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Program Executive Office Soldier



Handwear

Advance Planning Brief to Industry

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Purpose



Update the Handwear Industry on the status of current and future U.S. Army Handwear initiatives



Sizing



- Status:

- PM-SCIE has acquired hand forms to be used by the Government
- Currently working implementation procedure for the sizing system



Authorized Product List (APL) Army Combat Glove



- Currently on hold
- Working on documentation for Secretary of the Army approval
- Change from previous APL – Testing will be done by Industry
- Once the APL is approved, Army will re-solicit for the gloves



Combat Glove



- Natick contract solicitation - currently open with a closing date of 16 May 2011
 - Solicitation includes Government owned patterns
 - Award date late July 2011

- DLA Troop Support working on a request for proposals for the Combat Glove
 - Posting date TBD

- In Process: Capabilities Production Document (CPD)
 - Expected completion date 1Q12



Trigger Finger Mitten



- User Evaluation completed in March 2010
- Trigger Finger Mitten System tested consisted of the following gloves:



Trigger Finger Mittens



Cold Weather Insert



Cold Weather Lightweight Insert



Trigger Finger Mitten (Cont.)



- Summary of Results:
 - Soldiers felt the Trigger Finger Mitten System was durable, easy to don and doff, comfortable, provided good grip and was safe to use
 - No compatibility issues with the various weapons and clothing items used
 - Adequate for comfort
 - Slightly positive for overall performance and mission suitability



Trigger Finger Mitten (Cont.)



- Path Forward
 - Utilize Soldier feedback from this effort to support future integrated handwear requirement and future designs



Glove Enhancement Initiative



- Path Forward

- Current discussions with MCOE examining requirement for an integrated handwear approach
 - Goals
 - Decrease number of items in the supply system
 - Combine capabilities and if possible, enhance performance
 - PM-SCIE is very interested in ideas/concepts from industry on how to consolidate capabilities currently in the US Army supply system



Additional New Ideas



- Fully fashioned glove (seamless but maintaining density to protect from Flame)
- Trigger Finger Mitten Insert - new technologies (fabrics and manufacturing)
- Expand glove capabilities by testing designs with different fabrics and leathers



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QUESTIONS?