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United States Air Force Selects Med-Eng EOD 10 Bomb Suit to Protect its Explosive Ordnance Disposal Teams

Major contract win shows confidence in the system's life-saving protection and capabilities

Secures highly-skilled manufacturing jobs in New York state for up to five years

OGDENSBURG, New York – [Med-Eng](#)[®], a brand of The Safariland Group, today announced it has been awarded a five-year Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract to provide the United States Air Force (USAF) with the Med-Eng EOD[®] 10 bomb suit to protect personnel conducting Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) operations. The USAF selected the EOD 10 suit and accessories through a competitive solicitation process that required meeting the new National Institute of Justice Standard 0117.01 (NIJ Standard) for protection against blast, fragmentation, impact and heat, among many other demanding factors. Under the contract, which has a maximum value of \$15 million, the USAF may procure up to 305 EOD 10 bomb suits during the five-year term.

“Med-Eng is honored to provide equipment that will help protect the lives of the United States Air Force’s EOD teams as they carry out critical, dangerous and life-saving missions,” said Rob Reynolds, vice president, general manager, Med-Eng. “Selecting Med-Eng and our EOD 10 suit demonstrates the USAF’s confidence in our ability to meet the evolving threats and operational requirements facing our military EOD operators and public safety bomb technicians in even the harshest conditions.”

The EOD 10 bomb suit is certified to the NIJ Standard and meets or exceeds the USAF’s rigorous criteria. This NIJ Standard focuses on six crucial areas – fragmentation, impact, flame, some blast overpressure, optics, and ergonomics – that reconcile protection requirements with bomb technicians’ need for mobility, clear vision, and dexterity. Med-Eng is currently the only bomb suit manufacturer to meet the new NIJ Standard certification.

This sophisticated bomb suit ensemble provides an optimal balance between multi-threat blast protection and ergonomic flexibility. Its user-focused design features voice activation, integrated cooling and compatibility with Chemical & Biological protective equipment. It has also been extensively tested against threats representative of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

Fulfillment of the contract will support highly skilled manufacturing operations in Ogdensburg, New York, where Med-Eng produces bomb suits for all four branches of the U.S. Military, as well as for state and local law enforcement bomb squads. This facility currently manufactures the U.S. Army’s in-service Advanced Bomb Suit (ABS) and all other Med-Eng bomb suit models, which are widely used across the United States.

The EOD 10 bomb suit has been procured by military and public safety agencies in 28 countries and is currently in service worldwide. For more information about Med-Eng, please visit www.med-eng.com.

About Med-Eng®

The Med-Eng® brand provides integrated and battle-proven solutions for protecting frontline personnel from blast and heat threats. Its Personal Protective Equipment and specialized tools for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), bomb disposal, tactical operations and demining are trusted by military and public safety agencies in approximately 100 countries and territories worldwide. Its Crew Survivability solutions, including customized blast attenuation seats and thermal management systems, protect military vehicle crews and their mission-critical electronics. All Med-Eng equipment is engineered and rigorously tested to help save lives and enhance operational capabilities. Med-Eng is a part of The Safariland Group of brands. For more information, visit www.med-eng.com.

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The Safariland Group is a leading global provider of a broad range of safety and survivability products designed for the public safety, military, professional and outdoor markets. The Safariland Group offers a number of recognized brand names in these markets including Safariland®, Med-Eng®, Safariland® Armor, Safariland® VIEVU®, Mustang Survival®, Bianchi®, Break Free®, PROTECH® Tactical, Defense Technology®, Hatch®, Monadnock®, Identicator® and NIK®. The Safariland Group's mission, "Together, We Save Lives", is inherent in the lifesaving and protective products it delivers. The Safariland Group is headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. The Safariland Group is a trade name of Safariland, LLC.

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