

## Q & A SOLICITATION - N00244-15-R-0012 FMS PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

1. For the Body Armor and Ballistic Helmet products (CLINs 0001, 0002, 0003, 0008), it was previously determined that the "Qualifying Countries" clause would apply to the FAR Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities. Can you please confirm?

**Please read Section I - FAR 252.225-7012 Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities**

2. Could you advise if Solicitation N00244-15-R-0012 is an "all-or-nothing" bid? Will an offeror have to bid all line items in order to be acceptable?

**Yes, all CLINs must be proposed in order to be considered for award.**

3. Is this a brand name only procurement (UnitedShield Zeta plates, Survivor Armor CTC MOLLE vest, Camelback Thermobak, etc.) or will NAVSUP accept equivalent items?

**CLINs 0003, 0007, and 0009 are brand name only. See solicitation amendment.**

4. Do you require all CLINS or partial CLINS to be berry compliant / USA made?

**Please read Section I - FAR 252.225-7012 Preference for Certain Domestic Commodities**

5. CLIN 0002 - Level IIIA Floatable Body Armor: Solicitation doc page 2 states: "LEVEL III FLOATABLE BODY ARMOR", page 5 / specifications / CLIN 0002 title states: "LEVEL IIIA FLOATABLE BODY ARMOR" and the specification states: "Level III ballistic buoyant vest to float a person in an upright or swimming position" – please clarify the discrepancies.

**Page 2 and page 5 now read Level IIIA for all of the above. See amended solicitation.**

6. CLIN 0003 - Level IV standalone plates – will you accept lab reports from U.S. labs and from international labs as well?

**Reports from international independent labs are acceptable also.**

7. CLIN 0004 – PASGT ballistic helmet – **there is no** NIJ certificate for helmets – please clarify that the helmets need to comply with NIJ level IIIA 0106.01 standard. Also, will you accept lab reports from any U.S. NIJ certified lab or only from H.P White?

**No certificate is required, just conformance to the stated NIJ standards. Solicitation revised to remove certification requirement.**

8. What level of compliance is required for the equipment? Does the solicitation require compliance with the Berry Amendment, Trade Agreement Amendment, or Buy American Act?

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9. If a potential offeror has multiple solutions for this requirement, can they submit a proposal for each solution? Meaning 3 proposals?

Only one proposal per offeror will be evaluated.

10. Can you please clarify exactly the requirement to provide a description of our packaging capabilities? Can you provide an example?

Provide a description of packing capabilities that will meet the requirements of section D.

11. Would the Government consider adjusting the 120 day ARO to accommodate the manufacturer's production and delivery schedule?

Not at this time.

12. Section C is not labeled within the RFP. Was it the Government's intent that Section C begins on page 5 of 39?

Section C has now been labeled.

13. Is there a specific model number that the Navy is mandating for the CTC Molle Fortress Vest?

No specific model number. See section C for specifications.

14. CLIN 0001 on page 2 references Molle Vests only. CLIN 0001 (page 5 specifications) also includes Level IIIA Body Armor. Does CLIN 0001 include the vests or vests with Level IIIA body armor? If it includes Body Armor is it the intent of the Government to have Level IIIA plates in both front and rear plate pockets for a total of 4,000 Level IIIA plates?

CLIN 0001 includes the MOLLE Vest with Level IIIA soft body armor only. CLIN 0001 does not include any plates for the vest. The external plates are procured under CLIN 0003 (Level IV Zeta Plates).

15. Does CLIN 0002 (page 5 specifications) include vests that are in addition to those requested in CLIN 0001? If so, is it the intent of the Government to have 50 or 100 vests in addition to the 100 plates of varying sizes?

The vests in CLIN 0002 are in addition to those requested in CLIN 0001 because they are different types of vests. The Government is not buying additional plates for these vests.

16. Does CLIN 0002 reference the Improved Outer Tactical Vest (IOTV) system? If not, is it simply referencing a standard level III carrier with buoyant plates?

The requirements for CLIN 0002 are listed in the solicitation.

17. For CLIN 0002, does the LED light that activates when submerged have to be a manufactured piece of the vest or can it be an outer attachment?

As long as it meets the specifications in section C, it can be an attachment.

18. On page 2, Item 0002 it states Level III Floatable body armor, but then on page 5, CLIN 0002 it states Level IIIA Floatable body armor. Could the Government please clarify if Level III or Level IIIA is intended?

Level IIIA was intended and the solicitation was amended to reflect this.

19. For CLINs 0001, 0002, and 0003 do these sizes conform to the ESAPI sizes that the DoD uses? If so, do all the plates on the solicitation have to conform to ESAPI specs (i.e. weight, dimensions, etc.)?

Please review Section C of the solicitation

20. CLIN 0003 refers to NIJ Level IV on page 5 of 39. This NIJ reference is different than the specific references in CLINS 0001, 0002, and 0008. Is there an NIJ certification requirement for CLIN 0003?

Yes

21. Section F provides the delivery information but does not specify if multiple deliveries are permitted. Are multiple deliveries permitted for this contract?

Yes, multiple deliveries are acceptable as long as packing requirements and schedule are adhered to.