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Revision to a Request for a Standing Offer

Révision à une demande d'offre à commandes

Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO)

Offre à commandes individuelle régionale (OCIR)

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

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Instructions: See Herein

Instructions: Voir aux présentes

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The Offeror hereby acknowledges this revision to its Offer. Le proposant constate, par la présente, cette révision à son offre.		
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For the Minister - Pour le Ministre		

Question1:

You were previously asked the following question: *If the over-white pants cover to the ankle of the boot, but not the toe is that sufficient?*

Your response was: *The over-white pants do not have to cover the toe of the black /earth tone boot provided the required white over boot is included in the submission from the Bidder.*

Having reviewed your response we're still working on trying to find a suitable over-white boot that is totally white, however having engaged with various leaders in this field (both industry and Arctic warfare experts) it appears there is not one on the market. Also, if we were to source one it would mean the wearer would have to wear a normal military boot and an over-boot at all times, which is normally reserved for only the most extreme cold conditions because they're very warm and reduce dexterity significantly. It is possible for us to source a totally white boot (upper and sole), but it is not a COTS product so there would be a minimum purchase of 3000 units and this would not be available for the trial period this coming winter. Cognizant of DND's desire to purchase COTS products I assume the requirements manager has seen something on the market so can you provide a clearer indication of what that is e.g. a specific product or more detailed product description?

DND Response 1:

The intent of the over-white requirement is to provide a level of camouflage in an Artic snow-covered environment. To that end, DND will except a full-white over boot or a black /earth tone boot as long as the over-white pant covers the upper portion of the boot down to the ankle/heel.

Amendment 11 deletes all of the text of the previous amendments (except questions and responses) and the original RFSO and replaces it with the following which does not make any further changes but incorporates all of the changes made in amendments 1 to 10.

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

The Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) is divided into seven parts plus attachments and annexes, as follows:

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| Part 1 | General Information: provides a general description of the requirement; |
| Part 2 | Offeror Instructions: provides the instructions applicable to the clauses and conditions of the RFSO; |
| Part 3 | Offer Preparation Instructions: provides Offerors with instructions on how to prepare their offer to address the evaluation criteria specified; |
| Part 4 | Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria which must be addressed in the offer, and the basis of selection; |
| Part 5 | Certifications and Additional Information: includes the certifications and additional information to be provided; |
| Part 6 | Security, Financial and Insurance Requirements: includes specific requirements that must be addressed by Offerors; and |
| Part 7 | 7A, Standing Offer, and 7B, Resulting Contract Clauses:

7A, includes the Standing Offer containing the offer from the Offeror and the applicable clauses and conditions;

7B, includes the clauses and conditions which will apply to any contract resulting from a call-up made pursuant to the Standing Offer. |

The Annexes include the Requirements, the Basis of Payment, Insurance Requirements, Standing Offer Reporting Form, Additional Certification Information, the Electronic Payment Instruments and the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification.

1.2 Summary

- 1.2.1 The Department of National Defence (DND) requires a regional individual standing offer (RISO) to supply a cold weather layering system (CWLS) for 4 categories of clothing (head to toe) that is suitable for use in climates from +5°C down to -50°C as specified in Annex "A". The CWLS are to be delivered to the Canadian Forces Base at Petawawa, Ontario on an as-and-when-requested basis for 5 years with an option to extend the Standing Offer for 5 more years.

This Request for Standing Offers, W6399-22LH75/A, is for Offers for Stage 1A, as described below. Stage 1B through Stage 3 will take place in accordance with a future Request for Standing Offers, W6399-22LH75/B.

This solicitation's evaluation will be conducted in multiple stages:

1. Stage 1A: Offers will be evaluated using the mandatory evaluation criteria to create a pre-qualified list of Offerors.
2. Stage 1B: The pre-qualified Offerors will be emailed Request for Standing Offer W6399-22LH75/B which is an invitation to submit their financial offers and offers for the point

rated technical evaluation criteria. Financial offers will be evaluated and the scores will be used in the Stage 3 Final Evaluation. Up to three (3) Offeror(s) who both meet or exceed the minimum technical score and who score the top 3 highest points against the point rated technical evaluation criteria will be issued a Standing Offer with a term from date of issuance to 30 April 2023. Canada will use these Standing Offers to purchase up to 20 proposed CWLS samples from each Standing Offer Holder for the next stage of the evaluation, which is an extensive Operational Performance Assessment. If there are less than 3 compliant Offerors at the conclusion of Stage 1B, Canada reserves the right to either proceed with the tender process, or cancel then rescope and retender.

3. Stage 2 Operational Performance Assessments: Offerors' sample CWLS will be assessed over a period of 4-6 months (anticipated Stage 2 evaluation period: 1 November 2022 to 31 March 2023) and be scored based on their performance.
4. Stage 3 Final Evaluation: The Standing Offer Holder whose offer is deemed the best value (based on a combination of weighted scores from the Operational Performance Assessment, the Financial Evaluation and the Social & Environmental Evaluation) for all categories of clothing will have their standing offer for all categories of clothing extended for 5 years with an option for Canada to extend their standing offer for 5 more years. The Standing Offer Holder(s) that achieve the higher performance score than the Best Value Standing Offer Holder in a specific category will also receive a 5 year extension with an option to extend for 5 more years for that category only.

1.2.2 The Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity applies to this procurement; refer to Part 5 – Certifications and Additional Information, Part 7A -Standing Offer, and Part 7B - Resulting Contract Clauses and the annex titled Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification.

1.2.3 This RFSO requires Offerors to use the epost Connect service provided by Canada Post Corporation to transmit their offers electronically. Offerors must refer to Part 2 of the RFSO entitled Offeror Instructions and Part 3 of the RFSO entitled Offer Preparation Instructions, for further information on using this method.

1.2.4 The Phased Bid Compliance Process applies to Stage 1A offers and financial offers in Stage 1B.

1.3 Debriefings

Offerors may request a debriefing on the results of the request for standing offers process. Offerors should make the request to the Standing Offer Authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the request for standing offers process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

1.4 Anticipated migration to an e-Procurement Solution (EPS)

Canada is currently developing an online EPS for faster and more convenient ordering of goods and services. In support of the anticipated transition to this system and how it may impact any resulting Standing Offer that is issued under this solicitation, refer to 7.13 Transition to an e-Procurement Solution (EPS). The Government of Canada's [press release](#) provides additional information.

PART 2 - OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) by number, date and title are set out in the [Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Offerors who submit an offer agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFSO and accept the clauses and conditions of the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s).

The [2006](#) (2020-05-28) Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the RFSO.

Subsection 5.4 of [2006](#), Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: 60 days
Insert: 400 days

Subsection 21 of 2006, Standard Instructions – Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, is amended as follows:

Delete: “21 (2016-04-04) Code of Conduct for Procurement—offer

The *Code of Conduct for Procurement* provides that Offerors must respond to Requests for Standing Offers (RFSO) in an honest, fair and comprehensive manner, accurately reflect their capacity to satisfy the requirements set out in the RFSO and resulting contract, submit offers and enter into contracts only if they will fulfill all obligations of the Contract. By submitting an offer, the Offeror is certifying that it is complying with the *Code of Conduct for Procurement*. Failure to comply with the *Code of Conduct for Procurement*, may render the offer non-responsive.”

Insert: “21 (2022-01-28) Code of Conduct for Procurement - offer

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2.2 Submission of Offers

Offers must be submitted only to the Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit specified below by the date and time indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation:

PWGSC Ontario Region Bid Receiving Unit

Only offers submitted using epost Connect service will be accepted. The Offeror must send an email requesting to open an epost Connect conversation to the following address:

TPSGC.oreceptiondessaoumissions-orbidreceiving.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

Note: Offers will not be accepted if emailed directly to this email address. This email address is to be used to open an epost Connect conversation, as detailed in Standard Instructions [2003](#), or to send offers through an epost Connect message if the offeror is using its own licensing agreement for epost Connect.

It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure the request for opening an epost Connect conversation is sent to the email address above at least six days before the solicitation closing date.

Due to the nature of the Request for Standing Offer, transmission of offers by facsimile or hardcopy to PWGSC will not be accepted.

Upon receiving the invitation from the Public Works and Government Services Canada's Standing Offer Authority, Offers for W6399-22LH75/B (as described in Part 4, Article 4.1.2.1) must be submitted only to the the Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit specified below by the date and time indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

2.3 Enquiries - Request for Standing Offers

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Standing Offer Authority no later than 10 calendar days before the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Offerors should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the RFSO to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by Offerors to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that Offerors do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all Offerors. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all Offerors may not be answered by Canada.

2.4 Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Ontario.

Offerors may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their offer, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Offerors.

2.5 Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms

- (a) Several mechanisms are available to potential Offerors to challenge aspects of the procurement process up to and including contract award.
- (b) Canada encourages Offerors to first bring their concerns to the attention of the Contracting Authority. Canada's [Buy and Sell](#) website, under the heading "[Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms](#)" contains information on potential complaint bodies such as:
 - Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO)
 - Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)
- (c) Offerors should note that there are **strict deadlines** for filing complaints, and the time periods vary depending on the complaint body in question. Offerors should therefore act quickly when they want to challenge any aspect of the procurement process.

PART 3 - OFFER PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Offer Preparation Instructions

- Canada requests that the Offeror submits its offer in accordance with section 08 of the 2006 standard instructions. The epost Connect system has a limit of 1GB per single message posted and a limit of 20GB per conversation. The offer must be gathered per section and separated as follows:

Section I: Technical Offer
Section II: Certifications

Prices must appear only in the financial offer, which is part of Stage 1B in W6399-22LH75/B. Prices must not be indicated in an offer submitted under Stage 1A in W6399-22LH75/A.

Due to the nature of the RFSO, offers transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process [Policy on Green Procurement](https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573) (<https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32573>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, Offerors should:

- 1) Include all environmental certification(s) relevant to your organization (e.g. ISO 14001, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Carbon Disclosure Project, etc.)
- 2) Include all environmental certification(s) or Environmental Product Declaration(s) (EPD) specific to your product/service (e.g. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), ENERGYSTAR, etc.)

Section I: Technical Offer

In their technical offer, Offerors should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work.

Part A: The Offeror must submit by epost Connect service by the closing date and time on page 1 of this solicitation their Technical Offer – Part A to demonstrate how they meet the mandatory technical evaluation criteria in 4.1.2.2 STAGE I – Part “A”, Mandatory Criteria.

Section II: Certifications

In response to this RFSO, Offerors must submit the certifications and additional information required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 Summary of Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Offers will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of W6399-22LH75/A including the technical evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada and contractors from Stoneworks Inc. and Calian Group Ltd. will evaluate the offers.

4.1.1 Phased Bid Compliance Process

4.1.1.1 General

- (a) Canada is conducting the PBCP described below for W6399-22LH75/A. Separately, Canada will be conducting the PBCP for the financial offer in W6399-22LH75/B. The financial offer PBCP will be described in W6399-22LH75/B.
- (b) Notwithstanding any review by Canada at Phase I of the PBCP, Offerors are and will remain solely responsible for the accuracy, consistency and completeness of their Bids and Canada does not undertake, by reason of this review, any obligations or responsibility for identifying any or all errors or omissions in Bids or in responses by a Offeror to any communication from Canada.

THE OFFEROR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE REVIEWS IN PHASE I OF THIS PBCP IS PRELIMINARY AND DOES NOT PRECLUDE A FINDING IN PHASE II THAT THE OFFEROR IS NON-RESPONSIVE, EVEN FOR MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN PHASE I AND NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE OFFER HAD BEEN FOUND COMPLIANT IN SUCH EARLIER PHASE. CANADA MAY DEEM AN OFFER TO BE NON-COMPLIANT TO A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT AT ANY PHASE. THE OFFEROR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ITS RESPONSE TO A NOTICE OR A COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT (CAR) (EACH DEFINED BELOW) IN PHASE I MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN RENDERING ITS OFFER COMPLIANT TO THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE NOTICE OR CAR, AND MAY RENDER ITS OFFER NON-COMPLIANT TO OTHER MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.

- (c) Canada may, in its discretion, request and accept at any time from an Offeror and consider as part of the Offer, any information to correct errors or deficiencies in the Offer that are clerical or administrative, such as, without limitation, failure to sign the Offer or any part or to checkmark a box in a form, or other failure of format or form or failure to acknowledge; failure to provide a procurement business number or contact information such as names, addresses and telephone numbers; inadvertent errors in numbers or calculations that do not change the amount the Offeror has specified as the price or of any component thereof that is subject to evaluation. This shall not limit Canada's right to request or accept any information after the bid solicitation closing in circumstances where the bid solicitation expressly provides for this right. The Offeror will have the time period specified in writing by Canada to provide the necessary documentation. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the Offer being declared non-responsive.
- (d) The PBCP does not limit Canada's rights under Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions (SACC) 2006 (2020-05-28) Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, nor Canada's right to request or accept any information during the solicitation period or after bid solicitation closing in circumstances where the bid solicitation expressly provides for this right, or in the circumstances described in subsection (c).

- (e) Canada will send any Notice or CAR by any method Canada chooses, in its absolute discretion. The Offeror must submit its response by the method stipulated in the Notice or CAR. Responses are deemed to be received by Canada at the date and time they are delivered to Canada by the method and at the address specified in the Notice or CAR. An email response permitted by the Notice or CAR is deemed received by Canada on the date and time it is received in Canada's email inbox at Canada's email address specified in the Notice or CAR. A Notice or CAR sent by Canada to the Offeror at any address provided by the Offeror in or pursuant to the Offer is deemed received by the Offeror on the date it is sent by Canada. Canada is not responsible for late receipt by Canada of a response, however caused.

4.1.1.2 Phase I: Technical Offer

- (a) Canada's review at Phase I will be limited to a review of the Technical Offer to identify any instances where the Offeror has failed to meet any Eligible Mandatory Criterion. This review will not assess whether the Technical Offer meets any standard or is compliant to all solicitation requirements. Eligible Mandatory Criteria are all mandatory technical criteria that are identified in this solicitation as being subject to the PBCP. Mandatory technical criteria that are not identified in the solicitation as being subject to the PBCP, will not be evaluated until Phase II.
- (b) Canada will send a written notice to the Offeror (Compliance Assessment Report or "CAR") identifying any Eligible Mandatory Criteria that the Offer has failed to meet. A Offeror whose Offer has been found responsive to the requirements that are reviewed at Phase I will receive a CAR that states that its Offer has been found compliant to the requirements reviewed at Phase I. Such Offeror shall not be entitled to submit any response to the CAR.
- (c) A Offeror shall have the period specified in the CAR (the "Remedy Period") to remedy the failure to meet any Eligible Mandatory Criterion identified in the CAR by providing to Canada in writing additional or different information or clarification in response to the CAR. Responses received after the end of the Remedy Period will not be considered by Canada, except in circumstances and on terms expressly provided for in the CAR.
- (d) The Offeror's response must address only the Eligible Mandatory Criteria listed in the CAR as not having been achieved, and must include only such information as is necessary to achieve such compliance. Any additional information provided by the Offeror which is not necessary to achieve such compliance will not be considered by Canada, except that, in those instances where such a response to the Eligible Mandatory Criteria specified in the CAR will necessarily result in a consequential change to other parts of the Offer, the Offeror shall identify such additional changes, provided that its response must not include any change to the Financial Offer.
- (e) The Offeror's response to the CAR should identify in each case the Eligible Mandatory Criterion in the CAR to which it is responding, including identifying in the corresponding section of the original Offer, the wording of the proposed change to that section, and the wording and location in the Offer of any other consequential changes that necessarily result from such change. In respect of any such consequential change, the Offeror must include a rationale explaining why such consequential change is a necessary result of the change proposed to meet the Eligible Mandatory Criterion. It is not up to Canada to revise the Offeror's Offer, and failure of the Offeror to do so in accordance with this subparagraph is at the Offeror's own risk. All submitted information must comply with the requirements of this solicitation.
- (f) Any changes to the Offer submitted by the Offeror other than as permitted in this solicitation, will be considered to be new information and will be disregarded. Information submitted in accordance with the requirements of this solicitation in response to the CAR will replace, in full, only that part of the original Offer as is permitted in this Section.

- (g) Additional or different information submitted during Phase I permitted by this section will be considered as included in the Offer, but will be considered by Canada in the evaluation of the Offer at Phase I only for the purpose of determining whether the Offer meets the Eligible Mandatory Criteria. It will not be used at any Phase of the evaluation to increase any score that the original Offer would achieve without the benefit of such additional or different information. For instance, an Eligible Mandatory Criterion that requires a mandatory minimum number of points to achieve compliance will be assessed at Phase I to determine whether such mandatory minimum score would be achieved with such additional or different information submitted by the Offeror in response to the CAR. If so, the Offer will be considered compliant in respect of such Eligible Mandatory Criterion, and the additional or different information submitted by the Offeror shall bind the Offeror as part of its Offer, but the Offeror's original score, which was less than the mandatory minimum for such Eligible Mandatory Criterion, will not change, and it will be that original score that is used to calculate any score for the Offer
- (h) Canada will determine whether the Offer is compliant for the requirements reviewed at Phase I, considering such additional or different information or clarification as may have been provided by the Offeror in accordance with this Section. If the Offer is not found compliant for the requirements reviewed at Phase I to the satisfaction of Canada, then the Offer shall be considered non-compliant and will receive no further consideration.
- (i) Only offers found compliant to the requirements reviewed in Phase I to the satisfaction of Canada, will receive a Phase II evaluation.

4.1.1.3 Phase II: Final Evaluation of the Offer

- (a) In Phase II, Canada will complete the evaluation of all Offers found compliant to the requirements reviewed at Phase I. Offers will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the solicitation including the technical evaluation criteria.
- (b) An Offer is non-compliant and will receive no further consideration if it does not meet all mandatory evaluation criteria of the solicitation.

4.1.2 Technical and Financial Evaluation

4.1.2.1 The evaluation will include multiple stages as follows:

Stage 1: To be conducted in two parts:

Part A: Mandatory Criteria in RFSO W6399-22LH75/A

Evaluation of Mandatory Technical Criteria (set out in s. 4.1.2.2 below). Canada will apply the Phased Bid Compliance Process for evaluation of every mandatory technical criteria in Stage 1 Part A. All Offerors will be notified of their result from Stage I Part A at the conclusion of Stage I Part A evaluation. Offerors that are not compliant with all of the Mandatory Technical Criteria will receive no further consideration. Offerors who are deemed compliant will be invited by email to participate in a subsequent solicitation, RFSO W6399-22LH75/B.

Part B: Point Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria and Financial Evaluation in RFSO W6399-22LH75/B:

Offerors who are invited to participate in RFSO W6399-22LH75/B will be asked to submit a Financial offer, Technical offer, and a Socio-Economic & Environmental Benefits offer for Stage I Part B. Canada will apply the Phased Bid Compliance Process for evaluation of every mandatory financial criteria in Stage 1 Part B. The Phased Bid Compliance Process will NOT apply to the Point Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria.

The Offeror must receive a minimum Technical Score of 70% (139 out of 198 points available) against Stage 1 Part B's Point Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria in order to be deemed responsive. Offerors deemed non-compliant are given no further consideration. All invited Offerors will be notified of their Stage I Part B evaluation result at the conclusion of Stage I Part B evaluation. If there are less than 3 compliant Offerors at the conclusion of Stage 1 Part B, Canada reserves the right to either proceed with the tender process, cancel and rescope and retender, or cancel the tender. The three (3) compliant Offerors that score the top three highest points against the Point Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria will each receive a Standing Offer. Canada will use the issued Call-ups against these 3 Standing Offers to order up to 20 samples of each Offeror's CWLS to conduct the Stage 2 evaluation.

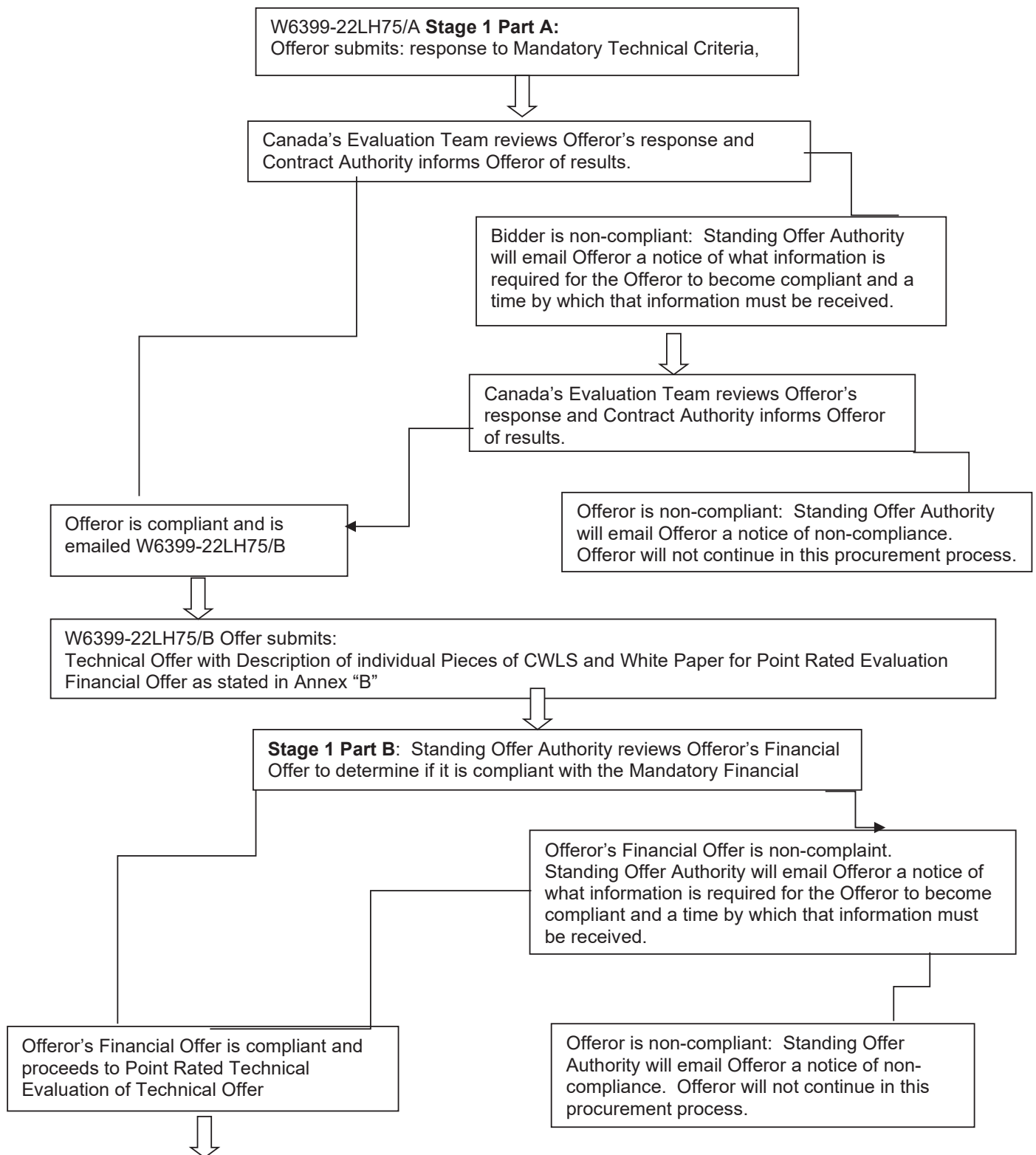
Stage 2: Operational Performance Assessments in RFSO W6399-22LH75/B

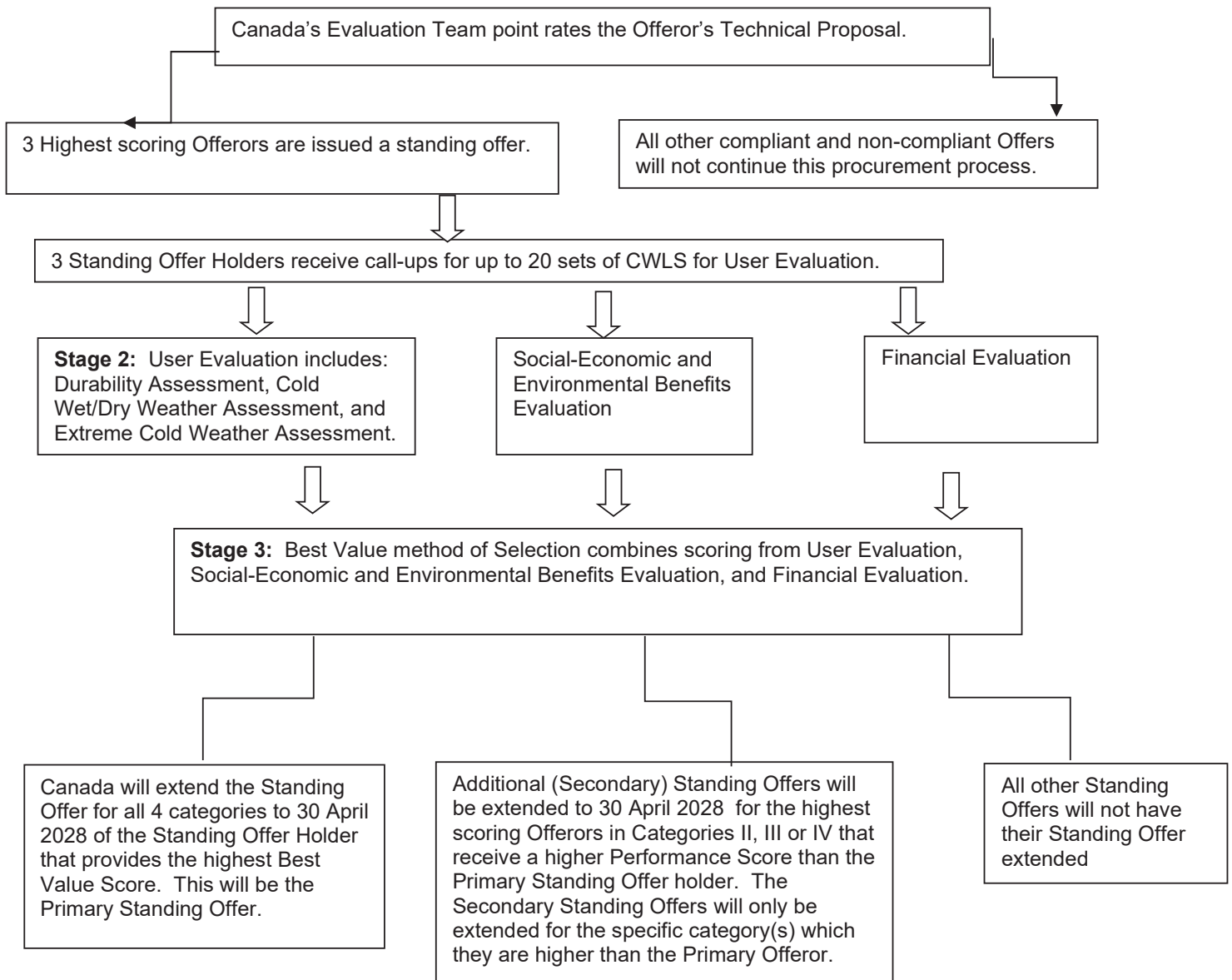
Each Standing Offer Holder's CWLS will be evaluated in the specified environmental conditions and methods described in the RFSO invitation with an assessment period of four to six (4-6) months. The CWLS will be inspected for compliant to the High Level Mandatory Requirements (Annex "A") by Canada's Evaluation Team and will not be further evaluated if it is deemed to be non-compliant with any of the High Level Mandatory Requirements.

Stage 3: In RFSO W6399-22LH75/B, the Offeror's CWLS Performance Score for all categories will be summarized and Offerors that do not achieve a score of 75% of the maximum available score will be considered non-compliant and will not receive further evaluation. The CWLS Performance Scores from each category will be weighted and added together to calculate the Weighted Performance Score. The Offeror's CWLS pricing will be prorated against the other compliant Offers' pricing and weighted to calculate a Pricing Score. The Offerors' Socio-Economic & Environmental Benefits will be evaluated and their score will be weighted. The Offerors' Best Value Score will be calculated by adding together their weighted Price Score and their weighted Performance Score and their weighted Socio-Economic & Environmental Benefits Score. Canada will extend the Standing Offer for all 4 categories (for 5 years) of the Standing Offer Holder that provides the highest Best Value Score to Canada. This standing offer will be the Primary Standing Offer.

Additional (Secondary) Standing Offers will be extended (for 5 years) for the highest scoring Offerors that receive a higher Performance Score in Categories II, III or IV than the Primary Standing Offer holder. The Secondary Standing Offers will only be extended for the specific category(s) which they are higher than the Primary Offeror.

4.2 Flow Chart of Procurement Process





4.3 Stage 1 Part A Mandatory Technical Criteria

The Offer must include the proof of compliance to demonstrate how the Offeror complies with each of the mandatory criteria listed in the table below. Canada's Evaluation Team's decision will take precedence if they determine the Offeror is not compliant against a criteria. The Offeror may provide different examples for each item in the Mandatory Technical Criteria. Where the Offeror is an authorized distributor of cold weather layering systems, the development and manufacturing experience of the Offeror's manufacturer of their proposed CWLS may be used to demonstrate Offeror's compliance. Canada will only evaluate the information provided in the Offer, If the Offer only provides a link to a website or to an electronic database, Canada will NOT evaluate information listed on websites or electronic databases. It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure the required proof of compliance document or information is included in the Offer, and that the location of the said proof of compliance is specified in the table below. Failure to provide proof of compliance in the Offer will result in the Offer being deemed as non-compliant and not considered any further.

Item #	Mandatory Technical Criteria	Proof of Compliance	Location of supporting information in the Offer (e.g. page number, paragraph number etc.)
1	The Offeror must be an experienced manufacturer and/or distributor that has been in the business of developing, manufacturing and delivering a multi-garment cold weather layering system which was used or intended for use by an NATO or American, British, Canadian, Australian or New Zealand (ABCA) Military force, or a North American (United States or Canadian) or Scandinavian Federal Law Enforcement Agency.	<p>The Offeror must provide:</p> <p>(A) Recent contracts where the Offeror delivered over 200 Category I sets of a cold weather layering system to an ABCA or NATO country for use by a military, or a North American (United States or Canadian) or Scandinavian Federal Law Enforcement Agency within the last 5 years from the closing date of this RFSO. Cumulative sales over multiple contracts is acceptable. Where the Offeror is an authorized distributor, the sales of the manufacturer may be used to demonstrate compliance;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>(B) For each of the Offeror's examples mentioned above in (A): Customer description including country and name of the Military or Police Force, contract number(s), contract award dates, delivery timelines, and quantities delivered, and the name of manufacturer if the Offeror is an authorized distributor.</p>	
2	The Offeror must demonstrate experience with providing customer support throughout the duration of contracts.	The Offeror must provide minimum two (2) examples of how customer satisfaction was managed throughout the life of the contract.	

3	The Offeror must demonstrate they have a supply chain that supports effective delivery throughout the duration of contracts.	The Offeror must provide minimum two (2) examples of how their supply chain effectiveness was maintained throughout the life of the contract, for example but not limited to: dealing with unexpected logistic interruption or unexpected cost due to pandemic restriction, material shortage, strike etc.	
4	The Offeror must demonstrate experience with managing contracts to ensure customer requirements were met.	The Offeror must provide minimum two (2) examples of how contracts were managed to ensure the customer's deliverables and requirements were continuously met and exceeded.	
5	The Offeror must demonstrate experience with managing garment configuration and responding to customer requirements for design changes.	The Offeror must provide minimum two (2) examples of how minor changes in clothing design were implemented to accommodate updated interface requirements by the Offeror or the Customer as necessitated by new equipment and availability of improved materials.	
6	The Offeror must have a documented Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) system in place for the manufacture of the clothing.	The Offeror must provide details on the quality standards to which the clothing is manufactured and the QA/QC system used to ensure those standards are maintained.	

4.1.2.4 Pre-qualified Offerors of W6399-22LH75/A

Offers that are deemed compliant with all the Mandatory Technical Criteria will be pre-qualified and emailed Request for Standing Offer W6399-22LH75/B, which will be their invitation to submit a Financial Offer, Technical Offer and a Socio-Economic & Environmental Benefits Offer for subsequent stages of the evaluation.

PART 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Offerors must provide the required certifications and additional information to be issued a standing offer.

The certifications provided by Offerors to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise, Canada will declare an offer non-responsive, will have the right to set-aside a standing offer, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Offeror is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly during the offer evaluation period, during the Standing Offer period, or during the contract period.

The Standing Offer Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Offeror's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Standing Offer Authority will render the offer non-responsive, result in the setting aside of the Standing Offer or constitute a default under the Contract.

5.1 Certifications Required with the Offer

Offerors must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their offer.

5.1.1 Integrity Provisions - Declaration of Convicted Offences

In accordance with the Integrity Provisions of the Standard Instructions, all Offerors must provide with their offer, **if applicable**, the declaration form available on the [Forms for the Integrity Regime](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html) website (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html>), to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.1.2 Non-Disclosure Agreement

The Non-Disclosure Agreement contained in Annex "D" must be signed by all personnel that will have access to the Stage 1B and Stage 2 evaluation information.

5.1.3 Ethical procurement certification

The ethical considerations for procurement of apparel certification document attached to this solicitation is incorporated by reference into, and forms a binding part of the bid solicitation. The Offeror must comply with the certification.

By submitting a bid in response to this bid solicitation, the Offeror certifies that:

- a. it has read and understands the certification attached to this solicitation;
- b. it understands that the eight fundamental human and labour rights laid out in the certification document must be complied with or the bid may be declared non-responsive, or Canada may terminate any resulting contract for default.

5.1.3.1 - Ethical procurement certification

The Offeror certifies the following:

1. Child labour

The Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors do not employ child labour, i.e. work done by children who are younger than the minimum age for admission to employment indicated in applicable legislation in the country, and no younger than the age at which compulsory schooling has been set in applicable legislation in the country. In any event, children are protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development. Employees younger than 18 shall not perform hazardous work, which includes work that may jeopardize their health, safety or morals.

2. Forced labour

The Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors do not use forced labour or compulsory labour in all its forms, including trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced or compulsory labour, namely any work or service that is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty, and for which that person has not offered himself or herself voluntarily.

3. Abuse and harassment

The Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors treat their employees with dignity and respect. No employees shall be subject to any physical, sexual or verbal harassment, abuse or violence or psychological hazards. Corporal punishment is not used or tolerated in any form.

4. Discrimination

The Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors do not discriminate against their employees in hiring practices or any other term or condition of work (other than legitimate occupational requirements allowed by law) on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, family status, genetic characteristics, disability or conviction of any offence for which a pardon has been granted or in respect of which a record of suspension has been ordered.

5. Freedom of association and collective bargaining

Where provided for by law, the Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors shall recognize and respect the right of employees to freely associate, organize and bargain collectively with their employer. No employee or worker representative shall be subject to discrimination, harassment, intimidation or retaliation as a result of his or her efforts to freely associate, organize or bargain collectively. Where the right to freedom of association is restricted under law, the Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors must provide workers alternative means of association, including effective means to express and remedy workplace grievances.

6. Occupational safety and health

The Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors provide workers with a safe and healthy work environment and, at minimum, comply with local and national health and safety laws. If residential facilities are provided to workers, they are safe and healthy.

7. Fair wages

The Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors provide wages and benefits which comply with all applicable laws and regulations and which match or exceed the local prevailing wages and benefits in the relevant industry or which constitute a living wage, whichever provides greater wages and benefits. Where compensation does not provide a living wage, the Offeror and its first-tier subcontractors shall ensure that real wages are increased annually to continuously close the gap with living wage.

8. Hours of work

Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Offeror's and its first-tier subcontractors' employees are not required to work more than the lesser of (a) 48 hours per week and 12 hours overtime per week, or (b) the limits on regular and overtime hours allowed by the law of the country of manufacture.

5.1.4 Origin of work

Offerors must provide the name, address and country of manufacturers of the item(s), including subcontractors, to be utilized in the performance of the contract. This includes manufacturers and subcontractors that will be doing a portion of the work on the items (e.g. cutting or sewing), but not manufacturers and suppliers of fabric, trim and accessories (e.g. zippers, hook and loop tape).

The following manufacturer(s)/subcontractor(s) will be utilized in the performance of the contract:

- a. Name and complete address of manufacturer/subcontractor: _____
- b. Location where work will be performed: _____ (please indicate the complete address if different from the address provided in a.)
- c. Nature of manufacturing/subcontracting work performed: _____

(Enter the information for each manufacturer/subcontractor)

Manufacturers/subcontractors, other than those listed above, may not be utilized without the written permission of Canada.

The Offeror agrees that Canada may publicly disclose the information provided with respect to the countries of origin.

Offerors must immediately inform Canada in writing of any and all changes affecting the information provided under this clause during the entire bid validity period.

5.2 Certifications Precedent to the Issuance of a Standing Offer and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the offer, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Standing Offer Authority will inform the Offeror of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame provided will render the offer non-responsive.

5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – Required Documentation

In accordance with the section titled Information to be provided when bidding, contracting or entering into a real property agreement of the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html) (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html>), the Offeror must provide the required documentation, as applicable, to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.2.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Standing Offer Certification

By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror, and any of the Offeror's members if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list) available at the bottom of the page of the [Employment and Social Development Canada-Labour's](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/canada-labour's) website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/employment-equity/federal-contractor-program.html#s4>).

Canada will have the right to declare an offer non-responsive, or to set-aside a Standing Offer, if the Offeror, or any member of the Offeror if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of issuing of a Standing Offer or during the period of the Standing Offer.

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Canada will also have the right to terminate the Call-up for default if a Contractor, or any member of the Contractor if the Contractor is a Joint Venture, appears on the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list during the period of the Contract.

The Offeror must provide the Standing Offer Authority with a completed annex titled Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification, before the issuance of a Standing Offer. If the Offeror is a Joint Venture, the Offeror must provide the Standing Offer Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification, for each member of the Joint Venture.

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PART 6 - SECURITY, FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Security Requirements

There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

6.2 Financial Capability

SACC Manual clause [M9033T](#) (2011-05-16) Financial Capability

PART 7 - STANDING OFFER AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

A Standing Offer will not be issued as a result of the evaluation of W6399-22LH75/A. The Standing Offer(s) will be issued as a result of the evaluation of W6399-22LH75/B. The information contained in Part 7 applies to the standing offer(s) that will be issued as a result of the evaluation of W6399-22LH75/B.

A. STANDING OFFER

7.1 Offer

7.1.1 The Offeror offers to fulfill the requirement in accordance with the Requirement at Annex "A".

7.2 Security Requirements

7.2.1 There is no security requirement applicable to the Standing Offer.

7.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s) by number, date and title are set out in the [Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual](https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

7.3.1 General Conditions

2005 (2017-06-21) General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services, apply to and form part of the Standing Offer.

Subsection 14 of 2005 General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services is amended as follows:

Delete: "2005 14 (2016-04-04) Code of Conduct for Procurement—Standing Offer
The Offeror agrees to comply with the *Code of Conduct for Procurement* (<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/cndt-cndct/contexte-context-eng.html>) and to be bound by its terms for the period of the Standing Offer and of any resulting contracts."

Insert: "2005 14 (2022-01-28) Code of Conduct for Procurement - Standing Offer
The Offeror agrees to comply with the [Code of Conduct for Procurement](https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/cndt-cndct/cca-ccp-eng.html) (<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/app-acq/cndt-cndct/cca-ccp-eng.html>) Code of Conduct for Procurement and to be bound by its terms for the period of the Standing Offer and of any resulting contracts."

7.4 Term of Standing Offer

7.4.1 Period of the Standing Offer

The period for making call-ups against the Standing Offer is from issuance to 30 April 2023.

7.4.2 Extension of Standing Offer *(To be inserted in the Standing Offer at the end of Stage III evaluation)*

If the Standing Offer is authorized for use beyond the initial period, the Offeror offers to extend its offer for an additional 10 one year periods, from 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2033 under the same conditions and at the rates or prices specified in the Standing Offer, or at the rates or prices calculated in accordance with the formula specified in the Standing Offer.

The Offeror will be advised of the decision to authorize the use of the Standing Offer for an extended period by the Standing Offer Authority 15 days before the expiry date of the Standing Offer. A revision to the Standing Offer will be issued by the Standing Offer Authority.

7.4.3 Delivery Points

Delivery of the requirement will be made to:

DND Depot, 61 Industrial Ave, Petawawa, Ontario, H8H 2W8.

7.5 Authorities

7.5.1 Standing Offer Authority

The Standing Offer Authority is:

Name: Herb Choquette
Title: Supply Team Leader
Public Services and Procurement Canada, Acquisitions Branch
Address: 86 Clarence Street, 2nd Floor, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 1X3
Telephone: (613) 449-8446
E-mail address: Herb.Choquette@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

The Standing Offer Authority is responsible for the establishment of the Standing Offer, its administration and its revision, if applicable. Upon the making of a call-up, as Contracting Authority, he is responsible for any contractual issues relating to individual call-ups made against the Standing Offer by any Identified User.

7.5.2 DND Procurement Authority

The DND Procurement Authority for the Contract is:

Name: _____ (to be advised at extension of standing offer)
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Telephone : _____
E-mail address: _____

The Procurement Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract. The Procurement Authority is responsible for the implementation of tools and processes required for the administration of the Contract. The Contractor may discuss administrative matters identified in the Contract with the Procurement Authority however the Procurement Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

7.5.3 Technical Authority

The Technical Authority for the Contract is:

Name: _____ (to be advised at extension of standing offer)
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Telephone : _____
E-mail address: _____

The Technical Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Procurement Authority, however the Procurement Authority has no authority to authorize changes

to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.

7.5.4 Offeror's Representative (Offeror to Fill in. If Offeror has different representatives responsible for communication during the solicitation period, for management of the resulting standing offer, and for responding to technical support request, Offeror should clearly describe the role and responsibility in each representative's Title)

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: ____ - ____ - ____
Facsimile: ____ - ____ - ____
E-mail address: _____

Offeror's Technical Support Telephone: ____ - ____ - ____
Offeror's Technical Support E-mail address : _____

7.6 Identified Users

The Identified User authorized to make call-ups against the Standing Offer is DND DLP 8 and the Standing Offer Authority.

7.7 Call-up Procedures

1. After Stage 1 Mandatory Criteria Evaluation: One (1) or more call-up will be issued to each of the up to three (3) Standing Offer Holders, in no particular order, to purchase the required samples of CWLS for the purpose of Annex "K" Stage II Operational Performance Assessments.
2. After the conclusion of Stage II Operational Performance Assessments and Stage 3 evaluation: call-up(s) will be issued to the Primary Standing Offer Holder.

If one Secondary Standing Offer is issued for a category of clothing, call-ups made to the Secondary Standing Offeror must not exceed 40% of the total value of the call-ups for the category.

If two Secondary Standing Offers are issued for a category of clothing, the call-ups made to the Secondary Standing Offeror with the highest Performance Score must not exceed 30% of the total value of the call-ups for the category and the call-ups made to the Secondary Standing Offeror with the 2nd highest Performance Score must not exceed 20% of the total value of the call-ups for the category.

7.7.1 Call-up Instrument

The Work will be authorized or confirmed by the Identified User(s) using the duly completed forms or their equivalents as identified in paragraphs 2 and 3 below.

1. Call-ups must be made by Identified Users' authorized representatives under the Standing Offer and must be for goods or services or combination of goods and services included in the Standing Offer at the prices and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Standing Offer.
2. Any of the following forms could be used which are available through [PWGSC Forms Catalogue](#) website:
 - PWGSC-TPSGC 942 Call-up Against a Standing Offer
 - PWGSC-TPGSC 942-2 Call-up Against a Standing Offer - Multiple Delivery
 - PWGSC-TPSGC 944 Call-up Against Multiple Standing Offers (English version)

- PWGSC-TPSGC 945 Commande subséquente à plusieurs offres à commandes (French version)

or

3. An equivalent form or electronic call-up document which contains at a minimum the following information:

- standing offer number;
- statement that incorporates the terms and conditions of the Standing Offer;
- description and unit price for each line item;
- total value of the call-up;
- point of delivery;
- confirmation that funds are available under section 32 of the Financial Administration Act;
- confirmation that the user is an Identified User under the Standing Offer with authority to enter into a contract.

7.8 Limitation of Call-ups

Individual call-ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed \$400,000.00 (Applicable Taxes included). For Individual call-ups exceeding \$400,000.00 (Applicable Taxes included) the Identified Users must send in a completed 9200 form to the Standing Offer Authority, who will issue the call-up.

7.9 Financial Limitation

The total cost to Canada resulting from call ups against the Standing Offer must not exceed the sum of **(to be advised at standing offer issue)** (*Applicable Taxes excluded*) unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Standing Offer Authority. The Offeror must not perform any work or services or supply any articles in response to call ups which would cause the total cost to Canada to exceed the said sum, unless an increase is so authorized.

The Offeror must notify the Standing Offer Authority as to the adequacy of this sum when 75 percent of this amount has been committed, or 4 months before the expiry date of the Standing Offer, whichever comes first. However, if at any time, the Offeror considers that the said sum may be exceeded, the Offeror must promptly notify the Standing Offer Authority.

7.10 Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- a) the call up against the Standing Offer, including any annexes;
- b) the articles of the Standing Offer;
- c) the general conditions 2005 (2017-06-21), General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services;
- d) the general conditions 2030 (2021-12-02) General Conditions - Higher Complexity - Goods;
- f) Annex A, High Level Mandatory Requirements;
- g) Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- h) Annex C, Insurance Requirements; and
- j) the Offeror's offer dated _____ (*insert date of offer*), (*if the offer was clarified or amended, insert at the time of issuance of the offer: "as clarified on _____" or "as amended on _____" and insert date(s) of clarification(s) or amendment(s) if applicable*).

7.11 Certifications and Additional Information

7.11.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Offeror with its offer or precedent to issuance of the Standing Offer (SO), and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of issuance of the SO and failure to comply will constitute the Offeror in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the SO and of any resulting contract that would continue beyond the period of the SO.

7.11.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Setting aside

The Offeror understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the Offeror and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)-Labour, the AIEE must remain valid during the entire period of the Standing Offer. If the AIEE becomes invalid, the name of the Offeror will be added to the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list. The imposition of such a sanction by ESDC may result in the setting aside of the Standing Offer.

7.12 Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in _____ (*insert the name of the province or territory as specified by the Offeror in its offer, if applicable*).

7.13 Transition to an e-Procurement Solution (EPS)

During the period of the Standing Offer, Canada may transition to an EPS for more efficient processing and management of individual call-ups for any or all of the SO's applicable goods and services. Canada reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make the use of the new e-procurement solution mandatory.

Canada agrees to provide the Offeror with at least a three-month notice to allow for any measures necessary for the integration of the Offer into the EPS. The notice will include a detailed information package indicating the requirements, as well as any applicable guidance and support.

If the Offeror chooses not to offer their goods or services through the e-procurement solution, the Standing Offer may be set aside by Canada.

B. RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from a call-up against the Standing Offer.

7.1 Requirement

The Contractor must provide the items detailed in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

7.2 Standard Clauses and Conditions

7.2.1 General Conditions

[2030](#) (2021-12-02) General Conditions - Higher Complexity - Goods, apply to and form part of the Contract.

Subsection 45 of 2030 General Conditions - Higher Complexity – Goods is amended as follows:

Delete: “2030 45 (2016-04-04) Code of Conduct for Procurement – Contract

The Contractor agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct for Procurement and to be bound by its terms for the period of the Contract.”

Insert: “2030 45 (2022-01-28) Code of Conduct for Procurement - Contract

The Contractor agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct for Procurement and to be bound by its terms for the period of the Contract.”

Subsection 46 of 2030 General Conditions - Higher Complexity – Goods is added as follows:

2030 46 (2021-11-04) Anti-forced labour requirements

1. The Contractor represents and warrants that the Work is not mined, manufactured or produced wholly or in part by forced labour. Regardless of who acts as an importer, the Contractor must not during the performance of the Contract, directly or indirectly, deliver Work to Canada or import Work into Canada the importation of which is prohibited pursuant to ss. 136(1) of the *Customs Tariff Act* and tariff item No. 9897.00.00 of the [Customs Tariff – Schedule](#) (as amended from time to time), because it is mined, manufactured or produced wholly or in part by forced labour.
2. If a tariff classification determination is made under the *Customs Act* that the importation of the Work, or any part of the Work, is prohibited, the Contractor must immediately inform the Contracting Authority in writing. Canada may terminate the Contract for default in accordance with section 2010A 23 - Default by the Contractor if the Work or any part of the Work is classified under tariff item no. 9897.00.00 of the [Customs Tariff – Schedule](#) as mined, manufactured or produced wholly or in part by forced labour. If the Contractor is aware that the Work, or any part of the Work, is being or has been investigated regarding whether it is prohibited from entry pursuant to tariff item No. 9897.00.00, the Contractor must immediately inform the Contracting Authority in writing of that investigation.
3. Canada may terminate the Contract for default in accordance with section 2010A 23 - Default by the Contractor if it has reasonable grounds to believe the Work was mined, manufactured or produced in whole or in part by forced labour or linked to human trafficking. Reasonable grounds for making such a determination may include:
 - a. Findings or Withhold Release Orders issued by the United States Customs and Border Protection, under the US [Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act](#) (TFTEA) of 2015; or
 - b. Credible evidence from a reliable source, including but not limited to non-governmental organizations.

4. Canada may terminate the Contract for default in accordance with section 2010A 23 - Default by the Contractor if the Contractor has, in the past three years, been convicted of any of the following offences under the Criminal Code or the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act:

Criminal Code

- i. section 279.01 (Trafficking in persons);
 - ii. section 279.011 (Trafficking of a person under the age of eighteen years);
 - iii. subsection 279.02(1) (Material benefit - trafficking);
 - iv. subsection 279.02(2) (Material benefit - trafficking of person under 18 years);
 - v. subsection 279.03(1) (Withholding or destroying documents - trafficking);
 - vi. subsection 279.03(2) (Withholding or destroying documents - trafficking of person under 18 years); or *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*
 - vii. section 118 (Trafficking in persons).
5. Canada may terminate the Contract for default in accordance with section 2010A 23 - Default by the Contractor if the Contractor has, in the past three years, been convicted of an offence in a jurisdiction other than Canada that, in Canada's opinion, is similar to any of the offences identified in paragraphs 4(i) to (vii).
6. For purposes of determining whether a foreign offence is similar to a listed offence, PWGSC will take into account the following factors:
- i. in the case of a conviction, whether the court acted within its jurisdiction;
 - ii. whether the supplier was afforded the right to appear during the court's proceedings or to submit to the court's jurisdiction;
 - iii. whether the court's decision was obtained by fraud; or
 - iv. whether the supplier was entitled to present to the court every defence that the supplier would have been entitled to present had the proceeding been tried in Canada.
7. Where Canada intends to terminate the Contract under this section, Canada will inform the Contractor and provide the Contractor an opportunity to make written representations before making a final decision. Written representations must be submitted within 30 days from receiving a notice of concern unless Canada establishes a different deadline.

7.3 Term of Contract

7.3.1 Delivery Date

Delivery must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

7.3.2 Delivery - Appointments

The Contractor must make deliveries to Canadian Forces (CF) Supply Depots by appointment only. The Contractor or its carrier must arrange delivery appointments by contacting the Depot Traffic Section at the appropriate location shown below. The consignee may refuse shipments when prior arrangements have not been made.

7.3.3 Bulk Shipments

For bulk shipments, all cartons must be shipped on 40" x 48" pallets shrink-wrapped or equivalent with overall height not to exceed 42".

7.3.4 Shipping Instructions - Delivery at Destination

1. Goods must be consigned to the destination specified in the Contract and delivered:

Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) Department of National Defence Petawawa, Ontario Incoterms 2000 for shipments from commercial contractor.

7.4 Payment

7.4.1 Basis of Payment

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid (a) firm unit price(s), as specified in the line items in Annex "B". Customs duties are *included* and Applicable Taxes are extra

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

7.4.2 Limitation of Expenditure

SACC *Manual* clause [C6000C](#) (2017-08-17) Limitation of Price

7.4.3 Multiple Payments

SACC *Manual* clause H1001C (2008-05-12) Multiple Payments

7.4.4 SACC *Manual* Clauses

SACC *Manual* clause [C2000C](#) (2007/11/30) Taxes - Foreign-based Contractor

7.4.5 Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract

(*To be advised at standing offer issuance*)

The Contractor accepts to be paid using any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s):

- a. Visa Acquisition Card;
- b. MasterCard Acquisition Card;
- c. Direct Deposit (Domestic and International);
- d. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI);
- e. Wire Transfer (International Only);
- f. Large Value Transfer System (LVTS) (Over \$25M).

7.5 Invoicing Instructions

1. The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.
2. Invoices must be distributed as follows:
 - a. One (1) copy must be forwarded to the following address :

National Defence Headquarters
MGen George R. Pearkes Building
Email: [To be advised at standing offer issuance](#)
 - b. One (1) copy must be forwarded to the Contracting Authority identified under the section entitled "Authorities" of the Contract.
 - c. The original and one (1) copy must be forwarded to the consignee for certification and payment.

7.6 Insurance – Specific Requirements

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Annex “C”. The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Contract. Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.

The Contractor must forward to the Contracting Authority within ten (10) days after the date of award of the Contract, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. For Canadian-based Contractors, coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada, however, for Foreign-based Contractors, coverage must be placed with an Insurer with an A.M. Best Rating no less than “A-”. The Contractor must, if requested by the Contracting Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

7.7 SACC Manual Clauses

<u>D2025C</u>	2017/08/17	Wood Packaging Materials
<u>D5545C</u>	2010/08/16	ISO 9001:2015 - Quality Management Systems - Requirements (QAC C)
<u>D6010C</u>	2007/11/30	Palletization
<u>B7010C</u>	2008/05/12	Marking and Labelling (use with DND Spec D-80-001-055/SF-001)
<u>C2611C</u>	2007/11/30	Customs Duties - Contractor Importer
<u>C2800C</u>	2013/01/28	Priority Rating
<u>C2801C</u>	2017/08/17	Priority Rating - Canadian-based Contractors
<u>D2000C</u>	2007/11/30	Marking
<u>D2001C</u>	2007/11/30	Labelling
<u>B7500C</u>	2006-06-16	Excess Goods
<u>A9006C</u>	2012-07-16	Defence Contract

7.8 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Default by the Contractor

The Contractor understands and agrees that, when an Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (AIEE) exists between the Contractor and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)-Labour, the AIEE must remain valid during the entire period of the Contract. If the AIEE becomes invalid, the name of the Contractor will be added to the "[FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid](#)" list. The imposition of such a sanction by ESDC will constitute the Contractor in default as per the terms of the Contract.

7.9 Dispute Resolution

- (a) The parties agree to maintain open and honest communication about the Work throughout and after the performance of the contract.
- (b) The parties agree to consult and co-operate with each other in the furtherance of the contract and promptly notify the other party or parties and attempt to resolve problems or differences that may arise.
- (c) If the parties cannot resolve a dispute through consultation and cooperation, the parties agree to consult a neutral third party offering alternative dispute resolution services to attempt to address the dispute.
- (d) Options of alternative dispute resolution services can be found on Canada's Buy and Sell website under the heading "[Dispute Resolution](#)".

7.10 Materials: Contractor Total Supply

The Contractor will be responsible for obtaining all materials required in the manufacture of the item(s) specified. The delivery stated for the item(s) allows the necessary time to obtain such materials.

7.11 Procedures for Design Change/Deviations

The Contractor must follow these procedures for any proposed design change/deviation to contract specifications.

The Contractor must complete Part 1 to 12B the Design Change/Deviation form DND 675 and forward one (1) copy to the Technical Authority and one (1) copy to the Contracting Authority.

The Contractor will be authorized to proceed upon receipt of the design change/deviation form signed by the Contracting Authority. A contract amendment will be issued to incorporate the design change/deviation in the Contract.

7.12 Plant Closing

The Contractor's plant closing for Christmas and Summer holidays are as follows. During this time there will be no shipments.

Summer Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____
Christmas Holiday	FROM _____	TO _____

7.13 Plant Location

Items will be manufactured at: _____

7.14 Subcontractor(s)

The following subcontractor(s) will be utilized in the performance of the contract.

Name of Company: _____
Location: _____
Value of subcontract: \$ _____
Nature of subcontracting work performed: _____

Subcontractors, other than those listed above, may not be utilized without the written permission of Canada.

7.15 Ethical Apparel

The ethical procurement certification incorporated into the bid solicitation on its closing date is incorporated into, and forms a binding part of the Contract. The Contractor must ensure continuous compliance with the provisions of the ethical procurement certification that was signed during the bidding process throughout the duration of the contract.

The origin of work clause incorporated into the bid solicitation on its closing date is incorporated into, and forms a binding part of the Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure continuous accuracy with the origin of work information provided with their bid and must immediately inform Canada in writing of any and all changes affecting the information provided under the origin of work clause during the entire contract period. The certification is subject to verification by Canada at any given time during the period of the contract. If the certification is found to be untrue Canada may declare a bid non-responsive or may declare a contractor in default, whether made knowingly or unknowingly during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period. The continuing obligation to maintaining this certification is a material obligation of the Contract.

7.16 Overshipment

Overshipment will not be accepted unless prior approval is obtained from the Contracting Authority.

7.17 Post Award Meeting

A post award meeting may be convened within twenty (20) calendar days after award of contract. Participants may include representatives of the Contractor, DND Technical Authority, DND Procurement Authority and the Standing Offer Authority. Other meetings may be convened as required.

The Offeror is responsible for the recording and distribution of the minutes for all contract related meetings. The minutes must be sent to the Standing Offer Authority for acceptance prior to the distribution to all participants or as otherwise directed in the contract within ten (10) calendar days of the subject meeting. The minutes must be used only as a record of proceedings.

7.18 Specifications and Standards

7.18.1 United States Military Specifications and Standards

The Offeror is responsible for obtaining copies of all United States (US) military specifications and standards which may be applicable to the requirement. These specifications and standards are available commercially, or may be obtained by visiting the US Department of Defense Website, at the following address: <https://quicksearch.dla.mil/qsSearch.aspx>

7.19 Non-disclosure Agreement

The Offeror must obtain from its employee(s) or subcontractor(s) the completed and signed non-disclosure agreement, attached at Annex D, and provide it to the Procurement Authority before they are given access to information by or on behalf of Canada in connection with the Work.

ANNEX "A", REQUIREMENT

HIGH LEVEL MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLD WEATHER LAYERING SYSTEM

1.0 SCOPE

1.1 Purpose

This specification defines the high level mandatory requirements for the Cold Weather Layering System (CWLS). All requirements are mandatory.

1.2 Applicable Documents

The following documents form part of this specification to the extent specified and are supportive of the specification when referenced; all other document references are to be considered supplemental information only. In the event of a conflict between the documents referenced and the contents of the specification, then the contents of the specification shall take precedence.

- DRDC-RDDC-2015-R186 - 2012 Canadian Forces Anthropometric Survey (pubs.rddc-drdc.gc.ca)
- FED-STD-595C - Colors Used in Government Procurement (www.everyspec.com)
- ASTM D 6413 Flame Resistance of Textiles (Vertical Test) (www.astm.org)
- MIL-DTL-44436B - Detail Specification for Cloth, Wind Resistant Poplin, Nylon/Cotton Blend (www.everyspec.com)

1.3 Definitions

5th Percentile Male	Defined, in accordance with DRDC-RDDC-2015-R186, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stature (Height): 166.0 cm (5 ft 5.4 in)• Chest: 92.0 cm (36.2 in)• Waist: 78.8 cm (31.0 in)• Inseam: 71.0 cm (28.0 in)• Weight: 66 kg (145.2 lb)• Head (Width x Length): 14.4 x 18.9 cm (5.67 x 7.44 in)• Head Coronal Arch (Ear to Ear): 33.0 cm (12.99 in)• Arm Length (Shoulder to Wrist): 58.6 cm (23.07 in)• Arm Span (Fingertip to Fingertip): 166.4 cm (65.51 in)• Hand Breadth (Across Knuckles): 8.2 cm (3.23 in)• Hand Length (Wrist to Second Finger Tip): 18.1 cm (7.13 in)• Index Finger Length: 6.6 cm (2.60 in)• Foot Breadth: 9.2 cm (3.62 in)• Foot Length: 24.5 cm (9.65 in)
95th Percentile Male	Defined, in accordance with DRDC-RDDC-2015-R186, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stature (Height): 188.1 cm (6 ft 2.0 in)• Chest: 122.5 cm (48.2 in)• Waist: 119.1 cm (46.9 in)• Inseam: 86.8 cm (34.2 in)• Weight: 116 kg (255.2 lb)• Head (Width x Length): 16.2 x 21.2 cm (6.38 x 8.35 in)• Head Coronal Arch (Ear to Ear): 37.4 cm (14.72 in)• Arm Length (Shoulder to Wrist): 68.5 cm (26.97 in)• Arm Span (Fingertip to Fingertip): 192.9 cm (75.94 in)• Hand Breadth (Across Knuckles): 9.6 cm (3.78 in)• Hand Length (Wrist to Second Finger Tip): 21.4 cm (8.43 in)• Index Finger Length: 8.1 cm (3.19 in)• Foot Breadth: 11.1 cm (4.37 in)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot Length 28.9 cm (11.38 in)
Color Coordinated	A color coordinated scheme in which all elements are related, blended or matched to a color theme consistent with maintaining a subdued yet eye pleasing result.
Earth Tone	By definition, earth tone is considered a color scheme that draws from a color palette of browns, tans, grays, greens, oranges, whites and some reds. The colors in an earth tone scheme are muted and flat in an emulation of the natural colors found in soils, moss, trees and rocks. For the purpose of this specification, the earth tone color (where specified) must be based on the predominantly brown, tan and gray color series (lusterless) within FED STD-595C, where those colors do not include any elements of orange, red and white.
Garments	The generic use of the term "garments" refers to the upper and lower body including the torso, neck, arms and legs.
Hook and Loop Fastener	A fastening consisting of two strips of nylon fabric, one having hooked threads and the other a coarse surface, that form a strong bond when pressed together, commonly trademarked under the name VELCRO® but also available under other brand names.
MULTICAM®	A proprietary design for a camouflage pattern patented by Crye Precision Inc. (US Patent D592861)
No melt, no drip fabric	Fabrics that will not melt or fuse to the skin when exposed to flame-
Slide Fastener	A fastener for locking together two toothed edges by means of a sliding tab, commonly referred to as a zipper.

2.0 REQUIREMENTS

The high level mandatory requirements are detailed in the following sections.

2.1 Performance

The CWLS must:

- (a) Be a comprehensive, head to toe, layering system consisting of the following:
 - i. Category I - Cold Weather Garment System (upper/lower body);
 - ii. Category II - Cold Weather Footwear System;
 - iii. Category III - Cold Weather Handwear System; and
 - iv. Category IV - Cold Weather Headwear System;
- (b) Be designed to provide protection to the wearer under ambient temperatures of +5°C down to -50°C, intensified by the effects of wind, precipitation (e.g., rain, sleet, snow, etc.) and the activity level of the user (i.e., static or dynamic), categorized as follows:
 - i. Cold Wet (+5°C down to -20°C);
 - ii. Cold Dry (-20°C down to -40°C); and
 - iii. Extreme Cold (-40°C down to -50°C);
- (c) Provide sufficient fit, flexibility and strength to withstand all body positions to enable the wearer to function in any operational environment without restricting range of motion and mobility including:
 - i. Open areas;
 - ii. Restricted movement areas; and
 - iii. Partial water immersion;
- (d) Provide protection for the wearer from limited exposure to common environmental hazards including rough terrain, contaminants and hazardous vegetation;

- (e) Be designed to not have negative effects on the body, such as chafing or pressure points from raised seams, restricting movements, etc. in order to provide a comfortable foundation for the following:
 - i. Personal body armour;
 - ii. Load carriage (e.g., rucksack, webbing, vest, etc.);
 - iii. Accessory belt; and
 - iv. Elbow and knee pads;
- (f) Have an enhanced robustness including fit and seam strength to withstand all body positions (e.g., standing, kneeling, prone, etc.), and rapid transitions between body positions, without adjustment to the waist, wrist, ankles and neck closures;
- (g) Permit single-hand operation of fasteners (e.g., slide fasteners, hook and loop fasteners, cord cinches, etc.) and pocket flaps;
- (h) Not have any features that could potentially pose a snag/drag hazard to the user;
- (i) Permit ease of transition between layers, both adding and removing layers, in all climatic conditions;
- (j) Permit the wearer to perform bodily functions (i.e., urination and defecation) with removal of as few layers as possible;
- (k) Include pockets for storage of accessory items (e.g., toque, GPS, etc.) on garments as follows:
 - i. Symmetrical for each side as much as practicable;
 - ii. Permit access with a gloved hand (outer layers only);
 - iii. Covered and closable;
 - iv. Constructed to prevent retention of water; and
 - v. Located such that they do not cause interference or discomfort when the wearer is in the prone position.

2.2 Sizing

The CWLS must:

- (a) Be available in a range of sizes that, cumulatively, accommodates fitting the range of sizes from the 5th to the 95th percentile male as defined in DRDC-RDDC-2015-R186 2012. In addition to the mandatory size range, the intent is to have available the entire OEM catalogue of sizes for each individual garment should additional sizes be available; and
- (b) Be interchangeable such that any garment, glove, headwear or boot of an identified size matches exactly any other garment, glove, headwear or boot of the same size.

2.3 Material Properties

The material property requirements for the CWLS are as follows:

- (a) All Categories must:
 - i. Not pose any hazard to the skin; and
 - ii. Be durable to withstand typical cold weather operational use for at least six (6) months duration without failure including but not limited to:
 - a. Fabric breakdown;
 - b. Seam failure;
 - c. Material breakdown;
 - d. Loss of elasticity; and
 - e. Movement of insulation;

- (b) Category I - The Cold Weather Garment System must:
- Have next-to-skin layers that do not melt or drip when exposed to heat or flame in accordance with ASTM D 6413 (or equivalent standard as accepted by the DND Technical Authority);
 - Utilize advanced materials that minimize the weight of the system yet retains maximum compressibility/pack-ability;
 - Provide a thermal insulation performance in its warmest configuration of no less than 4.5 Clo;
 - Utilize materials with a high Moisture Vapor Transmission Rate (MVTR) to decrease thermal burden and reduce drying time; and
 - Include waterproof/water resistant outer layer(s) that prevents ingress of moisture from the surrounding environment without adversely affecting the moisture vapor transmission properties of the under layers;
- (c) Categories II, III and IV - The Cold Weather Footwear, Handwear and Headwear systems must:
- Utilize advanced materials that minimize the weight of the system yet retains maximum compressibility/pack-ability;
 - Utilize materials with a high Moisture Vapor Transmission Rate (MVTR) to decrease thermal burden and reduce drying time; and
 - Include waterproof/water resistant outer layer(s) that prevents ingress of moisture from the surrounding environment without adversely affecting the moisture vapor transmission properties of the under layers;
- (d) Categories I, II, III & IV - The Cold Weather Garment, Footwear (excluding boots), Handwear and Headwear Systems must be washable by a standard household washing machine with a mild detergent that does not include chlorine bleach or any caustic chemicals, for removal of contaminants including but not limited to:
- Gun oil;
 - Gun powder residue; and
 - Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants;

2.4 Color

The color requirements for the CWLS are as follows:

- (a) Category I - The Cold Weather Garment System must have a color scheme as follows:
- Outer layers to be MULTICAM® or an alternate camouflage pattern that has a visual appearance that is similar to MULTICAM®; and
 - Mid and base layers to be matte (non-shiny) earthtone colors that are color coordinated with the outer layers with no aspects of a florescent tone;
- (b) Category II - The Cold Weather Footwear System must be matte earthtone colors or black with the exception of over-boots for arctic conditions where they must be white;
- (c) Category III - The Cold Weather Handwear System must be matte earthtone colors or black; and
- (d) Category IV - The Cold Weather Headwear System must be matte earthtone colors that are color coordinated with the garment outer layers.

Note: For the purpose of determining a similar visual appearance, the alternate camouflage pattern must not be visually discernible from MULTICAM® to the naked eye when viewed with a mixed vegetation background at 100 m (109.4 yds) in clear daylight conditions.

2.5 Infrared Properties

The infrared requirements for the CWLS are as follows:

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- (a) MULTICAM® materials must meet the spectral reflectance requirements of MIL-DTL-44436B, Class 9 and 10 (Table VI), for wavelengths of 600-860 nanometers;
 - (b) Alternate camouflage pattern materials must present a similar spectral reflectance to MULTICAM® when viewed with a mixed vegetation background under clear nighttime conditions at 100 m (109.4 yds) using common Night Vision Goggles (NVGs); and
 - (c) All other materials must not present a significant spectral reflectance that would prevent them from being used in operations (i.e., high reflectance under NVGs that would clearly identify the location of the individual).

2.6 Labels

The CWLS must have permanently attached labels on all garments, footwear, handwear and headwear that uniquely identifies each including (minimum):

- (a) Manufacturer;
- (b) Model/Manufacturer Part Number;
- (c) NSN (if available); and
- (d) Size.

APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX "A", STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT (STAGE 1)

(This note will be removed at standing offer issuance: This appendix will become part of the standing offer after conclusion of STAGE 1 Part A and Part B evaluation.)

1.0 SCOPE

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this statement of work is to define the scope and requirements for the Standing Offer for provision of Cold Weather Layering Systems to the Department of National Defence. This SOW is only for the Offerors to provide samples for the Operational Performance Assessment.

2.0 DELIVERABLES

The Offeror must deliver the following upon request through issuance of one or more call-up(s):

- (a) Garments, footwear, handwear and headwear in accordance with each call-up to the Standing Offer;
- (b) One (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic copy (PDF or Word) of the Operator's manual for each item detailing use, care, fitting and washing instructions;
- (c) Technical Data in accordance with Section 3.1; and
- (d) On-site uniform measuring/fitting services in accordance with Section 3.2.

2.1 Estimated Forecasted Demand

The estimated forecasted demand is as follows:

Item	Description	Quantity
Category I - Cold Weather Garment System		
1		20
2		20
3		20
4		20
Category II - Cold Weather Footwear System		
etc.		20
		20
		20
		20
Category III - Cold Weather Handwear System		
		20
		20
		20
		20
Category IV - Cold Weather Headwear System		
		20
		20
		20
		20

Note: Description of each item to be added at time of SO issuance.

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Technical Data

The Offeror must provide to the DND Technical Authority (TA), in English, the following information for each item type (PDF or Word format):

- (a) Item Name;
- (b) NCage, if applicable;
- (c) NATO Stock Number (NSN) and/or Manufacturer Part Number (MPN);
- (d) Weight; and
- (e) Shelf Life (if applicable).

3.2 Measuring/Fitting Services

The Offeror must provide, upon request through a call-up, measuring/fitting services as follows:

- (a) Services are to be provided at the DND delivery location at a date and time arranged with the DND Technical Authority in order to coordinate with the commencement of the Stage 2 Operational Performance Trials as follows:
 - i. 30-60 days after Contract issuance;
 - ii. DND will contact the Offeror a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the site visit; and
 - iii. Services to be delivered within one full day (maximum of 10 hours). A second day for training will be required;
- (b) The Offeror is responsible for all travel and living costs for their personnel associated with the measuring/fitting services at the DND delivery location;
- (c) Up to twenty (20) DND participants are to be fitted in standard sizes (no custom sizes required) as follows:
 - i. Complete Cold Weather Garment System;
 - ii. Complete Cold Weather Footwear System;
 - iii. Complete Cold Weather Handwear System; and
 - iv. Complete Cold Weather Headwear System
- (d) The Offeror will measure each individual to confirm correct fit sizing of the garments. The Offeror is responsible to ensure the proper measurements are obtained and for providing the correct size garments for each individual; and
- (e) The Offeror must conduct the following training:
 - i. Classroom training as follows:
 - a. An overview of the Cold Weather Layering System;
 - b. Basic principles on selecting layers for differing conditions; and
 - c. Use and care instructions;
 - ii. Hands-on training as follows:
 - a. Donning, doffing and layering all components of the system (garments, footwear, handwear and headwear); and
 - b. Field repair of all components that can be performed by users.

Note: Where measuring/fitting services are not feasible, DND will fit the participants to sizes based upon the manufacturer's instructions.

APPENDIX 2 TO ANNEX "A", STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENT (STAGE 3)

(This note will be removed at standing offer issuance: this appendix will become part of the standing offer after conclusion of STAGE 3 evaluation.)

1.0 SCOPE

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this statement of work is to define the scope and requirements for the Standing Offer for provision of Cold Weather Layering Systems to the Department of National Defence (DND). This statement of requirement applies only to the extension of the standing offer after the Operational Performance Assessment is completed.

1.2 Applicable Documents

The following documents form part of this statement of work to the extent specified and are supportive of the statement of work when referenced; all other document references are to be considered supplemental information only. In the event of a conflict between the documents referenced herein and the contents of this statement of work, then the contents of this statement of work take precedence.

- Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) CAN/CGSB-43.22-2001 Corrugated Fibreboard Products
- MIL-HDBK-61A (SE) Configuration Management Guidance (everyspec.com)

1.3 Acronyms

CA	Contract Authority
DND	Department of National Defence
ISO	International Standards Organization
PA	Procurement Authority
PSPC	Public Service and Procurement Canada
TA	Technical Authority

2.0 DELIVERABLES

The Offeror must deliver

- (a) The following in accordance with each call-up to the Standing Offer:
 - i. Cold Weather Garments;
 - ii. Cold Weather Footwear;
 - iii. Cold Weather Handwear;
 - iv. Cold Weather Headwear; and
 - v. Operator's manuals detailing use, care, fitting and washing instructions;
- (b) Training in accordance with Section 2.2 on an as-and-when-requested basis by DND;
- (c) Project Management in accordance with Section 3.1;
- (d) Configuration Control in accordance with Section 3.3;
- (e) Technical Support in accordance with Section 3.4; and
- (f) Socio-Economic, Environmental Benefit Plan in accordance with Section 5.0 (*To be included if applicable at time of standing offer issuance*).

2.1 Estimated Forecasted Demand

The estimated forecasted demand is as follows, but is not a guarantee of the actual demand:

Item	Description	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Category I - Cold Weather Garments						
1	Base Layers (each)	1000	1000	1200	800	800
2	Mid Layers (each)	500	500	600	400	400
3	Outer Layers (each excluding Extreme Cold Weather Garments)	500	500	600	400	400
4	Outer Layer Extreme Cold Weather Garments (each)	200	200	100	100	100
Category II - Cold Weather Footwear						
	Each	500	500	600	400	400
Category III - Cold Weather Handwear						
	Each	500	500	600	400	400
Category IV - Cold Weather Headwear						
	Each	500	500	600	400	400

Item	Description	Option Year 1	Option Year 2	Option Year 3	Option Year 4	Option Year 5
Category I - Cold Weather Garments						
1	Base Layers (each)	800	600	600	600	600
2	Mid Layers (each)	400	300	300	300	300
3	Outer Layers (each excluding Extreme Cold Weather Garments)	400	300	300	300	300
4	Outer Layer Extreme Cold Weather Garments (each)	100	50	50	50	50
Category II - Cold Weather Footwear						
	Each	400	300	300	300	300
Category III - Cold Weather Handwear						
	Each	400	300	300	300	300
Category IV - Cold Weather Headwear						
	Each	400	300	300	300	300

2.2 Training

The Offeror must conduct initial and annual training, at DND's discretion, at a time and location arranged with the DND TA (all training will be conducted in English at a DND facility within 200 km of the National Capital Region):

- (a) A one (1) day, eight (8) hours (maximum) training course as follows:
 - i. Accommodate a class size as arranged with the DND TA;
 - ii. Include classroom training as follows:
 - a. An overview of the Cold Weather Layering System;
 - b. Basic principles on selecting layers for differing conditions; and
 - c. Use and care instructions;
 - iii. Include a copy of the training course in both hard copy and in electronic format (MS Word, MS PowerPoint or PDF) for each participant;
 - iv. Include hand-on training for DND participants as follows:
 - a. Donning, doffing and layering all components of the system (garments, footwear, handwear and headwear); and
 - b. Field repair of all components that can be performed by users;
- (b) Provision of training materials to include:
 - i. How-to Video - How and when to use the various components of the CWLS; and
 - ii. Quick Reference Guide.

2.3 Kick-Off Meeting

The Offeror must hold a Standing Offer kickoff meeting at its production facility or by teleconference, as arranged with Procurement Authority, within four to six (4-6) weeks of Standing Offer award. This meeting will be used to introduce the DND project team and to discuss production timelines, quality assurance processes, and delivery options and locations. DND will be responsible for all travel and associated costs for DND personnel attending the meeting. The kickoff meeting may be waived at DND's discretion. The Offeror is responsible for providing a written summary of the meeting within ten (10) business days following the meeting.

3.0 **REQUIREMENTS**

3.1 Project Management

The Offeror must designate a Project Manager for the duration of the Standing Offer, who must:

- (a) Be the primary point of contact between the Offeror and the DND TA, DND PA and the PSPC CA as it relates to the Standing Offer;
- (b) Be responsible for planning, scheduling, organizing, directing, coordinating, executing and monitoring all aspects of the Standing Offer;
- (c) Provide reports and communications; and
- (d) Be responsible for closing out action items as it relates to the work conducted under the Standing Offer.

3.2 Technical Review Meetings

The Offeror must schedule, plan and organize Technical Review Meetings (TRMs) on a schedule to be determined/agreed at the kick-off meeting (at least annually), and when otherwise requested by the PSPC CA, for the duration of the Standing Offer. The TRMs are to update project status as it relates to the technical concerns, and resolution of action items. In the conduct of the TRMs the Offeror must:

- (a) Review all technical action items and address each action item status (open/closed), impact, and action responsibilities;
- (b) Describe each technical concern and resolution strategy;
- (c) Support the initiation of additional action items by both the Crown and the Offeror; and
- (d) For each meeting:
 - i. Schedule the meeting with attendees to include (as a minimum) the Offeror's Project Manager and technical representatives as required, the PSPC CA, the DND TA and PA, and other representatives as appropriate;
 - ii. Provide all material to the PSPC and DND representatives that is identified for review at the meeting not less than one week prior to the meeting date;
 - iii. Host the meeting at the Offeror location or alternatively conduct the meeting by video-conference when previously agreed with the PSPC CA and DND TA prior to the release of the draft meeting agenda;
 - iv. Support the chairing of the meeting by the DND TA;
 - v. Prepare and deliver the Meeting Agenda in accordance with the requirements of CDRL and DID PM-001; and
 - vi. Record, prepare and deliver the Meeting Minutes in accordance with the requirements of CDRL and DID PM-0024;

3.3 Configuration Control

The Offeror must have an established, DND verifiable, Configuration Management (CM) Program with control systems in place in accordance with MIL-HDBK-61A, and must control, manage and track all changes to the established Product Baseline through the following

- (a) Preparation and delivery of Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs) in accordance with CDRL and DID SE-101;
- (b) Preparation and delivery of Request for Deviations (RFDs) in accordance with CDRL and DID SE-102 when the Offeror determines that it is not possible to satisfy specified requirements;
- (c) Preparation and delivery of Request For Waivers (RFWs) in accordance with CDRL and DID SE-103 in order to seek authorization to deliver a one-time lot of manufactured materials not meeting specified requirements, but for which the Offeror believes that the items are suitable for use "as is"; and
- (d) The Offeror must neither change nor modify any item, component or product after Canada's approval of an ECP, without a new ECP.

3.4 Technical Support

The Offeror must provide technical support by phone/email during regular business hours during the warranty period. All requests for technical support must be responded to within 24 hours. This initial response (within 24 hours) must acknowledge and log the DND request and conduct a preliminary scan of the reported problem. The actual rectification of the problem will be arranged between the DND representative and the Offeror.

3.5 Quality Control Inspection (Receipt)

DND will conduct random Quality Control Inspections of Cold Weather Layering System garments for overall quality and workmanship upon receipt. The materials of the garments must be free of imperfections or blemishes that may adversely affect its appearance, quality or serviceability. For inspection purposes, imperfections and blemishes must be considered defects when clearly visible at a normal inspection distance of approximately 1 m (3.3 ft) under day light conditions. Good commercial standard practices must apply throughout, with the following being considered poor commercial standard practice:

- (a) Any hole, cut, tear, mend, drop stitch, loose knit, miss knit, streak, knitted-in-waste, permanent fold, pleat or crease;
- (b) Any spot or stain, discoloration or colour not as specified; and
- (c) Any shaded part or any objectionable odor.

Any garments that do not pass the receipt inspection will be returned to the Offeror for repair or disposal. If 5% (or more) of a given delivery order is found to be unacceptable, up to the entire delivery order, at the discretion of DND, may be returned to the Offeror for repair or disposal.

3.6 Packaging – Individual

Each garment must be folded and packaged individually. The package must consist of a polyethylene (or other transparent film) bag or envelope, made of material not less than one (1) mil thickness. The bags must be sealed to effect closure and must be legibly marked (labeled) as follows (only required if the garment's identification markings are not clearly visible through the bag):

- (a) NATO Stock Number (NSN) and/or Manufacturer Part Number;
- (b) Item Name; and
- (c) Size.

3.7 Packaging - Quantity

Individual garment packages of the same size must be packed into a corrugated fiberboard box as follows:

- (a) Box construction and closure conforms to CAN/CGSB-43.22-2001;
- (b) Overall inside dimensions (length, width and depth added) must not exceed 1.5 meters (59 inches) and the box size and content quantity must remain the same for the duration of the Standing Offer;
- (c) Maximum weight of the box and contents must not exceed 18 kg (40 pounds); and
- (d) Stenciling or labelling on one outer end of each box, in legible figures as large as practicable in relation to the space available, the following information:
 - i. NATO Stock Number (NSN) or Manufacturer Part Number;
 - ii. Item Name/Nomenclature (in bilingual format);
 - iii. Quantity (per box);
 - iv. Gross Weight (nearest kg); and
 - v. Standing Offer Number - As specified on the Standing Offer.

4.0 Socio-Economic, Environmental Benefits Plan *(to be included if proposed by the Best Value Offeror)*

It will be Canada's discretion to use suitable oversight to verify the Socio-Economic, Environmental Benefits.

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APPENDIX 3, CONTRACT DATA REQUIREMENTS LISTS (CDRLS)

Block A – Annex Description – Provides the name of the System or Item for which the CDRL applies.

Block B – Contract or RFP Number– Identifies the Contract or RFP for which the CDRL applies.

Block C - SOW Identifier – Identifies the SOW for which the CDRL applies.

Block D - Data Category – Identifies the general category of the data for which the CDRL is being prepared.

Block E – Offeror – Identifies the Offeror's responsible for the delivery of the CDRL.

Block 1 - Item Number –Denotes the sequential alphanumeric number assigned to the CDRL. This identification number is composed of a WBS alpha code supplemented by a sequential number (e.g. CDRL-PM-001). The abbreviation codes used for the prefix are:

"PM" for Project Management
"SE" for Systems Engineering

Block 2 – Title or Description of Data - Denotes the title of the data to which the CDRL refers.

Block 3 - Subtitle – A subtitle is used only if the title requires further identification.

Block 4 – Authority (DID) - Indicates the number of the DID to which the CDRL refers.

Block 5 - Contract Reference – Refers to the specific paragraph number of the Statement of Work that will assist in identifying the work effort associated with the data item.

Block 6 – Requiring Office – Refers to the technical office of primary interest responsible for defining the data requirement, and for ensuring the adequacy of the delivered data.

Block 7 - Inspection - This block indicates the requirement for INSPECTION and ACCEPTANCE of the data. Enter the appropriate code, if applicable; otherwise enter N/A:

SS = Source, Source
DD = Destination, Destination
SD = Source, Destination
DS = Destination, Source

Block 8 - APP Code - denotes whether the data is to be submitted for approval or information. Block 8 indicates items of critical data requiring specific advanced written approval, such as test plans, identified by placing an “A” in this field. These data may require submission of a preliminary draft prior to publication of a final document. When a preliminary draft is required, Block 16 must show the length of time for Government approval/disapproval and when final is to be delivered. Block 16 also indicates the extent of the approval requirements, e.g. approval of technical content and/or format. Unless otherwise specified in Block 16 of the CDRL, an “I” or a blank in Block 8 means that the deliverable will be reviewed by Canada for acceptability of format, clarity and completeness. Once accepted, the Deliverable must be considered for information only. The approval code in Block 8 of the CDRL is intended for deliverable end items submitted after Standing Offer award. If advance approval is not required, this block is marked as “N/A”

Block 9 – Input – An “X” indicates that data is the integrated results of specific inputs from associated Offerors. If otherwise, this block is blank.

Block 10 - Frequency - Denotes the frequency of delivery of the data. The following frequency codes are used:

ASREQ	As required
ONE/R	One time with revisions

Note: For Blocks 10 to 13 the date(s) and frequencies may be expressed as Day/Month/year or in relation to specific events using the above listed codes.

Block 11 - As of Date – As specified in Block 16.

Block 12 - Date of First Submission – The initial submission date or constraint for the 1st submission of the data item is indicated in this block using typical abbreviations listed under Block 11 above.

Block 13 - Date of Subsequent Submission - If data is to be submitted more than once, specifies any subsequent data deliveries dates, (to be read in conjunction with Block 12), otherwise enter "N/A". If submittal is constrained by a specific event or milestone, the constraint is entered such as 15 day after EOQ.

Block 14 Distribution – This block indicates the addressees/office and number of copies (hard/soft) to be provided to Canada during implementation of Contract.

Block 15 - TOTAL – Indicates the total number of copies (hard copies and soft copies separately) required for both the original submission and the final submission.

Block 16 – Remarks - Where other blocks refer to Block 16, then the associated block number is indicated with the information, and a “See Block 16” note would be entered in the referring block.

Block - Prepared By – This block identifies the CDRL originator’s name and designation.

Block – Prepared Date – This block indicates the date of the CDRL preparation.

Block – Approved By – This block contains the identification information, such as name and designation, of the person approving the CDRL.

Block – Approved Date – This block indicates the date of the CDRL approval.

Blocks 17 –19 – These blocks are for Offeror input as required as part of the RFP or Contract. These blocks are not used by the TA.

CDRL List

The following section lists the CDRLs (Block 2 – Title or Description of Data) as well as their associated Data item Description (DID) number (Block 4 – Authority: Data Item Number):

CDRL #	Title	DID #
CDRL PM-001	Meeting Agenda	DID PM-001
CDRL PM-002	Meeting Minutes	DID PM-002
CDRL SE-101	Engineering Change Proposal (ECP)	DID SE-101
CDRL SE-102	Request for Deviation (RFD)	DID SE-102
CDRL SE-103	Request for Waiver (RFW)	DID SE-103

CDRL-PM-001 MEETING AGENDA									
A. ANNEX DESCRIPTION Cold Weather Layering System						B. CONTRACT/RFP NUMBER W6399-22-LH75			
C. SOW IDENTIFIER			D. DATA CATEGORY Project Management			E. OFFEROR TBD			
1. ITEM NUMBER PM-001		2. TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF DATA Meeting Agenda					3. SUBTITLE N/A		
4. AUTHORITY (Data Item Number) PM-001		5. CONTRACT REFERENCE SOW Para 3.2(d)v					6. REQUIRING OFFICE DND TA		
7. INSPECTION DD		9. INPUT		10. FREQUENCY ASREQ		12. DATE OF 1st SUBMISSION See Block 16		14. DISTRIBUTION and ADDRESSEES	
8. APP CODE				11. AS OF DATE		13. DATE OF SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION/EVENT See Block 16		a. ADDRESS	
16. REMARKS		<div>Block 12. The Meeting Agenda must be submitted for review no later than ten (10) working days prior to each meeting.</div> <div>Block 13. The revised Meeting Agenda, addressing the comments from Canada, must be tabled at the meeting.</div> <div>Response Time. Comments on the Meeting Agenda, including additions or deletion of discussion items, will be provided by Canada within five (5) working days of receipt.</div>							
PREPARED BY:		DATE		APPROVED BY					
17. CONTRACT FILE/DOCUMENT NUMBER		18. ESTIMATED NO OF PAGES		19. ESTIMATED PRICE		15. TOTAL		2	

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CDRL-SE-101 ENGINEERING CHANGE PROPOSAL (ECP)

A. ANNEX DESCRIPTION Cold Weather Layering System			B. CONTRACT/RFP NUMBER W6399-22-LH75		
C. SOW IDENTIFIER		D. DATA CATEGORY Systems Engineering Data			
1. ITEM NUMBER SE-101		2. TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF DATA Engineering Change Proposal			
4. AUTHORITY (Data Item Number) SE-101		5. CONTRACT REFERENCE SOW Para 3.3(a)			
7. INSPECTION DD		9. INPUT		12. DATE OF 1st SUBMISSION N/A	
8. APP CODE A		11. AS OF DATE See Block 16		13. DATE OF SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION/EVENT N/A	
16. REMARKS Block 11. Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs) must be submitted for review prior to any engineering changes to system assemblies, sub-assemblies or components, to request authorization to depart from a particular performance or design requirement of the Standing Offer. Response Time: Approval or Rejection of ECPs will be provided by Canada within ten (10) working days of receipt.					
PREPARED BY:		DATE		APPROVED BY	
17. CONTRACT FILE/DOCUMENT NUMBER		18. ESTIMATED NO OF PAGES		19. ESTIMATED PRICE	
				15. TOTAL	
				2	

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CDRL-SE-102 REQUEST FOR DEVIATION

A. ANNEX DESCRIPTION Cold Weather Layering System			B. CONTRACT/RFP NUMBER W6399-22-LH75	
C. SOW IDENTIFIER		D. DATA CATEGORY Systems Engineering Data		
1. ITEM NUMBER SE-102		2. TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF DATA Request for Deviation (RFD)		
4. AUTHORITY (Data Item Number) SE-102		5. CONTRACT REFERENCE SOW Para 3.3(b)		
7. INSPECTION DD		9. INPUT		12. DATE OF 1st SUBMISSION N/A
8. APP CODE A		11. AS OF DATE See Block 16		13. DATE OF SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION/EVENT N/A
16. REMARKS Block 11. Requests For Deviation (RFD) must be submitted for review when the Offeror determines, prior to manufacture of items, that it is not possible to satisfy the mandatory requirements of specifications. Response Time: Approval or Rejection of RFDs will be provided by Canada within ten (10) working days of receipt				
PREPARED BY:		DATE		APPROVED BY
17. CONTRACT FILE/DOCUMENT NUMBER		18. ESTIMATED NO OF PAGES		19. ESTIMATED PRICE

CDRL-SE-103 REQUEST FOR WAIVER													
A. ANNEX DESCRIPTION Cold Weather Layering System				B. CONTRACT/RFP NUMBER W6399-22-LH75									
C. SOW IDENTIFIER				E. OFFEROR TBD									
1. ITEM NUMBER SE-103				3. SUBTITLE N/A									
4. AUTHORITY (Data Item Number) SE-107				6. REQUIRING OFFICE DND TA									
7. INSPECTION DD		9. INPUT		10. FREQUENCY ASREQ		12. DATE OF 1st SUBMISSION N/A		14. DISTRIBUTION and ADDRESSEES					
8. APP CODE A				11. AS OF DATE See Block 16		13. DATE OF SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION/EVENT N/A		a. ADDRESS		b. COPIES			
16. REMARKS Block 11. Requests For Waiver (RFW) must be submitted for review when the Offeror determines either during or after manufacture of items, that the items do not meet specified requirements, but nevertheless believes that the items are suitable for use as is or after rework or retrofit by an approved method. Response Time: Approval or Rejection of RFWs will be provided by Canada within ten (10) working days of receipt								INITIAL		FINAL			
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								DND TA					
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APPENDIX 4, DATA ITEM DESCRIPTIONS (DIDs)

Data Item Description Format

The following section defines the various blocks of information found on the Data Item Description (DID) blocks form:

Block 1 – Title: Denotes the title of the Data Item (DI).

Block 2 – Identification Number: Denotes the sequential alphanumeric number assigned to the DID. The numbering convention is the same as that described in paragraph 1.3.6 for CDRL Items.

Block 3 – Description/Purpose: Provides a description of the data content requirements.

Block 4 – Approval Date: Not used.

Block 5 – OPI: Denotes Canada's Office of Primary Interest (OPI) designation responsible for the data requirement.

Block 6 – GIDEP Applicable: Not used.

Block 7 – Application/Interrelationship: Identifies the DOORS® Identifier (ID) in the SOW that calls up the CDRL associated with the DID.

Block 8 – Originator: Denotes Canada's designation of the DID originator.

Block 9 – Applicable Forms: Not used.

Block 10 – Preparation Instructions: This block identifies the format and content requirements for data to be prepared for use by Canada under the terms of the Contract.

DID List

The following section lists the DIDs attached to this document. Unless specified in the DID, all data must be delivered in formats compatible with office software in the current DND MS Office baseline (Word, PowerPoint, Visio, Project, etc.) that permits viewing, modifying, selecting, copying and pasting of information from the files to other DND software files.

DID #	Title
DID PM-001	Meeting Agenda
DID PM-002	Meeting Minutes
DID SE-101	Engineering Change Proposal (ECP)
DID SE-102	Request for Deviation (RFD)
DID SE-103	Request for Waiver (RFW)

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DID-PM-001 MEETING AGENDA		
1. TITLE Meeting Agenda		2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DID-PM-001
3. DESCRIPTION Meeting Agendas must set forth the venue and identify the discussion items to be covered at meetings.		
4. APPROVAL DATE	5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST DND TA	6. GIDEP APPLICABLE N/A
7. APPLICATION / INTERRELATIONSHIP		
8. ORIGINATOR DND TA		9. APPLICABLE FORMS N/A
10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS <u>FORMAT</u> The Meeting Agenda must be in the Offeror's format and as further described herein. <u>CONTENT</u> The Meeting Agenda must set forth the venue, identify any requirements and list the discussion items to be covered at the meeting. Venue: The Meeting Agenda must address the venue as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meeting Identification Number;- Purpose;- Date, time and location; and- Attendees. Discussion items: The Meeting Agenda must address the discussion items through the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening Remarks;- Agenda Review;- Review of previous Minutes;- Opened Discussion Items;- New Discussion Items;- Review of Action Items;- Next Venue; and- Closing Remarks.		

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DID-PM-002 MEETING MINUTES		
1. TITLE Meeting Minutes		2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DID-PM-002
3. DESCRIPTION Meeting Minutes must consist of the detailed record of proceedings, discussions, decisions and action items from meetings.		
4. APPROVAL DATE	5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST DND TA	6. GIDEP APPLICABLE N/A
7. APPLICATION / INTERRELATIONSHIP		
8. ORIGINATOR DND TA		9. APPLICABLE FORMS N/A
10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS <u>FORMAT</u> The Meeting Minutes must be in the Offeror's format and as further described herein. <u>CONTENT</u> The Meeting Minutes must contain the detailed records of proceedings, discussions, decisions and action items from the meeting. The detailed records must be presented through the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General - including meeting identification number, purpose, date, time and location;- Attendees;- Opening Remarks;- Agenda Review;- Review of previous Minutes;- Discussion Items - Including a summary record of proceedings, discussions, decisions, information addressees, action addressees and action completion date, for each item;- Next Venue;- Closing Remarks; and- Signature of Offeror's Project Manager, PSPC CA and DND TA.		

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DID-SE-101 ENGINEERING CHANGE PROPOSAL (ECP)		
1. TITLE Engineering Change Proposal		2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DID-SE-101
3. DESCRIPTION The Engineering Change Proposal (ECP) must fully describe and substantiate the engineering change required for a proposed alteration in the configuration of a CI and/or its related documentation. The ECP must enable the Offeror and the DND TA to fully evaluate for authorization the engineering change proposed.		
4. APPROVAL DATE	5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST DND TA	6. GIDEP APPLICABLE N/A
7. APPLICATION / INTERRELATIONSHIP		
8. ORIGINATOR DND TA		9. APPLICABLE FORMS N/A
10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS <u>FORMAT</u> Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs) must be in the Offeror's format and as further described herein. <u>CONTENT</u> The following information must be included and detailed for each ECP: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– General information (i.e. originator, date, class, number, type, priority, revision, title, etc.);– Configuration Item Information (CI(s) to which the ECP applies);– Current CI production state (if applicable);– Impact on baselines, specifications, interfaces, schedules, performance, availability, logistics, environmental, health and safety, etc.;– Description of change;– Substantiation (need) of change;– Costs /Savings details;– Trade-offs and/ or alternative solutions;– Implementation Plan, including implementation schedule and associated details;– Date of Approval required; and– Authorities (Submitting, Reviewing, Recommending and Approving).		

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DID-SE-102 REQUEST FOR DEVIATION (RFD)		
1. TITLE Request for Deviation		2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DID-SE-102
3. DESCRIPTION Requests for Deviation (RFD) must provide the required details in order to seek authorization to deliver materials not meeting specified requirements. The RFD must fully enable the DND TA to evaluate and authorize the item not conforming to contractual requirements with respect to the impact on performance, availability, logistics support and any other affected areas.		
4. APPROVAL DATE	5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST DND TA	6. GIDEP APPLICABLE N/A
7. APPLICATION / INTERRELATIONSHIP		
8. ORIGINATOR DND TA		9. APPLICABLE FORMS N/A
10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS <u>FORMAT</u> Requests for Deviation (RFD) must be in the Offeror's format and as further described herein. <u>CONTENT</u> The following information must be included and detailed for each RFD: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– General information (i.e. originator, date, RFD number, designation, title, etc.);– Configuration Item Information (CI(s) to which RFD applies);– Impact on performance, availability, logistics, environmental, health and safety, training, specifications, interfaces and any other affected areas;– Description of deviation;– Substantiation of deviation; and– Authorities (Submitting, Reviewing, Recommending and Approving).		

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DID-SE-103 REQUEST FOR WAIVER (RFW)		
1. TITLE Request for Waiver		2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DID-SE-103
3. DESCRIPTION Requests for Waiver (RFW) must provide the required details in order to seek authorization to deliver a one-time lot of manufactured materials not meeting specified requirements. The RFW must fully enable the DND TA to evaluate and authorize an item not conforming to contractual requirements with respect to the impact on performance, availability, logistics support, interfaces and any other affected areas.		
4. APPROVAL DATE	5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST DND TA	6. GIDEP APPLICABLE N/A
7. APPLICATION / INTERRELATIONSHIP		
8. ORIGINATOR DND TA		9. APPLICABLE FORMS N/A
10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS <u>FORMAT</u> Requests for Waiver (RFW) must be in the Offeror's format and as further described herein. <u>CONTENT</u> The following information must be included and detailed for each RFW: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– General information (i.e. originator, date, RFW number, designation, title, etc.);– Configuration Item Information (CI(s) to which RFW applies);– Impact on performance, availability, logistics, environmental, health and safety, training, specifications, interfaces and any other affected areas;– Description of waiver;– Substantiation of waiver;– Corrective actions taken and/or planned;– Extent of manufacturing of non-conformance; and– Authorities (Submitting, Reviewing, Recommending and Approving).		

ANNEX "B", BASIS OF PAYMENT

Annex "B" is provided for information purposes only. Offerors shall not submit their pricing as part of W6399-22LH75/A. Financial offers are not to be submitted until W6399-22LH75/B.

Currency Of Offer:

The Offeror may provide their offer in the currency of their choice.

Pricing Periods:

User Evaluation: Date of Standing Offer Issue to 30 April 2023;

Year 1: May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024;

Year 2: May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025;

Year 3: May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026;

Year 4: May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027;

Year 5: May 1, 2027 to April 30, 2028;

Escalation of Pricing

Starting in Option Period Year 6 and for each option period thereafter, the unit pricing identified in Annex "B", Basis of Payment will be adjusted annually by the Escalated Price Adjustment (EPA), at the start of the Option Period by an amount established based on the percentage increase (decrease), nearest two decimal places, in the annual average index of the Consumer Price Index for Canada, All-Items (Not Seasonally Adjusted), published in Statistics Canada Table 18-10-0004-01 [[Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/28-263-x/2021001/article/00004-eng.htm)] from the 12-month base period ending 15 months prior to the current Option Period award date, to the same 12-month period ending 3 months prior to the current Option Period award date. This will be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{EPA} = (A / B) - 1 \times 100$$

Where:

A = Annual average index for the 12 months ending 3 months prior to the Option Period Award Date.

B = Annual average index for the 12 months ending 15 months prior to the Option Period Award Date.

Example: The calculation of the adjustment for a contract with an Option Period 1 start date January 2022 would be reflected as:

A = 12 month period ending October 2021 average index = 134.2*

B = 12 month period ending October 2020 average index = 130.5*

$$\text{EPA} = (A / B) - 1 \times 100$$

$$\text{EPA} = (134.2/130.5) - 1 \times 100$$

$$\text{EPA} = 2.84\%$$

*Note that Index Levels do not reflect actual figures.

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Pricing Basis "A", Cold Weather Layering System

The Offeror must provide all inclusive firm unit prices (in the table below), in the currency of their choice for the combination of items that make up each category of the CWLS as stated in Annex "A", Delivery Duty Paid (DDP) Petawawa, Ontario. Applicable Canadian Taxes are not included in the pricing and must be shown as extra line item on all invoices.

Description	Unit Price during Stage 2 Operational Performance Assessments	Unit Price Year 1	Unit Price Year 2	Unit Price Year 3	Unit Price Year 4	Unit Price Year 5
Category I - Cold Weather Garments						
Complete Cold Weather Garment System						
Category II - Cold Weather Footwear						
Complete Cold Weather Footwear System						
Category III - Cold Weather Handwear						
Complete Cold Weather Handwear System						
Category IV - Cold Weather Headwear						
Complete Cold Weather Headwear System						

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Pricing Basis "C", optional items not included in Pricing Basis "A" or "B"

These items are related to the CWLS but not included in the system or line item that is priced in Pricing Basis "A" or "B".

- (a) Discount for optional items not included in Pricing Basis "A" or "B" will be ____ % from Manufacturers' Published Retail List Price. These could be alternate articles of clothing or accessories such as ground sheets and covers for back packs. It will be DND's discretion to purchase these items if they are offered by the Offeror.
- (b) A one (1) day, eight (8) hours (maximum) training course as specified in Annex "A", at a DND facility within 200 km of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Any travel and accommodations required by the Standing Offer Holder's employee or subcontractor must be included in this Firm Lot Price.
\$ _____/training session.
- (c) Hourly fee for Administrative work at the Offeror's location in addition to work not described in Annex "A", as and when authorized by the Department of National Defence.
\$ _____/hour.

ANNEX "C", INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Commercial General Liability Insurance

1. The Contractor must obtain Commercial General Liability Insurance, and maintain it in force throughout the duration of the Contract, in an amount usual for a contract of this nature, but for not less than \$2,000,000 per accident or occurrence and in the annual aggregate.
2. The Commercial General Liability policy must include the following:
 - a. Additional Insured: Canada is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The interest of Canada should read as follows: Canada, as represented by Public Works and Government Services Canada.
 - b. Bodily Injury and Property Damage to third parties arising out of the operations of the Contractor.
 - c. Products and Completed Operations: Coverage for bodily injury or property damage arising out of goods or products manufactured, sold, handled, or distributed by the Contractor and/or arising out of operations that have been completed by the Contractor.
 - d. Personal Injury: While not limited to, the coverage must include Violation of Privacy, Libel and Slander, False Arrest, Detention or Imprisonment and Defamation of Character.
 - e. Cross Liability/Separation of Insureds: Without increasing the limit of liability, the policy must protect all insured parties to the full extent of coverage provided. Further, the policy must apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.
 - f. Blanket Contractual Liability: The policy must, on a blanket basis or by specific reference to the Contract, extend to assumed liabilities with respect to contractual provisions.
 - g. Employees and, if applicable, Volunteers must be included as Additional Insured.
 - h. Employers' Liability (or confirmation that all employees are covered by Worker's compensation (WSIB) or similar program)
 - i. Broad Form Property Damage including Completed Operations: Expands the Property Damage coverage to include certain losses that would otherwise be excluded by the standard care, custody or control exclusion found in a standard policy.
 - j. Notice of Cancellation: The Contractor will provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days prior written notice of policy cancellation or any changes to the insurance policy.
 - k. If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, coverage must be in place for a period of at least 12 months after the completion or termination of the Contract.
 - l. Owners' or Contractors' Protective Liability: Covers the damages that the Contractor becomes legally obligated to pay arising out of the operations of a subcontractor.

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- m. Non-Owned Automobile Liability - Coverage for suits against the Contractor resulting from the use of hired or non-owned vehicles.
 - n. Litigation Rights: Pursuant to subsection 5(d) of the [Department of Justice Act](#), S.C. 1993, c. J-2, s.1, if a suit is instituted for or against Canada which the Insurer would, but for this clause, have the right to pursue or defend on behalf of Canada as an Additional Named Insured under the insurance policy, the Insurer must promptly contact the Attorney General of Canada to agree on the legal strategies by sending a letter, by registered mail or by courier, with an acknowledgement of receipt.

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For the province of Quebec, send to:

*Director Business Law Directorate,
Quebec Regional Office (Ottawa),
Department of Justice,
284 Wellington Street, Room SAT-6042,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H8*

For other provinces and territories, send to:

*Senior General Counsel,
Civil Litigation Section,
Department of Justice
234 Wellington Street, East Tower
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8*

A copy of the letter must be sent to the Contracting Authority. Canada reserves the right to co-defend any action brought against Canada. All expenses incurred by Canada to co-defend such actions will be at Canada's expense. If Canada decides to co-defend any action brought against it, and Canada does not agree to a proposed settlement agreed to by the Contractor's insurer and the plaintiff(s) that would result in the settlement or dismissal of the action against Canada, then Canada will be responsible to the Contractor's insurer for any difference between the proposed settlement amount and the amount finally awarded or paid to the plaintiffs (inclusive of costs and interest) on behalf of Canada.

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ANNEX "D", NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, _____ (Name of participant), recognize that in the course of my work as an employee or subcontractor of _____, I may be given access to information by or on behalf of Canada in connection with the Work, pursuant to Request for Standing Offer W6399-22LH75/B or Standing Offer Serial No. W6399-22LH75__ /KIN (to be inserted at standing offer issuance) between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Public Works and Government Services and _____ (Name of Offeror or Standing Offer Holder), including any information that is confidential or proprietary to third parties, and information conceived, developed or produced by the Offeror or Standing Offer Holder as part of the Work.

For the purposes of this agreement, information includes but not limited to: any documents, instructions, guidelines, data, material, advice or any other information whether received orally, in printed form, recorded electronically, or otherwise and whether or not labeled as proprietary or sensitive, that is disclosed to a person or that a person becomes aware of during the solicitation and performance of the Standing Offer.

I agree that I will not reproduce, copy, use, divulge, release or disclose, in whole or in part, in whatever way or form any information described above to any person other than a person employed by Canada on a need to know basis. I undertake to safeguard the same and take all necessary and appropriate measures, including those set out in any written or oral instructions issued by Canada, to prevent the disclosure of or access to such information in contravention of this agreement.

I also acknowledge that any information provided to the Offeror or Standing Offer Holder by or on behalf of Canada must be used solely for the purpose of the Standing Offer and must remain the property of Canada or a third party, as the case may be.

I agree that the obligation of this agreement will survive the completion of the solicitation and the Standing Offer Serial No. W6399-22LH75__ /KIN (to be inserted at standing offer issuance)

Signature

Date

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ANNEX "F", ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

1. Board of Directors

In accordance with the [Ineligibility and Suspension Policy](#), Section 17, Offerors are required to provide a list of their Board of Directors before contract award. Offerors are requested to provide this information in their bid.

Director Name/Position - _____
Director Name/Position - _____
Director Name/Position - _____
Director Name/Position - _____
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Director Name/Position - _____
Director Name/Position - _____

2. Procurement Business Number (PBN)

In accordance with Section 2, Procurement Business Number, of the Standard Instructions, Suppliers are required to have a Procurement Business Number (PBN) before Contract award.

Procurement Business Number - _____

Suppliers may register for a PBN online at [Supplier Registration Information](#). For non-Internet registration, suppliers may contact the InfoLine at 1-800-811-1148 to obtain the telephone number of the nearest Supplier Registration Agent.

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ANNEX “G” to PART 3 OF THE REQUEST FOR STANDING OFFERS

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS

As indicated in Part 3, clause 3.1.2, the Offeror must complete the information requested below, to identify which electronic payment instruments are accepted for the payment of invoices.

The Offeror accepts to be paid by any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s):

- ☐ () VISA Acquisition Card;
- ☐ () MasterCard Acquisition Card;
- ☐ () Direct Deposit (Domestic and International);
- ☐ () Electronic Data Interchange (EDI);
- ☐ () Wire Transfer (International Only);
- ☐ () Large Value Transfer System (LVTS) (Over \$25M)

ANNEX "H" to PART 5 OF THE REQUEST FOR STANDING OFFERS

FEDERAL CONTRACTORS PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT EQUITY - CERTIFICATION

I, the Offeror, by submitting the present information to the Standing Offer Authority, certify that the information provided is true as of the date indicated below. The certifications provided to Canada are subject to verification at all times. I understand that Canada will declare an offer non-responsive, or may set-aside a Standing Offer, or will declare a Standing Offer Holder in default, if a certification is found to be untrue, whether during the offer evaluation period, or during the Standing Offer period. Canada will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Offeror's certifications. Failure to comply with any request or requirement imposed by Canada may render the Offer non-responsive, may result in the Standing Offer set-aside or constitute a default under the Standing Offer.

For further information on the Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity visit [Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\) – Labour's](#) website.

Date: _____ (YYYY/MM/DD) (If left blank, the date will be deemed to be the RFSO closing date.)

Complete both A and B.

A. Check only one of the following:

- ☐ A1. The Offeror certifies having no work force in Canada.
- ☐ A2. The Offeror certifies being a public sector employer.
- ☐ A3. The Offeror certifies being a [federally regulated employer](#) being subject to the [Employment Equity Act](#).
- ☐ A4. The Offeror certifies having a combined work force in Canada of less than 100 permanent full-time and/or permanent part-time employees.

A5. The Offeror has a combined workforce in Canada of 100 or more employees; and

- ☐ A5.1 The Offeror certifies already having a valid and current [Agreement to Implement Employment Equity](#) (AIEE) in place with ESDC-Labour.
- OR**
- ☐ A5.2. The Offeror certifies having submitted the [Agreement to Implement Employment Equity](#) (LAB1168) to ESDC-Labour. As this is a condition to issuance of a standing offer, proceed to completing the form Agreement to Implement Employment Equity (LAB1168), duly signing it, and transmit it to ESDC-Labour.

B. Check only one of the following:

- ☐ B1. The Offeror is not a Joint Venture.

OR

- ☐ B2. The Offeror is a Joint venture and each member of the Joint Venture must provide the Standing Offer Authority with a completed annex Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Certification. (Refer to the Joint Venture section of the Standard Instructions)

[Annexes "I" through "L" will be included as part of W6399-22LH75/B (Stage 1 – Part B). Such information is included in W6399-22LH75/A for informational purposes only and is not required for the submission of offers under W6399-22LH75/A]

ANNEX "I", SCENARIOS to be used for Point Rated Technical Evaluation Only

1.1 Introduction

This annex details the scenarios that the invited Offerors are to use in the development of their White Paper for Annex "J" Stage 1 - PART B, Point Rated Technical Evaluation Criteria.

1.2 Instructions

The intent of the White Paper is to assess the Offeror's understanding of the challenges associated with the use of CWLS in cold to extreme cold environmental conditions. In their response, the Offeror must provide sufficient information for the DND evaluation team to assess their response in accordance with the criteria in Annex "J". The response to each scenario should include the following:

- (a) Identify the challenges within the scenario in terms of managing moisture and warmth in both the static and dynamic activities throughout the range of environmental conditions in each scenario;
- (b) Outline the usage of their CWLS in each stage of the scenario keeping in mind that not all layers of the CWLS would be carried due to weight and available space; and
- (c) Describe how their system meets the challenges identified including:
 - i. Insulation;
 - ii. Breathability;
 - iii. Water resistance;
 - iv. Compressibility and weight;
 - v. Compatibility with equipment; and
 - vi. Bodily functions.

Note that the scenarios are for illustrative purposes only and do not mimic or represent any real world event, past or present.

1.3 Scenario 1 - Cold/Dry In-Fill CQB and Ex-Fill on Foot

Scenario 1 includes a forced movement, on foot, while carrying up to 22.6 kg (50 lbs) for up to 17 km (10.6 mi), followed by static, continuous observation for up to 96 hours. The wearer will subsequently conduct a high intensity dynamic task followed by movement of up to 5 km (3.1 mi) where they will resume static observation for an additional 96 hours.

The temperature will vary throughout the scenario from -22°C to -30°C.

Detailed Description

The detailed description will be provided to those Offerors that are invited to provide an offer for Part 1B.

1.4 Scenario 2 - Cold/Wet In-Fill on Foot

Scenario 2 includes Alpine movement on skis and/or snowshoes while pulling a pulk sled of approximately 45.5 kg (100 lbs) for up to 30 km (18.6 mi) where short periods of inactivity of up to one (1) hour are frequent.

The temperature will vary throughout the scenario from +2°C to -5°C.

Detailed Description

The detailed description will be provided to those Offerors that are invited to provide an offer for Part 1B.

1.5 Scenario 3 - Extreme Cold Movement Snowshoes & Walking

Scenario 3 is the same as Scenario 2 at lower temperatures, including Alpine movement on skis and/or snowshoes while pulling a pulk sled of approximately 45.5 kg (100 lbs.) for up to 30 km (18.6 mi) where short periods of inactivity of up to one (1) hour are frequent.

The temperature will vary throughout the scenario from -40°C to -50°C.

Detailed Description

The detailed description will be provided to those Offerors that are invited to provide an offer for Part 1B.

1.6 Scenario 4 - Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry Snowmobile In-Fill Climb and Descent

Scenario 4 includes an open vehicle and/or aircraft transit (e.g., helicopter, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, small water craft, etc.) for periods up to 2 hours where it is expected the wearer will conduct high intensity dynamic tasks after dismounting the vehicle or aircraft.

The temperature will vary throughout the scenario from -15°C to -30°C.

Detailed Description

The detailed description will be provided to those Offerors that are invited to provide an offer for Part 1B.

1.7 Scenario 5 - Extreme Cold Parachute and Cold/Dry Ex-Fill

Scenario 5 includes an air transit to a designated high-altitude coordinate to conduct a parachute drop to the ground. The operators are then expected to move by foot for up to 15 km (9.3 mi) to conduct a high intensity dynamic task then move to a designated point, up to 15 km (9.3 mi) away on foot and wait for up to 48 hours for extraction.

The temperature will vary throughout the scenario from +15°C to -30°C.

Detailed Description

The detailed description will be provided to those Offerors that are invited to provide an offer for Part 1B.

ANNEX “J”, Stage I - PART B, POINT RATED TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

1 Instructions

Offerors that are compliant with the Stage 1, Part A requirements will be invited to submit a technical and proposal as detailed in this annex. Offerors should prepare and submit their proposals as follows:

- (a) A White Paper that details the Offeror's approach to each of the scenarios (Annex I), which will be provided by PSPC to the Offerors that are compliant with Part A of the evaluation, that will be used to evaluate the Offeror's understanding of the technical requirements for CWLS usage. The scenarios will each provide unique challenges in terms of managing moisture and warmth in a series of static and dynamic activities throughout the range of environmental conditions specified in each scenario. As part of their response, the Offeror must outline the use of their CWLS in various configurations to meet the challenges within the scenario, and should address overall usage parameters for the system (as applicable to each scenario) as follows:
 - i. Insulation;
 - ii. Breathability;
 - iii. Water resistance;
 - iv. Compressibility and weight;
 - v. Compatibility with equipment; and
 - vi. Bodily functions;
 - (b) A detailed description of their CWLS to be provided including material types and properties, weight, and overall functionality (i.e., pocket locations, features, etc.). The proposal must include all four (4) categories as part of the requirement for whole body protection, which must be detailed by category as follows
 - i. Category I - Cold Weather Garment System: The complete upper and lower body garment layering system;
 - ii. Category II - Cold Weather Footwear System;
 - iii. Category III - Cold Weather Handwear System; and
 - iv. Category IV - Cold Weather Headwear System;
- Note: Test results for each component of all categories should be provided that detail the material properties including, as applicable, mass, fibre content, breaking and tearing strength, water resistance/repellency, permeability, colorfastness, abrasion resistance, insulation properties (i.e., Clo) etc..*
- (c) A detailed training plan that addresses both end-users and DND maintainers of the CWLS. The plan must include initial training and refresher training, and should include options for both in-person training and on-line training;
 - (d) Additional items within their product catalogue that are not specifically part of their CWLS, but would compliment the use of the system. These additional items will not be assessed as part of the evaluation, but may be included in the resulting Standing Offers for optional procurement at DND's discretion. This could include, for example:
 - i. Eyewear that is not part of the base CWLS but would provide protection under various conditions;
 - ii. Clothing support items such as garment bags, protective covers, etc.; and
 - iii. Complimentary items such as ground sheets, camouflage over-sheets, camouflage covers for rucksack/equipment, winter whites, etc.;

1.1 White Paper Evaluation

The White Paper provided by each Offeror will be assessed by the DND Technical Evaluation Team for viability of approach to the management of moisture and warmth through the changing conditions within each scenario. DND may include support of a third party technical advisor from Stoneworks Inc. and Calian Group Ltd, on a non-disclosure basis, with experience in the use of CWLSs in extreme environments. The evaluators will each complete the following to assign points to each proposal. The overall points awarded for each Offeror will be the average from all evaluators.

User Assessment Scale				
0	1	2	4	6
Strongly Disagree (SD)	Disagree (D)	Borderline (B)	Agree (A)	Strongly Agree (SA)

Rate the level of agreement with the following statements

SCENARIO 1 - COLD/DRY IN-FILL CQB AND EX-FILL ON FOOT					
Statement	SD	D	B	A	SA
The challenges from the scenario are clearly identified.	0	1	2	4	6
The strategy and methodology proposed to respond to the changing environmental conditions is feasible.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the compressibility and weight of the required system components so as not to overburden the personnel on foot.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the breathability and insulation challenges through the changing conditions.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the compatibility with equipment (e.g., body armour, etc.).	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the challenges associated with conducting bodily functions.	0	1	2	4	6
Total	____ out of 36				

SCENARIO 2 - COLD/WET IN-FILL ON FOOT					
Statement	SD	D	B	A	SA
The challenges from the scenario are clearly identified.	0	1	2	4	6
The strategy and methodology proposed to respond to the changing environmental conditions is feasible.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the compressibility and weight of the required system components so as not to overburden the personnel on foot.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the breathability and insulation challenges through the changing conditions.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the compatibility with equipment (e.g., body armour, etc.).	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the challenges associated with conducting bodily functions.	0	1	2	4	6
Total	____ out of 36				

SCENARIO 3 - EXTREME COLD MOVEMENT SNOWSHOES & WALKING

Statement	SD	D	B	A	SA
The challenges from the scenario are clearly identified.	0	1	2	4	6
The strategy and methodology proposed to respond to the changing environmental conditions is feasible.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the compressibility and weight of the required system components so as not to overburden the personnel on foot.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the breathability and insulation challenges through the changing conditions.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the challenges associated with conducting bodily functions.	0	1	2	4	6
Total	____ out of 30				

SCENARIO 4 - COLD/WET AND COLD/DRY SNOWMOBILE IN-FILL CLIMB AND DESCENT

Statement	SD	D	B	A	SA
The challenges from the scenario are clearly identified.	0	1	2	4	6
The strategy and methodology proposed to respond to the changing environmental conditions is feasible.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the compressibility and weight of the required system components so as not to overburden the personnel on foot and while climbing.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the breathability and insulation challenges through the changing conditions.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the challenges associated with conducting bodily functions.	0	1	2	4	6
Total	____ out of 30				

SCENARIO 5 - EXTREME COLD PARACHUTE AND COLD/DRY EX-FILL

Statement	SD	D	B	A	SA
The challenges from the scenario are clearly identified.	0	1	2	4	6
The strategy and methodology proposed to respond to the changing environmental conditions is feasible.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the compressibility and weight of the required system components so as not to overburden the personnel on foot and while parachuting.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach addresses the compatibility with equipment (e.g., body armour, etc.).	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the breathability and insulation challenges through the changing conditions.	0	1	2	4	6
The proposed approach successfully addresses the breathability and insulation challenges through the changing conditions.	0	1	2	4	6
Total	____ out of 36				

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<u>TRAINING PLAN EVLUATION</u>					
Statement	SD	D	B	A	SA
The training plan addresses end-user and maintainer training.	0	1	2	4	6
The training plan includes both initial training and annual refresher training requirements.	0	1	2	4	6
The training plan offers options for both in-person and remote "on-line" training.	0	1	2	4	6
The training plan includes a how-to video that identifies how-and when to use the various components of the CWLS.	0	1	2	4	6
The training plan includes a quick reference guide that may be carried by the end-users and provides direction on how and when to use the various components of the CWLS.	0	1	2	4	6
Total	____ out of 30				

Scenario	Score
1	____ out of 36
2	____ out of 36
3	____ out of 30
4	____ out of 30
5	____ out of 36
Training	____ out of 30
Total Score	____ out of 198

In order to be compliant, the Offeror must receive a minimum Total Score of 70% (139 out of 198 points available) or the proposal will be deemed non-compliant and given no further consideration.

ANNEX “K”, Stage II - Operational Performance Assessments

1.1 Scope

This Appendix details the Operational Performance Assessments for the CWLS.

1.2 Aim

The aim of the Operational Performance Assessments is to evaluate both the durability of the CWLS and the impact of the CWLS on operator mobility, operational effectiveness and overall performance while conducting mission specific tasks.

1.3 Contractor Participation

The information provided in this Appendix is for information purposes only. The trials will be conducted by DND without any support required from the Offerors that supply the CWLS to be evaluated. The Offerors will not be permitted to witness any portion of the tests and evaluations.

1.4 Operational Performance Assessment Plan

The Operational Performance Assessments will be conducted in parts over a period of four to six (4-6) months as follows:

- (a) Part I - Durability Assessment - There will up to be four (4) participants for each Offeror conducting the Durability Assessment, and each will be provided a complete set of the CWLS from the assigned Offeror. The participants will utilize the CWLS during their routine training over the period of the trials (4-6 months) with the express purpose of assessing the durability of the systems. At the end of the trial, each participant will rate the durability of the system they trialed;
- (b) Part II - Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry Weather Assessment - Up to eight (8) additional participants (not the same as Part I) will conduct the Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry Weather Assessment, and each will be fitted with a CWLS from all Offerors. The participants will complete various activities, as detailed at Section 1.8.1 of this Appendix, over a period of days/months in order to rate the systems from each Offeror. The trials will be conducted in the Eastern Canada area in the fall to winter time frame in order to assess the systems in both cold/wet and cold/dry conditions in temperatures ranging from 5° C down to -40° C. At the end of the trials, each participant will rate the performance of the systems from all Offerors; and
- (c) Part III - Extreme Cold Weather Assessment - The participants from Part II will then complete various activities, similar to those from Part II, in extreme cold weather conditions (-40° C down to -50° C). The trials will be conducted in the Arctic climate zone in winter, overseen by a specialist in extreme cold weather environments to ensure the participants use the systems appropriately and to oversee their general safety in such extreme conditions. At the end of the trials, each participant will rate the performance of the systems from all Offerors.

1.5 Participants

The participants conducting the assessments will be familiar with the use and wearing of a CWLS in the operational environments for which it is designed. The participants will be selected based on their specialty skill sets, with the selection covering the size range of the CWLSs in order to provide a representative sample of the end-user community. Participants will be as follows:

- (a) Part I: Durability Assessment - Up to twelve (12) participants (up to four (4) per Offeror) will complete the durability assessment; and
- (b) Parts II & III: Operational Performance Trials and Assessments - Up to an additional eight (8) participants will complete the operational performance trials and assessments. Each participant will conduct the trials with each of the Offeror's CWLSs such that each participant can provide feedback on all of the Offeror's CWLS. Each participant must complete all tasks within the specific test for all CWLS under evaluation. Should a participant become incapacitated or unavailable to complete the activity for all CWLS, the activity will be deemed incomplete for that participant and none of the results for that participant will be included in the overall assessment of that activity.

1.6 User Rating

Participants will provide task evaluations at the completion of various activities for each CWLS, which will be recorded on the Trial Questionnaire forms as follows:

- (a) Appendix 1 - Durability Assessment Questionnaire;
- (b) Appendix 2 - Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry Weather Assessment Questionnaire; and
- (c) Appendix 3 - Extreme Cold Weather Assessment Questionnaire.

The participant evaluations will be captured by individual ratings of various criteria using a non-biased approach to collecting user perception. A 7-point (Likert) scale will be used to provide a clear and understandable quantification of the participants' perceptions of "Acceptability" in a controlled manner. The scale is defined as follows:

7-Point Acceptability Scale

Assessment Scale	Description	Score
Totally Unacceptable	The CWLS did not meet any requirements for the task and had severe limitations that would prevent the operator from completing the task.	0
Unacceptable	The CWLS met the minimal requirements for the task and had some limitations that may prevent the operator from completing the task.	1
Slightly Unacceptable	The CWLS met some of the requirements for the task and performed in a manner that that may prevent the operator from completing the task.	2
Neutral	The CWLS met some of the requirements for the task and performed in a manner that would permit the operator to complete the task with significant limitations on range of use.	3
Slightly Acceptable	The CWLS met most of the requirements for the task and performed in a manner that would permit the operator to complete the task with few limitations on range of use.	4
Acceptable	The CWLS met most of the requirements for the task and performed well in the hands of the operator with only minor limitations.	5
Completely Acceptable	The CWLS met or exceeded all requirements for the task and performed in every way expected by the operator.	6

1.7 Part I - Durability Assessment

The Durability Assessment will be conducted as follows:

- (a) Up to four (4) participants for each compliant Offeror from Stage I will conduct the Durability Assessment;
- (b) Each participant will be provided a complete set of the CWLS from the assigned Offeror, which will be fitted to the individual participants either during the initial fit/sizing or in standard sizes based upon the manufacturer's instructions;
- (c) The participants will utilize the CWLS during their routine training over the period of the trial (4-6 months) focusing on the durability of the system (e.g., failed components, fading, pre-mature wear-out, etc.); and
- (d) At the end of the trial, each participant will complete the Durability Assessment Questionnaire (0) to rate the durability of the system from the assigned Offeror. Each of the four (4) categories of the CWLS will be scored separately in the questionnaire.

1.8 Operational Performance Trials

The Operational Performance Trials are task-based and will evaluate the participant's ability to effectively conduct these tasks while wearing the CWLS. Trial staff will conduct and record the results at each phase of the trial program and ensure that there are no unfair or biased components injected into the trial program. The trials will consider both the operator's ability to effectively conduct tasks while wearing the CWLS with in-service equipment, and their overall physical comfort and mobility. The Part II trials will be conducted at a DND facility in the Eastern Canada area and the Part III trials will be conducted in the Arctic climate zone in winter at a suitable private facility. All trials will be conducted over a number of days and each participant will be required to complete the trials wearing each CWLS to ensure that comparative measures are valid. CWLSs will be trialed in a random order of Offerors, with each Offeror being trialed by the participant on separate days. Rest periods will be included in the trial program to eliminate the bias of physical exhaustion from the assessment process. Additional days will be allocated in case of inclement weather that would affect the outcome of the trials in order to provide equivalent environmental conditions for each Offeror. For each trial, participants will wear Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) issued equipment as required for the specific task including ear and eye protection, helmet, climbing harness, body armour and a weapon.

1.8.1 Trial Activities

The trial activities are based upon the actual training and qualification tasks used in advanced combat training and, as such, only generic descriptions of the tasks are provided. The trials may not be conducted in the order detailed below and, depending on the weather conditions, not all of the tasks may be performed; however, the same tasks will be performed for each of the competing CWLS bids. The trial activities include the following tasks:

- (a) Mountaineering/Technical Climbing: Various scenarios where the participant traverses rough and mountainous terrain, including artificial and/or outdoor vertical climbs;
- (b) Skiing: Ascending, descending, and traversing via back country or cross country skiing;
- (c) Snowshoeing: Ascending, descending, and traversing snow-laden terrain with a rotation of participants leading (i.e., trail breaking);

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- (d) Firing individual weapon/crew served weapon: Dynamic and static trials at a range or in combination with the Close Quarter Battle (CQB) drills, involving firing a combination of any the following:
 - i. Rifles and pistols;
 - ii. Grenade launcher;
 - iii. Diversionary devices;
 - iv. Grenades; and
 - v. Large caliber weapons;
 - (e) CQB while wearing body armor: Indoor and/or outdoor close quarter battle drills;
 - (f) Patrolling and individual movement while wearing load bearing equipment: Marching, skiing and/or snowshoeing through various terrain while carrying a rucksack and/or body armor;
 - (g) Operating vehicles: Driving open and closed vehicles and interacting with vehicle subsystems;
 - (h) Observation tasks in a static/still position: Conducting observation in a static position for extended periods;
 - (i) Operating specialized equipment: Operating portable instruments and gear;
 - (j) Donning and doffing: Changing, adding or removing layers in reaction to changing tasks and tactical situations in both dynamic and static modes;
 - (k) Parachuting: Conducting both high and low altitude parachuting activities;
 - (l) Pocket extraction: Accessing inner and/or outer pockets with a gloved hand, over varying thicknesses, in varying conditions and body positions; and
 - (m) Urinating and/or Defecating : Minimizing exposure while executing body functions.

1.8.2 Part II - Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry Weather Assessment

The participants will complete various activities based upon the task descriptions above over a period of days/months in order to rate the systems from each Offeror. The trials will be conducted in the Eastern Canada area in the fall and winter time frame in order to assess the systems in both cold/wet and cold/dry conditions in temperatures ranging from 5° C down to -40° C. At the end of the trials, each participant will complete the Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry Weather Assessment Questionnaire (0) in order to rate the performance of the systems from each Offeror. Each of the four (4) categories of the CWLS will be scored separately in the questionnaire; however, Category I will have a higher weight than Categories II, III & IV.

1.8.3 Part III - Extreme Cold Weather Assessment

The participants from Part II will complete various activities, similar to those from Part II, in extreme cold weather conditions (-40° C down to -50° C). The trials will be conducted in the Arctic climate zone in winter, overseen by a specialist in extreme cold weather environments to ensure the participants use the systems appropriately and to oversee their general safety in such extreme conditions. At the end of the trials, each participant will complete the Extreme Cold Weather Assessment Questionnaire (0) in order to rate the performance of the systems from each Offeror. Each of the four (4) categories of the CWLS will be scored separately in the questionnaire; however, Category I will have a higher weight than Categories II, III & IV.

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Participant Number:						
Date:						
CWLS Offeror:						
User Assessment Scale						
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
☹					☺	
Totally Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Slightly Unacceptable	Neutral	Slightly Acceptable	Acceptable	Completely Acceptable

Using the assessment scale above, answer every questions to rate the DURABILITY of the CWLS during the trials in each of the four (4) categories. If you have any questions prior to completing the questionnaire, please refer to the trial coordinator.

CATEGORY I - COLD WEATHER GARMENT SYSTEM													
Rate the DURABILITY of the Cold Weather Garment System in the following categories:							User Assessment ☹ ☺ ☺ (Circle Score)						
Upper Body (Torso/Arms/Neck)													
Rate the acceptability of material aging							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material's wearability (e.g., signs of excess wear, thinning of material, stiffening or other changes to material integrity)							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of upper body system's stitching							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of upper body system's fasteners (e.g., slide fasteners, snaps, buttons, hook and loop fastener, cinches, etc.)							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of thermal insulation clumping and/or thinning							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in range of motion provided by the upper body system due to degradation in material properties							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in thermal protection provided by the upper body system due to degradation in material properties							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in waterproofing provided by the upper body system due to degradation in material properties							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the upper body system's resistance to damage (e.g., puncture, tear, stain, etc.)							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material resistance to degradation during washing							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the reparability of the upper body system							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lower Body (Legs)													
Rate the acceptability of material aging							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material's wearability (e.g., signs of excess wear, thinning of material, stiffening or other changes to material integrity)							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of lower body system's stitching							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of lower body system's fasteners (e.g., slide fasteners, snaps, buttons, hook and loop fastener, cinches, etc.)							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of thermal insulation clumping and/or thinning							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in range of motion provided by the lower body system due to degradation in material properties							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in thermal protection provided by the lower body system due to degradation in material properties							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in waterproofing provided by the lower body system due to degradation in material properties							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the lower body system's resistance to damage (e.g., puncture, tear, stain, etc.)							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material resistance to degradation during washing							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the reparability of the lower body system							0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category I)							_____ out of 132						

CATEGORY II - COLD WEATHER FOOTWEAR SYSTEM

Rate the DURABILITY of the Cold Weather Footwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment (Circle Score)						
	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Rate the acceptability of material aging	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material's wearability (e.g., signs of excess wear, thinning of material, stiffening or other changes to material integrity)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of footwear system's stitching	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of footwear system's fasteners (e.g., slide fasteners, snaps, buttons, hook and loop fastener, cinches, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability to the footwear system's sole/toe cap (e.g., resistance to excess wear, separation from foot box or heel stabilizer, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of thermal insulation clumping and/or thinning	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in range of motion provided by the footwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in thermal protection provided by the footwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in waterproofing provided by the footwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the footwear system's resistance to damage (e.g., puncture, tear, stain, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material resistance to degradation during washing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the reparability of the footwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category II)	_____ out of 72						

CATEGORY III - COLD WEATHER HANDWEAR SYSTEM

Rate the DURABILITY of the Cold Weather Handwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment (Circle Score)						
	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Rate the acceptability of material aging	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material's wearability (e.g., signs of excess wear, thinning of material, stiffening or other changes to material integrity)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of handwear system's stitching	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of thermal insulation clumping and/or thinning	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in dexterity or range of motion provided by the handwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in thermal protection provided by the handwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in waterproofing provided by the handwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the handwear system's resistance to damage (e.g., puncture, tear, stain, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material resistance to degradation during washing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the reparability of the handwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category III)	_____ out of 60						

CATEGORY IV - COLD WEATHER HEADWEAR SYSTEM

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Rate the DURABILITY of the Cold Weather Headwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment ☹ ☺ ☺ (Circle Score)						
Rate the acceptability of material aging	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material's wearability (e.g., signs of excess wear, thinning of material, stiffening or other changes to material integrity)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of headwear system's stitching	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of thermal insulation clumping and/or thinning	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in thermal protection provided by the headwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the change in waterproofing provided by the headwear system due to degradation in material properties	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the headwear system's resistance to damage (e.g., puncture, tear, stain, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the material resistance to degradation during washing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the reparability of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category IV)	_____ out of 54						

Category	Description	Score
I	Cold Weather Garment System	_____ out of 132
II	Cold Weather Footwear System	_____ out of 72
III	Cold Weather Handwear System	_____ out of 60
IV	Cold Weather Headwear System	_____ out of 54
Total Score (Durability)		_____ out of 318

Comments: (Use back of sheet if required)

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APPENDIX 2 to Annex K, Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry Weather Assessment Questionnaire

Participant Number:						
Date:						
CWLS Offeror:						
User Assessment Scale						
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
☹			☺			☺
Totally Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Slightly Unacceptable	Neutral	Slightly Acceptable	Acceptable	Completely Acceptable

Using the assessment scale above, answer every questions to rate the acceptability of the CWLS during the Cold/Wet and Cold/Dry trials in each of the four (4) categories. If you have any questions prior to completing the questionnaire, please refer to the trial coordinator.

CATEGORY I - COLD WEATHER GARMENT SYSTEM								
Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Garment System in the following categories:	User Assessment (Circle Score)							
	☹	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
Upper Body (Torso/Arms/Neck)								
How acceptable was the fit of the upper body system (e.g., sleeve length, collar length, hood fit, torso length, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the upper body system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, number and location of pockets, ease of accessing pockets, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the upper body system (e.g., rapidly scale up or down in confined or difficult conditions)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, liquid spills, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the weight of the upper body system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the durability of the upper body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the upper body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion when wearing the upper body system (e.g., was movement unobstructed and smooth when kneeling, squatting, going over obstacles, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the comfort of the upper body system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment lower body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's integration with the Cold Weather Handwear System	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's integration with the Cold Weather Headwear System	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the inner pockets (close to the body) design (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the outer pockets (far from the body) design (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system when used in conjuncture with other equipment (e.g., harness, gun belt, ballistic plates, load carriage vest, rucksack, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the simplicity/versatility of the upper body system (e.g., simplicity to understand the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the upper body system to enable user to perform bodily functions in cold environment (e.g., defecating and urinating)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's components to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	

Lower Body (Legs)							
Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Garment System in the following categories:	User Assessment (Circle Score)						
	☹		😊				☺
How acceptable was the fit of the lower body system (e.g., fit at waist, pants length, fit over knees, layer system fit, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the lower body system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, number and location of pockets, ease of accessing pockets, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the lower body system (e.g., rapidly scale up or down in cold environment and/or in confined or difficult conditions, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, liquid spills, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable is the weight of the lower body system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the durability of the lower body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the lower body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion of the lower body system (e.g., was movement unobstructed and smooth when kneeling, squatting, going over obstacles, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the leg system to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the comfort of the lower body system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment upper body system							
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system's integration with the Cold Weather Footwear System	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the inner pockets (close to the body) design and access (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the outer pockets (far from the body) design and access (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the simplicity/versatility of the lower body system (e.g., simplicity to understand the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system when used in conjunction with other equipment (e.g., harness, gun belt, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was lower body system to enable user to perform bodily functions in cold environment (e.g., defecating and urinating)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system's components to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category I)	_____ out of 246						

CATEGORY II - COLD WEATHER FOOTWEAR SYSTEM

Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Footwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment							
	☹		☺		☺		☺	
	(Circle Score)							
How acceptable was the fit of the footwear system (e.g., cuff tightness, foot space within duffle socks/boots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the footwear system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, cuff length, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the boots (e.g., in confined or difficult conditions)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the footwear system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the footwear system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the footwear system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable is the weight of the footwear system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the durability of the footwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the footwear system (e.g., did felt insoles compress/pack well, did extra duffle socks compress/pack well, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion of the elements of the footwear system (e.g., stiffness at the shin, stiffness at the ankle, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the foot and ankle support provided by the footwear system (e.g., did the system protect against unwanted twisting and bending)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the socks, insoles, over-boots, duffle socks to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the comfort of the footwear system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the foot system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment lower body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the grip provided by the boots	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the drying time of the footwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the versatility / simplicity of the footwear system (e.g., use with snowshoes, over-boots, cross-country skis, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the simplicity of the footwear system (e.g., simplicity to understand the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the footwear system 's ability to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Total (Category II)	_____ out of 114							

CATEGORY III - COLD WEATHER HANDWEAR SYSTEM

Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Handwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment						
	☹		☺			☺	
	(Circle Score)						
How acceptable was the handwear fit (e.g., finger lengths, palm, cuff tightness, knuckle tightness when making a fist, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the handwear system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, cuff length, palm fit, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the handwear (e.g., any combination of layers, transition between layers, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to keep your hands dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to keep your hands dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, liquid spills, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the weight of the handwear system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of the handwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the handwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to complete fine dexterity tasks (e.g., loading a magazine, tying a knot, using communication systems, writing, using keys, firing rounds with accuracy, adjusting a scope, conducting immediate actions on a pistol, manipulating small buttons or slide fasteners, using vehicle sub-systems, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to complete gross dexterity tasks (e.g., holding ski poles, pulling yourself using a three branch or a rock, driving a vehicle, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the grip of the handwear	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the handwear to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the comfort of the handwear system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment upper body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system drying time (e.g., the frequency required to change/dry inner layers of the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the simplicity/versatility/multi-functionality of the handwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the handwear system's ability to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category III)	_____ out of 108						

CATEGORY IV - COLD WEATHER HEADWEAR SYSTEM

Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Headwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment (Circle Score)							
	☹		☺		☺		☺	
How acceptable was the fit of the headwear system (e.g., fit over face, nose, ears, around mouth, over neck, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the headwear system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, amount of skin exposure, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, breath freezing on material etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the weight of the headwear system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the durability of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion when wearing the headwear system (e.g., did the system block your vision with movement, did the system pull or limit head movement, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the skin coverage to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
How acceptable was the comfort of the headwear system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment upper body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the acceptability of the drying time of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the versatility of the headwear system when used in conjuncture with other CAF provided equipment (e.g., Night Vision Goggles, headlamp, helmet, eye protection, hearing protection, goggles, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the versatility of the headwear system when used in conjuncture with other elements as a system (e.g., balaclava, face shield, cap, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the simplicity and versatility of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rate the headwear system's ability to enable the user to complete all aspects of the scenario.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Total (Category IV)	_____ out of 108							

Category	Description	Score	Weight	Extended Score
I	Cold Weather Garment System	_____ out of 246	2	_____ out of 492
II	Cold Weather Footwear System	_____ out of 114	1	_____ out of 114
III	Cold Weather Handwear System	_____ out of 108	1	_____ out of 108
IV	Cold Weather Headwear System	_____ out of 108	1	_____ out of 108
Total Score (Cold/Wet & Cold/Dry Weather Performance)				_____ out of 822

Comments: (Use back of sheet if required).

APPENDIX 3 to Annex K, Extreme Cold Weather Assessment Questionnaire




Participant Number:						
Date:						
CWLS Offeror:						
User Assessment Scale						
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
☹			😊			😊
Totally Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Slightly Unacceptable	Neutral	Slightly Acceptable	Acceptable	Completely Acceptable

Using the assessment scale above, answer every questions to rate the acceptability of the CWLS during the Extreme Cold Weather trials in each of the four (4) categories. If you have any questions prior to completing the questionnaire, please refer to the trial coordinator.

CATEGORY I - COLD WEATHER GARMENT SYSTEM												
Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Garment System in the following categories:						User Assessment ☹ 😊 😊 (Circle Score)						
Upper Body (Torso/Arms/Neck)												
How acceptable was the fit of the upper body system (e.g., sleeve length, collar length, hood fit, torso length, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the upper body system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, number and location of pockets, ease of accessing pockets, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the upper body system (e.g., rapidly scale up or down in confined or difficult conditions)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, liquid spills, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the weight of the upper body system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the durability of the upper body system						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the upper body system						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion when wearing the upper body system (e.g., was movement unobstructed and smooth when kneeling, squatting, going over obstacles, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down to reach the required thermal protection for the task)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the comfort of the upper body system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment lower body system						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's integration with the Cold Weather Handwear System						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's integration with the Cold Weather Headwear System						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the inner pockets (close to the body) design (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the outer pockets (far from the body) design (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)						0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Rate the acceptability of the upper body system when used in conjuncture with other equipment (e.g., harness, gun belt, ballistic plates, load carriage vest, rucksack, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the simplicity/versatility of the upper body system (e.g., simplicity to understand the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the upper body system to enable user to perform bodily functions in extreme cold (e.g., defecating and urinating)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the upper body system's components to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lower Body (Legs)							
Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Garment System in the following categories:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ☹ 😊 ☺ </div> <div style="text-align: center;">(Circle Score)</div>						
How acceptable was the fit of the lower body system (e.g., fit at waist, pants length, fit over knees, layer system fit, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the lower body system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, number and location of pockets, ease of accessing pockets, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the lower body system (e.g., rapidly scale up or down in cold environment and/or in confined or difficult conditions, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, liquid spills, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable is the weight of the lower body system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the durability of the lower body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the lower body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion of the lower body system (e.g., was movement unobstructed and smooth when kneeling, squatting, going over obstacles, etc.).	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the leg system to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the comfort of the lower body system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment upper body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system's integration with the Cold Weather Footwear System	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the inner pockets (close to the body) design and access (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the outer pockets (far from the body) design and access (e.g., safety of the content, reach and access, location, size, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the simplicity/versatility of the lower body system (e.g., simplicity to understand the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system when used in conjecture with other equipment (e.g., harness, gun belt, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was lower body system to enable user to perform bodily functions in extreme cold (e.g., defecating and urinating)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the lower body system's components to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Total (Category I)	_____ out of 246
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CATEGORY II - COLD WEATHER FOOTWEAR SYSTEM										
Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Footwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment    (Circle Score)									
How acceptable was the fit of the footwear system (e.g., cuff tightness, foot space within duffle socks/boots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
How acceptable was the footwear system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, cuff length, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the boots (e.g., in confined or difficult conditions)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the footwear system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the footwear system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the footwear system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
How acceptable is the weight of the footwear system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the durability of the footwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the footwear system (e.g., did felt insoles compress/pack well, did extra duffle socks compress/pack well, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion of the elements of the footwear system (e.g., stiffness at the shin, stiffness at the ankle, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the foot and ankle support provided by the footwear system (e.g., did the system protect against unwanted twisting and bending)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the socks, insoles, over-boots, duffle socks to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
How acceptable was the comfort of the footwear system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the foot system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment lower body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the grip provided by the boots	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the acceptability of the drying time of the footwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the versatility / simplicity of the footwear system (e.g., use with snowshoes, over-boots, cross-country skis, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the simplicity of the footwear system (e.g., simplicity to understand the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Rate the footwear system 's ability to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Total (Category II)	_____ out of 114									

CATEGORY III - COLD WEATHER HANDWEAR SYSTEM

Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Handwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment ☹️ ☺️ 😊 (Circle Score)						
How acceptable was the handwear fit (e.g., finger lengths, palm, cuff tightness, knuckle tightness when making a fist, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the handwear system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, cuff length, palm fit, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the handwear (e.g., any combination of layers, transition between layers, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to keep your hands dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to keep your hands dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, liquid spills, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the weight of the handwear system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the durability of the handwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the handwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to complete fine dexterity tasks (e.g., loading a magazine, tying a knot, using communication systems, writing, using keys, firing rounds with accuracy, adjusting a scope, conducting immediate actions on a pistol, manipulating small buttons or slide fasteners, using vehicle sub-systems, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system to complete gross dexterity tasks (e.g., holding ski poles, pulling yourself using a tree branch or a rock, driving a vehicle, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the grip of the handwear	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the handwear to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the comfort of the handwear system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment upper body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the handwear system drying time (e.g., the frequency required to change/dry inner layers of the system)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the simplicity/versatility/multi-functionality of the handwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the handwear system's ability to enable the user to complete all aspects of the tasks.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category III)	_____ out of 108						

CATEGORY IV - COLD WEATHER HEADWEAR SYSTEM

Rate the acceptability of the Cold Weather Headwear System in the following categories:	User Assessment ☹️ ☺️ 😊 (Circle Score)						
How acceptable was the fit of the headwear system (e.g., fit over face, nose, ears, around mouth, over neck, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the headwear system design (e.g., location of stitching, type of stitching, choice of materials, amount of skin exposure, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of donning and doffing the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system thermal comfort (e.g., warmth, insulation against the elements, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system to keep you dry from internal sources (e.g., sweat, breathability, moisture control, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system to keep you dry from external sources (e.g., snow melt, precipitation, breath freezing on material etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the weight of the headwear system (e.g., wearing weight, packed weight, induced fatigue while wearing, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the durability of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the bulk and compressibility of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the range of motion when wearing the headwear system (e.g., did the system block your vision with movement, did the system pull or limit head movement, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the ease of use and ability to transition up/down in scale of system (e.g., could you scale up or down the skin coverage to reach the required thermal protection for the task)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
How acceptable was the comfort of the headwear system (e.g., any friction points, hot spots, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the headwear system's integration with the Cold Weather Garment upper body system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the acceptability of the drying time of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the versatility of the headwear system when used in conjuncture with other CAF provided equipment (e.g., Night Vision Goggles, headlamp, helmet, eye protection, hearing protection, goggles, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the versatility of the headwear system when used in conjuncture with other elements as a system (e.g., balaclava, face shield, cap, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the simplicity and versatility of the headwear system	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rate the headwear system's ability to enable the user to complete all aspects of the scenario.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total (Category IV)	_____ out of 108						

Category	Description	Score	Weight	Extended Score
I	Cold Weather Garment System	_____ out of 246	2	_____ out of 492
II	Cold Weather Footwear System	_____ out of 114	1	_____ out of 114
III	Cold Weather Handwear System	_____ out of 108	1	_____ out of 108
IV	Cold Weather Headwear System	_____ out of 108	1	_____ out of 108
Total Score (Extreme Cold Weather Performance)				_____ out of 822

Comments: (Use back of sheet if required).

ANNEX "L", SOCIO-ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS CRITERIA

Socio-Economic Benefits

Offeror(s) are requested, on a voluntary basis, to propose a Socio-Economic Benefits Plan addressing employment and training opportunities. The Socio-Economic Benefits Plan indicated by the Offeror in their technical bid will be inserted and form part of the Statement of Work at the time of standing offer issuance. For each Socio-Economic Benefits for each targeted group demonstrated, one point will be awarded up to a maximum of 8 points.

Environmental Benefits

The Environmental Benefits indicated by the Offeror in their technical bid will be inserted and form part of the Statement of Work at the time of contract award. For each Environmental Benefit demonstrated, one point will be awarded up to a maximum of 10 points.

This annex has no minimum pass mark.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS CRITERIA			
	Criteria Description	Offer Preparation Instruction	Point Scoring Grid
SB1	<u>Organizational Human Resource Policies</u> The Offeror is requested to provide information on how the employment of each of the targeted groups is managed and encouraged without an impact on the existing workforce . This information includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies for recruitment of these individuals; Strategies for retention of these individuals for long-term, multi-year projects; Indicate number of years these people have been working for the company; and Succession planning, and Staff management. 	In order to receive points, the Offeror must provide a copy of policies, procedures, accomplishments, action plans or reports that demonstrate concrete actions taken to achieve benefits for each of the targeted groups.	Score: ____ out of 4 One point for each of the targeted groups that benefit from the demonstrated Organization Human Resource Policy.
SB2	<u>Organizational Training and Skills Development Policies</u> The Offeror is requested to describe the training and/or skills development policies or activities related to any resulting contract that would be provided to employees, who are of the targeted groups, without an impact on existing workforce . This information includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of the activities as well as the number of targeted groups who will receive the training and/or skills development. Duration of the activities as well as the number of targeted groups who will receive the training and/or skills development. 	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of policies, procedures, accomplishments, action plans or reports that demonstrate concrete actions taken to achieve training and skills developments for each of the targeted groups.	Score: ____ out of 4 One point for each of the targeted groups that benefit from the demonstrated Organization Training and Skills Development Policy.

Socio-Economic Benefits Score	____ out of 8
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ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS CRITERIA			
	Criteria Description	Offer Preparation Instruction	Point Scoring Grid
EB1	The Offeror supports local sourcing for products which significantly reduces Green House Gas (GHG) impacts.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB2	The Offeror has adopted an eWaste program to dispose of electronics used in office or distribution centres to reduce impact in the environment.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB3	The Offeror has conducted waste audit and has put in place at least two concrete measures or programs to reduce the environmental impact of their identified waste generated by its operations in Canada during the past two years.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB4	The Offeror has completed an energy efficiency study to identify building energy savings and created benchmarks to meet reductions.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB5	The Offeror has completed an energy efficiency study to identify fleet energy savings and created benchmarks to meet reductions.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB6	The Offeror has in place a responsible Green procurement policy approved by senior management.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of the responsible procurement policy approved by senior management.	____ out of 1
EB7	The Offeror must utilize a vehicle tracking and management system that can optimize real-time transportation routes and performance monitoring in order to save fuel and reduce emissions.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB8	Offeror's fleet vehicles should have low-rolling resistant tires to increase fuel efficiency.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB9	The Offeror has implemented program to recycle tires and divert them from landfills.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1

EB10	The Offeror should operate fleet vehicles with any of the following technologies: hybrid vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or utilize fuels in its vehicles that are hydrogen, bio-based fuel, diesel trucks with low emission engines.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB11	The Offeror has registered with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) FleetSmart initiative or United States Environmental Protection Agency's SmartWay Transport Partnership to reduce transportation related emissions and improve environmental performance.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB12	The Offeror has switched to LED lighting in Contractor Facilities to reduce energy use.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB13	The Offeror has a recycling program at Contractor Facilities.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB14	The Lighting in at Offeror's Facilities are motion sensitive to reduce energy use.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
EB15	The Offeror has implemented a solar or wind program to reduce GHGs and increase green energy use.	In order to receive point, the Offeror must provide a copy of accomplishments, action plans or reports demonstrating concrete actions.	____ out of 1
Environmental Benefits Score			____ out of 10