

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE J		PAGE OF PAGES 1 7	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0007		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 22-Aug-2014		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY MARCORSYSCOM CESS 2202 LESTER STREET QUANTICO VA 22134		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)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. M67854-14-R-1021	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 14-Jul-2014	
						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 (1) Extend the RFP closing date and time to Monday, 25 August 2014, at 12:00pm local time, and (2) Advise offerors that Tencate or "equal" fabric test results may be submitted electronically to Ms. Peggy Smith at Peggy.L.Smith1@usmc.mil. Test results must be received by the RFP closing date and time in order for the results to be accepted.							
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		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED	
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)				BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		22-Aug-2014	

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The required response date/time has changed from 15-Aug-2014 02:00 PM to 25-Aug-2014 12:00 PM.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Proposals Submitted by Industry

Due to the pressure for rapid R&D development, the following are the key elements of a proposal:

- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume A – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume B – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume C – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume D – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume E – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume F – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume G – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume H – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume I – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume J – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume K – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume L – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume M – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume N – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume O – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume P – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume Q – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume R – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume S – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume T – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume U – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume V – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume W – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume X – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume Y – Business Proposal
- Preliminary Description: Includes Project Description, and Volume Z – Business Proposal

The following diagram illustrates the process of proposal submission and evaluation:

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2. Evaluation of Proposals

The evaluation of proposals is a critical step in the procurement process. It involves assessing the technical, financial, and commercial aspects of the proposals submitted by potential suppliers. The evaluation process is typically carried out by a panel of experts, who will consider the following factors:

- **Technical Acceptability:** This involves assessing the technical specifications of the proposal, including the quality of the materials, the design, and the manufacturing process. The panel will also consider the supplier's experience and track record in the field.
- **Financial Viability:** This involves assessing the financial aspects of the proposal, including the price, the terms of payment, and the supplier's financial stability. The panel will also consider the supplier's ability to deliver the goods or services on time and within budget.
- **Commercial Viability:** This involves assessing the commercial aspects of the proposal, including the supplier's reputation, the quality of their customer service, and their ability to meet the needs of the client.

The evaluation process is typically carried out in a series of steps, starting with the initial screening of proposals, followed by a detailed technical evaluation, and then a financial and commercial evaluation. The final recommendation is then made by the panel, based on the results of the evaluation.

3. Discussions, if Needed, and Establishment of the Competitive Range

Once the proposals have been evaluated, the next step is to establish a competitive range. This involves identifying the suppliers whose proposals are most likely to be successful, and then inviting them to participate in a competitive range. The competitive range is typically established based on the results of the evaluation, and it is used to ensure that the procurement process is fair and competitive.

4. Technical Acceptability Determination and Award of the Contract

Once the competitive range has been established, the next step is to determine the technical acceptability of the proposals. This involves assessing the technical specifications of the proposals, and ensuring that they meet the requirements of the client. Once the technical acceptability has been determined, the contract can be awarded to the supplier whose proposal is most likely to be successful.

All packages/boxes submitted in response to this solicitation shall reflect the following on the address label:

Solicitation Number: M67854-14-R-1021 IWCS

The legend "TO BE DELIVERED UNOPENED TO PEGGY SMITH"

The volume and copy number of written material contained in each package/box.

Quantity of Product Demonstration Models (PDMs)

L.3 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

L.3.1 General Proposal Format - Offeror shall submit Technical, Past Performance and Business Proposals as separate volumes in loose-leaf three ring binders. Each copy shall have a cover sheet marked with the copy number (e.g. Copy 1 of 2), title, RFP identification number, and classification (i.e. IWCS) and Offeror's name. Be sure to apply all appropriate markings including those prescribed in accordance with FAR 52.215-1(e), Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data, and 3.104-4, Disclosure, Protection, and Marking of Contractor Bid or Proposal Information and Source Selection Information. Documents shall be stamped "Source Selection Sensitive – See FAR 2.101 and 3.104." Original and numbers of copies required are provided below:

VOLUME	CONTENT	COPIES
Volume I	IWCS Technical Proposal	(1) Original (2) Duplicative Copies (1) Electronic Copy
Volume II	IWCS Past Performance Proposal	(1) Original (1) Duplicative Copy (1) Electronic Copy
Volume III	IWCS Business Proposal	(1) Original (1) Duplicative Copy (1) Electronic Copy

L.3.2 Volume I – Technical Proposal(s)

L.3.2.1 Technical Proposal Submission

Each Offeror may submit **only one (1)** full and complete proposal for the IWCS. Each technical proposal must include the required number of Product Demonstration Models (PDMs) and all required written technical documentation.

L.3.2.2 Product Demonstration Models (PDMs) – (Correlates to Section M, Factor 1, Subfactors 1, 2, and 3)

Each Offeror shall submit the following items as part of its technical proposal to demonstrate that the PDMs meet all of the requirements outlined in the IWCS PD (Attachment J1).

IWCS Proposal: Six (6) USMC Woodland or Desert MARPAT IWCS PDMs (size Medium Regular). Refer to IWCS PD (Attachment J1) for fabric, construction, and other requirements.

Each PDM shall be assembled in accordance with the IWCS PD (Attachment J1). Furthermore, each PDM will meet all requirements of IWCS PD (Attachment J1), including end item visual and finished dimensions. In addition, each PDM will be packaged in accordance with Section D of this document.

Each PDM shall contain the labels specified within the IWCS PD (Attachment J1).

Finally, each PDM shall clearly identify the Offeror submitting the proposal and the size of the PDM. Furthermore, this label identification shall be placed and attached such that it does not affect the performance or evaluation of the design.

L.3.2.3 Written Technical Proposal - (Correlates to Section M, Factor 1, Subfactor 3)

Each written technical proposal shall consist of no more than (30) pages, with each page numbered sequentially from 1 to 30. The written technical proposal shall include supporting data and information verifying that the contractor meets the requirements in the IWCS PD (Attachment J1).

Should conflicts arise between the material presented in the hard copy and the electronic copy, the hard copy marked "Original" will govern. Evaluators will read only up to the maximum number of pages specified-all information on pages past the maximum number will not be evaluated. Proposal type shall be no smaller than a font size of eleven (11), Courier New, and may be single-spaced. Page size shall not exceed 8½" x 11". Drawings, pictures, fabric certifications, and other written documentation provided shall be counted in 8½" x 11" increments (e.g., an 11" x 17" document will count as two pages). Items like title pages and tables of contents will not count towards the overall page limit; however, such items shall be limited in use. Offeror will be required to ensure each page indicates proper identification in the header or footer. **The Technical Proposal shall NOT INCLUDE of any proposal price information.**

Of note, as long as the offeror's proposal and PDMs use the materials identified in the IWCS PD (Attachment J1), its proposal may not be evaluated for the following:

- Instrumented Manikin Test
- Thermal Protective Performance
- Thermal Shrinkage

Offerors who comply with the specified Government materials for sample PDM production MUST provide supporting data for all characteristics contained in IWCS PD (Attachment J1) minus the three exceptions listed above. Supporting data MUST be provided which complies with test methodologies outlined in IWCS PD (Attachment J1), paragraph 3 "Requirements," and paragraph 4 "Verification."

If an offeror submits a proposal and PDMs made from alternative ("or equal") material not specified in IWCS PD (Attachment J1), the offeror MUST provide supporting data for ALL characteristics contained in IWCS PD (Attachment J1). Supporting data MUST be provided which complies with test methodologies outlined in IWCS PD (Attachment J1), paragraph 3 entitled "Requirements," and paragraph 4 entitled "Verification". An offeror MUST provide the aforementioned information for all requirements contained in IWCS PD (Attachment J1).

L.3.2.3.1 Raw Material Written Information – (Correlates to Section M, Factor 1, Subfactor 3)

Offeror shall provide a concise list/table/matrix of all fabrics and trim (sewing thread; hook and loop (Velcro); elastic; buttons, interfacings) materials used in the fabrication of the PDMs and reference to an appendix of the written technical proposal(s), test data and/or Certificates of Conformance if applicable. The list/table/matrix does not count against the technical proposal page limit and shall be submitted as an appendix. The list/table/matrix may be incorporated in the final contract and be used for quality assurance purposes.

L.3.2.3.2 Manufacturing Capability – (Correlates to Section M, Factor 1, Subfactor 4)

Proposals shall include the following:

- a. If available, offerors shall submit signed Manufacturing Agreements with first tier subcontractors (if applicable). If unavailable, at a minimum, offerors shall submit a list of first tier subcontractors with whom, upon contract award, they intend to partner with in order to accomplish IWCS production. Offerors need to include the percentage of work that will be performed by each first tier subcontractor (note – signed Agreements do not count towards the 30 page limit for technical proposals).
- b. In order to ensure Quality Assurance in the performance of the IWCS contract, offerors shall submit an up-to-date ISO 9001 certification certificate or equivalent certification certificate as part of their proposal. In lieu of an ISO 9001 certification certificate or equivalent certification certificate, offerors may submit a Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) that details the internal processes and procedures for establishing and controlling quality of raw materials, works in process, and end items including procedures for notification and quarantine of defective raw

materials and finished items. The QAP is a single document that incorporates the details of relevant subcontractors' QAPs. *The QAP does not count against the technical proposal page limit and shall be submitted as an appendix. The QAP may be incorporated in the final contract and be used for quality assurance purposes.*

c. Monthly maximum manufacturing capacity available to produce the IWCS. **Offerors shall provide a schedule that shows the ability to deliver 100 FAT IWCS to the Government no later than (60) days after contract award (estimated to be 30 September 2014) as well as a schedule that shows the capability to deliver 37,000 IWCS within a 12 month period subsequent to FAT approval by the Contracting Officer (estimated FAT approval date is 1 March 2015).**

Finally, please refer to Section F for details regarding delivery expectations for estimated initial delivery orders associated with the awarded IWCS contract. Offerors may refer to the size tariff in Section F for planning purposes. At this time, the size tariff is not to be construed as a formal guarantee of order, and is provided solely to manage expectations while assisting with coordination and planning.

d. Self-Certification: Offerors must submit the following signed self-certification in order for its offer to be considered compliant. The certification must be from the firm submitting the offer and the certification must not have alternative wordings.

I, (sign name here), in submitting this offer under solicitation number M67854-14-R-1021, affirm that only products compliant with the Berry Amendment (10 USC 2533a) will be delivered to the Government. As such, all items delivered, either as end products or components, will be grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States (as defined in DFARS 252.225-7012(b) included by reference herein). This certification covers all materials (including those of all components) and components supplied by subcontractors at any tier, and all labor (including that of all intervening processes), whether performed by the offeror or any of its subcontractors at any tier. Modacrylic and FR Rayon fiber included in the fabric is sourced from outside the United States but meets the Berry requirement through the established DoD waiver.

L.3.3 Volume II – Past Performance Proposal (Correlates to Section M, Factor 2)

Offerors shall provide recent (defined as within 5 years prior to issuance of this solicitation), and relevant (defined as contract orders, commercial and otherwise, for “cut and sew” end items that are similar in order quantity, delivery timeframes, and complexity as the IWCS garment proposed within this solicitation) past performance information. Offerors shall send the Past Performance Questionnaire (Attachment J4) to customers who have purchased or are presently purchasing “cut and sew” end items affiliated with contracts that are both recent and relevant. Offerors shall gather these Past Performance Questionnaires (Attachment J4) from respective customers and submit these as part of their solicitation. Offerors shall submit at least two (2) completed Past Performance Questionnaires as part of their solicitation. These past performance questionnaires shall be submitted as Volume II – IWCS Past Performance Proposal (note, electronic copies may be submitted on CD as Adobe PDF files or compatible).

While the burden of providing thorough and complete past performance information remains with the Offeror, the Government reserves the right to contact individuals who fill out Past Performance Questionnaires in order to validate and/or clarify responses. Also, Offerors shall ensure that anyone providing past performance information, whether an individual or an organization, consents to the release of said information to the Government for purposes of evaluation under this source selection. Furthermore, the Government reserves the right to use and evaluate independently obtained past performance data (e.g. Past Performance Information Retrieval System data, Federal Awardee Performance Information and Integrity System data, etc) in order to determine a past performance rating.

L.3.4 Volume III – Business Proposal (Correlates to Section M, Factor 3)

The Business Proposal shall include a completed, signed copy of the entire solicitation, with all appropriate “fill-in” sections and statements completed. Failure to provide a complete business submission may result in disqualification of an Offeror’s proposal from competition. Should conflicts arise between the hard copy written material, marked “original,” presented in the Business Proposal and the electronic version submitted, the hard copy written material, marked “original,” in the Business Proposal shall govern. **There is no restriction on page count for the Business Proposal.** The Business Proposal shall include the following:

L.3.4.1 The Offer - a completed, signed copy of the entire solicitation, with all appropriate “fill-in” sections completed as follows:

- **Section A:** An official having the authority to bind the firm contractually must sign the SF33. If this individual is not an officer of the company, the proposal shall be accompanied by some form of written evidence of the individual’s authority to bind the company, under contract, to a particular course of action. This might include such evidence as a written delegation of said authority, signed by an officer of the company.
- **Section B:** Follow the below instructions for particular CLIN pricing:

Fill-in Section B CLIN prices/amounts in accordance with the B.3 Section B Pricing Instructions.

Offerors are advised that the pricing for each CLIN is to remain valid for the duration of the contract ordering period which shall be from date of contract award through forty-eight (48) months.

- **Section K:** Complete all the required certifications, representations, and acknowledgments for the prime contractor and subcontractors as applicable.
- **Amendments:** Acknowledge amendments to this solicitation. Amendments must be acknowledged by signature of an official having the authority to bind your firm contractually by the completion of the SF30 or appropriate annotation on the SF33.

L.3.4.2. Contractor Organizational Chart

Offeror shall provide a company organizational chart which includes the Name, Position Title, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address of the Company Principals, as well as all Principals supporting the IWCS Program.

L.4 INCORPORATION OF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

All or part of the successful Offeror’s technical proposal may be incorporated in any contract resulting from this solicitation. The successful Offeror’s technical proposal may be incorporated by reference. Nothing contained in the successful Offeror’s technical proposal shall constitute a waiver to any other requirement of the contract. In the event of any conflict between the successful Offeror’s technical proposal and a contractual requirement, the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the Order of Precedence clause.

The successful Offeror will provide, as necessary, any updated technical proposal changes that reflect the results/responses to any items of clarification and/or discussions. If, after contract award, it is discovered that changes made as a result of any clarifications and/or discussions were not incorporated in those portions of the technical proposal incorporated into the contract, such changes to the Contractor’s documents shall be considered administrative in nature and shall be made by unilateral modification to the contract, at no change in contract cost or price or other terms and conditions.

L.5 PRE-AWARD SURVEY

A Pre-Award Survey may be conducted to examine the Offeror's technical ability, production capacity, tailored quality control plan, management structure, financial capability, accounting systems, labor resources, performance record, and ability to meet required schedules.

L.6 PRE-CONTRACT COSTS

Pre contract costs are not authorized.

L.7 QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SOLICITATION

Offerors should read the terms and conditions of this solicitation carefully and refer any questions in writing to the Contract Specialist, Ms. Peggy Smith via email: peggy.l.smith1@usmc.mil no later than **11:00 AM local time on 21 JULY 2014**. Offerors are put on formal notice that questions/comments/concerns received by the contract specialist after that time frame may not be answered. Government responses will be posted via published amendment to the solicitation.

L.8 OFFER ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

The minimum offer acceptance period for which offered prices are to be held firm is from the date specified for receipt of proposals through 30 Sep 2014.

L.9 SERVICE OF A PROTEST

Protests, as defined in Subpart 33.101 of the FAR, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from:

Commander
Contracts Directorate, CT2.1
Marine Corps Systems Command
2201A Willis Street
Quantico, VA 22134-6050
Attn: S. Leigh D'Lugos, RFP: M67854-14-R-1021
Email: susan.dlugos@usmc.mil

A copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one calendar day of filing a protest with the GAO.

(End of Summary of Changes)