

**Request for Quotation (RFQ)
for the
RFQPROC# 2023-1382 - Provision of Search & Rescue Equipment**

**BID BULLETIN
Addendum No. 1**

This Addendum No. 01 is issued to address inquiries and clarification from bidders and modify information provided in the Request for Quotation for the provision of Search & Rescue Equipment issued to prospective vendors on 20 October 2023.

A. On General Instruction to Bidders

1. Deadline for the Submission of Quotation should read as follow:
On or before **Monday 20 November 2023, by 04:00PM Beirut Time.**
If any doubt exists as to the time zone in which the quotation should be submitted, refer to <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>.



B. Inquiries from Bidders

I. Commercial Inquiries

Item no.	Question/Clarification	IOM Response
1	Please clarify who will be in charge of settling the import taxes and duties at airport/port, and if those will be exempted via documents provided by the local authorities as mentioned.	Unless the items are available locally, prices should be quoted on a DAP basis. IOM will be responsible for covering the cost of the import/clearance duties. IOM, in coordination with the local authorities, will provide documentation to facilitate the clearance process and attempt obtaining a tax exemption.
2	As a result of a global shortage of materials and the unavailability of the required items in stock, the products will be manufactured upon request. Furthermore, these items are considered tactical equipment, which necessitate an export license. Therefore, we kindly request your confirmation that we can provide an estimated delivery time of 5-6 months for certain items.	The items are needed asap, preferably for delivery by 31 March 2023, at the latest. However, should there be any export-related challenges for specific items, we will address these on a case-by-case basis, keeping in mind that the delivery lead time plays a role in the offer's evaluation process.

II. Technical Inquiries

Item no.	Question/Clarification	IOM Response
1	Item 1 and 8: the titles of the items have been inverted. The lanyard for helicopter/lifting corresponds to the specs and photo of the item 8 and the lanyard carrier with flotation system corresponds to the specs and photos of the item 8, accordingly please clarify and confirm quantity for each type required.	Item 1 is correct. Item 8 is correct, it's lanyard for securing drop-off/recovery and not lanyard carrier with flotation system.
2	Item 6: Please clarify that by flare pen you mean hand flares whose shape is like a pen as picture below?	Yes, correct.

		
3	<p>Item 9: The technical specifications of the vest are not clear. We have several comments and questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "offering minimum overall volume". We don't understand what does this mean ? It's not applicable to a flotation ballistic vest. Please confirm to disregard this sentence. 2. "floatation chamber is integrated behind the ballistic protection, ideally protected mechanically". Conceptually, this is wrong. The lifevest is always on top of the ballistic vest, and not behind, otherwise it cannot be inflated and would be blocked by the ballistic armor (see below photo before/after inflation).  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. "integrated pressure release for waist and chest when inflated". This is not applicable to the item. Please confirm to disregard this sentence. 4. "valve for fast deflation in less than 5 seconds". This is not applicable to the item. Please confirm to disregard this sentence. 5. You are also asking for Fire Protection ISO 6941 for a ballistic vest that will be used in water conditions. There is ballistic flotation vest in the world with fire protection, it makes no sense. Please confirm to disregard this sentence. 6. Finally, you have mentioned two different standards type NIJ and VPAM with several different levels of armoring which are not compatible one with the other... 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- "Minimum overall volume" means the vest should be slim as possible when it's not inflated. 2- The vest should integrate a life preserver/floatation chamber, to prevent wearing 2 vests one over the other. In resume, a vest 2 in 1: life preserver (The floatation part) and a ballistic protection vest with chambers to carry armor plates. 3- 4-5 in our understanding these options are available. 6- This will be discussed which level of protection will be needed. It's in our understanding that we should ask for one level among these options. <p>It is a soft armor with options to add plates. We understand that it will be heavy that's why we added minimum buoyancy capability to comply with this vest.</p>

	<p>a. The vast majority of ballistic vest are measured under NIJ standards, and not VPAM.</p> <p>b. You have already asked in the beginning of the specs for a 4-side ballistic design with front, back and sides, which implies a level NIJ IIIA (soft armor). Please confirm if that is sufficient.</p> <p>c. Or do you need to also two (2) hard armour plates level NIJ IV (hard armor) ? Usually those hard armour are not used with flotation vest as it makes it too heavy.</p>	
4	<p>Item 10: You are asking for the lifevest to be attached to ballistic vest. Please confirm that this lifevest will be used with existing ballistic vest and not with item 9 (plate carrier with floatation system) as those two items cannot be compatible since item 9 has already its integrated lifevest.</p>	The item 9 will be used by airmen not on control. Item 10 is for pilots it consists of a life preserver that can be attached to the ballistic vest.
5	<p>Item 10: You are asking for the lifevest to be attached to ballistic vest. This concept of attaching to a ballistic armor does not really exist, a separate lifevest is always worn on top of the ballistic vest as a last layer. Attaching a lifevest to a ballistic vest would be dangerous in case of injury as it could not be removed easily. Please confirm that the lifevest will be worn on top of the ballistic vest.</p>	It will be worn on top of the ballistic vest but can be attached to it.
6	<p>Item 11: Regarding the flashlight, there is no indication of the size/weight. Can you please confirm that you need a lightweight pocket type (max. 150g, max. 150mm length) ?</p>	Yes, light weight pocket type but heavy duty.
7	<p>Item 13: There are contradictions in the technical specifications required between a liferaft that will be used in air (helicopter/plane) and a liferaft to be used on a boat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOLAS requirements and HRU inflation indicate that the liferaft will be used on a vessel/boat • All the remaining technical specifications refer to a type of liferaft that will be used on airplane/helicopter <p>In case the liferaft will be used in air transport unit, then the SOLAS requirements must be replaced by FAA approvals and the HRU inflation must be removed from the technical specifications.</p>	Yes, we would like to replace SOLAS by FAA approvals.
8	<p>Item 13: if the unit will be used for a helicopter, we recommend to go with a smaller size liferaft with 4 (or 6) persons with 6 (or 9) persons overload capacity.</p>	Thank you for the recommendation, but we prefer the 7 with 10 persons overload capacity.

Respectfully Yours,

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