disengage the bolt from the cocked position."

The question is about verbiage. When the phrase "disengaged the bolt from the cocked position" is used, from a mechanical standpoint, this typically would infer that the firing pin is disengaged from the cocked position and allowed to protrude through the firing pin protrusion hole of the bolt. If this is asking that the rifle prevents the bolt from uncocking out of the battery position when the safety is engaged, we would ask that this requirement be amended. When looked at from a safety standpoint, it does not seem to be a safe practice to have to put a rifle into the "FIRE" position to unload it. This does increase the chances of accidental/negligent discharges.

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ANSWER # 4:

The Rifle safety operation is intended to be as described in Requirement 3.1.5.1 to meet the operational requirements of the Canadian Army Snipers. Canada is aware of safety concerns with this design; however, the intent is to prevent the bolt from accidentally disengaging from the cocked position while the safety is in the SAFE position during the sniper's movement or manoeuvring of the rifle.

There will be no changes to Requirement 3.1.5.1.

END OF AMENDMENT 002