

MEPNN Supplier Scouting Opportunity Synopsis

Section 1: General Information

Scouting Number	2026-121
Item to be Scouted	Travel Bag
Days to be scouted	60
Response Due By	06/07/2026
Description	Client is developing a high-quality, multifunctional coastal weekender bag designed for travel, beach use, and everyday carry. The goal is to create a durable, elevated alternative to typical beach or travel bags, something that

Section 2: Technical Information

Type of supplier being sought	Manufacturer
Reason	New product startup
Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)	<p>Seeking cut-and-sew manufacturers experienced in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canvas and leather goods • Structured tote or travel bags • Reinforced construction and premium finishes • Small-batch or emerging brand production <p>The product will be manufactured using a cut-and-sew process for canvas and leather goods.</p> <p>Key steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pattern development and material cutting for canvas, coated base, and leather components • Assembly of structured panels with interfacing and reinforced base insert • Stitching of exterior body panels and base panel attachment • Installation of interior lining and pocket system (including waterproof zipper pocket) • Attachment of dual handles with reinforced stitching and rivets • Installation of detachable crossbody strap hardware (D-rings and anchors) • Integration of full-length two-way zipper closure with reinforced corners • Addition of leather trim elements and logo patch • Final shaping, edge finishing, and quality inspection
Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications for the item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured shape with a clean, elevated look • Durable organic cotton canvas exterior (heavyweight) • Reinforced base (coated or water-resistant material) • Leather trim details for a premium finish • Interior organization including waterproof zipper pocket • Full-length two-way zipper closure (clean, minimal hardware) • Optional detachable crossbody strap • Designed to hold travel and beach essentials without bulk • Must maintain shape and stand upright when filled <p>Target Dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Width: 18–20 inches • Height: 13–15 inches • Depth: 6–8 inches • Handle Drop: 9–11 inches <p>Tolerances: ±0.5 inch acceptable across dimensions</p>

List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavyweight organic cotton canvas (18–24 oz) • Coated canvas or similar for base durability (water-resistant, easy-clean) • Genuine leather for trim and accents • Water-resistant interior lining <p>Open to guidance from manufacturers on comparable materials that meet durability and cost goals.</p>
Are there applicable certification requirements?	No
Are there applicable regulations?	No
Are there any other standards, requirements, etc.?	No
Additional Technical Comments	<p>Performance Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must stand upright when filled • Must fit under standard airline seats • Weight capacity: minimum 15 lbs, target up to 20 lbs under normal use conditions • Colorfast materials (no dye transfer) • Reinforced seams at all stress points • Smooth zipper operation with no catching • Base panel must be water-resistant and easy to clean • Structure must hold shape without excessive stiffness • Full-length two-way zipper closure preferred (center-opening for ease of access) • Hardware should be brushed or matte brass (no shiny finishes) • Exterior aesthetic must remain minimal, neutral, and refined • No loud branding or sporty styling • Base panel must be durable but visually integrated (tone-matched) • Strap attachment should be clean and subtle, avoiding bulky exterior hardware • Interior organization should be functional but not over-compartmentalized • Interior woven brand label with logo and brand name placed along the top interior seam; final size and placement to be refined during sampling. <p>Open to manufacturer recommendations that improve durability, cost efficiency, or production feasibility while maintaining design intent.</p>

Section 4: Business Information

Estimated potential business volume	<p>Initial production target: 100–200 units</p> <p>Open to discussing minimum order quantities depending on supplier capabilities</p>
Estimated target price / unit cost information (if unavailable explain)	<p>Ideal target cost: \$45–\$60 per unit</p> <p>Acceptable range: up to \$75 depending on materials and construction</p> <p>Open to reviewing options at different price tiers based on design adjustments.</p>
When is it needed by?	<p>Currently in early development and sourcing phase</p> <p>Looking to identify manufacturing partners and move into sampling as the next step</p>

Describe packaging requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual cotton dust bag for each unit • Protective poly bag for transit • Hang tag with brand story attached to handle • Printed care instruction card included inside <p>Packaging should reflect a premium, minimal, and clean presentation aligned with a high-end lifestyle product.</p>
Where will this item be shipped?	Delaware - please contact agent for more details

Additional Comments

Is there other information you would like to include?	<p>This product is part of a broader lifestyle brand focused on intentional living and travel. The goal is to create a long-lasting, high-quality product that replaces the need for multiple bags.</p> <p>I am looking for manufacturing partners who value craftsmanship, durability, and thoughtful design, and who are open to working with emerging brands on small-batch production.</p>
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