

# U.S. Army To Buy \$6 Million Of Riot Equipment

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The U.S. Army is to invest \$6 million in riot equipment, a fact that has furthered fears that troops will be used inside the U.S. in order to quell any civil unrest resulting from the ongoing economic crisis.

The [U.S. Army Contracting Agency](#), based at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, has a post on the [Federal Business Opportunities website](#), requesting the equipment and has received several notices of interest from potential vendors.

The request titled "84-RIOT EQUIPMENT" outlines the need for hard polyethylene Shin and Chest Guards, shock absorbing Forearm Protectors, Interior leg brace supports as well as knee and ankle protectors.

The ACA asks that the equipment be able to "safely withstand a substantial blow... from non-ballistic weapons or flying debris".

The Solicitation also states:

*The associated North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code for this procurement is 453998 with a small business size standard of \$6M. This requirement is a [ Small Business ] set-aside and only qualified offerors may submit bids.*

Interested vendors include [Irish Brigade inc.](#), manufacturers of hunting and safety gear with facilities located in the heart of Kansas City , Missouri. Federal and Military resource company [MCLEARVISION, LLC](#) is another interested party, as is Kentucky based [U. S. CAVALRY STORE, INC.](#)

In our [article yesterday](#) we highlighted the fact that Urban warfare training drills are taking place across the country as top analysts as well as officials predict a potential "summer of rage" across Europe and America as civil unrest from the economic fallout builds.

Are such drills really for the purpose of preparing troops for foreign combat zones? Undoubtedly - but other factors indicate that the drills may very well also be aimed at preparing troops for dealing with mass civil unrest as the economic crisis worsens.

There's no question that U.S. authorities have been closely observing riots that have toppled governments in Iceland and Latvia and also threatened to do so in several other European countries. The fact that they have contingency plans in place to deal with such scenarios should they unfold in America cannot be disputed.

Indeed, before a media exposé forced them into a denial, Northcom revealed that one of the duties of at least 20,000 active duty troops that are being placed inside the United States [would be dealing with "civil unrest and crowd control"](#).

The U.S. Army War College in November released a white paper called [Known Unknowns: Unconventional 'Strategic Shocks' in Defense Strategy Development](#). The report warned that the military must be prepared for a "violent, strategic dislocation inside the United States," which could be provoked by "unforeseen economic collapse," "purposeful domestic resistance," "pervasive public health emergencies" or "loss of functioning political and legal order." The "widespread civil violence," the document said, "would force the defense establishment to reorient priorities in extremis to defend basic domestic order and human security."

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