

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE J	PAGE OF PAGES 1 8
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0003	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 15-Jul-2009	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY COMMANDING GENERAL MARCORSYSCOM CTQ3LD 2200 LESTER STREET QUANTICO VA 22134-6050	CODE M67854	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6		CODE	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)				X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. M67854-09-R-3000
				X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 05-Jun-2009
					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.) The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions received in response to the above referenced solicitation and provide revisions to Section C and Attachments J.1, J.2, J.9 and J.10. The due date and time for receipt of proposals has been extended from 21 July 2009 at 3:00 PM local time to 30 July 2009 at 3:00 PM local time.					
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 15-Jul-2009	

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

SECTION SF 30 - BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

The following have been added by full text:

AMENDMENT 0003

The following questions and answers are provided:

Question #1: Section L; paragraph L.3.2.3 of the RFP states: " Proposal type shall be no smaller than a font size of eleven (11), Courier New, and may be single-spaced."

a.) May font size be smaller than eleven (11) inside graphics, figures, tables, captions, and theme statements?

b.) May font style be different than Courier New inside graphics, figures, tables, captions, and theme statements?

Answer #1: Fonts within graphics, figures, tables, captions and theme statements shall not be smaller than eight (8), Courier New. Other fonts may be used in embedded items, but in no case can the font be smaller than eight (8) Courier New.

Question #2: The Plate Carrier (PC) and Improved Modular Tactical Vest (IMTV) Purchase Descriptions (PDs) (Attachments J.1 and J.2 respectively) include requirements for 2" webbing and I have not located the use for this material on either set of patterns. Where is the 2" webbing being used?

Answer #2: While it may not be required in the patterns, if used to achieve best manufacturing practices any 2" webbing used must comply with paragraph 3.2.3 (c) of Attachment J.1 for the PC and paragraph 3.2.4 (c) of Attachment J.2 for the IMTV.

Question #3: Paragraph 3.2.16 the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2), calls for a Female Repairable Buckle (referred to as a 1.5 Inch Side Release Buckle in Section B of the RFP), but during the viewing we noticed that the provided sample had a fixed female buckle. Please clarify the proper buckle.

Answer #3- During the sample viewing, it was made clear that the PDs and provided patterns supersede any discrepancies on the physical prototypes displayed at the sample viewing. All female buckles (1.5 Inch Side Release Buckles) are to be field repairable.

Question #4: Paragraph 3.2.9 of the PC PD (Attachment J.1) and paragraph 3.2.11 of the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2) call out Cable Sleeves as 5/32 copper sleeves. Material vendors have indicated the actual material used for these sleeves to support DoD requirements in the past has been zinc vice copper. Please clarify whether the desired sleeve material should be copper or zinc plated.

Answer #4: The requirement is for copper.

Question#5: How many awards does the Government intend to make?

Answer #5: Multiple awards for both the PC and the IMTV are anticipated

Question #6:

Reference: In Section L, paragraph L.3.2.1 of the RFP it states "Offerors responding with proposals for both the PC and the IMTV shall propose only one ballistic system to be used in both system." Under section 6.3

Simulant/Surrogate Shoot-Pack, of Attachment J.2, there are instructions indicating that the shoot packs are to be “15 x 15 inches in size” for both the ballistic filler packet for the IMTV base vest and the ballistic filler packet for the IMTV yoke. On p.40 of 82, Attachment J.2, Tables I & II give the required minimum V50s for the IMTV base vest and yoke area (respectively).

Question: Is there a reason that the V50 minimums for yoke area are greater than the base vest even though they are tested on the same size shoots packs and are constructed of the same ballistic package?

Answer #6- Yes. The same ballistic solution is required for the base vest in both systems as well as the IMTV components (groin, collar, lower back protector and side pouches). The IMTV, however, also requires the incorporation of a yoke. The yoke when worn in conjunction with the base vest of the IMTV provides an increased level of protection. Yoke shootpacks shall include the yoke ballistic solution and the base vest ballistic solution.

Question #7: On page 26 of the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2) paragraph 4.6.3 V50 BL Calculation, V50 will be determined in accordance with MIL-STD-662F. First Article Testing “will require five (5) Partial Penetrations (PP’s) and five (5) Complete Penetrations (CP’s)”, however on p. 53 of Appendix D under Diagram II. First Article Test Shot pattern, it appears to show a 16 shot test pattern (the Z-Method). Please clarify as to which test method the FAT will be tested to.

Answer #7- First article testing will utilize a 16 or 12 shot pattern depending on the test. All shots will be conducted and the entire shot pattern will be utilized. The V50’s will be calculated utilizing five (5) Partial Penetrations (PP’s) and five (5) Complete Penetrations (CP’s) in accordance with the purchase description.

Question #8: Where can we obtain a copy of the Use and Care pamphlets for the PC and the IMTV?

Answer #8 Offerors are not required to supply the Use and Care pamphlets --the Government will develop the Use and Care pamphlets.

Question #9: Do sample Use and Care pamphlets need to be included with the PDM submissions?

Answer #9: See answer #8 above.

Question #10: Please refer to paragraph 3.2.10 Thread of the PC PD (Attachment J.1) and paragraph 3.2.12 Thread of the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2). Our supplier(s) indicate that Size F is a Tex 90 thread rather than Tex 112 as is specified in each attachment. Please clarify.

Answer #10: Thread size F Tex ranges from 90 to 112. References to “Tex 112” in paragraph 3.2.10 of the PC PD (Attachment J.1) and paragraph 3.2.12 of the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2) have been deleted in the revised 7 July 09 versions of the PDs. In addition, the reference to specification V-T-295 has been replaced with reference to A-A-59826.

Question #11: Please refer to paragraph 3.2.18 Quick Release Handle Cover of the PC PD (Attachment J.1) and paragraph 3.2.21 Quick Release Handle Cover of the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2). What is the cut length of the polyvinyl chloride (PVC) tubing?

Answer #11: Approximately 6 inches

Question #12: What is the duration of the field user evaluations referenced in Section C, paragraphs C.5.3 and C.16.3?

Answer #12: Approximately 2 to 3 weeks.

Question #13: a). Are the field user results pass/fail? b.) Must they “pass” before any production quantities or delivery order for production is issued? c.) What are the consequences of “user” evaluation failures?

Answer #13: The Government will meet the minimum obligation rate of 200 PCs and 200 IMTVs per awardee prior to conducting post award field user evaluations. Future delivery orders will be issued in accordance with clause H.1 of the RFP.

Question #14: Section D of the RFP states: “(b) Overpacked Items – One (1) repair kit (CLINS 0033 and/or 0087) will be ordered as an “overpack” with each system ordered.” Does this change the “Maximum” quantity under the Contract or is this “overpack” item counted as part of the Total Contract Quantity?

Answer #14: A repair kit will be ordered (to be overpacked) with every system ordered. This does not change the maximum quantities referenced in Section B.3 of the RFP.

Question #15: Do we include the cost of CLIN 0033 (PC Repair Kits) and/or CLIN 0087 (IMTV Repair Kits) when pricing the systems or are they to be priced out separately?

Answer #15 : The repair kits shall be priced separately under CLIN 0033 and CLIN 0087.

Question #16: Section H, paragraph H.1.1. Initial Delivery Orders states “(a) “First Article Test (FAT) Units and 200 Production Units of the IMTV and/or PC will be purchased from all awardees.” If the offeror is awarded a contract for both the IMTV and the PC, does this mean that the GOVT would purchase 400 Production Units (200 IMTV and 200 PC)?

Answer #16: Yes. If an offeror is awarded contracts for both the IMTV and PC the Government will purchase a minimum of 200 IMTVs and 200 PCs.

Question #17: Section L, Paragraph L3.2.3 of the RFP states that the text of the documents should be formatted with text “no smaller than 11 Courier New.” We would like to know if the government means that we have to use Courier New, and cannot use other fonts, such as New Times Roman (if it is larger than the stated 11 Courier).

Answer #17: Other fonts may be utilized. The requirement is only that the text be “no smaller than 11 Courier new.”

Question #18: Please refer to paragraph 3.6(d) and (e) Size, Identification, and Instruction Label of both the PC and IMTV PDs (Attachments J.1 and J.2 respectively). Both subsections (d) and (e) refer to donning and doffing instructions to be on the label. Can we put a reference to the Use and Care Manual instead of the full instructions for donning and doffing?

Answer #18: Offerors may reference Use and Care Manuals on the labels for both systems instead of including the full instructions for donning and doffing.

Question #19: We plan on using subcontractors for a portion of the work to be done on this contract. Are we to have them submit the “Past Performance Questionnaires” for their parts as well?

Answer #19: Please refer to L.3.3 Volume II – Business Proposal of the RFP: “All past performance information required is applicable to all proposed first-tier labor subcontractors (e.g. soft armor suppliers, carrier manufacturer) with whom the Offeror is teaming, as well as the Offeror. The Offeror shall submit with its proposal its first tier subcontractors’ letter(s) of consent allowing the Government to disclose the subcontractors’ past performance to the Offeror if necessary.”

Question #20: Please refer to paragraph 3.2.10 Thread of the PC PD (Attachment J.1) and paragraph 3.2.12 Thread of the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2). V-T-295, Type II, Class A is identified. However, the PDs call for an accelerated laundry test which would require an additional coating for the thread and that would be the Class B and not Class A.

Answer #20: The revised PC and IMTV PDs specify the correct thread type.

Question #21: Paragraph 3.2.18 Loop of the IMTV PD (Attachment J.2) states “1.5 inch Steel or brass, Welded ITW P/N 01004-20-2188xx , or equal.” Please note that welded ITW P/N 01004-20-2188 part # is **1.1/8 inch**. Should we use the welded part no. ITW P/N 01041-2188 referenced in the PC PD (Attachment J.2) for both the IMTV and the PC?

Answer #21: Yes. Both the PC and the IMTV should reference the same part no. As such, Attachment J.2 paragraph 3.2.18 has been revised to read P/N 01041-20-2188x, or equal.

Section C has been modified as follows:

1. C.16.3 Field User Evaluation.

200 IMTV production units, balanced across the tariff, will be ordered from each awardee and shall be delivered **30** days after First Article Test (FAT) approval is provided by the Government. These systems will undergo Field User Evaluations (FUE) at Marine Corps installations. Designated USMC personnel will perform standard infantry/ military tasks while wearing the IMTVs and PCs and compare and contrast each system with the currently fielded system.

Section J has been modified as follows:

1. Attachment J.1 – Purchase Description Body Armor, Multiple Threat Plate Carrier dated 28 April 2009 is hereby replaced with an updated version dated 07 July 2009. The updated version incorporates the following changes previously identified in Amendment 0002:

a.) **Paragraph 3.2.19 Cord:** This paragraph has been modified to include the requirement for the cord to be white in color.

b.) **Paragraph 3.3.1.2 Base Plate Carrier and Components Carrier Inner Shell:** Item 14 Back Tunnel Facing “Cut 4” has been deleted and replaced with “Cut 2”.

c.) **Appendix A –Material Properties For Plate Carrier SubComponents:** The reference to “FR Coating” in the heading of the 2nd column of Table I. has been deleted in its entirety.

2. Attachment J.1 - Purchase Description Body Armor, Multiple Threat Plate Carrier dated 07 July 2009 incorporates the following additional changes:

a.) **Paragraph 2.2.1 Specifications, standards and handbooks:** The reference to specifications “A-A-55217” and “V-T-285” have been deleted and the reference to specification “V-T-295” has been deleted and replaced with “A-A-59826.”

b.) **Paragraph 3.2.10 Thread:** The reference to “V-T-295” has been deleted and replaced with “A-A-59826” and the reference to “(Tex 112)” has been deleted.

c.) **Paragraph 3.2.11 Buckle Side Release:** This paragraph has been modified to reference an additional acceptable part number: “1 ½ inch Mojave Male, acetal, P/N 4494 and 1 ½ inch Mojave Repairable Female, acetal, P/N 9276 or equal.”

d.) **Appendix C: Non-Ballistic Requirements and Verifications: Instructions for Shootpack Measurement** has been moved to Appendix D: Ballistic Performance Verification “Ballistic First Article Test Protocol”.

e.) **Appendix D: Ballistic Performance Verification:** Table 1 under SPECIAL PROVISIONS, has been changed to read “Table V. Maximum Lot Failures.”

f.) Appendix D: Ballistic Performance Verification: “Table IV-A.” was revised to read “Table IV.”

3. Attachment J.2 – Purchase Description Body Armor, Multiple Threat Improved Modular Tactical Vest dated 28 April 2009 is hereby replaced with an updated version dated 07 July 2009. The updated version incorporates the following changes identified in Amendment 0002:

a.) Paragraph 1.2 (A): This paragraph has been modified to include one (1) Rifle Bolster under the list of components.

b.) Paragraph 3.2.22 – Cord: This paragraph has been modified to include the requirement for the cord to be white in color.

c.) Appendix A, Table I: The reference to “FR Coating” in the heading of the 2nd column has been deleted in its entirety.

d.) Appendix A, Table II: The reference to paragraph 3.2.8 has been deleted and replaced with the correct paragraph reference (3.2.7).

4. Attachment J.2 - Purchase Description Body Armor, Multiple Threat Improved Modular Tactical Vest dated 07 July 2009 incorporates the following additional changes:

a.) Paragraph 2.2.1 Specifications, standards and handbooks: References to specifications “A-A-55217” and “V-T-285” have been deleted and the reference to specification “V-T-295” has been replaced with “A-A-59826.”

b.) Paragraph 3.2.12 Thread: Reference to “V-T-295” has been deleted and replaced with “A-A-59826” and reference to “(Tex 112)” has been deleted.

c.) Paragraph 3.2.13 Coated Fabric: This paragraph has been revised to read **Rifle Bolster Coated Fabric.**

d.) Paragraph 3.2.14 Rifle Bolster Stiffener has been added to the PD.

e.) Paragraph 3.2.15 Male Buckle (formerly 3.2.14): Reference to “40 mm Single Bar Stealth, acetal, P/N 7698W Male, or equal” has been deleted and replaced with reference to “40 mm Single Bar Stealth, acetal, P/N 6581, or equal.”

f.) Paragraph 3.2.16 Female Repairable Buckle (formerly 3.2.15): Reference to “40 mm Single Bar Stealth Buckle, acetal, P/N 7699W Female, or equal” has been deleted and replaced with reference to “40 mm Quick Attach Stealth Female, acetal P/N 9276, or equal.”

g.) Paragraph 3.2.18 Loop (formerly 3.2.17): Reference to “1.5 inch Steel or brass, Welded ITW P/N 01004-20-2188x, or equal” has been deleted and replaced with to “1.5 inch Steel or brass, Welded ITW P/N 01041-20-2188x, or equal.”

h.) Appendix D: Ballistic Performance Verification: Table 1 under **SPECIAL PROVISIONS,** has been changed to read “Table V. Maximum Lot Failures.”

5. Attachment J.9 – Plate Carrier Patterns have been updated to incorporate the following changes identified in Amendment 0002.

1. Plate Carrier Pattern Annotations are modified as follows:

a. Front Shoulder Buckle – The stated “cut 4” is deleted and replaced with “cut 2”.

b. Back Tunnel Facing – The stated “cut 4” is deleted and replaced with “cut 2”.

c. Back Middle Shell – The "tunnel facing" annotation between side notches is deleted and replaced with "tunnel".

d. Back Inner Shell - The "tunnel facing" annotation between side notches is deleted and replaced with "tunnel".

6. Attachment J.10 – IMTV Patterns have been updated to incorporate a pattern for the rifle bolster.

7. All five sizes of the revised patterns for both systems (dated 06242009) are available to interested SBA Qualified HUBZone small businesses.

(End of Summary of Changes)