

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE <div style="text-align: center;">J</div>		PAGE OF PAGES <div style="text-align: center;">1 6</div>	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. <div style="text-align: center;">0002</div>		3. EFFECTIVE DATE <div style="text-align: center;">20-Dec-2011</div>		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY NATICK CONTRACTING DIVISION US ARMY CONTRACTING COMMAND - APG NATICK CONTRACTING DIVISION ATTN: CCAP-SCN, KANSAS STREET NATICK MA 01760-5011		CODE W911QY		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">See Item 6</div>			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)				X 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W911QY-12-R-0005			
				X 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 02-Dec-2011			
				10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.			
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)			
CODE		FACILITY CODE					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.							
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)							
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.							
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.							
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).							
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:							
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)							
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) Summary of Changes:							
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.							
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)			
				TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		16C. DATE SIGNED 20-Dec-2011	

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The purpose of this modification is as follows:

- 1) Change the closing date to 3 February 2012
- 2) Delet Clause 52.209-4 Alt I
- 3) Add Questions dated 19 December 2011.

SECTION A - SOLICITATION/CONTRACT FORM

The required response date/time 03-Feb-2012 2:00 PM EST has been added.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

The following have been deleted:

52.209-4 Alt I	First Article Approval-Government Testing (Sep 1989) Alternate I	JAN 1997
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The following have been added by full text:

QUESTIONS DATED 19 DECEMBER 2011

Question 1 - Will Product Demonstration Models be required by the closing date?

Answer: Yes, all PDMs are required at closing.

Question 2: Due to Holiday time period, we request this closing date of 1/5/12 be delayed by at least two weeks.

Answer: The Solicitation will be extended with a new closing date of 3 February 2012.

Question 3 - GL-PD-10-01C dated Sept 23rd 2011 on page 6, paragraph 3.2.2 entitled "INSOLES" and corresponding Table 1. Entitled "Insole Performance Requirements" states that the THICKNESS (ALL CONSTRUCTIONS) OF THE INSOLE BOARD (MINIMUM) IS 0.160". Can you confirm if this is the minimum thickness of the insole board without the foam layer or if it includes the foam layer?

Answer: The foam layer is included in this thickness level. This includes all constructions of the insole.

Question 4 - On Page 8 of the PD, section 3.2.3.4 entitled "COLOR" refers to the required color of the face side of the fabric lining laminated cloth as OLIVE. Would it be allowed to use the standard Grey Herringbone face fabric as an alternative? The grey herringbone face fabric still exceeds all performance requirements of the PD.

Answer: The use of grey herringbone face fabric will be accepted as long as it meets the performance requirements of the purchase description.

Question 5 - For better leather utilization: Is it allowed to use a two piece vamp rather than the one piece vamp that is shown in the picture? If the two piece vamp is allowed it would mean that there would be a small seam on the medial side of the boot.

Answer: No, the vamp shall be constructed from a single piece of leather.

Question 6 - In the official Purchase description: GL-PD-10-01C dated Sept 23rd 2011; Page 11, subsection 3.2.18 entitled LACES: It refers to a lace supplied by Hope Global item numbers #509.03368.03828.12306.008.700 along with the required specifications for the laces. We have been in contact with Hope Global and have been informed that these laces are not MIL SPEC and are not Berry Compliant due to the fact that the yarn that is used to make them comes from Canada. Please clarify if we should still use these laces or if an alternate lace will be specified?

Answer: Please see below for Lace description:

The olive laces shall be a nylon 3.25 millimeters (mm) boot lace, cover material of 950/1 denier (texturized nylon), filler material of 1260/2 denier (twisted nylon), constructed from 8 carrier braider (regular weave), olive, waterproofed, antiwick, fused tip, relaxed, with a 12.5 lbs/m yards weight or equal based on Government approval. The length of the laces shall be a minimum of 87 inches for all boot sizes.

Question 7 - Page 12, 3.3.1.1, Rubber Compound Requirements - The requirements for the rubber outsoles are based on the testing performed on 0.250 or 0.070 gauge inch test slabs (in accordance with ASTM procedures) and are not actual soles. The requirements shall be as specified in Table VI, when tested in accordance with 4.4.2. Table VI outlines a slip index (cold/ice) rough ice method characteristic to be tested on test slabs (3.3.1.1) in accordance with

4.4.2. Paragraph 4.4.2 identifies the test method of SATRA TM 144 which requires testing on either an outsole or an end item in lieu of test slabs. Please clarify.

Answer: Slip index rough ice testing shall be performed on a finished boot(s).

Question 8 - Should proposals be mailed to the address identified in A.9 or L.9? The address in A.9. includes New England Soldier Systems & Individual Equipment (NESSIE) Branch however; L.9. does not.

Answer: Proposals shall be mailed to:

Army Contracting Command - Aberdeen Proving Ground

Natick Contracting Division

New England Soldier Systems & Individual Equipment (NESSIE) Branch

ATTN: Nathan Jordan

100 Medway Road, Suite 305

Milford, MA 01757

Question 9 - Was page 30 intended to be left blank?

Answer: Page 30 does not contain any material. It is to be left blank.

Question 10 - Page 55 - L.9 Proposal submission (c) - Is it intended for the offeror to include the solicitation closing date and time on the label?

Answer: Yes, please include closing date and time on the label.

Question 11 - Is a CD + 1 Original + 1 Copy of each Volume required for submission as outlined in L.7.3 or is 1 CD + 1 Original + 3 Copies required for submission as outlined in L.7.1.(a).

Answer: Offerers are required to submit a CD + 1 Original + 1 Copy of each Volume.

Question 12 - Section L.7.3.2 – Management Proposal States “information for the Management Proposal” pertains to all proposed significant subcontractors and material suppliers as well as the prime.” Is the Government looking for each raw material supplier to provide the information outlined within Volume II (Factors A, B and C) or is this specific to the Prime if the Prime is the manufacturer of the product? If the Government is looking for each raw material supplier to provide this information as well as the Prime, the 30 page maximum for the Management Proposal Area would need to be amended.

Answer: The prime is responsible for outlining the management proposal area. Provide information outlined in Volume II and IV if the prime is the manufacturer of the product.

Question 13 - Section L.7.3.4 – Past Performance Proposal States “All information required pertains to all proposed first-tier subcontractors with whom the Offeror is teaming, as well as the Offeror.” Is the Government looking for each raw material supplier to provide the information outlined within Volume IV or is this specific to the Prime if the Prime is the manufacturer of the product?

Answer: Performance Risk Assessment Questionnaires are to be completed by primes only.

Question 14 - Performance Risk Assessment Questionnaire – Is this form intended for raw materials to complete as well as the Primes? Please advise if Part II of the Performance Risk Assessment Questionnaire is to be completed and submitted prior to the closing date or if the government intends to send the questionnaires submitted with our proposal to the representatives outlined in Part I (B) for completion.

Answer: Submitted questionnaires with proposals to the representatives outlined in Part I (B) will be sent for completion.

Question 15 - Are “material suppliers” defined as the suppliers who provide the materials identified within the component list within the PD (pages 16 through 19)?

Answer: Material suppliers are defined as suppliers who provide the materials identified within the component list within the purchase description (pg 16-19).

Question 16 - For the heat seal label inside the PDS boots we plan to use a blank label with the size and width only. Is there anything else the label should include?

Answer: This is acceptable for the PDMs. For full production, the contractor will be required to follow the requirements stated in the solicitation.

Question 17 - Verify if this item is sold commercially then Clause 52.215-20 allow an exception to provide this information. Or specify where this information is to be presented.

Answer: Cost information shall be provided in accordance with the solicitation under section B.1.

Question 18 - Page 6, C.2 SCOPE: “For subsequent delivery orders, the minimum delivery rate is 12,000 pairs per month beginning 30 days after issuance”. 12,000 pairs per month beginning 30 days after issuance of each delivery order is not a practical production ramp time period.

Answer: Each delivery order is a standalone order. If the Government awards a delivery order the contractor shall have 90 days to deliver the first 10,000 pair and then deliveries shall continue at 12,000 per month after that until the order is complete. If multiple delivery orders are awarded to the same company and there is no break in production deliveries shall continue at 12,000 per month.

Question 19 – The Solicitation states Contractor FAT but also includes Clause 52.209-4 Government First Article Approval. Please advise.

Answer: The contractor shall conduct FAT in accordance with Clause 52.209-3 First Article Approval -- Contractor Testing. The Government First Article test Clause shall not be included.

Question 20 - Page 58, M.2.: “The Technical Area is the most important of all the areas and is more important than the Management Area, which is more important then the Past Performance Area, which is more important than Contract/Price Area. (Technical Area > Management Area > Contract Price > Past Performance Area > Small Business Participation Plan. Please clarify discrepancy.

Answer: The relative order of importance is as follows: Technical Area>Management Area>Contract/Price>Past Performance Area>Small Business Participation Plan.

(End of Summary of Changes)