

**UNDP's Response to Proposers' Question**  
**ITB/UNDP/SO/003/2014 for Procurement of Ballistic Vests and Helmets, and Hard Armour**  
**Upgrade Panels – Round 2**

1	<b>Q</b>	<b>Regarding form of submission of bid. All files must be in PDF format and protected by password. Please provide information in what way bidders should pass you the password?</b>
	A	Please be informed that since this is an Invitation to Bid, the PDF file DOES NOT have to be protected by password.
2	<b>Q</b>	<b>Any design in particular you have in mind?</b>
	A	Skeletal pull over type. Please refer to the design description we have provided in the TOR.
3	<b>Q</b>	<b>Threat level – III A- 9mm or 44 magnum?</b>
	A	Level IIIA requires protection against both 9mm and 44 magnum. Please refer to the attached Appendix D of NIJ Standard 0101.04 (or its equivalent) and Appendix A of NIJ Standard 0101.06 (or its equivalent).
4	<b>Q</b>	<b>For helmet vest and plate, all of those products, can we offer PE material?</b>
	A	<p>The material to be used in the helmet and armour panels is to be the lightest material that has been properly tested and complies with the ballistic properties as specified in the Specification/TOR Documents we have provided.</p> <p>Helmet: required level NIJIII minimum equivalent to NIJ 0106.01 standards defeating level IIIA rounds and velocities and full compliance (or its equivalent).</p> <p>Hard armour upgrade panels: when tested in conjunction with Level IIIA (or its equivalent) soft armour (the vest), must meet the minimum specification of level NIJ STD 0101.04 Level III (7.62x51mm FMJ Ball ammunition) or its equivalent.</p> <p>The primary consideration for the type of material in both of these items is (1) Successfully tested and certified by an international accepted testing organization (test certification must be provided) and (2) weight.</p>
5	<b>Q</b>	<b>For the plate, do you want stand alone or ICW IIIA.44 (this mean plate together with vest get IV or III level)?</b>
	A	When tested in conjunction with Level IIIA soft armour (the vest) or its equivalent, must meet the minimum specification of level NIJ STD 0101.04 Level III (7.62x51mm FMJ Ball ammunition) or its equivalent. This means that the ballistic vest together with the hard armour panels must be certified to a minimum standard of NIJ Level III or its equivalent.
6	<b>Q</b>	<p><b>We have studied plates supplied to United Nations in past couple of years which are of Asian origin and these measure 250mm x 300mm in size. However, if you remove the black nylon cover the actual protection materials underneath the cover are reduced in size making the protection area smaller. A foam border is applied to increase the size to 250mm x 300mm.</b></p> <p><b>It would appear that this method is used by certain plate manufacturers to reduce weight and price but the end user is not getting full protection. Please confirm if UNDP want a plate that has a full protection area including the inside materials of 250mm x 300mm?</b></p>
	A	UNDP needs full protection over the full area of the plate 250 x 300mm.

7	<b>Q</b>	<b>What if bidder submits Side Plate that weight higher than 700 Grams?</b>
	A	The side plates must be manufactured to the same ballistic standard as the front and rear panels, NIJ Level III or its equivalent. UNDP will not disqualify a bidder that can meet the ballistic specifications even if their side plates are a bit heavier than 700 grams, however if the weight is significantly higher then UNDP will consider it as not meeting the requirement.
8	<b>Q</b>	<b>Can you please indicate the end-user country for this program?</b>
	A	The end-user would be UNDP. However at this point we do not know for which UNDP country office. The intention of this tender is to establish a Long Term Agreement (LTA), which is a stand-by contract, so that when needs arise UNDP can go directly to the LTA holders based on the secondary competition method stated in the TOR.
9	<b>Q</b>	<b>Regarding the photos of bullet proof vest, ballistic plates and helmets that must be provided with technical offer. Will UNDP accept photos of ballistic vest in different color then Pantone blue 279U?</b>
	A	For the sample photos, it is OK to provide UNDP with different colour than Pantone blue 279U as long as the Bidder would be able to provide the colour required if selected.
10	<b>Q</b>	<b>Regarding to financial statement required for submitting offer. Will UNDP accept delivery of financial statement data from 2012, 2011 gathered in two financial statements?</b>
	A	UNDP needs the financial statement in order to enable us to assess Bidder's financial capacity. Please provide as much as possible closes to UNDP's request.

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