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Snow Camouflage Uniform



Requirement:

USMC Cold Weather ORD NO LOG 42.4 w/chg 1, 2, 3

Description:

The snow camouflage parka and trousers and pack cover are designed to be worn as an over garment when snow camouflage protection is required.

Background:

USMC adopted Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) in 1985 to replace Korean War era Cold Weather (EW) Clothing. Over the last 20 years USMC made periodic low risk product changes to improve material performance of selected layers with only minor design changes. Recent conflicts have identified needs to provide our Marines with better "Systemized" equipment and clothing.

Fielding Status:

AO: 20,000

Gear to be fielded to the STAP's

In Nov 06 the Snow Camo parka and trousers were issued to the Mountain Warfare Training Center and to the Marine Reserve unit at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska for final field evaluations.

Deliveries to the STAP in Camp Pendleton, CA completed in Dec 06.

Production:

Vendor: Initialed option 2 of Natick IDIQ Contract

Manufacturer: Standard Manufacturing Co.

Test Unit Production began: Oct. 06

Initial delivery of 4000 parkas, trousers, and pack covers was completed Dec 06 under an IDIQ contract.

Programmatic:

- Nov 06 conducted Industry Information/Market Research Conference in support of M/CW clothing procurement effort under GSA blanket purchase agreement.

- Jan 07 conducted midpoint data collection to validate baseline clothing system. Industry participated in user discussions; the information collected was incorporated into garment improvements

- Feb 07 Draft solicitation forwarded to Natick Contracting for review.

- Mar 07 completed final user evaluations at Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA. Data collected will be used to finalize salient characteristics.

- Initialed option 2 of Natick IDIQ contract to complete initial AO of 20,000 uniforms.

- Nov 07 Incremental deliveries begin

Issues:

- Maintaining shade standards will be critical. Shade testing requirements have been included in the solicitation and spectral reflectance values are included in the salient characteristics. All proposals received will be tested to ensure conformance with shade standards.

- Availability of funds

- How will MARFORRES units be funded

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