Good day Mr. Prudori,

In response to your query on the cancellation of MERX pricing and availability listings, please see the information below.

As part of the Small Arms Modernization (SAM) project, the Department of National Defence (DND) is assessing options for the replacement of the 9mm Browning High Power and the 9mm Sig Sauer Model 225 pistol with a new General Service Pistol (GSP), as well as the replacement of the Lee Enfield rifle with a New Canadian Ranger Rifle (NCRR).

DND and the Canadian Forces (CF) employ strict control procedures over firearms inventories, from their acquisition through to disposal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Q1. Why have these MERX postings been cancelled? What is happening with each of these projects?

A1. The DND Small Arms Modernization (SAM) Project Management Office (PMO) requested that Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) cancel both the GSP and the NCRR Price and Availability (P&A) requests on MERX as a result of questions, and requests for clarification, from industry.

    The feedback from industry brought the DND SAM PMO to re-evaluate its procurement strategy. The DND SAM PMO is now focusing efforts on clarifying the procurement strategy for the GSP and NCRR with the intent to facilitate future communication with industry.

    The comments and observations received from industry in response to the P&A requests will be considered when the final requirements are written.

    The replacement of the GSP and NCRR remain a priority for DND.

    The next step of the project will be to obtain Preliminary Project Approval (PPA). No additional solicitations will be posted on MERX until after PPA is obtained and an approved procurement strategy is in place.

    PWGSC would be able to provide details on the procurement process. PWGSC's media relations office can be contacted at the following coordinates:

    Media Relations - PWGSC
    819-956-2315

I hope this information is satisfactory.

Have a great day,

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