



DATE: JULY 29, 2022
SUBJECT: LETTER OF CLARIFICATION NUMBER 1
RE: RFP NO. 2022-023 POLICE BODY ARMOR
OWNER: CITY OF EDINBURG
TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS

THIS LETTER OF CLARIFICATION IS ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

The following questions and City of Edinburg responses are hereby incorporated and made part of the Request for Proposal:

1. The evaluation form says we need to include (1) undershirt carrier, (1) raid vest carrier with POLICE and Equipment Pockets, while the other attachment says that we need to provide male and female samples of the body armor, no extras. Can you confirm which is correct, and if we need the extras asked for in the evaluation form?

Answer: The evaluation form is an internal document for the department. The PD is requesting the undershirt under armor (soft body armor) in both male and female sizes, with one vest carrier.

2. Since our primary business is with the federal government and we have submitted lots of bids for body armor to the federal government, and not local, any city or state government, will we be disqualified if we do not meet the requirement of having supplied body armor to five (5) law enforcement agencies?

Answer: No, this will not disqualify the respondent. The City will not restrict the bid to only local/state references. The Police Department will accept 5 references from this company, contingent on them being government agencies.

3. Regarding wear test sample submissions: when are samples required to be submitted for this solicitation? For a bid this size, it would be customary to have samples submitted for specific officers who would require sizing prior to production of the samples. Customary timing would allow for 30 days subsequent to submission of bid and sizing of designated officers.

Answer: Samples are due by the deadline stipulated in the RFP. Officers will be assigned the vests based on the samples provided by the vendor. We will not be requesting custom sizing from the vendors.

4. What is the current manufacturer and model number of armor that the Edinburg Police Department is using?

Answer: Point Blank AXBIIIA HILITE + Carrier

Slate Solutions SS GEN II Concealable SLXIIIA

5. Who is the current or most recent contract holder for armor being supplied to Edinburg Police Department?

Answer: Slate Solutions – contract has expired, no current contract in place.

6. Can a bidder submit multi models for consideration/review?

Answer: Yes, contingent on each vest meeting our specifications and requirements. Each model will require a sample for male & female.

7. "Certified in accordance with NIJ Level 0101.06" is enough or have to be fully tested for NIJ Level 0101.06? If fully certified is needed will you allow us to do the needed certification after we win the bid as we being a small business are not ready to spend \$25K ahead of bidding?

Answer: No, vendors cannot obtain certification after winning the bid. Vendors cannot guarantee that they will obtain this certification, and it is mandatory for all vests to be certified in accordance with NIJ level 0101.06. If they are unable to provide this certification, the police department recommends they are disqualified for consideration for not meeting our requirements.

WHEN ISSUED, LETTER(S) OF CLARIFICATIONS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A PART OF THE RFP DOCUMENTS AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY PREVIOUS SPECIFICATIONS AND/OR PROVISIONS MADE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPOSERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE OBTAINED ANY SUCH PREVIOUS LETTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SOLICITATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS FOR THIS SOLICITATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT lfuentes@cityofedinburg.com OR (956) 388-8972.

SINCERELY,

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