

MEPNN Supplier Scouting Opportunity Synopsis

Section 1: General Information

Scouting Number	2026-163
Item to be Scouted	BABA: Ceramic Tile Trim
Days to be scouted	14
Response Due By	05/13/2026
Description	A ceramic tile trim is a finishing material used to create clean, protected, and visually polished edges wherever tile ends. It solves a simple but important problem: raw tile edges are sharp, porous, and unattractive, so trim provides

Section 2: Technical Information

Type of supplier being sought	Manufacturer
Reason	BABA
Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)	<p>1-Prepare Raw Material High-quality aluminum, stainless steel, brass, or PVC is selected and prepared for extrusion. -Use 6063-T5 aluminum, 304/316 stainless steel, solid brass, or PVC compound depending on product line -Inspect raw material for purity and consistency -Heat metal billets (for metal trims) to extrusion temperature</p> <p>2-Extrude the Profile Material is forced through a precision die to create Schluter's exact trim shape. -Push heated metal billet or molten PVC through a custom Schluter die -Maintain strict dimensional tolerances for profile height, flange width, and radius -Cool the extruded profile using air or water quenching</p> <p>3-Cut to Length Extruded profiles are cut into standard lengths for distribution. -Typical lengths: 2.5 m (8 ft 2 in) or 3.0 m (10 ft) -Use automated saws for clean, burr-free cuts -Inspect ends for squareness and dimensional accuracy</p> <p>4-Punch Anchor Holes The anchoring leg is perforated to allow mortar to bond through the trim. -CNC punching machines create triangular or round perforations -Ensure consistent spacing and hole geometry -Remove any burrs to prevent mortar interference</p> <p>5-Surface Finishing Profiles receive their final protective and decorative finish. -Anodizing for aluminum (matte, satin, brushed, or color finishes) -Powder coating for colored trims -Polishing or brushing for stainless steel and brass -PVC profiles receive surface texturing during extrusion</p>
Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications for the item	This would be for typical trim against tile in a Multifamily Apartment project. We need a comparable product to the Schluter-Systems (Not BABA Compliant) product on attached Specifications - 2.02 Trim & Accessories.
List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components	<p>Aluminum Profiles (Most Common) 6063-T5 or 6063-T6 aluminum alloy -Excellent extrudability -Corrosion-resistant -Lightweight -Accepts anodizing and powder coating</p>

Are there applicable certification requirements?	No
Are there applicable regulations?	No
Are there any other standards, requirements, etc.?	No
Additional Technical Comments	This would be for typical trim against tile in a Multifamily Apartment project. We need a comparable product to the Schluter-Systems (Not BABA Compliant) product on attached Specifications - 2.02 Trim & Accessories.

Section 4: Business Information

Estimated potential business volume	100'-0"
Estimated target price / unit cost information (if unavailable explain)	\$600.00
When is it needed by?	July 2027
Describe packaging requirements	Rigid structural protection to prevent bending Surface protection for anodized, polished, or coated finishes Moisture and corrosion control for metal profiles Clear labeling for traceability Proper palletization for long-distance transport
Where will this item be shipped?	Blaine Minnesota

Additional Comments

Is there other information you would like to include?	See Attached Specification - Specifically 2.02 Trim & Accessories.
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