

CITY OF BRENTWOOD

Fire & Rescue Department



INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Brentwood, 5211 Maryland Way, P.O. Box 788, Brentwood, Tennessee 37024-0788 until 10:30 a.m., Central Time, on Friday, March 22nd, 2013, for Lightweight Non-Structural Turnout Gear to be used by the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department. Neither Faxed or Emailed proposals will be accepted. Request for Proposal documents are on file and may be obtained at the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department, Brentwood Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way, Brentwood, Tennessee.

BRENTWOOD FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT
Brentwood, Tennessee
Request for Proposal
for
Lightweight Non-Structural PPE (Turnout Gear)

Intent of Specifications

It is the intent of these specifications to cover the furnishing and delivery to the purchaser of fifty-six (56) sets of lightweight turnout gear (also referred to as wildland or extrication gear) consisting of fifty-six (56) turnout coats and fifty-six (56) turnout pants. These specifications cover only the general requirements as to design and construction together with certain details to which the successful bidder must conform. Minor details of construction and materials where not otherwise specified are left to the discretion of the manufacturer, who shall be solely responsible for the design and construction of all features. Each bid shall be accompanied by a set of "contractor's specifications" consisting of a detailed description of the PPE and related components.

NFPA Certifications

All garments shall meet or exceed the criteria set forth in the following NFPA standards:

- 1977 STANDARD ON PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTING (2011 Revision)
- NFPA 1951 STANDARD ON PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLES FOR TECHNICAL RESCUE INCIDENTS (2007 Revision)

Delivery Requirement

Purchaser prefers that the turnout gear be delivered to the purchaser within 60 days of the bid award, but *requires* delivery within 75 days of the bid award. The purchaser will make personnel available for fitting/sizing immediately following awarding of the bid.

Bid Evaluation Period/Process

Bid shall be valid for a minimum of **one year** from the bid opening date. Each bid shall stand alone and be evaluated on its own merit in terms of meeting the intent of the bid request and the needs of the fire & rescue department. Failure of the bidder to provide requested information in the proposal may result in disqualification of the bid. The fire & rescue department reserves the right to require additional proof of bidder qualification if needed.

Discounts

Any and all discounts for prompt payments must be incorporated as a reduction in the Bid price and not shown separately. The price as shown on the Bid shall be the price used in determining award(s).

Exceptions to Specifications

Exceptions shall be considered if they are deemed equal to or superior to the specifications, provided they are fully explained on a separate page entitled "Exceptions to Specifications." failure to denote exceptions in the above manner may result in immediate rejection of the proposal. In addition a general statement taking "Total Exception" to the specifications may result in immediate rejection of bid.

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **Purpose:** Provide lightweight turnout gear for the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department for current personnel, new hires, and for replacement gear as required throughout contract period.
2. **Term:** Prices quoted shall be honored for a minimum of one year beginning on the date of award with an optional extension for up to three (3) additional one-year terms if both parties agree.
3. **Quantity:** Quantities listed are minimums for bid purposes only; actual quantity ordered over the term of the contract may exceed that number.
4. **Purchasing Card Program:** The City has implemented a purchasing card program using the Visa network. Bidders may receive payment from the purchasing card in the same manner as other Visa purchases. Bidders should have the ability to accept Visa.
5. **Warranty:** The City desires a minimum 5 year warranty on materials and workmanship. A copy of the manufacturer's warranty shall be provided with the bid. Warranty shall include repair to the satisfaction of the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department or replacement at no additional cost to the City. The Contractor shall be responsible for all transportation costs incurred during the warranty period. Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department shall be furnished a "no charge" invoice for all work performed under warranty indicating type of work performed and materials replaced.
6. **Sizing:** Contractor shall fit-test each individual to size at no additional cost to the City. The City desires the Contractor to perform this service within two weeks from date of order.
7. **Delivery:** The City desires delivery within 60 days from the date of sizing with a maximum of 75 days. Bidder shall provide their best delivery date on the Bid Form – Proposal.
8. **Inspection/Acceptance:** All merchandise shall be inspected before acceptance by an authorized representative of the Brentwood Fire Rescue Department for workmanship, appearance and proper functioning of all components, and conformance to all requirements of these specifications. Failure in compliance will be cause for the purchaser to reject all or part of the order. Should deficiencies be found, it shall be the responsibility of the supplier to pack and return the product in question, make necessary corrections or replacements, and return them to the Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department for re-inspection and acceptance.
9. **Labeling:** Appropriate label(s) shall be permanently affixed to each garment. Additionally, the label(s) shall include the following information.
 - a. Compliance to NFPA Standard # 1977 – 2011 Revision
 - b. Compliance to NFPA Standard # 1951 – 2007 Revision
 - c. Underwriters Laboratories classified mark
 - d. Manufacturer's name
 - e. Manufacturer's address
10. **User Information Guide:** Each garment shall include a *User Information Guide* with information required by the noted NFPA Standards. This guide shall include:
 - a. Pre-use information:
 - i. Safety considerations
 - ii. Limitations of use

- iii. Garment marking recommendation and restrictions
 - iv. Warranty information
- b. Proper use consistent with noted NFPA Standards
- c. Maintenance and Cleaning:
 - i. Cleaning instructions and precautions
 - ii. Maintenance criteria and methods of repair where applicable
 - iii. Decontamination procedures
 - iv. Retirement and disposal criteria:
 - 1. Manufacturer's garment identification number
 - 2. Date of manufacture
 - 3. Size

11. Questions: Direct all questions to the buyer, Fire Chief Brian Goss, at (615) 371-0170.

COAT SPECIFICATIONS:

- 1. CONSTRUCTION:** The coat shall be constructed of 9 oz. FR Cotton or similar material as described by the manufacturer, **tan in color**. The garment shall meet the applicable NFPA Current Edition standards named above. All stitching shall meet the required breaking strength specified by the standard for the particular application.
- 2. DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE:** Construction should allow for flexibility and ease of movement.
- 3. ELBOW REINFORCEMENT:** Elbow patches shall be utilized to reinforce the elbow area. The outermost layer shall be composed of leather, poly coated Kevlar, or other material specified by the manufacturer.
- 4. POCKETS:** Two lower pockets shall be included on the lower abdomen, left and right. These pockets shall be of the bellows or semi-bellows construction approximately 8" X 8" in size. Pocket flaps shall use hook and loop closure.
- 5. RADIO POCKET:** The radio pocket shall be constructed of outer shell material and measure approximately 8 X 3.5" X 3". Radio pocket shall be placed on the wearer's left upper chest. Radio pocket flaps shall have hook and loop for closure. The radio pocket flap shall accommodate the radio antenna on the right side as worn.
- 6. MIC TAB:** A mic tab shall be placed on the chest of the coat to accommodate a mic clip. The mic clip shall be mounted high on the left chest near the shoulder above the radio pocket.
- 7. CUFF ASSEMBLY:** Cuffs shall contain elastic material in addition to hook and loop adjusters. No wristlets are being requested.
- 8. THROAT STRAP:** A collar/Throat Strap shall be provided with attached hook and loop fasteners.
- 9. REFLECTIVE TRIM:** Reflective NFPA-compliant trim shall be used with placement determined by the manufacturer to meet or exceed the applicable NFPA Current Edition. All trim shall be a minimum of 2" Scotchlite "Triple Trim" Lime/Yellow with Silver.
- 10. COAT SIZING:** Coats shall be available in even chest sizes; sleeve lengths shall be in whole inch increments.
- 11. CLOSURE SYSTEM:** Coat shall utilize an inner zipper/outer hook and loop closure.
- 12. LETTERING:** Upper back of coat should include "BRENTWOOD" in 3" lime yellow reflective letters.
- 13. DETACHABLE NAME PLATE:** Lower back of coat should contain a detachable nameplate with up to 16, 2" lime yellow reflective letters.

PANT SPECIFICATIONS:

1. **CONSTRUCTION:** The pants shall be constructed of 9 oz. FR Cotton or manufacturer's equivalent as described, **tan in color**. The garment shall meet the applicable NFPA Current Edition standard. All stitching shall meet the required breaking strength specified by the standard for the particular application. Construction should allow for flexibility and ease of movement.
2. **DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE:** The pant shall be constructed of a BDU or similar design.
3. **KNEE REINFORCEMENT:** Knee patches shall be utilized to reinforce the knee area. The outermost layer shall be composed of leather, poly coated Kevlar, or other material specified by the manufacturer. Removable padded inserts shall be included.
4. **LEG POCKETS:** Two bellows or semi-bellows pockets shall be provided near thigh level on the outside of each leg. Pockets should measure approximately 9" X 9" w/ flaps secured with hook and loop closures.
5. **REAR POCKETS:** Two upper rear pockets shall be provided measuring approximately 6" X 6" w/ flaps secured with hook and loop closures.
6. **ZIPPERED LEG OPENINGS:** Pants shall have zippered leg openings utilizing a zipper with a minimum 12" length to accommodate donning over boots.
7. **CUFF ASSEMBLY:** Cuffs shall contain a take-up adjustment. Cuffs should be reinforced to protect from wear abrasion.
8. **REFLECTIVE TRIM:** Reflective NFPA-compliant trim shall be used with placement determined by the manufacturer to meet or exceed the applicable NFPA Current Edition. All trim shall be a minimum of 2" Scotchlite "Triple Trim" Lime/Yellow with Silver.
9. **FLY FLAP:** The fly flap shall utilize a combination of zipper and button or snap enclosure at the top of the fly.
10. **WAIST ADJUSTER:** Waist adjusters utilizing take-up straps shall be provided.
11. **BELT LOOPS:** Belt loops shall be provided to accommodate a 3" belt.
12. **FRONT HAND POCKETS:** Two front hand pockets shall be provided.
13. **OPTIONS:** The following options shall be priced separately:
 - a. Suspenders with corresponding attachment system on pants.