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**SOLICITATION AMENDMENT
MODIFICATION DE L'INVITATION**

The referenced document is hereby revised; unless otherwise indicated, all other terms and conditions of the Solicitation remain the same.

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Title - Sujet Pistol and Holster System Pistol and Holster System	
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RFP Amendment 007 is raised for the following:

- 1. To answer questions from Potential Bidders during the RFP stage.**
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Question 49:

Why have you chosen to have a lowest cost vice a point rated procurement?

Answer 49:

Both procurement processes have their own merits and in this instance given the off-the-shelf nature of the procurement we believe that lowest cost compliant procurement serves Canada and the Canadian Army best.

The Total Evaluated Price does not include the cost of conversion kits since they would be procured to meet future requirement and be subject to separate competitive procurements.

Question 50:

Can PSPC please confirm what is meant by a “trigger group”. For greater certainty, does “trigger group” mean only the firing mechanism (e.g., the trigger, trigger bar, firing pin, trigger housing assembly, etc.) as demonstrated in the image below?



Answer 50:

The Trigger Group is defined as an assembly that is permanently stamped or engraved with a unique serial number that can be removed and can be reinstalled into any grip frame housing regardless of slide size or calibre. What is illustrated in the photograph would not constitute a "trigger group" as it pertains to this solicitation.

Question 51:

Image 1: Example Trigger Assembly

Would the procuring authority accept a “trigger group” to include a firing mechanism and assembly that is embedded within the frame/receiver of the pistol, and allow (as compliant) pistols which have the serial number stamped or engraved on the frame or receiver?



Answer 51:

No, "trigger group" as shown in image 1, which includes a firing mechanism and assembly that is embedded within the frame/receiver of the pistol, or which allows (as compliant) pistols which have the serial number stamped or engraved on the frame or receiver would be non-compliant since the Trigger Group is defined as the assembly that is permanently stamped or engraved with a unique serial number that can be removed and can be reinstalled into any grip frame housing regardless of slide size or calibre.

Question 52:

Can the procuring authority please explain why the "trigger group" must fit/function in "grip frame" housings for different slide sizes when the RFP is not procuring slides with different sizes? Additionally, can the procuring authority please explain why the "trigger group" must fit/function in "grip frame" housings for different calibres when the RFP mandates that the pistol be chambered in 9 x 19 mm calibre?

Answer 52:

To allow for future growth Canada requires a modular pistol where the trigger group is permanently stamped or engraved with a unique serial number that can be removed can be reinstalled into any grip frame housing regardless of slide size or calibre.

Question 53:

Can PSPC please explain why the definition requires designs that are compatible with different calibres when the RFP mandates that the pistol be chambered in 9 x 19 mm calibre? Additionally, can the procuring authority please explain why the definition does not permit "pistol frames" that utilize backstraps to adjust frame size?

Will Canada allow pistols which have a trigger group that consists of individual component parts, that the trigger group can be removed and installed into pistol frames that incorporate backstraps to change the frame size, and remove the references to different calibres and conversion kits.

Answer 53:

To allow for future growth Canada requires a modular pistol where the trigger group is permanently stamped or engraved with a unique serial number that can be removed can be reinstalled into any grip frame housing regardless of slide size or calibre.

Addition of a back strap is permitted to allow for a different girth circumference (S/M/L). The backstrap does not change the frame size (slide length or pistol height) of the pistol.

No. Canada will not deem a pistol as being complaint if the trigger group is not permanently stamped or engraved with a unique serial number that can be removed can be reinstalled into any grip frame housing regardless of slide size or calibre.

Question 54:

Will Canada allow pistols which have a trigger group that consists of individual component parts, that the trigger group can be removed and installed into pistol frames that incorporate backstraps to change the frame size, and remove the references to different calibres and conversion kits.

Answer 54:

No. Canada will not deem a pistol as being compliant if the trigger group is not permanently stamped or engraved with a unique serial number that can be removed can be reinstalled into any grip frame housing regardless of slide size or calibre.

Question 55:

Can the procuring authority please explain what the terms "grip frame" or "grip frame housing" means?

Will DND allow these specifications be revised to allow (as compliant) pistols that have the serial number stamped on the frame or receiver?

Answer 55:

Please refer to Annex C requirement 3.12 for clear definitions on what is a grip frame housing. Specifically the following:

3.12.1 The C22 FF pistol must be available in 3 grip frame housing sizes designated as small, medium and large to permit proper handling by shooters with different size hands.

3.12.2 The 3 grip frame housing sizes can be achieved by providing 3 separate grip frame housings or one grip frame housing to which back straps can be mounted to achieve the small, medium and large grip frame sizes.

3.12.3 If back straps are used, they must be positively retained and not come loose or detach from the grip frame housing.

No the serial number must be stamped on only the trigger group.

Question 56:

Will DND consider (as compliant) pistols with triggers that do not automatically return to its normal forward most position upon release after partial or complete trigger pull and will they remove it from the testing?

Answer 56:

The pistol is to be cycled after every weight application to reset all components until such time as the stryker fires. Once the stryker fires the weight is recorded. The pistol is then cycled to reset all components for the second trigger pull measurement. So far as I am concerned no stryker fired pistol would fail this test unless the trigger pull weight measurement is outside the requirements.

Requirement 3.7.7 to eliminate concerns with a dry fired pistol will be amended to the following:

3.7.7. When the C22 FF pistol is loaded, the trigger must automatically return to its normal forward most position upon release after partial or complete trigger pull.

Question 57:

Will Canada accept an extractor based Loaded Chamber Indicator(LCI)?

Answer 57:

No. Based on our user trails the top mounted LCI was preferred over an extractor based LCI as it was the most accessible visually and to the touch. The other controls (slide release, mag release) on the weapon have been specified as ambidextrous and the extractor based LCI is not available on both sides

which disadvantages between left and right handed shooters. Following our GBA+ guidelines Canada must where possible not discriminate between left or right handed or between male and female soldiers.

Question 58:

Does an integrated trigger/trigger blade safety mechanism constitute a manually applied safety mechanism which is prohibited at Annex C requirement 3.9.4?

Answer 58:

No a manually applied safety is intended to mean a conventional external operator applied device with an actuation lever located on the frame/receiver of the pistol. A pistol equipped with an integrated trigger/trigger blade safety mechanism would not be evaluated as being non-compliant to Annex C requirement 3.9.4.

Question 59:

Will Canada consider a pistol that can only be disassembled following the pulling of the trigger?

Answer 59:

No. The Canadian Army requires a pistol that can be disassembled without having to pull the trigger. As a result the requirement at Annex C 3.9.2 will not be changed.

Question 60:

Will Canada amend Annex C requirement 3.21 to align with the draft 2018 National Institute of Justice test standard which utilizes 11 drop orientations for semi-automatic pistols for Law Enforcement.

Answer 60:

No. Canada will accept any test report provided that demonstrates it is compliant to the 6 minimum drop orientations noted in the solicitation. If the bidder's pistol was tested to the draft NIJ requirements for semi-automatic pistols for Law Enforcement which utilizes 11 different drop orientations then this test report would be considered acceptable so long as it proves compliance to the requirements of this solicitation.

Question 61:

We request that this requirement be amended to require the Endurance and Precision Testing be increased to the anticipated service life of 35,000 rounds.

How do we evaluate the precision for 35,000 rounds if we are only firing 10,000 rounds?

Answer 61:

Canada is procuring an off-the-shelf pistol and requires that the pistol meet specific reliability requirement for the service life of 35,000 rounds. The bidder must prove compliance to requirements by providing test reports. For those test reports provided by the bidder for pistols that are related to, but not conforming to, the complete C22 FF Pistol specifications listed in this solicitation, the bidder must highlight within that report all the differences between the pistol tested and the C22 FF Pistol. The bidder must also provide substantial technical information within that report describing why each of those differences would not affect the expected outcome of testing the C22 FF Pistol configuration.

As a result of proving compliance as part of the technical bid evaluation Canada does not feel it necessary to then run a 35,000 round endurance test as part of our bid evaluation. Regardless of what testing is conducted as part of the bid evaluation the Contractor would still need to demonstrate compliance including those not evaluated as part of the bid evaluation process.

Question 62:

Section 3.1.14 of Annex D – Holster System Technical and Performance Specifications states “adjustable thigh strap must fasten with acetal double side release buckle”. Our existing holster system uses a 3 point safety buckle, please refer to images 3.1.13 release buckle female and 3.1.13 release buckle male. Since this strap still offers a secure connection with no chance of one of the teeth breaking as can happen on a double side release buckle as well as offers a swiveling function, would this buckle be acceptable by Canada?



Answer 62:

Canada will accept acetal double side release buckles or acetal double side release buckles with a rotational knuckle or acetal center push release rotational buckles as depicted in the photographs so long as all other technical requirements are being met.

Question 63:

Section 3.1.17 of Annex D – Holster System Technical and Performance Specifications states “The adjustable drop leg strap must detach from the in-service duty belt fed loop adapter using an acetal side release buckle so the Soldier is not required to unfasten/open and without having to adjust gear on the in-service duty belt or the molded leg shroud”. If will submit using the buckle shown in image 3.1.17 drop leg straps – detachment buckle, will this be acceptable?



Answer 63:

Yes this acetal double side release buckle would be considered acceptable to meet this technical requirement.

Question 64:

Could you point me in the direction of the requirements for the holsters you are looking to procure for W8476-216392/A. I think it is Annex D.

Answer 64:

I would recommend that you download the solicitation from <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-BM-039-28208> . The Holster System requirements are contained in Annex D, C22 Modular Pistol Project Holster System Technical and Performance Specifications.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.