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Contracts Circular N° 10/2025

Department of Contracts
Notre Dame Ravelin
FLORIANA

To Ministries
Heads of Departments and Entities

24 May 2025

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

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

Items: Summer Uniforms
Trousers and Skirts
Summer Shirts
Socks

Astor Co Ltd
Astor House
St Julians Road
BIRKIRKARA

Tel: 2144 7309
Email: astoruniforms@gmail.com

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

Summer Uniforms, Trousers and Skirts

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Full Uniform Male Messengers I and II Grey	95.00
2	Full Uniform Male Messengers III Grey	99.00
3	Full Uniform Female Messengers I and II Grey	109.00
4	Male Security Guards Uniform Greyish Blue	95.00
5	Trousers a) Grey	23.70
	Trousers b) Greyish Blue	24.72
6	Skirts a) Grey	23.70
	Skirts b) Greyish Blue	24.72

Summer Shirts

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Male Shirts Collar sizes 35 to 54	11.90
2	Female Shirts Collar sizes 34 to 45	11.90

Socks

Item No	Description	Unit Price (Excl VAT)
1	Male Summer Socks Dark Grey	1.19

2. Payments are to be made directly to Contractor.
3. This contract shall be valid until 21 May 2027.
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 observed.
6. Furthermore, upon delivery, the relevant Green Public Procurement (GPP) criteria verifications as per requirements specified in the Technical Specifications are also to be adhered to.
7. This contract is also governed by the usual 'General Conditions for the Supply Contracts'.

Adrian Dalli
Director General (Contracts)

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SUMMER UNIFORMS/TROUSERS/SKIRTS

Material in accordance with the Technical specifications.

Item 1 – MALE MESSENGERS I and II

Grey Jacket – Fully lined single breasted, turned down collar, with two external pockets on the hips (lined). One external pocket on breast and one internal pocket

and

Grey Trousers – With two pockets and one jetted hip pocket with loop and button at back.

Item 2 – MALE MESSENGERS III

Grey Jacket – Fully lined, single breasted, turned down collar, two external pockets on hips, one external pocket on breast, one internal pocket and a pair of black epaulettes with one row of silver lace

and

Grey Trousers – With two pockets and one jetted hip pocket with loop and button at back.

Item 3 – FEMALE MESSENGERS I AND II

Grey Jacket – Fully lined, single breasted, turned down collar, two external pockets on hips, one external pocket on breast and one internal pocket

and

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

ITEM 4 – SECURITY GUARDS UNIFORM GREYISH BLUE

Jacket – Fully line single breasted, turned down collar, with two external pockets on the hips (lined). One external pocket on breast and one internal pocket

and

Trousers – With two pockets and one jetted hip pocket with loop and button at back.

ITEM 5 – GREY OR GREYISH BLUE TROUSERS

Spare Trousers – With two pockets and one jetted hip pocket with loop and button at back.

ITEM 6 - GREY OR GREYISH BLUE SKIRTS

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

Material

1. The material to be used in the manufacture of the uniforms/trousers and skirts shall conform to the following requirements:

Colour	Grey or Greyish Blue
Weight/m ² g	200 minimum
	220 maximum
Filling, %	0.5 maximum
Threads/cm:	
Warp	18 minimum
Weft	18 minimum
Shrinkage, %	
Warp	0.5 maximum
Weft	0.5 maximum
Composition	
Wool, %	40 minimum
	50 maximum
Polyester, %	remainder

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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.

SUMMER SHIRTS

Item 1 – Male Summer Shirts – Collar Size 35 to 54

Item 2 – Female Summer Shirts – Collar Size 34 to 45

Technical Specifications for both Items

1. The Shirts are to be manufactured in colours Light Grey; Light Blue and White with a stiff collar, short 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.
2. The material to be used in the manufacture of the shirts shall conform to the following requirements:

Type of Material	Pre-shrunk cotton (min 30% max 40%) the rest polyester
Weight/g/m	102 min, 110 max.
Filling %	0.5% max.

Threads / cm	Threads / cm
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Warp	42 minimum
Weft	28 minimum

Shrinkage % (Water Relaxation)	
Warp	0.5% maximum
Weft	0.5% maximum

Composition	Cotton/Polyester Mixture
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3. The contractor shall sew on the inside of each shirt a label bearing the letters ‘GM’, size, the name of the contractor and the year of manufacture of shirt.

Green Public Procurement (GPP) Requirements

Textile products		
	Cotton Fibres A minimum of 20 % of the content of cotton goods used to fulfil the contract must be either: Organic: grown according to the requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, the US National Organic Programme (NOP) or equivalent legal obligations set by trade partners of the EU; or Integrated Pest Management (IPM): grown according to IPM principles as defined by the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) IPM programme or EU Directive 2009/128/EC.	
	Verification:	The cotton origin and content of the goods will be verified upon delivery by means of a third party certification scheme for IPM or organic cotton production together with documented transaction records that allow for the cotton content of individual items or batches of goods to be verified and traced back to the point of certification. This includes valid certification for organic or IPM production, ⁹ as well as documentation of transactions that demonstrate the purchase of the claimed cotton content and provide traceability. If relevant, a screening test ¹⁰ to verify non-genetically modified cotton will be provided upon request if conventional and IPM cotton are blended with organic cotton.

SOCKS

Male dark grey Summer Socks in assorted sizes 41 – 45

1. The socks are to be made of cotton/synthetic mixture with a minimum cotton content of 40%, 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 40grms.

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GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (GPP) REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LOTS

	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).							
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	Verification:	The tenderer will <u>upon award</u> 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 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.	
	Verification:	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.
	Durability standards 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.	
	Verification:	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.
	Fabric selection to minimise energy use for drying and ironing 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 %.	
	Verification:	The tenderer will upon delivery of the goods provide a test report demonstrating the fabric(s) performance according to the following methods: <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) 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).	
	Verification:	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 30oC.

	Design for reuse and recycling Garments must be designed so that any logos or distinctive identification features can be easily removed or overprinted without damaging the item.	
	Verification:	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.