

Family of Tactical Soft Shelters (FTSS)

DESCRIPTION

The Family of Tactical Soft Shelters (FTSS) are state-of-the-art soft shelters that replace current Command Post (CP) and General Purpose (GP) (Medium) tents. FTSS utilizes modular/expandable construction technology and state-of-the-art fabrics and manufacturing techniques to produce shelters that are mobile, durable, terrain-adaptable, all weather, quicker to erect and strike, waterproof, and have connectivity/interoperability with tactical vehicles and ancillary equipment (power and heating, ventilation and air conditioning).

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:	FY00	FY01
<i>Quantity</i>	<i>937</i>	<i>617</i>

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The FTSS is not designed to counter a specific threat. It is intended to improve the effectiveness with which a variety of battlefield functions are accomplished. They are modular, lightweight, durable and quick to erect and strike and easy to transport by the Marine Corps tactical cargo vehicles enhancing the ability to conduct maneuver warfare. The FTSS environmentally protects personnel performing the following functions: command and control, medical, dental, administrative, supply, maintenance, billeting, storage, and messing. In addition, the FTSS provides blackout capability and reduced IR.

PROGRAM STATUS

Currently in Phase II; IOC is scheduled for FY00 with FOC in FY05.

DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

CP; Principal Design Activity - Natick Research and Development
Manufacturer, Boston, MA

Camel Manufacturing Company Garyville, TN

GP (Medium); Principal Design Activity - Natick R&D, Boston, MA

Manufacturer - Johnson Worldwide Associates, Eureka, KS