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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FOR
SERVICE PISTOL REPLACEMENT
FOR
THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

(RFI) M7594-224467/C is being issued to provide answers to questions raised by Industry from (RFI) M7594-224467/B, as well as the feedback from the resulting engagement during Industry day and one-on-one information sessions.

The issuance of (RFI) M7594-224467/C will remain open for engagement purposes only until issuance of the RFP.

1. RCMP BACKGROUND

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provides federal, provincial, territorial and municipal policing services to Canadians across 10 provinces, 3 territories, 150 municipalities, including Federal Police Services and Specialized Police Services in support of hundreds of other police and public safety agencies across Canada.

The current service pistol in use by the RCMP has exceeded its life expectancy. The RCMP is beginning the procurement process for a new and modern service pistol. There is a need to obtain a service pistol that offers a reduced trigger pull weight, various frame sizes and a reduction in overall weight. In enhancing public and officer safety the RCMP has also identified the need for a pistol-mounted flashlight and a Red Dot Sight (RDS). These additional items will improve officers shooting accuracy, officer's threat response time and allow for the officers to be threat focussed.

2. NATURE OF THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This RFI is a consultative initiative, led by PWGSC, on behalf of the RCMP, hereafter referred to as Canada. The purpose of this RFI is to solicit industry feedback and to gather commodity expertise and best practices to help inform Canada as it develops its requirements and statement of work for a new Service Pistol and various accompanying ancillaries.

This RFI is neither a call for tender nor a Request for Proposal (RFP). No agreement or contract will be entered into directly pursuant to this RFI. The issuance of this RFI is not to be considered in any way a commitment by Canada, nor as authority to potential respondents to undertake any work that could be charged to Canada. This RFI is not to be considered as a commitment by Canada to issue a subsequent RFP or award contract(s) for the work described herein.

Respondents are requested to provide answers and feedback. Participation in this RFI is encouraged, but is not mandatory. There will be no short-listing of potential firms for the purposes of undertaking any future work as a result of this RFI. Similarly, participation in this RFI is not a condition or prerequisite for the participation in any potential subsequent RFP, or other type of solicitation.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to achieve the following:

- a) Provide industry with an early opportunity to assess, comment and suggest changes to the requirement;
- b) Determine the capability of industry to satisfy the requirements;
- c) Request indicative costing information from industry in order to allow Canada to prepare its documents for Project Approval. Industry is asked to provide Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) pricing for as many items as possible.
- d) Obtain industry feedback on any issues that would impact their ability to bid on the resulting solicitation and/or deliver on the department's requirements;
- e) Gather industry knowledge, expertise and recommendations with regard to best practices that would

increase the success of the solicitation and/or identify any risks that would impact the solicitation;

f) Enhance competition, access and fairness of the resulting solicitation; and

g) Inform industry and the government to ensure that the formal RFP process moves forward efficiently and has a high probability of success.

Industry is advised that Canada has engaged the assistance of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC who have provided services including the review of content in preparation of this RFI document and/or who have had, or may have had, access to information related to the content of this or other documents related to this RFI.

3. PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES AND CONSIDERATIONS

Canada is intending to use the feedback it gathers from industry to assist with advancing a competitive procurement process(es) to acquire a Service Pistol and ancillaries.

Canada may award a resulting contract(s) with an initial firm period of ten (10) years (quantity 24,000 followed by irrevocable options (two (2) five (5) year optional periods with quantities of 1,000/year for the first option period, for a potential contract period of twenty (20) years.

The procurement process for this initiative may be subject to Domestic Trade Agreements and Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements, including the Nunavut Agreement.

Please note, the list of dates and activities below are subject to change.

ACTIVITY	DATE
Issuance of RFI, to be posted for 30 days	March 28, 2022
Review Industry Responses to RFI	April/May, 2022
Industry Engagement Information Session	May 18, 2022
Industry one-on-one sessions	Late May, 2022
Release RFP	Summer, 2022
Evaluations	Fall, 2022
Contract Award	December, 2022

4. RESPONSE COSTS

Canada will not reimburse any respondent for any expenses incurred in responding to this RFI.

5. TREATMENT OF RESPONSES

5.1 Use of Responses: Responses will not be formally evaluated. However, the responses received may be used by Canada to develop or modify procurement strategies or any draft documents contained in this RFI. Canada will review all responses received by the RFI closing date. Canada may, in its discretion, review responses received after the RFI closing date.

5.2 A review team composed of representatives of the RCMP and PWGSC will review the responses. Canada reserves the right to hire any independent consultant, or use any Government resources that it considers necessary to review any response. Not all members of the review team will necessarily review all responses.

5.3 Canada may, in its discretion, contact any respondents to follow up with additional questions or for clarification of any aspect of a response.

5.4 Responses and feedback received will be summarized in a Summary of Feedback and Outcomes Report and published on BuyandSell.gc.ca upon the completion of the RFI consultation activities.

5.5 Early responses will be considered and are encouraged.

5.6 Each respondent is solely responsible for ensuring its response is delivered on time, to the correct location.

5.7 Each respondent should ensure that its name, return address, the solicitation number and the closing date appear legibly on the outside of the response.

5.8 Responses to this RFI will not be returned.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUPPLIER RESPONSES

Although the information collected may be provided as commercial-in-confidence (and, if identified as such, will be treated accordingly by Canada), Canada may use the information to assist in drafting future solicitation or contract documents.

Respondents are encouraged to identify, in the information they share with Canada, any information that they feel is proprietary, third-party or personal. Please note that Canada may be obligated by law (e.g. in response to a request under the *Access of Information and Privacy Acts*) to disclose proprietary or commercially-sensitive information concerning a respondent.

Respondents should mark any portions of their response that they consider proprietary or confidential. Canada will handle the responses in accordance with the *Access to Information Act*.

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION

Canada will be holding a virtual Industry Engagement Information Session with Industry on this RFI. The purpose of the Industry Engagement Information Session is to provide interested vendors with general information on the RFI requirements, the consultative process, and an opportunity to seek clarifications on the objective and content of the RFI.

The Industry Engagement Information Session is currently scheduled for, **May 18 , 2022 @ 13:00**, subject to change at Canada's discretion. The session will be offered in both Canada's official languages. Please refer to Appendix C: Industry Engagement Information Session Draft Schedule and Agenda for more details. Respondents will be required to participate remotely. The technology that will be used is still to be determined; however, it will likely be through Microsoft Teams and Slido will likely be used for the Questions and Answers portion of the Industry Engagement Information Session.

Vendors interested in participating in the Industry Engagement Information Session are required to confirm their attendance by returning the completed Appendix A: Registration Form for Industry Engagement Information to the Contracting Authority via email: omar.kraya@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca by May 9, 2022. The detailed information and the link to access the Industry Engagement Information Session will be provided by the Contracting Authority and will be communicated in writing to the interested vendors prior to the Industry Engagement Information Session.

Vendors are to note that participation in the Industry Engagement Information Session is not mandatory and will not preclude vendors from participating in subsequent phases of the procurement process.

8. FORMAT OF RESPONSES

Respondents are requested to provide their comments, concerns and, where applicable, alternative recommendations regarding how the requirements or objectives described in this RFI could be satisfied. Respondents are also invited to provide comments regarding the content, format and/or organization of any draft documents included in this RFI. Respondents should explain any assumptions they make in their responses.

Cover Page: If the response includes multiple volumes, respondents are requested to indicate on the front cover page of each volume the title of the response, the solicitation number, the volume number and the full legal name of the respondent.

Title Page: The first page of each volume of the response, after the cover page, should be the title page, which should contain:

- the title of the respondent's response and the volume number;
- the name and address of the respondent;
- the name, address and telephone number of the respondent's contact;
- the date; and
- the RFI number.

Numbering System: Respondents are requested to prepare their response using a numbering system corresponding to the one in this RFI. All references to descriptive material, technical manuals and brochures included as part of the response should be referenced accordingly.

Electronic Format

Respondents should submit their responses electronically in unlocked MS Word, PDF or compatible formats vis Canada Post Corporation's (CPC) Connect service.

Language

Respondents may submit their responses in either official language.

9. ENQUIRIES AND SUBMISSION OF RFI RESPONSES

All enquiries on this RFI must be directed to the PWGSC Contracting Authority.

Interested suppliers must note that all communication pertaining to the subject matter of this RFI shall exclusively be directed to the PWGSC Contracting Authority. Interested suppliers must not communicate directly with RCMP stakeholders or with other Government of Canada representatives other than the PWGSC Contracting Authority, regarding any aspect of this procurement process, including the subject matter described herein.

Any questions directed to the PWGSC Contract Authority while the RFI is open, will be posted to buyandsell.ca minus the respondents identity, along with the appropriate responses from Canada.

PWGSC Contracting Authority:

PSPC will not necessarily respond to enquiries in writing or by circulating answers to all potential suppliers as this is not a solicitation process. However, respondents with questions regarding this RFI may direct their enquiries to the Contracting Authority named below:

Name: Omar Kraya

Title: Supply Team Leader

Division Munitions and Weapons Systems Division – BK/BM

Address:

Public Services and Procurement Canada

11 Laurier Street

Gatineau, Quebec

K1A 0S5

Canada

Email: omar.kraya@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

Time and Place for Submission of Responses: Suppliers interested in providing a response must deliver to the contracting authority by the time and date indicated on the information cover page of this RFI.

RFI Submission: You must email omar.kraya@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca

10. FAIRNESS MONITOR

Canada intends to employ the use of a Fairness Monitor for this requirement. The Fairness Monitor will be involved throughout the entire procurement process.

11. POTENTIAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR RCMP SERVICE PISTOL AND ANCILLARIES

Canada intends to procure various ancillaries, in addition to the Service Pistol:

The current list of ancillaries includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Red Dot Sight (RDS)
- b) Weapon Light
- c) Carrying Case
- d) Holsters (Regular and Plain Clothes)

11.1 Sec 11.1. Technical/Performance Specifications for the RCMP Service Pistol may include, but are not limited to:

- 11.1.1** The pistol must have a maximum length of 190.5 mm (7.50 inches).
- 11.1.2** The pistol must have a maximum overall height of 140 mm (5.51 inches) with the magazine and any RDS removed.
- 11.1.3** The pistol must be capable of reliably firing 9x19mm Luger calibre ammunition in current service with the RCMP .
- 11.1.4** The pistol must be a mechanically-locked, recoil-operated, semi-automatic pistol.
- 11.1.5** The pistol must feature a non-reflective, black matte finish on all exposed surfaces.
- 11.1.6** The pistol's slide must be manufactured from corrosion resistant steel such as stainless steel. It must have a finish that is resistant to rust and salt water corrosion.
- 11.1.7** The pistol's frame must be manufactured of polymer.
- 11.1.8** The grip or grip module must provide for various hand sizing options. The front portion of the grip must not feature any prominent finger grooves.
- 11.1.9** The pistol must feature an ambidextrous slide catch lever(s) that can be activated using either hand.

- 11.1.10** The pistol's magazine release must be configurable for only right handed or only left handed.
- 11.1.11** The pistol must be striker fired. The trigger pull tension must be within a tolerance of 2.49 Kg \pm .227 Kg (5.5 lbs \pm .5 lbs).
- 11.1.12** The pistol must be supplied with three (3) magazines, with a minimum capacity of 15 rounds per magazine.
- 11.1.13** The pistol's recoil spring guide must be manufactured of corrosion resistant steel such as stainless steel.
- 11.1.14** The pistol must have no external manual safety levers.
- 11.1.15** The pistol must be capable of discharging a cartridge with the magazine removed.
- 11.1.16** The pistol must have an internal firing pin safety preventing the forward movement of the firing pin unless the trigger is physically pulled to the rear.
- 11.1.17** The pistol must have a mechanical safety to prevent the pistol from firing when not in battery.
- 11.1.18** The pistol must feature a safety incorporated into the trigger shoe to prevent the trigger's rearward movement without physical pressure on the trigger.
- 11.1.19** The internal firing pin block safety must only be deactivated once the trigger is depressed beyond the trigger safety de-activation point.
- 11.1.20** The pistol must have a visual or tactile loaded chamber indicator feature.
- 11.1.21** The pistol must feature high definition night sights that will shoot 9x19mm Luger 147 grain ammunition to point of aim at 25m.
- 11.1.22** The front sight must be black in colour and have either a yellow or orange coloured glow-in-the-dark photoluminescent outline surrounding a green coloured tritium phosphor-filled glass lamp in the center (round dot).
- 11.1.23** The pistol must have a minimum operating temperature range of -40°C to +48°C.
- 11.1.24** The pistol slide must be configured to accept a RDS.

11.1.25 The rear iron sight dovetail must be integral to the slide.

11.2 Technical/Performance Specifications for the Training Pistol* may include, but are not limited to:

11.2.1 The factory training pistol must replicate the configured service pistol.

11.2.2 The factory training pistol must be capable of shooting Simunition Family of cartridges.

*A training pistol is a near exact replica of the service pistol, generally in a different color to differentiate it from a live service pistol with a modified barrel that prevents it from firing live operational rounds but allows it to fire the Simunition Family of cartridges. The RCMP uses 9mm rounds for its service ammunition, the Simunition rounds are 8mm thus you cannot fit a 9mm live round into an 8mm barrel made for Simunition. These training pistols are used within the RCMP for force on force training such as scenario based training.

11.3 Technical/Performance Specifications for the Red Dot Sight (RDS) may include, but are not limited to:

11.3.1 The mounting height of the RDS must allow for a lower 1/3 co-witness of the iron sights.

11.3.2 The RDS retention hardware must be manufactured of steel.

11.3.3 The RDS must function within a temperature range of -40°C to +48°C.

11.3.4 The RDS must withstand temperature and humidity fluctuations without any shift in point of aim to point of impact.

11.3.5 The RDS must be hard anodized with a non-reflective, black matte finish.

11.3.6 The RDS weight must not exceed 60 g (2.1 oz.) including the battery.

11.3.7 The RDS magnification must not exceed 1X, it must have unlimited eye relief and be parallax free within 25m.

11.3.8 The RDS must have flush mounted elevation and windage adjustments that are click adjustable and no coarser than 1 MOA per click.

11.3.9 The RDS must have a minimum clear aperture of 16mm (.063 inch) in both width and height and feature an optical axis of less than 14 mm (0.55 in) from its mounted surface.

11.3.10 The RDS exterior dimensions must be no greater than 50mm (1.96 inch) long x 33mm (1.31 inch) wide x 33mm (1.3 inch) in height.

11.3.11 The dot intensity switch must be easily adjustable, must be flush mounted and use a pliable or soft switch material that must remain functional under operational temperature requirements as specified in 11.3.3.

11.3.12 The RDS dot must be red in colour and be 3.0 Minute Of Angle (MOA) \pm .5 MOA in size.

11.3.13 The RDS lense must be fully coated with an anti-reflex (AR) coating.

11.3.14 The optical image/field of view as viewed from the rear of the RDS must be clear or neutral in colour.

11.3.15 The RDS battery must be a CR2032 (3.0V) capable of rendering a battery life of up to 2 years from the middle dot intensity setting/position (room temperature, constant on).

11.3.16 The RDS battery must be externally mounted and must be replaceable without removing the optic from the pistol.

11.3.17 The RDS battery compartment must be waterproof.

11.4 Technical/Performance Specifications for the Weapon Light may include, but are not limited to:

11.4.1 The light must be compatible with a Picatinny MIL-STD-1913 pistol rail dimension.

11.4.2 The light must not protrude beyond the muzzle of the firearm.

11.4.3 The light must have rear activated ambidextrous operating controls.

11.4.4 The light must have a de-activation feature, preventing the light from activating inadvertently while not in use.

11.4.5 The light must have a light emitting diode (LED) light source with a minimum output of 500 lumens.

11.4.6 Must use lithium 3 Volt CR123A batteries.

11.4.7 The light must have a minimum runtime of 1.5 hours.

11.4.8 The light must be contained in a, hard anodized aluminum body having O-ring seals & gaskets.

11.4.9 The light must operate with a temperature range of -40°C to +48°C.

11.4.10 The battery must be replaceable without removing the light from the pistol.

11.5 Technical/Performance Specifications for the Pistol Carrying Case include, but are not limited to:

11.5.1 Each pistol must come with a hard-sided carrying and storage case as follows:

- The carrying case must hold the pistol complete with RDS, Weapon Light and 3 magazines.
- The carrying case must have a minimum of two (2) latching devices.
- The carrying case must have two (2) separated securing eyelets.

- The carrying case must have a foam insert that is precision cut to secure the pistol and magazines.

11.6 Technical/Performance Specifications for the Pistol Holster include, but are not limited to:

- 11.6.1** Must be a currently manufactured holster designed for use with the pistol, RDS and Weapon Light system as specified.
- 11.6.2** The holster must have a minimum retention level rating (industry based rating) of “Threat Level III Retention”.
 - Note:** As no specific/uniform industry standard effectively exists for testing retention levels with regard to holsters (to the authors’ knowledge). The Safariland/Rogers Holster Company retention level testing protocol will be used as the basis for the holster retention specification
- 11.6.3** The holster must have a minimum of two (2) mechanical locking devices to keep the pistol in the holster.
- 11.6.4** The holster must enable the user to securely lock the pistol in the holster with only one (1) mechanical locking feature.
- 11.6.5** One of the mechanical locking features must be so designed to effectively engage the ejection port and offer retention in all directions (must do so on both left and right handed type holsters).
- 11.6.6** Must have the ability to re-holster and re-secure pistol with at least one mechanical locking feature without having to manipulate the holster or any components of the holster for quickness and relative ease.
- 11.6.7** The holster must enable the user to have full access to the grip of the pistol before drawing the pistol out.
- 11.6.8** The holster’s retention and locking mechanisms must be positioned on the top forward portion of the holster to enable the user to use with either the dominant or non-dominant hand.
- 11.6.9** The holster must have a serviceable locking mechanism.
- 11.6.10** When retention features are de-activated, the holster must enable the user to remove the pistol using a straight up draw.
- 11.6.11** The holster must be manufactured from a thermal molded laminate with a non-reflective matte black surface finish.
- 11.6.12** The holster must protect the magazine release from inadvertently releasing the magazine while in the holster.
- 11.6.13** The holster must protect and shroud the RDS and rear sight from view when in a locked and holstered position.
- 11.6.14** The holster’s locking mechanism must feature a shroud to prevent an object or person from applying force to the release mechanism.
- 11.6.15** The holster must have a tensioning device to remove, play and adjust the pistol within the shrouded portion of the holster.
- 11.6.16** The holster must offer a minimum retention level rating (industry based rating) of “Threat Level III Retention” with or without the light attached. For example, a barrel spigot/support or similar device could be used to stop the rearward movement of the

pistol and disengaging the internal ejection port lock when there is no weapon light attached to the pistol.

11.6.17 Must have both left and right handed type holsters.

11.6.18 An optional holster more suited to concealed/plain clothes use must be available. The plain clothes holster may feature modifications of the retention system to promote concealment but must be preferably manufactured from the same materials and feature an automatic locking system if the pistol is re-inserted without need to activate or manipulate any retention features.

12. INDUSTRY ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS

Canada will be holding one-on-one sessions with Industry, following this RFI. Using the form provided in Appendix B, interested Vendors should express in writing to the Contracting Authority their choice of the following participation options:

- Whether they would like to attend a one-on-one session with Canada **with** or **without** a product demonstration.
- If they **would** like to offer a product demonstration as part of their one-on-one session, Vendors must identify which product(s) they wish to demonstrate.
- If they do not want to offer a product demonstration as part of their one-on-one session, Vendors must identify if they wish to meet with Canada in-person or virtually.

Vendors interested in participating in a One-on-One Vendor Session are required to confirm their participation by returning the completed Appendix B: Registration Form for One on-One Vendor Sessions to the Contracting Authority via email:

omar.krava@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca by May 9, 2022. Vendors should also identify their preferred language of the demonstration (i.e. English or French).

Vendor One-on-One Sessions will be conducted individually and the content will be kept confidential.

To align with Canada's proposed schedule in Part 3 of this RFI, Canada is intending to hold Vendor One-on-One Sessions in **late May 2022**, subject to change at Canada's discretion.

If your company is located outside Canada and you wish to offer Canada a product demonstration of your pistol during your one-on-one session, what approvals will you require to bring your pistol into Canada? How much lead time will be required?

Following a review of the RFI responses, the Contracting Authority will reach out to all vendors who have expressed an interest in participating in a Vendor One-on-One Session and will provide all applicable details in writing, in regard to next steps. Vendors who have indicated they would like to provide Canada with a product demonstration will be provided with a description of the functionality that Canada would like to see for the product(s) that will be demonstrated. **All** Vendors who have expressed an interest in participating in a Vendor One-on-One Session will be provided with a standard set of questions related to the RCMP's Service

Pistol Replacement Project and must be prepared to attend their session with responses prepared.

Canada will commit to providing Vendors with as much time as possible to prepare for a one-on-one session, however given time constraints, Vendors should be prepared to have as little as (1) or (2) weeks of preparation time.

The exact date and time of the Vendor One-on-One Sessions will be provided by the Contracting Authority and will be communicated in writing to the interested parties at later date. Vendors who have indicated they do not wish to provide a product demonstration as part of their one-on-one session should be prepared to participate remotely, likely using Microsoft Teams. Vendors who have indicated they would like to offer a product demonstration as part of their one-on-one session should be prepared to participate with Canada in-person at an RCMP facility located in Ottawa, Ontario.

Vendors are to note that participation in a One-on-One Session with Canada is not mandatory and will not preclude vendors from participation in subsequent phases of the procurement process.

QUESTIONS TO INDUSTRY

This RFI contains specific questions addressed to industry. Respondents are requested to answer the questions directly, and in a concise manner.

PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS	
1.	<p>Canada is gathering information to procure both a service pistol and multiple categories of related ancillaries. Canada is considering bundling the pistol platform and any required ancillaries into one single procurement requirement, whereby the successful Contractor would be responsible for providing both the platform and any ancillary requirements to Canada under the same contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would this contracting strategy present any challenges for your company? If so, please explain why. • Assuming your company does not manufacture both a pistol platform <i>and</i> related ancillaries, please describe both if and how you would source and offer all components to Canada under one contract? • What is your company able to offer in regards to a bundled package for the 6 items above? • Does your company see this contracting approach as cost effective to Canada? If not, please explain why. • If your company does not support this contracting strategy, please explain why and provide rationale. Please advise Canada on any alternative contracting strategies that you think it should consider versus taking this approach.
2.	<p>Canada is considering an initial contract period of ten (10) years with option periods that would add an additional ten (10) years to the contract (possibility of twenty (20) years total).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your company consider this a reasonable length of time for a contract of this nature? If not, please explain why. • How would you recommend Canada structure its option periods (quantity and duration) to incentive a continued investment in the contract? • How would a contract of this length impact costs over time?
3.	<p>Canada currently has 25,000 service pistols in use across the RCMP and plans to replace this quantity in its entirety, using a phased approach, through a resulting contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long would it take your company to import and provide sample pistols to Canada for evaluation? • Does your company foresee any issues importing pistols to Canada? • How quickly after contract award could your company begin delivering service pistols to Canada, and how many would the initial delivery include? • How many pistols could your company manufacture and deliver to Canada on an annual basis?
4.	<p>Canada has identified a number of potential requirements and specifications for its RCMP Service Pistol in this RFI. These may form some of the mandatory and point rated evaluation criteria that Canada will use in its subsequent procurement activities. Canada would welcome</p>

	<p>any industry questions or feedback in respect to these potential requirements and specifications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide examples of evaluation criteria should Canada consider using to qualify suppliers as part of an RFP process? Using as much detail as possible, please provide examples and rationale?
5.	<p>Canadian Content Policy One of the purposes of this RFI is to determine if there are two or more Canadian Bidders offering a Canadian made product in accordance with the rules of origin. Can you provide a bid meeting Canadian content requirements?, for further details see https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/supply-manual/section/3/130</p>
6.	<p>The RCMP provides federal, provincial, territorial and municipal policing services to Canadians, including policing services in over 600 Indigenous Communities across the Country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does your company currently participate in any existing initiatives that help bring economic benefits or positive societal impacts to Indigenous communities in Canada? Can your company propose any ideas of how this contract could be leveraged to support socio-economic objectives in Indigenous communities?
7.	<p>Please identify how your company promotes diversity and inclusion in its organization. This might include things like internal staffing or recruitment strategies to increase representation of underrepresented groups in the workforce, the development of specific policies and training, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could your company provide any recommendations of how it could diversify its supply chain (e.g. by targeting underrepresented and minority groups such as women, Indigenous, racialized minorities, persons with disabilities, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) in support of this contract?

CORPORATE PROFILE

5.	<p>Briefly describe your company, including where it is headquartered and where manufacturing occurs. Please also describe if your company is a designated distributor for any proposed offshore product.</p>
6.	<p>Briefly describe the range of products that your company provides and identify if you provide both a pistol platform(s) and ancillaries. Please identify the typical customer base your company works with (ie. military, police agencies, etc.).</p>
7.	<p>Please describe your company's offerings for an RCMP Service Pistol*. Based only on the information contained in this RFI, which pistol would you propose for RCMP Service Pistol use, and why?</p> <p>*An RCMP approved and procured pistol issued to frontline members who performs operational duties (as opposed to administrative duties, or who is assigned to investigate or support functions) and who is recognizable and visible as a police officer, and whose core duties involve an element of patrol, responding to in-progress events, and engaging routinely with the public in a variety of contexts. These members account for the vast majority of police-public interactions and occurrences involving the use of police intervention options. Also included are</p>

	those who supervise frontline members, specifically, supervisors and detachment/unit commanders.
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Potential Pistol and Ancillary Technical/Performance Specifications	
8.	For <u>each category</u> of ancillary listed above, please provide the following: a) Your company's offerings including the different models you may offer and what makes each unique. b) A description of any offerings you have that would not currently meet the potential specifications listed above but that you think the RCMP should consider. Please identify why your offering(s) wouldn't currently meet and provide a rationale for why the RCMP should consider them.
9.	What can your company offer in regards to mounting the optic to the pistol and how would it work with iron sights as a co-witness?
10.	Will the operation of the pistol be affected if the RDS was to be removed?
11.	In the event that the pistol is holstered with the mounted tactical light removed, will it interfere with the holster's retention points?
12.	Would having high visibility yellow or orange coloured dots on the front iron sight interfere or cause confusion with the Red Dot Sights?
13.	Are there any categories of ancillaries that Canada has not listed in this document but that it should consider as part of its pistol replacement procurement process?
Warranty	
14.	What is your company's standard warranty period for the pistol, and for each of the ancillary items above?
15.	Dependent on standard warranty periods, Canada may choose to request extended warranties on the pistol or ancillaries. Has your company ever agreed to offer an extended warranty for its pistol or ancillaries and if so, how long was the agreed upon extension?
16.	Please describe any factors that could impact your company's decision to not honour its warranty on its pistol and ancillary offerings.

Manufacturing	
17.	What is your company's annual manufacturing capacity for its pistol and for each ancillary items your company may also provide?
Fit-up and Distribution	
18.	Canada is considering a contractual requirement to have the successful Contractor configure the pistol with all ancillary items prior to shipping it to the RCMP. Could your company successfully facilitate this requirement?
Maintenance	
19.	<p>The RCMP has a preventative maintenance and repair program managed by its National Armoury Program (NAP) and intends on continuing to provide the primary maintenance and repair of the new pistols. Canada will require the Contractor to maintain an inventory of spare parts required for the RCMP's preventative maintenance program and for adhoc repairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would your company foresee an issue costing all spare parts for the pistol for the duration of the contract? If yes, please explain. • Canada anticipates that spare parts will be a cost over and above the cost of the pistol and ancillaries but would like companies to also cost these spare parts in their financial proposal. How would your company recommend the provision of spare parts be incorporated into Canada's costing model?
Evergreening	
20.	<p>Canada would like to ensure that its equipment remains up to date and is representative of existing industry trends and functionality as they evolve over time. As a result, Canada is considering the inclusion of a contractual requirement to have the successful Contractor evergreen (replace) the service pistols and ancillaries within the lifespan of the contract. Canada is considering having the successful Contractor evergreen the service pistol after ten (10) years (taking into account the possibility of a ten (10) year firm contract period with option period(s) that would result in a total contract period of twenty (20) years. Ancillaries would require evergreening over a shorter period of time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would your company have any concerns with Canada including evergreening requirements in the contract? • If not ten (10) years, after how many years would your company recommend Canada consider evergreening its service pistol? • For each category of ancillary that your company provides, please provide a recommended evergreening period that Canada should consider.

Divestiture	
21.	<p>Environmental considerations are an importance factor to consider for the Government of Canada, including within its procurement processes wherever applicable. The RCMP has an existing process for disposing of its firearms and plans to continue using this process for divesting pistols as they are taken out of service. The RCMP does not currently have a process for the divesting of ancillary items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your company offer any services in this area? If so, please describe your company's process for divesting, recycling, and/or re-using ancillary items?
Training	
22.	Can you provide armourer training and certification?
23.	Can you provide a maintenance manual and user manual for your products?
24.	Are the maintenance and user manuals available in both French and English?
25.	Do you offer any firearms instructor training for your products?
26.	Do you have any existing training materials for your products?
Miscellaneous	
27.	Is there anything in this RFI which would prevent you from submitting a compliant bid.