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Contracts Circular N° 18/2023

Department of Contracts
Notre Dame Ravelin
FLORIANA

To Ministries and
Heads of Department

16 October 2023

**SUPPLY OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WINTER UNIFORMS FOR
MESSENGERIAL GRADES AND SECURITY GUARDS TO ALL GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AND ENTITIES**

1. Ministries and Heads of Department are hereby informed that the contract for the Supply of Environmentally Friendly Winter Uniforms for Messengerial Grades and Security Guards to all Government Departments and Entities as and when required, has been awarded as follows:

Items: Winter Uniforms, Spare Trousers, Skirts and Ties
Winter Shirts
Pullovers
Walking Shoes
Socks and Tights

**Astor Co Ltd
Astor House
St Julians Road
BIRKIRKARA**

Tel: **2144 7309**
Email: **astoruniforms@gmail.com**

and at the following Unit Prices in Euro (€):

Winter Uniforms, Spare Trousers, Skirts and Ties

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Full Uniform Male Messengers I and II Dark Blue	110.00
2	Full Uniform Male Messengers III Dark Blue	120.00
3	Full Uniform Female Messengers I and II Dark Blue	138.00
4	Full Uniform Female Messengers III Dark Blue	138.00

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
5	Male Security Guards Uniform Greyish Blue	138.00
6	Trousers a) Dark Blue	24.00
	Trousers b) Greyish Blue	24.00
7	Skirts Dark Blue	24.00
8	Ties a) Dark Blue	10.00
	Ties b) Black	10.00

Winter Shirts

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Male Light Blue Shirts Collar - Sizes 35 to 54	10.48
2	Female Light Blue Shirts Collar - Sizes 34 to 45	10.48
3	Male White Shirts Collar - Sizes 35 to 54	10.48
4	Female White Shirts Collar - Sizes 34 to 45	10.48

Pullovers

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Pullovers - Sizes 36" / EUR 46 to 58" / EUR 68	23.78

Walking Shoes

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Black Male Shoes	26.28
2	Black Female Shoes	26.28

Socks and Tights

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Male Winter Socks Black	1.24
2	Tights Beige - Sizes 2, 3 and 4	1.95

Item: **Anoraks**

Pinnacle Solutions
75 Wignacourt Street
BIRKIRKARA

Tel: **99427999**
Email: **pinnaclemalta@gmail.com**

and at the following Unit Price in Euro (€):

Anoraks

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	All Sizes from Small to Extra Extra Large	22.43

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2. Payments are to be made directly to Contractor.
 3. This contract shall be valid until 13 October 2025.
 4. The attention of Heads of Department and Parastatal Bodies is drawn to OPM Circular No. 100/87 and MPO Circular No 38/96 dated 20 May 1996 informing them of entitlements and frequency of issue regarding items of wear to entitled personnel.
 5. The technical specifications regulating this Contract are attached. Heads of Department are to ensure that the uniforms are supplied according to these specifications. User departments are to ensure that these conditions are strictly adhered to.
 6. This contract is also governed by the usual 'General Conditions for the Supply Contracts'.

Anthony Cachia
Director General (Contracts)

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

WINTER UNIFORMS, SPARE TROUSERS, SKIRTS AND TIES

Material

1. The colour of the material to be used in the manufacture of the uniforms shall be as that indicated against each item on the schedule. The material shall have a mixture of wool and polyester with a minimum of 40% and a maximum of 50% wool. The weight of the material per square meter is to be between 240/275g whilst the filling is to be 0.5% maximum.

The threads per cm and maximum percentage of shrinkage allowed should be as follows:

	Threads / cm	Shrinkage % (Water Relaxation)
Warp	25 minimum	0.5 maximum
Weft	25 minimum	0.5 maximum

2. Sample material to show the colour shades required is available at the Department of the Contracts.
3. The materials used by the contractor shall be thoroughly shrunk and Heads of Department may test any number of garments in each delivery in order to ascertain this fact.

Markings

4. The contractor shall sew a label, on the inside of the jackets trousers, and skirts bearing his name, the year the uniform is tailored and the letters 'G.M.'

Measuring/Out-Fitting

5. The measuring of the persons for whom uniforms are ordered shall be taken at the place indicated by the various Heads of Department at the contractor's expenses. Gozo employees will be required to call at the contractor's premises.

Description of Items

Item 1 – MALE MESSENGERS I AND II TYPE

Jacket - Fully lined, single breasted, turned down collar with two jetted external pockets on the hips, one jetted external pocket on breast and one internal pocket.

and

Trousers - With two pockets and a patch pocket with loop and button at back.

Colour - Dark Blue.

Item 2 – MALE MESSENGERS III TYPE

Jacket - As item 1 above, however Jacket is to include a narrow silver braid on sleeves

Colour - Dark Blue.

Item 3 – FEMALE MESSENGERS I AND II TYPE

Jacket - Fully lined, single breasted, turned down collar with two jetted external pockets on the hips, one jetted external pocket on breast and one internal pocket.

Skirts - Plain (Standard) with one hip and two side pockets.

Colour - Dark Blue.

Item 4 – FEMALE MESSENGERS III TYPE

Jacket - As item 3, above however Jacket is to include a narrow silver braid in sleeves

Skirts - As item 3 above.

Colour - Dark Blue.

Item 5 – MALE SECURITY GUARDS TYPE

Jacket - Fully lined, single breasted with three buttons turned down collar with two jetted external pockets on the hips, one jetted external pocket on breast and one internal pocket.

and

Trousers - With two pockets and a patch pocket with loop and button at back.

Colour - Greyish Blue.

Item 6 - SPARE TROUSERS

With two pockets and a patch pocket with loop and button at back.

Colour - Dark Blue and Greyish Blue.

Item 7 – SPARE SKIRTS

Plain (standard) with one hip and two side pockets.

Colour - Dark Blue.

Item 8 – TIES

Ties - 100% Polyester.

Colour - Dark Blue with embroidered Maltese flag and Black.

WINTER SHIRTS

Item 1 – Male Light Blue Shirts - Collar Size 35 to 54

Item 2 – Female Light Blue Shirts - Collar Size 34 to 45

Item 3 – Male White Shirts - Collar Size 35 to 54

Item 4 – Female White Shirts - Collar Size 34 to 45

1. The shirts are to be manufactured in Light Blue/White colour with attached stiff collar, long sleeves with comfortable arm hole, shoulder flaps for epaulettes, double shoulder yoke, box pleat at the back, and two breast pockets with flaps and buttons. Workmanship and cut will be taken into consideration in awarding contract.
2. The material to be used in the manufacture of the shirts shall be pre-shrunk 30 – 35% cotton and the rest polyester. The weight per square metre is to be 95 grams minimum whilst the filling is to be 0.5% maximum. The threads per cm and maximum percentage of shrinkage allowed should be as follows:

	Threads / cm	Shrinkage % (Water Relaxation)
Warp	42 minimum	0.5 maximum
Weft	28 minimum	0.5 maximum

3. The contractor shall sew on the inside of each shirt a label bearing the letters ‘G.M.’, size, the name of the contractor and the year of manufacture of shirt.
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PULLOVERS

Sizes 36" / EUR 46 to 58" / EUR 68

1. The 'V' neck pullovers shall be made of ribbed heavy woollen army type, 100% wool.
 2. Pullovers are to be supplied dark blue in colour, with shoulder and elbow reinforcements (pads) of the same colour, epaulettes 5cm wide, round edge and with a velcro closing patch 2 square cm.
 3. The label of each pullover being supplied is to include the size, wool content, and the letters 'G.M.'.
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ANORAKS

Sizes Small / Medium / Large / XLarge and XXL

1. The navy blue anoraks shall be made from 100% nylon with PVC Coating. Material to be waterproof. When tested no location shall leak more than 5ml/hour. Random locations tests will include seams. Internal seams to be heat sealed.
 2. The anoraks shall comply with the following specifications:
 - a) Lined with 100% nylon;
 - b) Stud fastening storm flap over a sturdy heavy duty zip;
 - c) Storm cuff;
 - d) Concealed hood with draw cord;
 - e) Hip front pockets with storm flaps with two stud fastening on each pocket;
 - f) One inside left breast pocket;
 - g) Reglan sleeves;
 - h) Length to hips;
 - i) Two ventilation holes with eyelets under each arm.
 3. The anorak to be supplied under the contract shall have sewn on the inside a label bearing the letters 'G.M.', the contractor's name or the name of the manufacturer, the year of manufacture or the year of supply to Government and the chest size.
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MALE WALKING SHOES

- i. The Shoes shall be up to EN347, code designation I and shall be of low show type.
- ii. The uppers and laces shall be black and the lining and stitches shall be black or grey. No part should contain any other colour.
- iii. The shoes shall be lined and have upper flaps for lacing.
- iv. The shoes shall be without exterior toecap and shall be reinforced at toe area and counter.
- v. The shoes shall have padded sock on the inside.
- vi. The shoes shall have padded collar.
- vii. The shoes shall be smooth or very low textured.
- viii. The shoes shall be available in sizes from 36 to 48.

FEMALE WALKING SHOES

- i. Uppers shall be made of leather. The shoes shall be leather lined throughout, including.
 - ii. Unit sole shall be made of Special non-slip rubber compound material highly resistant to abrasion.
 - iii. The colour shall be black.
 - iv. The shoes shall be supplied without lacing.
 - v. The average thickness of the upper leather shall not be less than 1mm.
 - vi. The average height at heel is to be a minimum of 25mm.
 - vii. The shoes shall be available in sizes from 34 to 44.
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SOCKS AND TIGHTS

1. Male black Winter Socks in assorted sizes 41 – 45

The socks are to be made of wool/synthetic mixture with a minimum wool content of 25%, reinforced heel and toe. The hose height from mid heel is to be a minimum of 26cms and a maximum of 34cms. The weight per pair is to be between 30 and 40 grams.

2. Beige Ladies Tights

The tights are to be sheer with a 15 – 20 denier, reinforced panty and toe.

GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (GPP) REQUIREMENTS
(applicable for all items except walking shoes)

Product longevity and warranty

(not relevant for lease contracts including maintenance)

Repair or replacement of the product shall be covered by the warranty terms for minimum five years. The tenderer shall further ensure that genuine or equivalent spare parts are available (direct or via other nominated agents) for at least five years from the date of purchase. This clause will not apply to unavoidable temporary situations beyond the manufacturer's control such as natural disasters.

Verification:

The tenderer will upon delivery of the goods provide compliant monitoring data for the processing lots from which wool used in the contract comes from. COD calculations will relate to the wool throughput in kg to the wastewater flow in litres from each processed lot of wool. Monitoring data must be obtained by third party testing according to ISO 6060 or equivalent wastewater from each wool scouring site that wool is purchased from. Transaction records will be provided that verify the wool scouring site for the wool used to manufacture the products.

Sulphur emissions to air

For viscose and modal fibres, the sulphur content of the emissions of sulphur compounds to air from the fibre production process, expressed as an annual average, must not exceed the values in Table (a).

Fibre type	Performance value (g S/kg)
Staple fibre	30g/kg
Filament fibre -Batch washing -Integrated washing	40g/kg 170g/kg

Verification:

The tenderer will upon award provide monitoring data, transaction records and batch production records demonstrating the compliance of supplier(s) and associated production sites used to manufacture the fibres used in the contract. Compliant monitoring data will be provided for those production sites used to make the specific fibre product to be used in execution of the contract

Declaration for REACH Candidate List substances

The tenderer must declare the presence of any REACH Candidate List substances at a concentration of greater than 0.1% (weight by weight) in the finished product.

Verification:

The tenderer must provide a valid REACH Article 33(2) declaration upon delivery of the finished article(s). If Candidate List substances are declared as being present, they must be identified

Substances to be tested for on the final product	
<p>The final supplied product must not contain the substances listed in Annex 1 at greater than the individual or sum total concentration limits. This must be demonstrated by laboratory testing of a sample of each product type supplied during execution of the contract. The contracting authority will reserve the right to also request a further random check.</p>	
Verification:	<p>Each product sample must be analysed by a laboratory accredited to carry out the relevant tests according to ISO 17025 or by the accreditation body for a textile testing scheme that requires product testing. Certificate(s) demonstrating compliance must be provided upon delivery of the goods. Where the test methods are the same, test results from valid Type I ecolabels, including the EU Ecolabel, as well as third-party textile testing schemes, must be accepted.</p>
Durability standards	
<p>The textile products must meet the relevant durability requirements identified in Annexes 2 and 3. In the case of functional workwear that can demonstrate inherent performance characteristics that negate the need for water, dirt or stain repellents and/or flame retardant treatments to be applied to the textile fabric, the product will be exempted from testing requirements 3.7 and / or 3.8 in Annex 3.</p>	
Verification:	<p>The tenderer will, for each distinct product design or item of workwear to be supplied, provide upon delivery of the goods reports from tests carried out in accordance with the standards specified in Annex 3. The reports will verify that each product type or model meets the specified durability requirements.</p>
Fabric selection to minimise energy use for drying and ironing	
<p>The fabric will be selected to have a moisture retention content after spinning of less than 35% and a fabric smoothness grade after drying of SA3 for fabrics with cotton content of >50% and SA4 where the cotton content is <50%.</p>	
Verification:	<p>The tenderer will upon delivery of the goods provide a test report demonstrating the fabric(s) performance according to the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • moisture retention content: EN ISO 15797 (or equivalent) washing procedure. • easy care: EN ISO 15487 (or equivalent) appearance after washing and drying.
Care labelling (For textiles intended to be washed at home)	
<p>The textile care labelling must promote washing at lower temperatures, if possible at 30°C or less and using the washing machine's low energy programme, unless there is a technical reason otherwise (e.g. hygiene, safety, soiling).</p>	
Verification:	<p>The tenderer must provide examples of the care labelling and additional instructions to the user and provide, if applicable, information on why textiles should be washed at higher temperatures than 30°C.</p>
Design for reuse and recycling	
<p>Garments must be designed so that any logos or distinctive identification features can be easily removed or overprinted without damaging the item.</p>	
Verification:	<p>The tenderer must upon delivery of the goods provide clear, easy to understand instructions for reuse contractors on how to remove or overprint logos or branding.</p>