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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise
indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation
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Ce document est par la présente révisé; sauf indication contraire,
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Title - Sujet RFI for Pistol Modernization RFI for Pistol Modernization	
Solicitation No. - N° de l'invitation M7594-224467/D	Amendment No. - N° modif. 004
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Amendment 004 is raised for the following:

1. To answer questions from Potential Bidders

Question 11:

2.5.6, MT 2.5.6 Ergonomic Requirements: Can you please provide information on the gloves are the RCMP standard issue so that we are able to confirm this requirement?

Answer 11:

The RCMP standard issue gloves and associated Uniform and Equipment Item #s are as follows:

Gloves, Slash Resistant - Item #3680

Gloves, Duty, Insulated, Male - Item #3570

Question 12:

6.15, MT 6.15 Pistol Holster: RCMP-UEP SP 3-2022 (Standard Practice for Evaluation of Pistol Holster Belt Slide Attachments). Can this standard be provided?

Answer 12:

A copy of RCMP-UEP SP 3-2022 is attached.

Question 13:

You have indicated the following requirement: "The carrying case must include a foam insert that does not absorb water ..."

This requirement will be fully met with a Closed Cell foam structure which will provide relative impermeability to water. However, may we respectfully strongly suggest considering the foam and the hard case as a full system. In other words, the case itself should be waterproof.

Answer 13:

Canada will maintain the mandatory requirements as they are written. Should a vendor wish to offer capabilities and features beyond the mandatory, it is at the discretion of the vendor. No additional weighting will be allocated for features beyond this mandatory.

Question 14:

Canada has deployed RCMP officers to peace missions around the world since 1989. Over 4,000 Canadian police officers have been to over 33 countries, including Sudan, Kosovo, West Bank, Haiti and Afghanistan. The climate will be hostile to your weapon and storage protection will become critical.

In order to ensure that your handgun and accessories do not suffer from hostile climate factors, we recommend adding the following to the hardcase requirements:

MIL-C-4150J, MILITARY SPECIFICATION FOR CASES: TRANSIT AND STORAGE, WATERPROOF AND WATER-VAPORPROOF

Answer 14:

Canada will maintain the mandatory requirements as they are written. Should a vendor wish to offer capabilities and features beyond the mandatory, it is at the discretion of the vendor. No additional weighting will be allocated for features beyond this mandatory.

Question 15:

Again, we need to look at the foam and the hardcase as a system. Changes in altitude, temperature, humidity, and geographic location create a “vacuum lock” which can effectively seal a case shut. An AUTO-PRESSURE VALVE equalizes this atmospheric pressure difference and should be required

Answer 15:

Canada will maintain the mandatory requirements as they are written. Should a vendor wish to offer capabilities and features beyond the mandatory, it is at the discretion of the vendor. No additional weighting will be allocated for features beyond this mandatory.

Question 16:

Would it be possible to receive copies of the following documents?

RCMP-UEP SP-2 2022 Standard Practice (SP) for Evaluation of Pistol Holster Retention Mechanisms

RCMP-UEP SP-3 2022 Standard Practice (SP) for Evaluation of Pistol Holster Belt Slide Attachments

Answer 16:

A copy of RCMP-UEP SP 2-2022 is attached.

A copy of RCMP-UEP SP 3-2002 is attached.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

RCMP-UEP SP 2-2022

Standard Practice for Evaluation of Pistol Holster Retention Mechanisms

This standard is issued under the title RCMP Standard Practice. The year following the standard title is the date of initial publication or revision.

1 Document Scope

- 1.1 This standard practice is used for qualitative evaluation of pistol holster retention mechanisms
 - 1.1.1 This test method details the procedure in which pistol is secured in its holster and placed in a fixed position on an RCMP issued nylon belt. Once affixed to the belt, various pulling forces will be applied.
- 1.2 This test method is suitable for the evaluation of plastic holsters with both automatic and self locking systems. It is not suitable for holsters constructed from textiles.
- 1.3 This standard may require the use of potentially hazardous materials and/or equipment. This document does not claim to address any or all safety concerns associated with its use. It is the responsibility of anyone using this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices in conjunction with applicable regulations.

2 Applicable Documents

- 2.1 The most recent version of the following publications are applicable to this test method.
- 2.2 Royal Canadian Mounted Police
G.S. 1045-336 Belt, Duty, Nylon dated 2018-05-02

3 Definitions

- 3.1 The following definitions are applicable to this test method.
 - 3.1.1 **Pistol Holster** – A piece of equipment that secures a pistol to a duty belt for carriage.
 - 3.1.2 **Pistol** – The pistol, with its ancillaries, loaded with an empty magazine.
 - i. For the purposes of this evaluation, only the pistol and ancillaries provided with the holster will be used.
 - 3.1.3 **Automatic Locking System (ALS)** – An internal locking mechanism that secures the pistol in all directions upon re-holstering.
 - 3.1.4 **Self Locking System (SLS)** – Works in conjunction with the ALS and utilizes a rotating hood engaged by the shooter. Prevents the pistol from being drawn when engaged.
- 3.2 **Duty Belt** – RCMP issued nylon in accordance with G.S. 1045-336 Belt, Duty, Nylon dated 2018-05-02.
- 3.3 **Tactical/Athletic Stance** – Elbows are drawn in towards the torso and hands are up at chin level. Stand with ears, shoulders and hips vertically aligned, feet approximately shoulder width apart. Place dominant leg back with back foot slightly bladed, slight bend in the knees and weight slightly more on the balls of the feet.

4 Specimens

- 4.1 One specimen consisting of the unloaded and cleared pistol and pistol holster shall be tested.
 - 4.1.1 Each style of holster, left and right hand, shall be individually tested.
 - 4.1.2 Specimens are to be in new, unused conditions. The specimens must be removed from packaging and conditioned at standard temperature for at least 24 hours prior to beginning this evaluation.

5 Procedure

- 5.1 This standard practice requires two evaluators to conduct. The evaluators should be similar in stature. It is recommended that the evaluators are within ± 3 " in height and ± 15 lbs in weight. One evaluator shall wear the pistol and holster, the other shall attempt to remove it.
 - 5.1.1 When multiple holsters are to be evaluated, all evaluations shall be performed by the same two evaluators.
 - 5.1.2 Ensure that the duty belt is sized accordingly to the evaluator wearing it. The evaluator wearing the belt shall wear operation trousers to limit the movement of the duty belt.
- 5.2 Affix the holster securely to the duty belt. The use of keepers may be required, record in the results if used.
 - 5.2.1 If the multiple options of belt slide attachments which change the vertical positioning of the holster are available, select a neutral or mid rise option.
 - 5.2.1.1 In the case of adjustable slide attachments, the holster shall be positioned centrally or in accordance with manufacturers instructions to achieve a neutral or mid rise position.
 - 5.2.2 It is recommended to use the same duty belt throughout testing. If the duty belt becomes damaged during testing, it must be replaced.
- 5.3 Ensure that the pistol, with all accessory components as defined in 3.1.2, is secured in the holster as per the manufacturer's instruction. Adjust tension mechanism in holster according to manufacturer's instructions if required. The pistol must fit snugly inside the holster; loose fitting pistols may affect the results.
- 5.4 Automatic Locking System
 - 5.4.1 Enable the first level of retention on the holster as defined by the manufacturer.
 - 5.4.2 The evaluator wearing the duty belt shall position themselves in the tactical/athletic stance in 3.3 and remain in this position for the duration of each test.
 - 5.4.3 The second evaluator shall position themselves in the tactical/athletic stance within an arms length from the evaluator wearing the duty belt, placing their non dominant hand on the shoulder of the first evaluator to brace. The second evaluator's dominant side shall be positioned in line with the holster on the first evaluator.
 - 5.4.4 The second evaluator shall place their dominant hand on the grip of the pistol while in the holster. Once gripped, 5 ± 2 seconds of upward vertical pulling force will be applied to the pistol.

- 5.4.5 Pulling force shall be applied in each of the following directions: front, back, and side.. The direction of force is relative to the evaluator wearing the holster. No steps shall be taken by the second evaluator while they are applying the pulling force.
- 5.4.5.1 For each of the directions, the second evaluator will reposition themselves to apply force from in front of, behind, or beside the first evaluator.
- 5.4.6 Upon completion of each pulling force, the pistol shall be unholstered and holstered three times to assess function of retention components.
- 5.4.7 Testing must be stopped if the holster or its retention mechanism breaks.
 - 5.4.7.1 Note: Removable shrouds may become dislodged when pulling forces are applied, this occurrence does not constitute damage.
- 5.5 Self Locking System
- 5.5.1 Place the pistol in the holster and engage the automatic locking system (ALS) on the holster.
- 5.5.2 Enable the self locking system as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- 5.5.3 Evaluate the self locking system in accordance with 5.4.2 to 5.4.7.

6 Reporting

- 6.1 Report the performance of each level of retention mechanism in each direction.
- 6.2 Report any damage to the pistol holster and retention mechanisms observed.

RCMP-UEP SP3-2022

Standard Practice for Evaluation of Pistol Holster Belt Slide Attachments

This standard is issued under the title RCMP Standard Practice. The year following the standard title is the date of initial publication or revision.

1 Document Scope

- 1.1 This standard practice is used for qualitative evaluation of a pistol holster's belt slide attachment(s).
- 1.1.1 This test method details the procedure in which pistol is secured in its holster and placed in a fixed position on an RCMP issued nylon belt. Once affixed to the belt, various pulling forces will be applied.
- 1.2 This test method is suitable for the evaluation of plastic holsters. It is not suitable for holsters constructed from textiles.
- 1.3 This standard may require the use of potentially hazardous materials and/or equipment. This document does not claim to address any or all safety concerns associated with its use. It is the responsibility of anyone using this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices in conjunction with applicable regulations.

2 Applicable Documents

- 2.1 The most recent version of the following publications are applicable to this test method.
- 2.2 Royal Canadian Mounted Police
G.S. 1045-336 Belt, Duty, Nylon dated 2018-05-02

3 Definitions

- 3.1 The following definitions are applicable to this test method.
 - 3.1.1 **Pistol Holster** – A piece of equipment that secures a pistol to a duty belt for carriage.
 - 3.1.2 **Slide Attachment** – The mechanism present on the wear side of the holster, used to attach the holster to the duty belt.
 - 3.1.3 **Pistol** – The pistol, with its ancillaries, loaded with an empty magazine.
 - i. For the purposes of this evaluation, only the pistol and ancillaries provided with the holster will be used.
- 3.2 **Duty Belt** – RCMP issued nylon in accordance with G.S. 1045-336 Belt, Duty, Nylon dated 2018-05-02.
- 3.3 **Tactical/Athletic Stance** – Elbows are drawn in towards the torso and hands are up at chin level. Stand with ears, shoulders and hips vertically aligned, feet approximately shoulder width apart. Place dominant leg back with back foot slightly bladed, slight bend in the knees and weight slightly more on the balls of the feet.

4 Specimens

- 4.1 One specimen consisting of the unloaded and cleared pistol and pistol holster shall be tested.

- 4.1.1 Each style of holster, left and right hand, shall be individually tested.
- 4.1.2 Specimens are to be in new, unused conditions. The specimens must be removed from packaging and conditioned at standard temperature for at least 24 hours prior to beginning this evaluation.

5 Procedure

- 5.1 This standard practice requires two evaluators to conduct. The evaluators should be similar in stature. It is recommended that the evaluators are within ± 3 " in height and ± 15 lbs in weight. One evaluator shall wear the pistol and holster, the other shall apply lateral pulling force.
 - 5.1.1 When multiple holsters are to be evaluated, all evaluations shall be performed by the same two evaluators.
 - 5.1.2 Ensure that the duty belt is sized accordingly to the evaluator wearing it. The evaluator wearing the belt shall wear operation trousers to limit movement of the duty belt.
- 5.2 Affix the holster securely to the duty belt. The use of keepers may be required, record in the results if used.
 - 5.2.1 If the multiple options of belt slide attachments which change the vertical positioning of the holster are available, select the neutral or mid rise option.
 - 5.2.1.1 In the case of adjustable slide attachments, the holster shall be positioned centrally or in accordance with manufacturers instructions to achieve a neutral or mid rise position.
 - 5.2.2 It is recommended to use the same duty belt throughout testing. If the duty belt becomes damaged during testing, it must be replaced.
- 5.3 Ensure that the pistol, with all accessory components as defined in 3.1.3, is secured in the holster as per the manufacturer's instruction. Adjust tension mechanism in holster according to manufacturer's instructions if required. The pistol must fit snugly inside the holster; loose fitting pistols may affect the results.
- 5.4 Enable all levels of retention on the holster as defined by the manufacturer.
- 5.5 The evaluator wearing the duty belt shall position themselves in the tactical/athletic stance in 3.3 and remain in this position for the duration of each test.
- 5.6 The second evaluator shall position themselves in the tactical/athletic stance at an arms length from the evaluator wearing the duty belt, placing their non dominant hand on the shoulder of the first evaluator to brace. The second evaluator's dominant side shall be positioned in line with the holster on the first evaluator.
- 5.7 The second evaluator shall place their dominant hand on the grip of the pistol while in the holster. Once gripped, 5 ± 2 seconds of lateral pulling force towards the second evaluator will be applied.
 - 5.7.1 Pulling force shall be applied in each of the following directions: front, back, and side. The direction of force is relative to the evaluator wearing the holster. No steps shall be taken by the second evaluator while they are applying the pulling force.
 - 5.7.1.1 For each of the directions, the second evaluator will reposition themselves to apply force from in front of, behind, or beside the first evaluator.

- 5.8 Upon completion of each pulling force, the pistol shall be unholstered and holstered three times to assess function of retention components.
- 5.9 Without removing the holster from the belt, inspect the holster for damage.
- 5.10 Testing must be stopped if the holster or its belt attachment mechanism breaks.
- 5.10.1 Note: Removable shrouds may become dislodged when pulling forces are applied, this occurrence does not constitute damage.

6 **Reporting**

- 6.1 Report any damage to the holster body, retention mechanisms, or slide attachment following testing in each direction.
- 6.2 Upon completion of all tests, remove the holster from the belt and report any damage observed on the slide attachment.