

## CLARIFICATION NOTE –Version 2.0

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Tender No: ITB/SEC/16/2021

**Subject: Supply and Delivery of Personal Protective Equipment (Bullet Proof Vest and Kevlar Helmets)**

In regards to the issued ITB/SEC/12/2021 for the **Supply and Delivery of Personal Protective Equipment (Bullet Proof Vest and Kevlar Helmets)** OSCE would like to provide the following clarifications in regards to the raised clarification questions by participating suppliers:

Nr.	Type	References	Question	Answer
1	Administrative	Annex D - Terms of Reference	Does a score of 21 point qualify a bidder equally as a score of 60 points in the CTHB evaluation?	Yes. Achieving the minimum threshold is all that is required to progress to Financial Evaluation.
2	Administrative	Annex D - Terms of Reference	Is the 6 weeks delivery time the required mandatory time period for any order volume size of PPE ordered?	The baseline we require is for bidder capacity to deliver 50 pieces of PPE within 6 weeks. If the order volume is higher during the contract the delivery time will be negotiated with the awarded bidder.
3	Administrative	Annex D - Terms of Reference	Are all items evaluated together or in Lots?	Items are evaluated together.

4	Administrative	Annex D - Terms of Reference	Please confirm is six (6) weeks FCA delivery or DAP Vienna?	Yes 6 weeks FCA Vienna The exact address of the FCA location in Vienna will be given in the subsequent Purchase Orders.
5	Administrative	Annex D - Terms of Reference	The ToR requires 'Minimum 5 years in the market' and 'references from organizations it has supplied PPE to in the previous 3 years' Can prior work history in related fields be sufficient to meet this requirement if they have less than 5 years in PPE market or have not supplier PPE in the previous 3 years?	No. The TOR requires bidders who are established in the current market and experience in related fields is not sufficient.
6	Administrative	Annex D - Terms of Reference	Should distributors who bid submit the partner manufacturer's references for supply of PPE for last 3 years or their own?	Suppliers bidding should provide their own references for delivery of the requested goods for the last 3 years.
7	Technical	Annex D -Terms of Reference	Can OSCE provide dimensions and cut geometry of hard ballistic plate for all sizes (small to XXXL).	This is not mentioned in the specification however a good coverage of the vital organs in the thoracic region both front and rear is required.
8	Technical	Annex D -Terms of Reference	Please define "Class III according to NIJ0106.01 Standard"	The required level of protection is NIJ level III or comparable standard. These standards are readily available in open source documents. The certification provided by bidders must be recognized by the NIJ or other equivalent standard as outlined in the Terms of Reference
9	Technical	Annex D -Terms of Reference	Is there a requirement for additional protective covering such as throat, shoulder, collar, and groin i.e. soft armour protection? Confirm you only require standalone hard armour plates and an outer cover?	There is no mention of additional protective covering in the specification. The required level of protection is NIJ level III (minimum) for the vest/plates combination.

10	Technical	Annex D -Terms of Reference	Please confirm if you desire the specific plate for females (curved plates) or do you require the plate carrier to be 'more suitable' for female?	The vest/plate combination should be suitable for females. (Female model). There are other possible solutions other than having curved plates i.e. Reduced weight but the protection level remains the same.
11	Technical	Annex D -Terms of Reference	Do you require plates with the carrier or will NIJ Level IV Kevlar vest be suitable?	NIJ level IV, while above our minimum requirement is acceptable.
13	Technical	Annex D -Terms of Reference	Item 3 (Ballistic Helmets), the requirement shows "Material Kevlar <b>or similar</b> ". Please clarify if ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) Material is acceptable.	Yes UHMWPE is acceptable
14	Technical	Annex D -Terms of Reference	It is challenging for manufacturers in Ukraine to get confirmation of NIJ Standard by an international independent entity although internal standards are higher. How strict is OSCE in providing the requirement for confirmation of standards?	Standards must be confirmed to pass technical evaluation. Other equivalent standards if comparable will be accepted – for example, Home Office/UK, SK-L/Germany.