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## US Army Glove Programs

# Advanced Planning Brief for Industry

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# Gloves – Hot (Wet & Dry) Weather



# Combat Glove



- Used in field operations to protect Soldier's hands while navigating in rough terrain and moving objects.
- Solicitation award Dec 06 and May 07. Purchased maximum quantities on contract.
- New contract, new quantities needed. Anticipate pre-solicitation notification May 07
- Anticipate Solicitation Jul 07
- Focus on Durability. Soldiers will field test these glove items for as long as time permits while keeping on schedule.





# Combat Glove



- Second contract effort, contract released soon for Industry to design the Army Combat Glove
  - Army then owns patterns
- Better cold/wet weather/fire resistance protection
- Continue researching fire resistance -- also, Nylon vs. Kevlar/Nomex thread.



# Gloves – Temperate Weather (General Purpose)



# Intermediate Cold Wet Glove



- Newly designed item
- Solicitation closed at DSCP April 2007
- Anticipate award by July 2007





## Gloves – Cold (Wet & Dry) Weather



# Current Status



- Men's & Women's Anticontact Gloves
  - No change
  
- Cold Weather Glove Inserts
  - FY 06 updated to 100% wool for better wet weather and fire resistance performance
  
- Cold Weather Trigger Finger Mitten Shells
  - Currently updating design patterns and materials
  - Will transition changes to DSCP
  
- Extreme Cold Weather (ECW) Mitten
  - Currently updating shell material for added wet weather protection
  - Will transition changes to DSCP







# Utility Gloves



# Current Status



- Barbed Wire Handler's Glove
  - Field Testing New Design 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 07 at Fort Leonard Wood
  - Update Spec and transfer to DSCP
  
- Men's & Women's Heavy Duty Glove
  - No changes





# Milestones



- Light Duty Utility Glove
  - Present item to Army Uniform Board for approval
  
- Other glove items
  - On sustainment through DSCP

# AAFES/MCSSS Fire Resistant (Combat) Glove Approved Products List



- In partnership with AFFES/MCSSS, Product Manager, Clothing and Individual Equipment (PM-CIE) is continuously evaluating commercially available hand-wear for suitability of use for Soldiers.
- At the requests of AFFES/MCSSS, hand-wear is tested to the fire resistant test standards
- Successful completion of these tests is required in order for any hand-wear item to be accepted or listed on the hand-wear, fire resistant approved product list
- Provides Army APL commercial option, available through MCSSS/TFX, to Soldiers, who may prefer optional fire resistant gloves to the Army standard issue gloves



# AAFES/MCSSS Flame Resistant (Combat) Glove Approved Products List (APL)



- Step One: Coordinate with Ray Downs, MCSSS
  
- If MCSSS wants to sell new commercial glove, request PM CIE to test glove
  
- If glove passes tests, added to Glove APL
  - APL updated quarterly (or as needed)
  - If glove is on the list, does not mean MCSSS is obligated to carry/sell glove



# AAFES/MCSS Glove Approved Products List (APL)



- Future APL

Cold Weather Gloves