



MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
BRAZILIAN ARMY
CABINET OF COMMANDER
BRAZILIAN ARMY COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (BASIC ORDERING AGREEMENT - BOA)
Terms and Conditions
(For planning purposes only)

RFI-019/2023

Issue Date: 24 MARCH 2023

1. OBJECT

This request is for a budgetary quotation for **newly-manufactured M2HB QCB .50 HEAVY MACHINE GUN** as described in the enclosed Table 1 – List of Materials/Services and the **technical specifications** attached. Please read all instructions below.

Note(s):

- a. This request for **planning purposes** is for a Framework Agreement (Basic Ordering Agreement - BOA); please see **Clause – FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AND REGIME OF EXECUTION** below.

THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IS A WRITTEN “NO-OBLIGATION TO PROCEED CONTRACT”, EXECUTED BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN ARMY COMMISSION AND THE WINNER BIDDER, WITH FIRM AND FIXED PRICES, NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES, FOR AN EVENTUAL SUPPLY OF DEFENSE MATERIEL AND/OR SERVICES. THE AGREEMENT IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE SIGNATURE OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. SUCH AGREEMENT MAY RESULT IN THE ACQUISITION OF ALL ITEMS OF THE AGREEMENT, SOME ITEMS, ONLY ONE ITEM, OR NO ITEMS - DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS RECEIVED AND OBLIGATED.

- b. All communications regarding this RFI must be done in English language. Inquiries in any other language than English will not be considered.
- c. If any product brand names or models are shown in any attachments, they are for reference only. You can offer similar products, but you must include their brand names and models in your proposal. You must additionally submit their complete and accurate technical specifications in order to allow for their accurate evaluation.
- d. If the items in Table 1 – List of Materials/Services are described only by their technical specifications, you must indicate the brand names and models of the products you are offering and submit their complete and detailed technical specifications (brochure, catalog, CD-ROM, etc.) in order to allow for their accurate evaluation.

- e. The **SUPPLIER** must include a compliance table containing each item required in the technical specification, clearly indicating which items comply or do not comply with the technical specifications.
- f. Notes for Weapon Systems, accessories and spare parts.
 - 1) The participating company must present documentation certifying the origin of the items and accreditation from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) to sell Weapon Systems, accessories and spare parts.
 - 2) Certification required for weapon systems, accessories and spare parts:
 - a) If the participating company is the **Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)**, upon BAC's request, it must provide a signed **CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN** (1 original) stating the name of the manufacturer and the country of origin of all offered weapons/accessories/spare parts.
 - b) If the participating company is not the **Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)**, upon BAC's request, it must also provide a signed **CERTIFICATE** (1 original) issued by the **OEM** stating that its company is licensed to sell the **OEM's** weapon systems, accessories and maintenance spare parts.
- g. **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS MUST BE DONE IN THE BAC'S INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT SYSTEM FILLING OUT ALL FIELDS. TO ATTACH ANY DOCUMENT IN THE SYSTEM USE THE "DOCUMENT" TAB. USE MOZILA FIREFOX TO AVOID ERRORS. SAVE THE NEW WEB ADDRESS IN YOUR BROWSER:**

<https://dakota.cebw.org/cebwWeb>

IMPORTANT – Please see instructions under the menu **HELP** on how to fill out a quotation in BAC's International Contract System.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- a. The **SUPPLIER's** submission of a **budgetary quotation** will indicate **your acceptance** of all terms and conditions written in this RFI.
- b. The Brazilian Army Commission (BAC) reserves the right to reject anytime, totally or partially, any **budgetary quotation** that does not comply with the technical specifications and/or terms and conditions of this RFI.
- c. According to International Laws, based on "*locus regit actum*" Principle and in order to protect the **SUPPLIER's** intellectual proprietary information, BAC will not disclose, except to its personnel and advisors, any data, specifications or technical documentation regarding the **SUPPLIER's** budgetary quotation that are not known to the general public.
- d. The cost of preparing and submitting a budgetary quotation is the sole responsibility of the company; under no circumstance will the BAC be responsible for these costs.



3. SUPPLIER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

- a. In order to participate in future bidding processes, companies must be duly registered in the BAC Suppliers Database, with all required documents on file and all data updated.
- b. The Brazilian Army Commission (BAC) is constantly updating its Suppliers Database, and companies receiving this RFI are currently pre-registered or registered. However, if it has been more than six months since a company has done business with the BAC or has been invited to quote in an RFI, that company should log in to BAC's International Contracts System (<https://dakota.cebw.org/cebwWeb/>) and update its information as necessary.
- c. If your company has received this RFI but has not yet completed the registration process, the company should send an email to registration@cebw.cb.mil.br requesting a **user name** and **password**. The company will then be able to update its information into the Suppliers Database, and will be required to submit a few documents by email in order to complete the registration process
- d. The **SUPPLIER** is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of its password and is fully responsible for all activities that occur in its account, including any transaction executed directly by the **SUPPLIER** or its representative. The **SUPPLIER** agrees to immediately notify the BAC of any unauthorized use of the **SUPPLIER**'s password or any other breach of security. The BAC is not liable for any loss or damage arising from the **SUPPLIER**'s failure to comply with this clause.
- e. **Note(s)**: The following businesses, companies, or individuals will not be allowed to participate in the bidding process or contract execution, directly or indirectly, in special:
 - 1) A Public Agent from (i) the institution/organization promoting the bidding process or (ii) contracting agency;
 - 2) An Individual or legal entity (company), who is the author of: (i) the preliminary project, or (ii) the basic project or (iii) the executive project, when the bidding deals with public works, services or supply of goods related thereto;
 - 3) The company, alone or in a consortium, responsible for the preparation of: (i) the basic project, or (ii) the executive project, or (iii) company of which the author of the project is a: (a) director, (b) manager, (c) controller, (d) shareholder or (e) holder of more than 5% (five percent) of the voting capital, (f) responsible technical person or (g) subcontractor, when the bidding deals with public works, services or supply of goods necessary for it;
 - 4) An individual or company who is, at the time of the bidding process, unable to participate in the bidding as a result of sanction imposed on it; and
 - 5) An individual or company, who maintains a link of: (i) technical nature. (ii) commercial, (iii) economic, (iv) financial, (v) labor or (vi) civil service, with the head of the organization or contracting entity or with a public agent who play a role in the bidding process or act in the inspection or management of the contract, or who are spouse, partner or relative in a direct, collateral or affinity line, up to the third degree, and this prohibition is expressly stated in the bidding document.

4. BUDGETARY QUOTATION DEADLINE

- a. The deadline for submitting a budgetary quotation is **May 03, 2023 at 10:00 AM**, United States Eastern time.



- b. Your **budgetary quotation** must be entered and submitted directly online in the BAC's International Contracts System and/or by email to the address procurement@cebw.eb.mil.br. The reference **RFI-019/2023** must be included in the subject line of your email.
- c. If also submitting your budgetary quotation by mail, it should be in an envelope addressed as follows:

BRAZILIAN ARMY COMMISSION
PROCUREMENT DIVISION
4632 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, USA - 20016-4622
REF: **RFI-019/2023**

5. VALIDITY

All budgetary quotations must be valid for a period of at **12 months** from the signature date of the Framework Agreement.

6. PRODUCTS AND PRICES

6.1 - Price for Product Goods

Your company is requested to submit a **Budgetary Quotation for Product Goods at the Seller's Warehouse (FCA Origin, Incoterms 2020, ICC Publication No. 723E)**. Please refer to the attached Table 1 – List of Materials/Services and Attachments, if any.

6.2 - General Conditions

- a. Considering that the Brazilian Army utilizes resources from different accounts, the **SUPPLIER** is requested to quote prices separately for each **product goods, services and estimated delivery costs**, as listed in the attached Table 1 – List of Materials/Services.
- b. Prices for **product goods** and/or **services** must be firm and fixed and shall be preferably quoted in United States Dollars (USD). Please do not include the estimate delivery charges in the goods price.
- c. Prices for **delivery costs**, if applicable, shall be an **estimate only** and preferably quoted in United States Dollars (USD), separately.
- d. Quotes may be submitted in other currencies, but prices will be always evaluated in US Dollars. The BAC will use the exchange rate published in the Internet site of the *Wall Street Journal* (<https://www.wsj.com/market-data/currencies/exchangerates>).
- e. Prices must be exempt from sales taxes, since the goods are to be exported to Brazil.
- f. Prices must be exempt from Brazil's Industrialized Product Tax (IPI - Imposto sobre Produtos Industrializados) and Importation Tax (II - Imposto sobre Importação), as per terms of Art. 1, Section VIII, of Law No. 8.402 of January 8, 1992, and Art. 2, Section I, and Art. 3, Section I, of Law No. 8.032 of April 12, 1990.

7. FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT - REGIME OF EXECUTION

7.1. FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (Basic Ordering Agreement - BOA)

This clause describes the concepts for future procurement of Defense Materials/Services based on a Framework Agreement (Basic Ordering Agreement - BOA) terms. This section will be included in future Request for Quotations (RFQ) if requested in the Technical Specifications. Please take this into consideration when submitting your price quotation for this RFI.

- a. The **SUPPLIER's** selection will be determined by a future formal RFQ Online Reverse Bid Auction.
- b. In the RFQ phase, after a Winners Report is issued and after the Adjudication and Ratification of the process, a Framework Agreement will be created in a form of an Agreement, which shall be signed by the Brazilian Army Commission and the winning bidder's legal representative, hereinafter referred as the "**SUPPLIER**".
- c. The object of the Framework Agreement is to register the prices for Defense Materiel, which shall be firm and fixed prices negotiated between the parties for the possible future supply of newly-manufactured **PRODUCT**.
- d. **THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IS A WRITTEN "NO-OBLIGATION TO PROCEED CONTRACT", EXECUTED BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN ARMY COMMISSION AND THE WINNER BIDDER, WITH FIRM AND FIXED PRICES, NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES, FOR AN EVENTUAL SUPPLY OF DEFENSE MATERIEL AND/OR SERVICES. THE AGREEMENT IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE SIGNATURE OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT. SUCH AGREEMENT MAY RESULT IN THE ACQUISITION OF ALL ITEMS OF THE AGREEMENT, SOME ITEMS, ONLY ONE ITEM, OR NO ITEMS - DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS RECEIVED AND OBLIGATED.**
- e. The **SUPPLIER** is not entitled to assign, transfer, or in any other way relieve itself or delegate any of its obligations under the **Framework Agreement** or any portion or interest herein, or to substitute any successor, without prior written consent of the **BUYER**, which the **BUYER** can withhold for any reason. This prohibition on assignment and transfer applies to any manner by which the **SUPPLIER** seeks to assign or transfer, including assignment or transfer of the **SUPPLIER's** obligations hereunder by transferring the **Framework Agreement** to a subsidiary that the **SUPPLIER** subsequently divests, spins off and sells, or the sale of the **SUPPLIER's** assets or sale of its shares of stock.

7.2. VALIDITY OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Agreement and its prices shall be in force for twelve (12) months from the date of signature of the Framework Agreement and it cannot be extended.

7.3. CANCELLATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

- a. **Bidder** will have its price registration canceled when: (i) the **SUPPLIER** does not comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Framework Agreement; (ii) the **SUPPLIER** does not accept the

Purchase Order or equivalent instrument within the time period specified on the Terms and Conditions, without valid reasons.

- b. If the above circumstances occur, only after due process (Administrative Process), a Notice of Cancellation will be formalized by the Chief of the BAC and the **SUPPLIER** may be subject to the sanctions stipulated in **Clause - PENALTIES**.
- c. A **SUPPLIER** may request the cancelation of its registered prices due to unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure, which can compromise the full execution of the agreement.

8. TERMS OF PAYMENT

- a. **Advanced payments are not allowed.**
- b. Payment will be made by the **BUYER** to the **SUPPLIER** after delivery of the Defense Materiel, as defined in the Contract. Payment may be made against invoice (through Wire Transfer). The invoice shall provide for a period of 30 (thirty) days, from date of delivery, for the corresponding payment. For wire transfer purposes, the bank name and address, ABA, IBAN, BIC code, Swift Code, account name and account number must be included in the invoice.
- c. Payment can be made through an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (ILC) issued by Banco do Brasil, in the United States. **This option is only available for awarded contracts over USD 200,000.00 (two hundred thousand US Dollars). If the SUPPLIER requests payment through letter of credit, it must pay all expenses with the Banco do Brasil (issuing bank) and any advising/confirming bank.**
- d. All documents required for payment will be listed in the contract, in the event that a contract is awarded in a future RFQ.

9. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE

- a. In order to guarantee **SELLER's** full contractual performance, depending on the value of a contract, the **BUYER** may request **SELLER** to present a **Performance Bond** (Financial Guarantee) as described below.
- b. The **SELLER's** full performance of all its contractual obligations, including payment of any liquidated damages for failure to perform those obligations, will be guaranteed by the provision of a **Performance Bond**, in the amount of 5% (five percent) of the maximum value of the Contract. The **Performance Bond** must remain valid until at least 90 (ninety) days after the issuance of the Definitive Receiving Certificate (DRC).
- c. The **Performance Bond** will be executed, in form and substance acceptable to **BUYER**, for reimbursement to the **BUYER** as payment for damages resulting from any failure by the **SELLER's** to perform its contractual obligations. This includes but is not limited to failure to:
 - 1) complete delivery of the object by the final delivery date established in the Contract.



- 2) resolve, within 30 (thirty) days of receiving notice from the **BUYER**, any problem reported by the **BUYER** involving defects or shortages in the Defense Material, as well as any non-conformity with the requirements of the Contract.
- d. Should the delivery date be extended, the **Performance Bond** will also be extended.

10. TECHNICAL LITERATURE

- a. The **SELLER** shall provide all technical documentation (operator/user manuals, maintenance manuals, technical data sheets, etc.) pertaining to the actual contracted items in **BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE**.

11. CATALOGUING DATA

- a. The **SELLER** shall provide, at least 30 days before the delivery/shipment of the goods:
 - 1) For Items already catalogued – provide the NATO Stock Number (NSN), and/or
 - 2) For Items not yet catalogued – provide all Technical and Management Data necessary for cataloguing said items according to the NATO Cataloguing System.

12. DELIVERY AND INSURANCE OF PRODUCT GOODS

- a. The Defense Materiel shall be preferably delivered in a **single shipment**, preferably within a period of **180 (one hundred and eighty)** days from the date of the Contract signing. If multiple shipments will be required for delivery, this must be indicated in the budgetary quotation.
- b. **The use of any courier service (DHL, UPS, FedEx, etc.) for shipment directly to Brazil is strictly prohibited.**
- c. Items which are subject to export licenses shall not be shipped until the license is granted.
- d. The **SELLER** must deliver the Defense Materiel packaged, packed, crated, labeled, and repacked (when applicable) in accordance with the highest standards for international transportation (not merely common carrier requirements) as well as the **International Air Transport Association (IATA) regulations** to ensure its safe arrival at its final destination. If the material is considered **dangerous goods** the cargo must be properly packed for shipment on Passenger aircraft (PAX) if the UN number allows this. If the material is considered for shipment on Cargo aircraft only (CAO) then material must be packed according to those regulations. In case that the Defense Materiel includes batteries, the **SELLER** must be responsible for any additional expense related to battery cycling, discharging and/or recharging, and for dangerous goods repacking and labeling. **IMPORTANT: The shipment cannot be consolidated with any other cargo.**
- e. Concerning wood packaging materials (including dunnage) used in international trade, in order to comply with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM15), **SELLER** will be required to include on the Bill of Lading (BL) and/or Air Waybill (AWB) and also to provide, if necessary, a Packing Certificate/Declaration stating:
 - 1) Wood is being used: Yes or No.



- 2) Type of wood: Not applicable, no wood used.
 Yes, processed wood.
 Yes, treated/certified (*).
 Yes, not treated/not certified.
- 3) Type of treatment (*): HT, Heat Treated
 DH, Dielectric Heated
 MB, Methyl Bromide.

- f. If the wooden pallets/boxes used for the cargo originated in China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan or Hong Kong, the wood must be fumigated and a certificate provided. If the wooden pallets/boxes (i) originated from countries that have adopted the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM-15), (ii) have been treated and identified with the mark IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention), these wooden pallets/boxes will be accepted as certified after inspection to be internalized in Brazil. Types of wood (not treated, not certified) are not accepted by the Brazilian authorities. If the wood materials are not properly marked with the IPPC standard and/or certified, the Brazilian authorities may not approve the import and the cargo will be rejected and sent back to the point of origin.
- g. INCOTERMS 2020:

CIP Airport of Rio de Janeiro, RJ – Brazil

Note: Incoterms will be defined in the event that BAC runs a future formal RFQ and awards a contract.

- h. **Estimated freight delivery costs: USD _____.**
The freight costs must be an estimate only. In the event that a contract is awarded to your company, the BAC will pay only the actual costs (which cannot exceed the above estimate) upon presentation of corroborating documents from the freight forwarder and carrier.
- i. **Estimated cargo insurance costs: USD _____.**
The estimated cargo insurance costs for 110% of the material value and freight delivery costs shall cover “All Risks”. The cargo insurance costs must be an estimate only. In the event that a contract is awarded to your company, the BAC will pay only the actual costs (which cannot exceed the above estimate) upon presentation of corroborating documents from the insurance company.
- j. The goods shall preferably be shipped via a **Brazilian airline**, “Freight Prepaid,” if available in the country at the time of shipment; otherwise, the **SELLER** is allowed to ship using another airline. Due to Brazilian customs requirements, the “Declared Value for Customs” box on the Air Waybill (AWB) must be filled in with the exact value of the goods. The shipment cannot be consolidated with any other cargo. The AWB must show the actual air freight charges declared by the carrier. When submitting your proposal, please indicate the name of the carrier.
- k. For direct shipment to Brazil, notwithstanding the provisions of INCOTERMS 2020, ICC Publication No. 723E, if the Defense Material cannot be cleared through customs by the Brazilian Army and has to be kept in storage by customs authorities due to negligence on the part of the **SELLER** related to the shipping documentation, any storage charges will be the responsibility of the **SELLER**.

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13. EXPORT LICENSE

- a. In accordance with INCOTERMS 2020, ICC Publication No. 723E, the **SELLER** shall obtain at its own risk and expense any export license or other official authorization and carry out, where applicable, all customs formalities necessary for the export of the product goods/services to Brazil. The BAC will not pay any costs for export license application.
- b. If an export license is required, the **SELLER must** notify the BAC in its budgetary quotation in order to obtain an official **End-User Certificate (EUC)**.
- c. If an export license is not required, the **SELLER must** state this in its budgetary quotation.

14. WARRANTY

- a. The **SELLER** must provide a **2 (two) years warranty**, in form and substance acceptable to BAC, for products, parts, services, and accessories sold by the **SELLER**, under which the **SELLER** warrants that all Defense Materiel (and its constituent items) supplied to the **BUYER** shall:
 - 1) Be free from defects in material in workmanship;
 - 2) Be manufactured in strict conformance with the **SELLER's** specification for the production of such material;
 - 3) Be factory new;
 - 4) Be not remanufactured, refurbished, reworked, modified, or have been previously delivered by the **SELLER** to any other customer.
- b. The warranty must begin upon the issuance of the **Definitive Receiving Certificate** or three months after customs clearance of the Defense Materiel (whichever occurs first).

15. GUARANTEE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- a. The **SELLER** shall provide the **BUYER** with the following, for a period of 8 (eight) years after the expiration of the warranty:
 - 1) continued on-site technical assistance to be provided in Brazil.
 - 2) the execution of maintenance and/or repair services for the Defense Materiel.
 - 3) the supply of spare parts or substitute parts that fulfill the same form, fit and functions.
- b. After expiration of the warranty period, the prices and conditions for technical assistance and the purchase of spares will be subject to a new market research and new bidding process.

16. PROVISIONAL RECEIVING

- a. The **SELLER** or its representative, at their own expense, is allowed to witness the Provisional Receiving.
- b. The **Provisional Receiving** will take place in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, and will be completed as soon as practicable. The **Provisional Receiving Team** will check the quantity delivered against the accompanying shipping documents and inspect the packaging for signs of damage or any other irregularities. If no discrepancies are found during this process, a **Provisional Receiving Certificate (PRC)** will be issued **within 15 (fifteen) business days** of the date of customs clearance.



- c. If discrepancies are found, a **Discrepancy Report** will be issued by the **BUYER** to the **SELLER**. In that case, the **SELLER** shall resolve any discrepancy reported as soon as possible. The **BUYER** is not obligated to issue a **PRC** until all discrepancies have been resolved.

17. DEFINITIVE RECEIVING

- a. The **SELLER** or its representative, at their own expense, is allowed to witness the **Definitive Receiving**.
- b. The **Definitive Receiving** will take place at a location to be determined by the **BUYER**, within a period of 30 (thirty) business days after the delivery of the material at the end user's facilities. A **Definitive Receiving Team** will verify the quantity and test the quality of the Defense Material, as well as the conformity to its technical specifications and any other Contract requirements.
- c. If no discrepancies are found, a **Definitive Receiving Certificate (DRC)** will be issued within 15 (fifteen) business days of completion of the **Definitive Receiving**. If discrepancies are found, a **Discrepancy Report** will be issued by the **BUYER** to the **SELLER**. In that case, the **SELLER** shall resolve any discrepancy reported as soon as possible. The **BUYER** is not obligated to issue a **DRC** until all discrepancies have been resolved.

18. APPLICABLE LAW

- a. The parties shall endeavor to amicably solve any differences that might arise during the execution and interpretation of any Contract. The attempt to reach an amicable settlement will be considered to have failed when one party notifies the other, in writing, of its non-acceptance of the other party's proposed solution and its wish to end negotiations.
- b. All claims between the parties based upon any alleged breach of any substantive obligations created during the execution of the awarded Contract will be finally settled by the US District Court for the District of Columbia or the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Unless otherwise directed by the **BUYER**, pending the final disposition of any dispute hereunder, the **SELLER** must proceed diligently to perform the Contract, including delivery of the Defense Materiel/services in accordance with the **BUYER**'s instructions, provided that the **BUYER** pays the **SELLER** amounts due in accordance with the Contract, subject to adjustment based on final disposition of the dispute.
- c. The U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods will not apply to the awarded contract. Since the **BUYER** is domiciled in the District of Columbia, the Contract, and any and all disputes arising thereunder or in connection with the process of awarding said Contract, will be governed, construed, interpreted and applied in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia, without reference to its choice of law rules or to the constructive change doctrine. For all purposes in connection with any action or proceeding that arises from or relates to the contract, the **SELLER** irrevocably consents, for enforcement of such clause, to the personal jurisdiction of the US District Court for the District of Columbia or the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for any matter arising out in the dispute. The **SELLER** irrevocably waives any objection (including forum non conveniens) to such proceedings.

19. PENALTIES

- a. The **SUPPLIER** will be subject to penalties, guaranteed the previous defense, if it does not fully comply with the Terms and Conditions outlined in the **future RFQ**, the **Framework Agreement** and



eventual associated Contracts. The following penalties may be applied by **BUYER**, but application of such penalties does not excuse **SUPPLIER** from any and all civil and criminal liability, including compensating **BUYER** for damages and losses suffered, and to any and all remedies available to **BUYER** under applicable law.

- 1) **Advertency**, the **BUYER** will issue a formal letter to **SUPPLIER** notifying of its contractual obligations.
 - 2) **Fine**, to be paid within 15 (fifteen) days from receiving an official communication regarding the following hypothesis:
 - a) 0,01% (one hundredth of one percent) per day of unjustified delay in delivering the Defense Materiel/Services, up to a maximum of 5% (five percent) of the total price of the undelivered Defense Materiel/Services of eventual Contracts.
 - b) Up to 5% (five percent) of the total price of the Defense Materiel/Services, for noncompliance with the terms of eventual Contracts.
 - 3) **Temporary suspension**, for a period of up to **five (05) years**, from participating in acquisitions and bidding processes from the Brazilian Army Commission and other Brazilian Government entities, for the **SUPPLIER** that:
 - a) do not sign the **Framework Agreement** and/or its **eventual associated Contracts**.
 - b) present false/counterfeited documentation.
 - c) inexcusable delay in the execution/performance of the object of eventual Contracts.
 - d) do not honor its offered proposal or violate the execution/performance of eventual Contracts.
 - e) behaves on a disreputable manner or commits fiscal fraud.
 - 4) A **Declaration of Disreputable Status**, that holds the **SUPPLIER** unfit to bid or contract with the Brazilian Army Commission, for as long as the reasons that motivated the application of such the penalty remains or until the **SUPPLIER** is rehabilitated by the authority that applied the penalty.
- b. The value of the fine, applied after proper administrative process, may be discounted from eventual due payments and/or invoiced for **SUPPLIER**'s payment, plus late penalty charges of **1% (one percent) interest per month**, but no more than **5%** of the Contract value.
 - c. The penalties provided on this clause's first paragraph, points "1)", "3)" and "4)", may be applied, cumulatively or not, with the penalty mentioned in point "2)".
 - d. The **SUPPLIER** may appeal to the **BUYER** to reconsider it within a maximum of 10 (ten) business days from receiving the formal **BUYER**'s **Notice of Penalty Application**. The **BUYER** shall have 10 (ten) business days to respond to the **SUPPLIER**'s appeal.



20. ATTACHMENTS

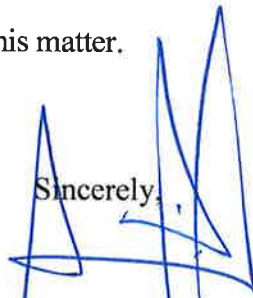
- a. Annex A - Table 1 – List of Materials/Services
- b. Technical Specification

21. POINT OF CONTACT:

Any questions regarding this RFI may be directed to:
Mr. Jerzy Wieczorek, Procurement Specialist
E-mail: jerzy@cebw.eb.mil.br
Phone: (202) 895-6268

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



MURILO ALBIERO – Lt.Col.
Chief, Procurement Division

**MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
BRAZILIAN ARMY COMMISSION
PROCUREMENT DIVISION**

Phone: (202) 244-5010

Fax: (202) 895-6395

**Table 1 - List of Materials/Services
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

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Closing May 03, 2023

Item	P/N	NSN	Item	Qty	Unit	Unit Price USD	Total Price USD
1		1005-13-113-8977	M2HB QCB Heavy Machine Gun (.50 Cal) for the REMAX and PLATT weapons station of the GUARANI vehicle, according to the attached Technical Specifications.	200	UN		
Sub-Total							
Estimated Freight Charges () USA domestic () Airport Rio de Janeiro - Brazil () Port of Sepetiba, RJ - Brazil							
Estimated Cargo Insurance Charges							
Total (Incoterms: _____)							
Currency							

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Seller's Quotation Number		Seller's CAGE code(if available)	
Quotation Date (specify mm/dd/yyyy)		Quotation validity (specify mm/dd/yyyy)	
Delivery time (days)		Warranty (months)	
Terms of payment		Condition of material (new, overhauled, surplus, etc)	
Approximate gross weight		Approximate volume measurements	
Seller's remarks			

Issue Date: Mar 24, 2023

Response date:

I hereby confirm that I have read, understood and agree with all terms and conditions written in this RFI.

Murilo Albiero, LTC
Chief, Procurement Division/BAC

Name
Title
Company



**MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
BRAZILIAN ARMY
LOGISTICS COMMAND
MATERIALS DIRECTORATE**

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Heavy Machine Gun M2HB QCB (.50 Cal) for weapon station REMAX e PLATT - Guarani vehicles

The Heavy Machine Gun M2HB QCB (.50 Cal) should offer the capabilities to be used for the following application:

- Be coupled at weapon station REMAX e PLATT - Guarani vehicles; and
- Be supplied with 1 (one) Spare Barrel Assembly type Quick Change Barrel (QCB) that makes the barrel change procedure faster, easier, and safe.

Specifications:

- Caliber: .50 (12.7x99mm NATO);
- Operating principle: Short recoil of the barrel;
- Left Feed;
- Weapon Length: up to 1,656mm (65.2");
- Barrel cooling: By air;
- Number of grooves: 8;
- Twist and direction: 381 mm (15.0") right-hand;
- Supplied with 1 (one) Spare Barrel Assembly;
- Barrel length: 1143mm (45");
- Barrel weight: up to 13 kg (28.6 lb);
- Barrel type: Quick Change Barrel (QCB);
- Weapon weight (empty): up to 38.150 kg (84.1 lb);
- Feeding belt: Disintegrating link belt (M2 or M9 link);
- Cyclic rate of fire: from 450 to 635 rpm;
- Effective rate of fire: 100 rpm;
- Sight setting: from 0m to 2500m; and
- Firing modes: Single-shot, full-automatic.

Similar or higher characteristics to *MACHINE GUN .50 M2HB-QCB NSN: 1005-13-113-8977 and P/N: 3668210057.*

Accessories/Components (included items per .50 Heavy Machine Gun)

- Cover, web, barrel (olive-green);
- Cover, cordura, complete weapon (olive-green);
- 7 (seven) Box feed ass. (NSN: 8140-00-960-1699);
- Pair of gloves, anti-heat;
- Flash-hider assembly;
- Maintenance Manual FM/AM/GM in Brazilian Portuguese (Pen Drive or CD-ROM);
- **Tool Kit QCB, FM/AM armorer (olive-green)** containing:

Qty	Item
1	Envelope, gauge (olive-green) NSN 810-13-117-2849
1	Headspace gauge .50 QCB NSN 5220-13-116-5036
1	Fixed timing gauge NSN 5210-13-114-0006
1	Device for adjustment headspace NSN 522-13-116-1543
1	Wrench, front sight NSN 5120-13-114-0105
1	Adjusting screw NSN 5305-13-114-0105
1	Drift-pin, placement pin, breech lock pin NSN 5315-13-117-2811
1	Drift punch, dia. 2.4 mm, lg 21 mm NSN 5120-13-109-6622

- **Complete Tool Kit n°2 QCB, fixed timing 3668997181(olive-green)** containing:

Qty	Item
1	Cleaning rod NSN 1005-13-116-5080
1	Handle Assembly NSN 5120-13-116-6522
3	Section, Cleaning Rod NSN 5306-13-116-6517
1	Swab, Holder, Section, Cleaning Rod NSN 5306-13-116-6517
1	Brush, Cleaning, Complete, Chamber NSN 1005-13-114-4096
1	Brush, Cleaning, Firing Pin Hole, Cal .50 NSN 1005-13-116-5083
1	Rod Cleaning for Firing Pin Hole NSN 1005-13-116-5081
1	Cleaning Rod NSN 1005-13-116-5079
1	Ruptured Case Extractor NSN 4933-13-116-5082
1	Handle, Bolt (Auxiliary Use Only) NSN 1005-13-117-2829
1	Roll, Tool (Sand) NSN 5140-13-117-2821
1	Oil Can, Complete With Small Chain Painted NSN 4930-13-100-3262
1	Chasse Goupille dia. 3,5 LG 27 NSN 5120-13-109-0110

Accessories/Components (quantity for the entire batch for .50 Heavy Machine Gun)

- Qty 6 (six) Kit replacement part M2HB QCB COD. 129638-8 (olive-green) containing:

Qty	Item
1	Extractor, Cartridge, Assy
2	Extension, Assy Firing Pin
2	Pin Firing

4	Spring, Sear Compression
2	Sear
2	Slide Sear
2	Lever, Cocking
2	Lock, Accelerator Stop
2	Stop, Spring, Firing Pin
2	Stud, Bolt
2	Pin, Belt Holding Pawl
2	Pin, Locking
1	Spring, Safety, Extractor Cam Nut
1	Spring, Extractor, Switch
6	Pin Split
2	Spring, Lock, Retaining, Belt Feed Lever
2	Pin, Cocking Lever

- Qty 6 (six) Kit QCB, GM armorer (Olive-Green) containing:

Qty	Item
1	1 Envelope, gauge (olive-green) NSN 810-13-117-2849
1	1 Headspace gauge .50 QCB NSN 5220-13-116-5036
1	1 Headspace selection gauge NSN 5220-13-117-2823
1	1 Fixed timing gauge NSN 5210-13-114-0006
1	1 Device for adjustment headspace NSN 522-13-116-1543
1	1 Wrench, front sight NSN 5120-13-114-0105
1	1 Adjusting screw NSN 5305-13-114-0105
1	1 Drift-pin, placement pin, breech lock pin NSN 5315-13-117-2811
1	1 Drift punch, dia. 2.4 mm, lg 21 mm NSN 5120-13-109-6622

Warranty: 2 (two) years

Remarks all items: During the bidding, in case of doubts, the bidder can demand studies and photos and other tests, before declaring the winner.

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