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CORRECTED RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS 31, 98 AND 99AS A RESULT OF CHANGES TO BE INCORPORATED IN AMENDMENT

003:

31. Question. Who should certify the communication equipment – manufacturer or contractor?

Corrected Answer: Offerors will now be required to self-certify prior to proposal submission that their offered communications equipment is interoperable with current IAF communications equipment. US Government verification will take place after contract award. However, the government will not accept any communications equipment until interoperability with current IAF equipment has been verified. The solicitation will be revised to reflect this change.

98. Question. C.4.1 Short Range Radio – Motorola GP680 radio DOES NOT HAVE a possibility to be powered directly from AC power supply and Motorola DOES NOT MANUFACTURE radios of its own production. Is that a mistake or do you want us to design, manufacture such devices? This will cost a lot.

Corrected Answer: The radio does not need to be powered directly from an AC source. The solicitation will be revised to reflect this change.

99. Question. C.4.2 Mentioned existing radio, GM660 Motorola radio, is designed as MOBILE, vehicle mounted radio. Why you are expecting from this radio to be HANDHELD or MAN PORTABLE? This requirement should apply to GP680 Short Range Radio from C.4.1. Also, powering this mobile radio from any kind of batteries does not make any sense – this radio is powered from vehicles battery and only charges or additional batteries are useless, with this radio because this simply does not exist.

Corrected Answer: Request for transportability (man portable) will be deleted. Request for additional batteries and chargers will be deleted. The solicitation will be revised to reflect this change.

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117. Question. Is the Czech “Gun Type 58,” the Czech variant of the AK-47/AKM an acceptable variant to be proposed even though it is not named AK-47/AKM?

Answer: No.

118. Question. Do the radios need to have encryption or scrambling built into radios? If so, which encryption do you need to be interoperable with?

Answer: Yes. Radio must have a Transcript 460 chip installed to meet the level III encryption requirement.

119. Question. The spec for the Level II of Level IIIA for the helmets was removed from the final solicitation. Please specify since protection from 9mm description is vague. There are many types of 9mm with different levels of piercing.

Answer: Helmet must meet NIJ standard 0106.01, Type II or better.

120. Question. Body Armor: What is NATO Level III? Is this the same as NIJ Level III?

Answer: Body armor must meet NIJ Standard 0101.04, Type III (Type IIIa as specified) or better.

121. Question. Water and Fuel Cans – the positioning of the air hole on the opposite side of the pouring point is contrary to European standards. If it is a must, it discriminates negatively against all European manufacturers, be them from allied countries. Is it in line with Iraqi standards?

Answer: The water and fuel cans may be vented through an air hole opposite the pouring spout or may be vented by means of tube at the center of the pouring spout. The caps may be screw on or clamp on.

122. Question. What frequencies will be used in the radios both short and long range.

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Answer: The Motorola UHF radios cited in the SOW are specified to operate from 403-470MHz.

123. Question. Our company makes communications equipment that is interoperable. Who is the contact at DLA to get our certification that ICOM products are interoperable?

Answer: The certification requirement will be changed to require that a self-certification document be submitted with your proposal. Communications equipment will not be accepted until interoperability has been verified by the US Government. The solicitation will be changed to reflect this.

124. Question. Radio Repeater – given solution of 2 pieces of GM360 mobile radio represents different technology than GP680 and GM660 radios from C.4.1 and C.4.2, please answer if the whole communication system is intended to be conventional (like C.4.3) or trunked (as in C.4.1 and C.4.2).

Answer: The communication system is to be conventional.

125. Question. Referencing Section C.2.1 and Attachment 1 regarding communications certifications, describe the certification document (what it is) and how the certification is awarded to a vendor providing Fixed and Mobile HF radio.

Answer: Same as answer to question #123 above.

126. Question. What frequency band are they going to use? Motorola only Narrow Band is 403 to 430.

Answer: The Motorola UHF radios cited in the SOW are specified to operate from 403-470 MHz.

127. Question. Will you be using radios within 403 to 430 Mhz

Answer: See previous answer.

128. Question. What MPT Standard are you using? MPT 1327 or other?

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Answer: Conventional radios only, discreet frequencies.

129. Question: CLIN 0001AG Recovery Vehicle, and with reference to the statement on paragraph C.2 page 76 of 130; Are the Recovery Vehicles required to be of the same family of vehicles as the CLIN 0001AB (Troop Carrier) & 0001AF(refueling vehicle)? For example; can we quote one company for CLIN 0001AG and a different company for CLIN 0001AB & CLIN 0001AF?

ANSWER: No. C.2. of the solicitation states that “Within this statement of work there are three families of trucks: medium trucks (See C.2.1 and C.2.4), heavy trucks (see C.2.2 and C.2.6), and a recovery vehicle (see C.23.7). Vehicles within the same family shall have the same chassis and powertrain. Within the family, different driveline configurations (i.e., 4x4, 6x6) are allowed.”

130. Question: The attachments do not allow us to enter all of our delivery information. There is no place to enter delivery information for an ordering period one if it goes beyond the last date of your spreadsheet. There is not place to enter delivery information for ordering periods two and three. Will this change?

Answer: This is a resolicitation of an extremely urgent requirement to equip the Iraqi Armed Forces. Attachment 4B is specifically designed to accept data on the minimum order quantity (Delivery Order 1) to be executed upon contract award. It will not be changed to allow for input of data beyond June 2005. Any proposal that offers a delivery schedule beyond June 2005 would not be considered to be a credible proposal. Any subsequent delivery orders would include their own delivery schedules.

131. Question. Can you give the grid coordinates for the 4 FOB points within Iraq? With spelling variations, a couple of locations are not easily identifiable.

Answer: Kirkush MTB – NC2131-3251, Tadjji MTB – MC310-095. The other two coordinates are currently unavailable, but in the interest of time,

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their approximate locations are: An Numaniyah is west of Al Kut, and Al Kasik is south and west of Mosul.

132. Question. Is it possible to include contact information on the Pre-Proposal Conference attendees? For the potential prime contractors, name of individual and company is not sufficient to contact them.

Answer: The Attendees List is being updated. The phone numbers and email addresses will be added to the list. Which of these are prime contractors is not known.

133. Question. Do these helmets require level III or Level IIIA protection? Protection form 9mm ammunition and the penetration varies according to the type, type of weapon used, etc.

Answer: See answer to Number 119 above.

134. Question. The Berry amendment, we are trying to determine if the tents, ponchos, etc. can be manufactured outside of the USA using USA made material. Can you help us with this interpretation?

Answer: The tents, ponchos, and other articles such as poncho liner, load bearing vests, body armor, etc., may contain fibers or fabrics that are restricted to U.S. sources by 10 USC 2533a (in the preamble to this series of questions on the Berry Amendment published previously, see those articles still restricted by statute). If the components of the end items in questions were grown, reprocessed, reused or produced in the United States, then the requirements of 10 USC 2533a with regard to those components will have been satisfied.

135. Question. I could not find a requirement to provide ballistic protection for any of the vehicles listed. If I am in error, please direct me to the appropriate requirement section. If there currently is not requirement for vehicle ballistic protection, will ballistic protection be consideration in the future?

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Answer: There is no requirement for ballistic protection for any of the vehicles. This is a resolicitation of an extremely urgent requirement to equip the Iraqi Armed Forces. Future requirements are unknown at this time.

136. Question: Question #110 of the Pre-Proposal Conference Q&As asked about 7.62 x 54R links. The response was that the solicitation will be amended to allow for unlinked ammo to be delivered, but Amendment 2 Paragraph C.3.3.h does not reflect this change. Please confirm that the ammunition can be delivered unlinked.

Answer: This change will be reflected in Amendment 003.

137. Question. Regarding Training: Does one iteration of Operation Training Support need to be conducted per CLIN at one location, or per CLIN at each of the four delivery locations?

Answer: One training session for all items of equipment shall be conducted at each of the four locations. The solicitation will be amended to clarify the training requirements.

138. Question. If the number of training site locations is increased, will the training be conducted simultaneously (thus requiring 4 times the number of instructors) or will we be able to send our trainers from one site to another till they have visited and trained at all 4 locations.

Answer: The training does not have to be conducted simultaneously.

139. Question. Based on the following facts: Attachment 4a specifies the Government's desired delivery schedule for the battalion sets and brigade sets. Schedule B contains subCLINS for each product required under this contract. Pricing is provided for each subCLINs a per unit basis. Battalion and Brigade sets are not CLIN or subCLIN in this contract.

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Is it correct to assume that payment for delivered products is contingent on government acceptance of the individual items and not the delivery of an entire battalion or brigade set?

Answer: Yes, payment will be made on an individual item delivery basis.

140. Question. We are requesting an extension of 10 business days to the proposal delivery date. The additional time is needed to assimilate all of the changes made in Amendment 2. In particular, the change to 4 sites and the changed battalion and brigade sets has required us to rework agreements with our vendors. They in-turn have requested additional time to make the necessary adjustments to their proposals. We believe that the additional time will allow us and our vendors to submit a proposal that will address the changed requirements in a more comprehensive manner.

Answer: This is a resolicitation of an extremely urgent requirement to equip the Iraqi Armed Forces. We do not anticipate extending the date for receipt of proposals.