**Solicitation #**

RFQ028666

**Solicitation Type**

IFB

**Document Title**

Firefighter Turnout Gear UTC

**Delivery Date**

9/30/2025

**Requesting Department**

Finance and Management

**Expiry Date Time (ET)**

10/17/2024, 11:00:00 AM

**Delivery Name**

City of Columbus, City Wide Contract

**Attachment**

No

**Delivery Address**

See Specifications for Details Columbus, OH 43215 USA

Description

1.0 SCOPE AND CLASSIFICATION 1.1 Scope: The City of Columbus is seeking Request for Proposals in response to a Best Value Procurement (BVP) to enter into a Universal Term Contract (indefinite quantity) to purchase Firefighter Turnout Gear. The City will negotiate a contract with the selected vendor for a term of approximately three (3) years through September 30, 2028 with two (2) additional one (1) year optional extensions. 1.2 Classification: The contract resulting from the BVP will provide for the purchase and delivery of turnout gear to include fire coat, bunker pants, suspenders, belt and repair items. The fire coat and bunker pants are considered an integral unit. The contract will be awarded to one supplier for all items listed. 1.3 Specification Questions: Questions regarding this BVP must be submitted on the Bonfire portal by 11:00 am Monday, September 30, 2024. Responses will be posted on the RFQ on Bonfire no later than Friday October 4, 2024 at 11:00 am. 1.4 For additional information concerning this RFP, including procedures on how to submit a proposal, you must go to the City of Columbus Bonfire website at https://columbus.bonfirehub.com/projects/152827/details and view this bid number. 1.5 Best Value Procurement Model: The City of Columbus is using a Best Value Procurement in lieu of the Invitation to Bid model. The award will not be made to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. The contract will be awarded based upon: (1) total cost of ownership, to include maintenance and operation costs, as well as the expected life of the equipment, (2) acquisition costs, (3) quality of the goods offered and the extent to which the goods meet the operational needs of the City, (4) past performance of the equipment and vendor as determined by customer satisfaction (5) acquisition cost and other evaluation criteria referred to in Columbus City Code 329.18 or as defined herein. 1.6 Background of City's Needs: The Division of Fire will have an evaluation process with fifteen (15) sets of turnout gear to be tested within the Division on selected firefighters. The City will negotiate a Universal Term Contract with the successful vendor. It is estimated this process of evaluation and negotiation will take up to nine (9) months before award recommendation. The committee will select the top 3 scoring vendors to be selected for the evaluation process. This will be determined after the presentations and the evaluation of the sample turnout gear.

Attachments

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Line Details

| **Line Number** | **Line Type** | **Procurement Category** | **Item Number** | **Product Name** | **Quantity** | **Purch Unit** | **Currency** |
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| 1 | Category | Safety apparel |  | Firefighter Turnout Gear UTC | 1 | EA | USD |

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Bidding Guidance Items

| **Bidding Guidance Item** | **Description** | **Required** |
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| Electronic Q&A | Electronic Q&A | No |