

STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

Women's Over-Blouse (Short Sleeve), Army Service Uniform (ASU)

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1.0 BACKGROUND

This Statement of Work (SOW) defines the requirements for the manufacture and delivery of the short-sleeve Women's Over-Blouse, a component of the Army Service Uniform (ASU). The over-blouse is an optional purchase item procured for wear by female personnel.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The contractor shall provide all necessary labor, materials, equipment, and facilities to manufacture and deliver the Women's Over-Blouse (Short Sleeve) in accordance with the salient characteristics detailed in this SOW.

3.0 SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS

The over-blouse must meet the following physical, functional, and performance characteristics to satisfy the Government's requirements:

3.1 Style and Design

- **Classification:** Short Sleeve only (Class 1).
- **Cut and Fit:** The garment must be a semi-fitted, hip-length style.
- **Key Features:** It must feature a six-button front closure, a convertible collar, and functional shoulder loops.
- **Construction:** The body must be constructed with front princess seams and a three-piece back to ensure proper drape and fit.

3.2 Material and Fabric Performance

- **Base Fabric:** Must be a durable, breathable, and machine-washable polyester/cotton blend cloth (approximately 5.0 ounce weight).
- **Color:** Must be an exact visual match to Army Shade White 521.
- **Structure:** Areas requiring structure (shoulder loops, collar, and front facings) must be reinforced with a high-quality fusible interlining to maintain shape through repeated laundering and wear.

3.3 Hardware and Fastenings

- **Buttons:** Standard commercial 19-line apparel buttons. The color must match the base fabric (Army Shade White 521).
- **Buttonholes:** Must be securely stitched (straight-cut, purl, or whip type) to prevent fraying during standard wear and laundering.

3.4 Stitching and Assembly

- **Thread:** Must utilize a commercial-grade, durable core thread that matches the base fabric color.
- **Seams:** All stitching and seams must meet high-quality commercial apparel standards to prevent unraveling or failure during active wear and standard laundering cycles.

3.5 Labeling and Sizing

- **Labels:** Each over-blouse must include standard commercial apparel labels clearly indicating size, care instructions, and manufacturer identification.
- **Sizing Availability:** The garment must be available in standard commercial/military sizing from 4S to 22L, including variations for Short (S), Regular (R), and Long (L) torso lengths as specified in the procurement documentation.
- **Option Year Sizing Flexibility:** Sizing quantities and distributions are firm for the base year. However, sizing requirements may be subject to minor adjustments during option years based on actual cadet sizing requirements.

4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE

The contractor is responsible for maintaining standard commercial quality control practices to ensure all delivered garments meet the salient characteristics.

- **First Article Inspection:** If specified in the contract schedule, a first article sample of the short-sleeve over-blouse must be produced and subjected to Government inspection and

approval (in accordance with FAR 52.209-4) prior to full-scale production.

- **Toxicity/Safety:** The finished garment must be free of toxic materials or harsh chemicals and safe for prolonged, direct skin contact.
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5.0 DELIVERABLES

The contractor shall deliver:

- **Women's Over-Blouse (Short Sleeve):** Delivered in the quantities and sizes specified in the contract award.
 - *Note on Sizing and Quantities:* The quantities and size distribution specified are firm for the base year. For any subsequent option years, these quantities and size allocations may be slightly altered by the Government to align with actual cadet sizing requirements.
 - **Replacement Buttons:** Two (2) replacement buttons furnished in a small, secure plastic bag temporarily tacked to the inside left underarm seam of each garment.
 - **First Article Sample(s):** If explicitly required by the contract schedule.
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6.0 PACKAGING AND DELIVERY

Items shall be packaged and packed in accordance with standard commercial practices to ensure adequate protection against dirt, moisture, and damage during shipping, handling, and storage.
