

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
Georgia's First Consolidated Government



FINANCE DEPARTMENT
PURCHASING DIVISION

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Date: September 22, 2026

REQUEST FOR BIDS: RFB NO. 27-0007	Qualified vendors are invited to submit sealed bids, subject to conditions and instructions as specified, for the sale of: PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES (ANNUAL CONTRACT)
GENERAL SCOPE	It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide firefighters with body protection against extreme temperature, sharp objects, steam water penetration, hot particles, and other hazards encountered during structural firefighting. These items will be procured on an "as needed" basis and are to be utilized by the Columbus Fire & EMS Department and will be awarded to both a Primary Contractor, and a Secondary Contractor. The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.
DUE DATE	OCTOBER 14, 2026 – 2:30 PM (Eastern) Responses must be submitted via OpenBids on or before the due date. A virtual opening will be held during the 3:00 PM hour of the due date. <i>Responding vendors are not required but are invited to attend the opening.</i> If you wish to attend the virtual opening, use one of the Microsoft Teams meeting options: Click here to join the meeting or call in (audio only) +1 478-239-0725,,855808406# United States, Macon Phone Conference ID: 855 808 406# Find a local number Reset PIN . Note: Columbus Consolidated Government is not responsible for technical issues that may arise during the virtual opening.
BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS	DemandStar is now OpenBids See Appendix A for <i>Submission Requirements, Submission Requirements Checklist, and OpenBids Registration and Submission Instructions.</i>
ADDENDA	<u>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</u> The Purchasing Division will post addenda (if any) for this project at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance-2/bid-opportunities . It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda, before the due date and prior to submitting a proposal.
"NO BID" RESPONSE	Refer to the form on page 3 if you are not interested in this invitation.

Andrea J. McCorvey
Purchasing Division Manager

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

e-Notification

The City uses the Georgia Procurement Registry e-notification system. You must register with GA@WORK (formerly Team Georgia Marketplace) to receive future procurement notifications via: <https://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/getting-started-supplier>.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems while registering, please contact the State Purchasing Division:

Telephone: 404-657-6000

Email: procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov

STATEMENT OF “NO BID”

Complete and return this form immediately if you do NOT intend to Bid:

Email: BidOpportunities@columbusga.org
Attn: Ryky Decembre, Buyer
Mail: Columbus Consolidated Government
Purchasing Division
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, GA 31902-1340

We, the undersigned decline to bid on your **RFB No. 27-0007**, for **Protective Fire Clothing and Accessories (Annual Contract)** for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Specifications too "tight", i.e. geared toward one brand or manufacturer only (explain below)
- ☐ There is insufficient time to respond to the Requests for Bids.
- ☐ We do not offer this product or service.
- ☐ We are unable to meet specifications.
- ☐ We are unable to meet bond requirements.
- ☐ Specifications are unclear (explain below).
- ☐ We are unable to meet insurance requirements.
- ☐ Other (specify below)

Remarks: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

AGENT: _____

DATE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The provisions of the Procurement Ordinance for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia as adopted and amended by Council shall apply to all invitations for bids and award of all contracts and is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. A copy of the ordinance is on file in the Purchasing Division.

1. **TERM "CITY".** The term "City" as used throughout these documents will mean Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia.
2. **PREPARATION OF FORM.** Bid proposals shall be submitted on the forms provided by the City. All figures must be written in ink or typewritten. Figures written in pencil or erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted adjacent thereto, initialed in ink by the person signing the proposal. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. Failure to properly sign forms, in ink, will render bid incomplete.
3. **EXECUTION OF THE BID PROPOSAL.** Execution of the bid proposal will indicate the bidder is familiar and in compliance with all local laws, regulations, ordinances, site inspections, licenses, drag tags, etc.
4. **BID DUE DATE.** The bid submission must arrive in the Purchasing Division on or before the stated due date and time. Upon receipt, bids will be time and date stamped. Bids will remain sealed and secured until the stated due date and time for the bid opening.
5. **BID OPENING.** Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place stated in the public notice. The amount of each bid, the bidder's name and such other relevant information as the Purchasing Manager deems appropriate shall be recorded and retained in accordance with Georgia law. The record and each bid shall be open to the public in accordance with Article 3. 301A of the Procurement Ordinance (Public Access to Procurement Information).
6. **LATE BIDS.** It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure bids are submitted by the specified due date and time. Bids received after the stated date and time will be returned, unopened, to the bidder. The official clock to determine the date and time will be the time/date stamp located in the Finance Department. All bids received will be time and date stamped by the official clock. The City will not be held responsible for the late delivery of bids due to the U.S. Mail Service, or any other courier service.
7. **RECEIPT OF ONE SEALED BID.** In the event only one sealed bid is received, no formal bid opening shall take place. First, the Purchasing Division shall conduct a survey of vendors to inquire of "no bid" responses and non-responsive vendors. If, from the survey, it is determined by the Purchasing Division that specifications need revision, the one bid received will be returned, unopened, to the responding vendor, with a letter of explanation and a new bid solicitation prepared. If it is determined that other vendors need to be contacted, the bid due date will be extended, and the one bid received will remain sealed until the new bid opening date. The vendor submitting the single bid will receive a letter of explanation.

If it is determined the one bid received is from the only responsive, responsible bidder, then the bid shall be opened by the Purchasing Division Manager or designee, in the presence of at least one other witness. The single bid will be evaluated by the using agency for award recommendation.

8. **RECEIPT OF TIE BIDS.** In the event multiple responsive, responsible bidders are tied for the lowest price and all other terms and requirements are met by all tied bidders, the award recommendation shall be resolved in the order of the preferences listed below:
 1. Award to the local bidder whose principal place of business is located in Columbus, Georgia.
 2. Award to bidder previously awarded based on favorable prior experience.
 3. Award to bidder whose principal place of business is located in the State of Georgia.
 4. If feasible, divide the award equally among the bidders.
 5. If it is not feasible to award equally and only two bidders are tied, perform a coin toss in the presence of the two bidders, either in person or virtually.
 6. *If the above preferences are insufficient to resolve the tie, all bid responses will be rejected and the bid will be re-advertised.*
9. **RECEIPT OF MULTIPLE BIDS.** Unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications, the City will accept one and only one bid per vendor. Any unsolicited multiple bid(s) will not be considered. If prior to the bid opening, more than one bid is received from the same vendor, the following will occur: (1) the bidder will be contacted and required to submit written acknowledgment of the bid to be considered; (2) the additional bid(s) will be returned to the bidder unopened. If at the bid opening more than one bid is enclosed in a single bid package, the City will consider the vendor non-responsive and bids will be returned to the bidder.
10. **CONDITIONS AND PACKAGING.** Unless otherwise defined in the bid specifications, it is understood and agreed that any item offered or furnished shall be new, in current production and in first class condition, that all containers shall be new and suitable for storage or shipment, and that prices include standard commercial packaging.
11. **FREIGHT/SHIPPING/HANDLING CHARGES.** All freight, shipping, and handling charges shall be included in the bid price. The City will pay no additional charges.

12. CORRECTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS; CANCELLATION OF AWARDS

Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids before bid opening, or cancellation of awards or contracts based on such bid mistakes, may be permitted where appropriate. Mistakes discovered before bid opening may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received in the Purchasing Division.

After bid opening, corrections in bids shall be permitted only to the extent that the bidder can show by clear and convincing evidence that a mistake of a nonjudgmental character was made, the nature of the mistake and the bid price actually intended. After bid opening, no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the City or fair competition shall be permitted. In lieu of bid correction, a low bidder alleging a material mistake of fact may be permitted to withdraw its bid if the mistake is clearly evident on the face of the bid document but the intended correct bid is not similarly evident, or if the bidder submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrate that a mistake was made.

All decisions to permit correction or withdrawal of bids or to cancel awards of contracts based on bid mistakes will be supported by the Purchasing Manager's written determination.

13. ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this bid, a written addendum will be provided to all bidders. The City is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made to the written specifications by City employees, unless such clarification or change is provided to the bidders in written addendum form from the Purchasing Officer. Bidders will be required to acknowledge receipt of the addenda (if applicable) in their sealed bid proposal. The vendor may provide an initialed copy of each addendum or initial the appropriate area on the bid form (pricing page). Failure to acknowledge receipt of the addenda (when applicable) will render bid incomplete. **It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that they have received all addenda.**

14. BID RECEIPT AND EVALUATION. Bids shall be unconditionally received without alteration or correction except as authorized in the City's Procurement Ordinance. Bids shall be evaluated based on requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bid, which may include criteria to determine acceptability such as inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Those criteria that will affect the bid price and be considered in evaluation for award shall be objectively measurable, such as discounts, transportation cost, and total or life-cycle costs. The specifications presented in the Invitation for Bids shall represent the evaluation criteria. No other criteria may be used to evaluate bids.

15. TIME FOR CONSIDERATION. Bids must remain in effect for at least ninety (90) days after date of receipt to allow for evaluation.

16. BID SECURITY

(1) Requirement for Bid Security. Bid security shall be required for all competitive sealed bids for construction contracts when the price is estimated by the Purchasing Manager to exceed \$50,000. Bid security shall be a bond provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the State, or other form satisfactory to the City. Such bonds may also be required on construction contracts under \$50,000 or other procurement contracts when circumstances warrant.

(2) Amount of Bid Security. Bid security shall be in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid amount.

(3) Rejection of Bids for Noncompliance with Bid Security Requirements. When the invitation for Bids requires security, noncompliance with such requirement shall force rejection of a bid.

(4) Withdrawal of Bids. If a bidder is permitted to withdraw its bid before award as provided in Section 3-108 Subsection (G) (Competitive Sealed Bidding – Correction or Withdrawal of Bids: Cancellation of Awards), no action shall be had against the bidder or the bid security.

17. CONTRACT PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

(1) When Required: Amounts. When a construction contract is awarded in excess of \$50,000, the following bonds or security shall be delivered to the City, and shall be binding on the parties upon the execution of the contract:

a. a performance bond satisfactory to the City executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State, or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to the City, amounting to one hundred percent (100%) of the price specified in the contract; and

b. a payment bond satisfactory to the City executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to the City, to protect all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract, amounting to one hundred percent (100%) of the price specified in the contract.

At the discretion of the Purchasing Manager, this same condition may be placed on awards of any amount.

(2) Authority to Require Additional Bonds. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the authority of the City to require a performance bond or other security in addition to the bonds, in circumstances other than the circumstances described in Subsection (1) above.

18. SUBCONTRACTING. Should bidder intend to subcontract all or any part of the work specified, name(s) and address(es) of subcontractor(s) must be provided in bid proposal (use additional sheet if necessary). The bidder shall be responsible for subcontractor(s) full compliance with the requirements of the bid specifications. **THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENTS TO SUBCONTRACTORS.**

19. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS AND REJECTION OF BIDS. Bidders may be disqualified and rejection of bid proposals may be recommended by the City for any (but not limited) to the following reasons:

- (A) Receipt after the time limit for receiving bid proposals as stated in the bid invitation.
- (B) Any irregularities contrary to the General Provisions or bid specifications.
- (C) Unbalanced unit price or extensions.
- (D) Unbalanced value of items.
- (E) Failure to use the proper forms furnished by the Consolidated Government.
- (F) Failure to complete the proposal properly

- (G) Omission of warranty, product literature, samples, acknowledgment of addenda or other items required to be included with bid proposal.
- (H) Failure to properly sign forms in ink.

The City reserves the right to waive any minor informality or irregularity. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

20. BRAND NAMES "OR EQUAL". Whenever in this invitation any particular material, process and/or equipment are indicated or specified by patent, proprietary or brand name of manufacturer, such wording will be deemed to be used for the purpose of facilitating description of the material, process and/or equipment desired by the City. It is not meant to eliminate bidders or restrict competition in any bid process. Any manufacturers' names, drawings, trade names, brand names, specifications and/or catalog numbers used herein are for the purpose of description and establishing general quality levels. Bidders may propose equivalent equipment, services or manufacturer. Any proposal that is equivalent to or surpasses stated specifications will be considered. Determination of equivalency shall rest solely with the City. **Please Note: Due to existing equipment, specific manufacturers may be required to facilitate compatibility.**

21. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS. It is agreed that the successful bidder will not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without previous consent of the City and any sureties.

22. DISCOUNTS. Terms of payments offered will be reflected in the space provided on the bid proposal form. Cash discounts will be considered net in the bid evaluation process. All terms of payment (cash discounts) will be taken and computed from the date of delivery of acceptable material or services, or the date of receipt of the invoice, whichever is later.

23. TAXES. The City is exempt from State Retail Tax and Federal Excise Tax. Tax Exemption No. GA Code Sec. 48-8-3. Federal ID No. 58-1097948.

24. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS. All bidders will comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws and ordinances, relative to conducting business in Columbus, Georgia.

25. BID INCLUSIONS. When bid inclusions are required, such as warranty information, product literature/specifications, references, etc. The inclusions should reference all aspects of the specific equipment or service proposed by the bidder. Do not include general descriptive catalogs. References to literature or other required inclusions submitted previously does not satisfy this provision. Bids found to be in non-compliance with these requirements will be subject to rejection.

26. NON-COLLUSION. By signing and submitting this bid, bidder declares that its agents, officers or employees have not directly or indirectly entered into any agreements, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this bid. In the event, said bidder is found guilty of collusion, the company and agents will be removed from the City's bid list for one full year and any current orders will be canceled.

27. INDEMNITY. The successful bidder agrees, by entering into this contract, to defend, indemnify and hold City harmless from any and all causes of action or claims of damages arising out of or under this contract.

28. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (minority or women owned businesses) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration for an award. It is the policy of the City that disadvantaged business enterprises and minority business enterprises have an opportunity to participate at all levels of contracting in the performance of City contracts to the extent practical and consistent with the efficient performance of the contract.

29. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM - NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE. The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia ("the City") is committed to using Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) (small, women-owned and minority business enterprises) to the greatest extent practical in all solicitations and day-to-day procurement needs of the City and to taking specific affirmative actions to meet these commitments.

The City has an Affirmative Action Program in connection with Equal Employment Opportunities. The successful bidder will comply with all Federal and State requirements concerning fair employment and employment of the handicapped, and concerning the treatment of all employees, and will not discriminate between or among them by reason of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or physical handicap.

30. AWARDS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES. Except for construction contracts, Federally funded projects, Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications, awards will be made to responsive and responsible local businesses proposing a cost not more than two percent (2%) above the low bid or quote for contracts involving an expenditure less than or equal to \$50,000.00; and made to responsive and responsible local businesses proposing a cost not more than one percent (1%) above the low bid or quote for contracts involving an expenditure greater than \$50,000.00.

31. RIGHT TO PROTEST.

- (1) Right of Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder offeror, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Purchasing Manager initially. All protests shall be filed in the manner prescribed herein. Protests that do not comply with the following rules shall be deemed invalid and of no effect.
- (2) The protest must be in writing, executed by a company officer that is authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the bidder or offeror or provided by an authorized legal representative of the protestor.
- (3) A protest with respect to an invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing no less than five (5) business days prior to the opening of bids or the closing date of proposals or qualification statements.

- (4) **Stay of Procurement During Protests.** If there is a timely protest submitted as described above, the Purchasing Manager shall not proceed further with the solicitation or award of the contract until all administrative remedies have been exhausted or until the City Council, Mayor, or City Manager makes a determination on the record that the award of the contract without delay is necessary to protect substantial interests of the City.

32. FAILURE TO BID. Vendors choosing not to submit a bid are requested to return a **Statement of "No Bid"**.

33. PRODUCT/EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION - SITE VISIT. During the evaluation of bids, the City reserves the right to request a demonstration or site visit of the product, equipment or service offered by a bidder. The demonstration or site visit shall be at the expense of the bidder. Bidders who fail to provide demonstration or site visit, as requested, will be considered non-responsive.

34. CANCELLATION PROVISIONS. An Invitation for Bid, Request for Proposal, or other solicitation may be canceled, or any or all bids, proposals or responses rejected in whole or in part, at the discretion of the City for any reason whatsoever. The reasons for the cancellation shall be sent to all businesses solicited or that responded. The notice shall identify the solicitation, give the reasons for the cancellation, and when appropriate state that an opportunity will be given to compete on any re-solicitation or similar procurement in the future. Reasons for rejection will be provided to unsuccessful bidders or offerors.

When such action is in the best financial interest of the City, contracts for supplies to be purchased or services to be rendered under an annual (term) contract basis may be canceled and re-advertised at the discretion of the Purchasing Officer and in accordance with contract terms.

After the receipt of a product or piece of equipment, it is found that said item does not perform as specified and required, payment for said product or equipment will be withheld. The successful vendor will be notified of the non-performance in writing. After notification, the successful vendor will have ten (10) calendar days, from the date of notification, to deliver product or equipment which performs satisfactorily. If a satisfactory product is not delivered within 10 calendar days, from the notification date, the City will cancel the contract (purchase order) and award to the next low, responsive, responsible bidder. The vendor will be responsible for the pick-up or shipment of the unsatisfactory equipment or product.

35. QUESTIONS: Questions concerning specifications must be submitted, in writing, at least 5 (five) working days (Monday-Friday) prior to receipt date. Questions received less than five working days prior to receipt date will not be considered.

36. SAMPLES: When samples are required to be included with the proposal response, the bidder will be responsible for the following:

- 1) **Unless otherwise specified**, bidders are required to submit exact samples of item(s) bid. Do not submit sample of "like" item(s).
- 2) Affix an identification label to each individual sample to include bidder's name, bid name and number.
- 3) Make arrangements for the return of sample after the bid award. All shipping costs will be the responsibility of the bidder. If bidder does not make arrangements for return of sample, within 60 days after award, the sample will be discarded.

37. GOVERNING LAW: The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Georgia, both as to interpretations and performance.

38. PAYMENT DEDUCTIONS: The City reserves the right to deduct, from payments to awarded vendor(s), any amount owed to the City for various fees, to include, but not limited to: False Alarm fees, Ambulance fees, Occupation License Fees, Landfill fees, etc.

39. PAYMENT TERMS: The City's standard payment term is usually net 30 days, after successful receipt of goods or services. Payment may take longer if invoice is not properly documented or not easily identifiable, goods/services are not acceptable, or invoice is in dispute.

40. FINAL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: If a formal contract is required as a result of the Request for Bid; the final contract shall include the following: 1) The RFB; 2) Addenda; 3) Awarded Vendors(s) Bid response; 4) Awarded Vendor(s) Clarifications; and 5) Awarded Vendor(s) Business Requirements.

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Sec. 2-3.05. - Submitting bids to Consolidated Government, etc.—By mayor or councilmembers.

Neither the mayor nor any member of the Columbus Council shall submit any bid to the consolidated government, nor shall the mayor or any member of the Columbus Council own or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government. (Ord. No. 92-60, 6-23-92)

Sec. 2-3.06. - Same—By members of boards, authorities, commissions.

No member of any board or authority or commission or other independent or subordinate entity of the consolidated government shall submit any bid to the consolidated government or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the consolidated government if such bid pertains to the board or authority or commission on which such person holds such membership. (Ord. No. 92-61, 6-23-92)

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR NEED CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS SOLICITATION?

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ANY SOLICITATION CURRENTLY ADVERTISED MUST TAKE PLACE IN WRITTEN FORM AND ADDRESSED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER OR IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION.

ANY REQUEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM

DATE: _____

TO: Ryky Decembre, Buyer

Email: BidOpportunities@columbusga.org

RE: Protective Fire Clothing & Accessories; RFB No. 27-0007

(Questions/clarification requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days before the due date.)

From: _____

Company Name

Website

Representative

Email Address

Complete Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES (ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007

I. SCOPE

These specifications describe minimum requirements for Protective Fire Clothing and Accessories for firefighters. The Fire Department will purchase approximately 30 sets of clothing on an "as needed" basis. The quantities specified are based on an estimated usage. The City may purchase some, all, more or none of the items. **ALL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES MUST MEET NFPA STANDARDS. *The City reserves the right to add additional related items during the term of the contract.***

Primary and Secondary Contractors will be selected based on the two lowest responsive, responsible vendors, who best meet the specifications. The City will be the judge of the factors and will make the award accordingly. The Primary Contractor will be contacted first. If the Primary Contractor is unable to provide the required vehicle(s), then the City will contact the Secondary Contractor to render the needed services.

See Technical Specifications on Page 14-31.

II. TERM OF CONTRACT

A. The term of contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

Notice of intent to renew will be given to the contractor in writing by the Purchasing Division Director, normally sixty days before the expiration date of the current contract. This notice shall not be deemed to commit the City to a Contract renewal.

It should be noted that multi-year contracts may be continued each fiscal year only after funding appropriations and programs approval has been granted by the Council of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia. In the event that the necessary funding is not approved, then the affected multi-year contract becomes null and void, effective July 1st of the fiscal year for which such approval has been denied.

B. Termination for Convenience

For the protection of both parties, either party giving 30 days prior notice in writing to the other party may cancel this contract.

III. ESCALATION CLAUSE

Contract pricing shall remain fixed for the initial two (2) year term of the contract. After the initial term, Contractor may request a price escalation by submitting a fully documented request (i.e. documentation from manufacturers illustrating the necessity to implement price increases). ***Request for price increases, without documentation, shall not be considered. Such escalation shall not exceed a five percent (5%) increase.*** The using department(s) and the

Purchasing Manager will review the request and shall approve or disapprove the increases based on budget constraints and other price comparisons.

If for any reason the contractor has a price increase that exceeds five percent (5%), the price increase will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The City and the Contractor will have the option to discuss and make adjustments to the requested increase. If either party declines approval of the adjustments, the contract will be considered cancelled on the scheduled expiration date of the contract.

IV. BRAND NAMES

It is not the intent of Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to restrict competition in any purchasing process. ***However, due to the fire protective clothing and accessories already in use by the Fire Department and to remain compatible, it is requested that bid proposals be submitted only for the brand name given in the specifications for "Protective Fire Clothing and Accessories".***

V. QUESTIONS/ADDENDA

Questions and requests for clarification must be submitted **within five (5) business days of the due date** (see pages 8 & 9). Changes to the specifications (if any) will be provided in the form of an addendum, which will be posted on the web page of the Finance Department/Purchasing Division of Columbus Consolidated Government at <https://columbusga.gov/finance/bid-opportunities>. ***It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the web page for addenda before the due date and prior to submitting a quote.***

VI. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

The Contractor covenants to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City, and all of its officers, departments, agencies, agents, and employees (collectively the "City") from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Contractor's intentional, negligent, or grossly negligent acts or omissions in performance or nonperformance of its work called for by the Contract Documents.

VII. BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

See Appendix A for Submission Requirements, Submission Requirements Checklist, and DemandStar Registration and Submission Instructions.

Each bidder shall include the following information with bid submission. Bidder shall submit **ONE (1) ELECTRONIC BID RESPONSE VIA DEMANDSTAR**. Submissions will be deemed incomplete/non-responsive if the following required documents are not included, as prescribed within the specifications: **E-Verify Affidavit, Conflict of Interest Affidavit, and Communication Concerning This Solicitation form**. However, the City reserves the right to request **any other** omitted information, **WHICH DOES NOT AFFECT THE SUBMITTED BID PRICE**. Bidders shall be notified, in writing, and shall have two (2) days, after notification to submit the omitted information. If the omitted information is not received within two (2) days, the Bidder shall be deemed non-responsive and the Bid Submission will be deemed **"Incomplete"**:

- A. Bid Form (*Form 1*)
- B. Detailed Technical Specifications (*Pages 14-31*)
- C. Pricing Form (*Form 2*)
- D. Communication Concerning This Solicitation (*Form 3*) *This page must be included in bid submission.*
- E. Conflict of Interest Affidavit (*Form 4*) *This page must be included in bid submission.*
- F. Federal Compliance (*Form 5*)
- G. Manufacturer Warranty
- H. Product Literature / Specifications
- I. **Addenda Acknowledgement Page (*Form 6*)** Vendors must include acknowledgment of receipt of addenda (**if any**) in their sealed bid. Provide an initialed copy of each addendum or initial the appropriate area on bid form (pricing page). Addenda will be posted at <https://columbusga.gov/finance/bid-opportunities>. **Vendors are responsible for periodically visiting the web page, to check for addenda, prior to the bid due date and before submitting a bid.**
- J. **Contract Signature Page (*Form 8*)**
- K. **Business License:** Vendors located in Muscogee County shall submit a current copy of their City of Columbus Business License (Occupation License). If the business is not located in Muscogee County and has proof of being properly licensed by a municipality in Georgia, and paid applicable occupation taxes in that city, the vendor will not be required to pay occupation taxes in Columbus, Georgia.
If the business location is not in Georgia, vendor must provide a current copy of their active Articles of Incorporation from the State and/or a current business license from the City/State in which business is located.
If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact the Revenue Division at 706-225-3780.
- L. **Form W-9** Complete and return **Page 1** of Form W-9 (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>) *Form revised March 2024*

VIII. AWARD/ORDERING/DELIVERING/INVOICE

- A. Award: This bid will be awarded to a Primary and a Secondary Contractor. The Primary and Secondary Contractors will be selected based on the two lowest responsive, responsible vendors, who best meet the specifications. The Consolidated Government of Columbus The (City) shall be the judge of the factors and will make the award in the best interest of the City. Should the successful bidder not be able to supply the required item(s), the City reserves the right to purchase from other sources. The City reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. After award of this bid, the successful vendors will be required to sign a contract for the project.
- B. Ordering: The items will be procured on an “as needed” basis by phone, email, purchase orders, or the vendor’s website. It is the Vendor’s responsibility to notify the City, at the time an order is placed, if delivery cannot be met in the specified time.
- C. Delivery: Deliveries shall be made to the applicable address indicated on the purchase order. It will be the responsibility of the Vendor to deliver orders as specified to the address shown on the purchase orders. Inability to make delivery within specified time will authorize the City to purchase from other sources that meet specifications.

All shipping, delivery, and/or freight charges must be included in the unit cost. The Columbus Consolidated Government will pay no additional shipping, delivery, freight charges, and/or any additional add-on fees.

- D. **Invoices:** After receipt of goods/services and upon satisfactory delivery, the successful vendor shall forward itemized invoice(s) to the following address:

Columbus Consolidated Government
Accounting Division – Accounts Payable
P. O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340

The invoice(s) shall reference the bid number (RFB No. 27-0007) and/or purchase order number.

IX. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

A. Default: If the contractor refuses or fails to perform any of the provision of this contract with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, or any extension thereof, otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of this contract, the Purchasing Division Director may notify the contractor in writing of the delay or non-performance and if not cured within ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by the Purchasing Division Director, such director may terminate the contractor's right to proceed with the contract or such part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

In the event of termination in whole or in -part the Purchasing Division Director may procure similar supplies or services, from other sources, in a manner and upon terms deemed appropriate by the Purchasing Division Director. The contractor shall continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and shall be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services.

B. Compensation: Payment for completed supplies delivered and accepted by the City shall be at the contract price. The City may withhold from amounts due the contractor such sums as the Purchasing Division Director deem necessary to protect the City against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the City for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.

C. Excuses for Nonperformance or Delayed Performances: Except with respect to defaults of subcontractors, the contractor shall not be in default by reason of any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms, if the contractor has notified the Purchasing Division Director within 15 days after the cause of the delay and the failure arises out of causes such as: acts of God; acts of public enemy; acts of the City and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather. If the failure to perform is caused by the failure of a subcontractor to perform or to make progress, and if such failure arises out of causes similar to those set forth above, the contractor shall not be deemed in default, unless the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were reasonably obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the contractor to meet the contract requirements.

Upon request of the contractor, the Purchasing Division Director shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such director determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly.

DETAILED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

(ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007

Procurement intent

These requirements define the City's minimum safety, performance, fit, interface, durability, documentation, and training needs without requiring a particular manufacturer, model, material trade name, construction patent, distributor, or certification organization. Equivalent designs are acceptable when the bidder demonstrates equal or better performance and full compliance with the applicable current NFPA requirements.

1. SCOPE

1.1 Intended Use

The protective clothing and accessories shall be designed and certified for structural firefighting operations where personnel may be exposed to flame, heat, physical hazards, liquids, and other hazards addressed by the applicable standard. The equipment may also be used during rescue operations, emergency medical operations, victim extrication, and related emergency-response duties within the limitations stated by the manufacturer and the applicable certification.

The solicitation may include structural firefighting coats, pants, suspenders, protective hoods, structural firefighting gloves, and associated options. Each item shall be new, unused, current production, and supplied in the sizes and configurations ordered by the City.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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1.2 Complete and Compatible System

Coats, pants, hoods, gloves, suspenders, and ordered accessories shall be mutually compatible with the City's structural firefighting ensemble, including helmets, SCBA facepieces and harnesses, footwear, communications equipment, and other normally worn equipment. Interfaces shall maintain required overlap and shall not create avoidable gaps, pressure points, entanglement hazards, or restrictions to normal movement.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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2. BRAND-NEUTRAL AND EQUIVALENCY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 No Brand or Model Requirement

No manufacturer, distributor, product family, model number, proprietary fabric, membrane, coating, thread, trim, closure system, training platform, or certification mark is required by these specifications. Any manufacturer's product that satisfies every mandatory requirement is eligible for consideration.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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2.2 Equivalent Designs

Dimensions and construction descriptions are intended to communicate the required form, fit, function, coverage, interface, and operational capacity. A bidder may offer an alternative construction, geometry, attachment method, or material system when the finished product is certified to the applicable current standard and the bidder provides objective documentation showing that the alternative provides equal or better safety, durability, mobility, and function.

The bidder shall identify every exception or alternative in a separate exceptions schedule. Silence shall be interpreted as full compliance. Product literature alone does not replace a written response to these specifications.

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2.3 Configuration Control and Substitutions

The manufacturer, model, material package, options, and certification configuration offered shall be clearly identified. After award, no material, component, certification configuration, model, or manufacturing location that could affect compliance or performance may be substituted without advance written approval from the City and supporting current certification documentation.

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3. APPLICABLE STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION

Current-edition requirement

“Current edition” means the latest edition published and effective on the bid due date, together with all effective Tentative Interim Amendments (TIAs), errata, and formally issued corrections. When an NFPA document has been consolidated, renumbered, or superseded, the current successor document shall govern. Edition numbers shown below are the editions current when this revision was prepared and do not limit the City to an obsolete edition.

3.1 NFPA Standards

At the time of this revision, the principal applicable standards are NFPA 1970, 2025 edition, for structural firefighting protective ensembles and interface components; NFPA 1850, 2026 edition, for selection, care, inspection, cleaning, repair, storage, and retirement; and NFPA 1550, 2024 edition, for emergency responder health, safety, training, and use. The bidder and manufacturer are responsible for confirming the current editions and all effective TIAs and errata at the time of bid.

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3.2 Standards Changes During the Contract

If an applicable NFPA standard or certification transition changes during the contract term, the contractor shall notify the City in writing within thirty (30) calendar days. Products manufactured after the transition date shall bear certification to the edition then accepted for new product certification, unless the City authorizes another compliant transition arrangement in writing.

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3.3 Other Applicable Requirements

Products shall comply with all applicable federal, State of Georgia, and local occupational-safety, labeling, chemical, and procurement requirements, including applicable provisions of 29 CFR Part 1910. A jurisdiction-specific requirement that does not apply to the City shall not be imposed unless expressly stated in the solicitation.

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3.4 Independent Third-Party Certification

Each finished protective element and each component or composite required by NFPA to be certified or listed shall be tested and certified by an independent third-party certification organization authorized to certify the applicable product category. The finished item shall bear the certification organization's mark and the applicable standard and edition. The City will accept any qualified certification organization; no particular certifier is required.

The bidder shall submit a current certification listing, certificate, or verifiable listing reference for the exact manufacturer, model, material package, and options offered.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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3.5 Quality Management

The manufacturer shall maintain an ISO 9001 registered quality-management system or an equivalent documented and independently auditable quality-management system appropriate to life-safety products. Evidence shall be submitted with the bid.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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4. GENERAL PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 User Information

Each item shall be furnished with the current manufacturer user-information guide required by the applicable NFPA standard. The guide shall be written in English and shall address, as applicable:

- Safety considerations, limitations of use, warnings, and prohibited alterations.
- Sizing, adjustment, fit, interface, garment overlap, and preparation for use.
- Donning and doffing procedures.
- Routine and advanced inspection criteria and frequency.
- Cleaning, drying, decontamination, storage, repair, and maintenance limitations.
- Retirement, disposal, useful-life, and damage criteria.
- Use, inspection, cleaning, maintenance, and retirement of the drag-rescue device when provided.
- Warranty terms and procedures for service, repair, or replacement.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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4.2 Identification and Tracking Label

Each coat, pant, hood, and glove pair shall include a permanently affixed, durable, human-readable and machine-readable identification label. A two-dimensional barcode or equivalent open, commonly supported machine-readable symbology is acceptable; a specific barcode format is not required.

The label or encoded record shall include, at minimum, the unique serial or lot number, manufacturer, model or style, item description, size, date of manufacture, material or composite identification, color where applicable, country of origin, and the NFPA standard and edition to which the item is certified. The code and printed data shall remain legible through customary inspection, cleaning, drying, and wear cycles for the expected service life. The bidder shall identify the symbology and any software or scanner requirements.

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4.3 Sizes, Fit, and Alterations

Coats shall be available in a broad range of chest and sleeve combinations, including short, regular, and long sleeve/torso options or manufacturer-equivalent sizing. Pants shall be available in a broad range of waist and inseam combinations, including extra-short, short, regular, and long options or manufacturer-equivalent sizing. Male, female, and/or inclusive ergonomic patterns shall be offered as needed to fit the City's workforce.

The contractor shall provide professional sizing assistance, fit verification, and correction of sizing errors attributable to the contractor. Any alteration shall be performed by the manufacturer or an authorized service provider and shall preserve the item's certification.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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4.4 Warranty

Each product shall include the manufacturer's limited lifetime warranty against defects in materials and workmanship, or an equivalent comprehensive warranty covering the expected service life of the product. The bidder shall submit the complete warranty, exclusions, claim process, repair process, and anticipated turnaround times. A warranty may not require the City to use only one local dealer when other manufacturer-authorized service options are available.

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4.5 Certified Performance Data

Coat and pant composites shall meet or exceed every mandatory performance requirement of the current edition of NFPA 1970 for the certified structural firefighting garment configuration offered. The bidder shall report the certified Thermal Protective Performance (TPP), Total Heat Loss (THL), evaporative resistance, composite weight, and any current compressed-heat or conductive/compression heat performance data required for shoulder and knee areas.

Reported values shall come from the exact certified composite offered and shall identify the test method and edition. Because test methods and minimum criteria can change between editions, compliance shall be determined using the current standard rather than an obsolete test method or an unverified cross-edition comparison. The City may consider the overall balance of thermal protection, heat-stress performance, durability, weight, and mobility.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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4.6 Restricted Substances and Fluorine/PFAS Disclosures

All materials and components shall comply with the current restricted-substance provisions, testing, documentation, labeling, and total-fluorine or related disclosures required by NFPA 1970 and applicable law. The bidder shall submit all required manufacturer attestations and shall clearly identify any optional low-total-fluorine or similar claim. No unsupported "free of" claim shall be used.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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4.7 Seams, Stress Points, and Reinforcement

Seams and stress points shall be constructed with flame-resistant, high-strength thread and reinforced by bartacks, box stitches, multi-row stitching, or an equivalent durable method. Pocket corners, flaps, closure ends, suspender attachments, drag-rescue device attachments, and other high-load points shall be reinforced. Stitching and reinforcement shall be suitable for repeated wear, inspection, cleaning, and repair and shall not compromise certification.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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4.8 Product Labeling

Permanent labels shall include all information required by the current NFPA standard, including the manufacturer or responsible entity, model/style, size, serial/lot identification, date of manufacture, applicable standard and edition, certification mark, warnings, materials or composite identification as required, cleaning and care instructions or reference to them, and country-of-origin disclosure. Labels shall not state an obsolete standard edition for newly manufactured products.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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4.9 Packaging and Condition at Delivery

Each item shall be individually packaged or otherwise protected from dirt, moisture, ultraviolet exposure, contamination, and physical damage during shipping and storage before first use. Packaging shall be clean, dry, and suitable for the item; a specific bag color or packaging brand is not required. Products shall not be compressed, folded, or packaged in a manner that could damage protective layers, trim, closures, or shape.

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4.10 Training

The contractor or manufacturer shall provide access to current online, instructor-led, or blended training appropriate to the products supplied and consistent with NFPA 1850, NFPA 1550, and the manufacturer's user information. No proprietary training platform is required. Training shall address:

- Individual responsibility; purpose, limitations, and hazards.
- Construction, features, performance, and interface limitations of structural PPE.
- Sizing, fit, overlap, donning, doffing, and safe use.
- Routine inspection, advanced inspection, cleaning, drying, decontamination, and basic repair limitations.
- Assembly/disassembly, storage, useful life, retirement, and documentation.
- How firefighting exposure, contamination, compression, damage, and repeated cleaning can affect performance.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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5. STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING COAT

5.1 Certification, Design, and Mobility

The coat shall be certified as a structural firefighting protective garment element under the current edition of NFPA 1970. It shall provide full upper-body coverage, required coat-to-pant overlap, and a full functional range of motion while reaching overhead, forward, and across the body.

An ergonomic design using gussets, articulated sleeves, expansion panels, bellows, pleats, shaped elbows, or another certified method is acceptable. No particular panel count, patented mobility system, or proprietary geometry is required. The design shall minimize binding at the shoulders, underarms, chest, and elbows and shall maintain alignment of all protective layers during movement.

A regular-length coat shall have a nominal back length of approximately 32 inches from the collar seam to the hem, or the manufacturer's equivalent length that provides the required overlap and coverage. Shorter and longer lengths shall be available as needed for fit.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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5.2 Drag-Rescue Device

The coat shall include an integrated drag-rescue device meeting the current NFPA requirements. The device shall be constructed of flame- and heat-resistant high-strength material, positioned between the shell and liner, secured against migration, accessible from the upper back, protected against snagging, and capable of transmitting rescue force in line with the wearer's body. The access handle and cover shall remain secure during normal operations but shall be readily deployable with gloved hands.

The user guide shall include inspection, cleaning, maintenance, limitations, and retirement instructions for the device.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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5.3 Outer Shell

The outer shell shall be a current NFPA 1970-certified, flame-, heat-, tear-, abrasion-, and water-resistant textile suitable for structural firefighting. The bidder shall identify the material manufacturer, trade designation, fiber composition, nominal weight, weave, color, finish, and certification configuration. No specific fiber blend, coating chemistry, membrane brand, or fabric trade name is required.

The desired department color is gold/tan unless another standard manufacturer color is approved by the City. Any finish or treatment shall comply with current NFPA restricted-substance and labeling requirements and shall not impair cleanability, repairability, or certification.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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5.4 Thermal Liner and Moisture Barrier

The coat shall include a certified thermal barrier and moisture barrier that function as a complete system with the outer shell. The thermal barrier face shall be smooth, low-friction, moisture-managing, durable, and arranged to reduce bunching and restriction. The moisture barrier shall provide the liquid, blood-borne-pathogen, moisture, seam, durability, and other protection required by the current standard while permitting the required heat and vapor transfer.

Barrier seams shall be sealed as required. The complete liner system shall be removable for inspection, cleaning, drying, and authorized repair using durable, positive attachment points at the front, collar, sleeves, and other locations needed to maintain alignment and prevent gaps. The liner shall not buckle, pull, twist, or expose the wearer during normal movement.

A protected internal pocket for identification or small-item storage, approximately 8 inches by 8 inches or equivalent usable capacity, shall be provided on the left side of the liner when available without compromising certification.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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5.5 Retroreflective and Fluorescent Trim

Trim shall comply with the current NFPA 1970 requirements for color, fluorescence, retroreflection, flame resistance, durability, placement, and attachment. The desired pattern is a 3-inch nominal lime-yellow/silver/lime-yellow or functionally equivalent compliant trim arrangement with full-circumference bands at the coat lower sweep and chest and bands around each sleeve near the cuff and above the elbow. The bidder may propose a current certified equivalent pattern that provides equal visibility and maintains department identification.

Trim shall be securely attached with durable multi-row stitching or an equivalent certified method. Ventilated or perforated trim is acceptable but is not mandatory.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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5.6 Collar and Neck Interface

The coat shall have a standing protective collar approximately 3 inches high, or an equivalent certified design, shaped for comfort and continuous thermal and moisture protection around the neck and lower face. The collar and liner interface shall resist liquid entry, remain aligned during movement, and avoid exposed hook surfaces or other features that could damage the hood or interfere with the SCBA facepiece or helmet. The closure shall be operable with structural firefighting gloves.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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5.7 Hanger Loop

An external reinforced hanger loop shall be provided at the collar seam. It shall withstand an evenly applied 80-pound load for one minute without tearing, separation, or damage that affects serviceability.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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5.8 High-Heat and High-Wear Reinforcement

The inner upper back/yoke, shoulders, elbows, and sleeve cuffs shall be reinforced as needed for thermal protection, abrasion resistance, cushioning, and durability. Reinforcement may be certified leather, polymer, coated textile, self-material, or another certified material. The bidder shall identify the material and coverage area. The design shall maintain flexibility and shall not create avoidable water traps or stiff pressure points.

Shoulder and elbow reinforcement shall provide coverage over the areas normally subjected to SCBA compression, crawling, and contact. Cuff reinforcement shall protect both the exterior edge and the inner sleeve area most subject to wear.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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5.9 Wristlets and Sleeve Water Wells

Each sleeve shall include a flame-resistant, resilient knit wristlet with thumb opening or equivalent anti-retraction design. Wristlets shall provide adequate hand and wrist coverage, recover after repeated use, resist shrinkage, and remain securely attached to the liner system.

The sleeve/liner interface shall include a certified water-well or equivalent design that maintains continuous thermal and moisture protection and limits entry of water or hazardous liquids when the arms are raised. The liner shall remain secured and shall extend to within approximately 1 inch of the sleeve end or the manufacturer's certified equivalent.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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5.10 Front Closure and Storm Flap

The coat front shall provide continuous thermal and moisture protection from collar to hem. A quick-operating primary closure and an independent protective storm flap, or a certified equivalent closure system, shall remain secure during work and permit rapid donning and emergency doffing with gloved hands.

The storm flap shall be approximately 3 inches wide and of sufficient length for full torso protection, with protected closures, secure alignment, and drainage. Hardware shall be shielded where needed to prevent heat transfer, snagging, or interference with equipment.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []	PROPOSAL PAGE / COMMENTS: _____
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5.11 Liner Inspection Opening

The liner system shall include a closable inspection opening of sufficient size, generally not less than 10 inches, to permit inversion and examination of the moisture barrier, thermal barrier, seams, and attachments. The opening shall be hidden and protected when closed and shall not compromise certification.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []	PROPOSAL PAGE / COMMENTS: _____
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5.12 Communications and Identification Options

Unless otherwise stated on the purchase order, the coat shall include two reinforced microphone tabs, one on each upper chest; one removable contoured rear identification panel approximately 5 inches by 18 inches; and sewn-on or otherwise permanently attached retroreflective lettering approximately 3 inches high for first initial and last name. Equivalent dimensions are acceptable when required by the certified coat design and the City approves the layout before production. Columbus needs to be on the back on the jacket.

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5.13 Coat Pockets

The coat shall include two lower front handwarmer/bellows pockets, one on each side, with a nominal usable face of approximately 8.5 inches by 8 inches and sufficient expansion for structural firefighting tools and gloves. Each pocket shall be reinforced, lined or backed in high-wear areas, provided with drainage, and closed by a secure flap operable with gloved hands.

A radio pocket shall be located on the left chest. It shall have a nominal usable size of approximately 3.5 inches wide by 9 inches deep with approximately 2 inches of expansion, or equivalent capacity, and shall include reinforcement, drainage, and a secure adjustable flap or retention system compatible with common portable radios. Alternate dimensions are acceptable when the bidder demonstrates equal usable capacity and compatibility.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []	PROPOSAL PAGE / COMMENTS: _____
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6. STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PANTS

6.1 Certification, Design, and Mobility

The pants shall be certified as a structural firefighting protective garment element under the current edition of NFPA 1970 and shall be compatible with the offered coat. The design shall provide full mobility at the waist, crotch, hips, knees, and ankles while crawling, climbing, kneeling, bending, and stepping.

An ergonomic inseam/crotch insert, gusset, articulated knee, bellows, radial panel, or equivalent certified construction shall be used to reduce binding, bunching, seam stress, and crotch failure. No particular patented mobility design or panel geometry is required. The waist shall be reinforced and shaped to maintain fit, overlap, and suspender function.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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6.2 Outer Shell

The pant outer shell shall meet the same performance, disclosure, restricted-substance, and certification requirements as the coat outer shell. The desired department color is gold/tan unless another standard manufacturer color is approved. The coat and pant colors and trim shall match to the extent commercially practicable.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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6.3 Thermal Liner and Moisture Barrier

The pants shall include a certified thermal barrier and moisture barrier that remain aligned through a full range of motion and provide continuous protection at the waist, fly, legs, and cuffs. The liner system shall be fully removable for inspection, cleaning, drying, and authorized repair and shall use durable positive attachments at the waist and leg ends.

The lower leg design shall limit moisture wicking and shall withstand repeated wetting, cleaning, abrasion, and flexing. All required moisture-barrier seams shall be sealed.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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6.4 Trim and Fly Closure

A current NFPA-compliant 3-inch nominal fluorescent/retroreflective trim band shall be placed around each leg near the cuff, approximately 3 inches above the bottom edge or at the manufacturer's certified equivalent location.

The fly shall provide continuous thermal and moisture protection using a primary closure and a protective overlapping storm fly or equivalent certified system. The fly overlap shall be approximately 2.5 inches or greater at the waistband, reinforced at stress points, secured against accidental opening, and operable with gloved hands.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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6.5 Waist Adjustment and Suspenders Interface

The pants shall include an external waist-adjustment system on both sides, or an equivalent secure system, allowing adjustment while maintaining garment overlap and certification. Adjustment components shall be low profile, durable, resistant to heat and flame, and replaceable or repairable when practical.

The pants shall be equipped with reinforced suspender attachment points compatible with the offered suspenders. Four-point or eight-point attachment systems are acceptable when they provide stable load distribution and are part of the certified configuration.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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6.6 Knee, Cuff, and Kick-Shield Reinforcement

Knees shall include articulated shaping and abrasion/thermal reinforcement sized to cover the functional kneeling area. The reinforcement system shall provide the compressed-heat protection required by the current standard. Certified leather, polymer, coated textile, self-material, cushioning, or other certified construction is acceptable. No particular material, fixed layer count, or proprietary shape is required.

Pant cuffs shall include durable abrasion and thermal reinforcement around the lower edge and high-wear inseam/kick-shield area. The rear cuff may curve upward to reduce dragging and wear. Any leg-end liner retention tabs or fasteners shall be durable, protected, and compatible with inspection and cleaning.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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6.7 Liner Inspection Opening

The pant liner shall include a closable inspection opening of sufficient size, generally not less than 10 inches, to permit inversion and examination of the moisture barrier, thermal barrier, seams, and attachments. The opening shall be hidden and protected when closed and shall not compromise certification.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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6.8 Pant Pockets

A left-thigh exterior bellows pocket shall provide approximately 10 inches by 10 inches of usable face area with approximately 2 inches of expansion, or equivalent capacity. It shall be reinforced, lined or backed for tool wear, drained, and secured by a glove-operable flap.

A right-thigh exterior bellows pocket shall provide approximately 9 inches by 10 inches of usable face area with approximately 2 inches of expansion, or equivalent capacity. It shall include internal reinforced tool dividers or compartments comparable to the original six-compartment function, drainage, and a secure glove-operable flap.

Alternate pocket shapes or dimensions are acceptable when the bidder demonstrates equal usable volume, tool organization, drainage, reinforcement, and accessibility.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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7. SUSPENDERS

7.1 Design and Fit

Suspenders shall be an adjustable H-back, X-back, or equivalent ergonomic design intended for structural firefighting pants. They shall distribute load without concentrating pressure, permit a full range of motion, and remain stable during crawling, climbing, and donning. A nominal regular length of approximately 42 inches is desired, with additional sizes or adjustment range as needed.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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7.2 Materials and Adjustment

Webbing, elastic sections, stitching, hardware, padding, and attachment components shall be durable, heat- and flame-resistant as applicable, corrosion-resistant, and suitable for repeated cleaning. Quick-adjust pull straps or an equivalent adjustment method shall be operable with gloved hands and shall resist unintended loosening.

Shoulder contact areas shall be padded and shall include high-visibility or retroreflective marking. No particular reflective-material brand, webbing brand, metal finish, ring shape, or proprietary adjustment system is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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7.3 Attachment Tabs

Suspender tabs or loops shall be integrated into the pants at reinforced locations. The attachment system may use snaps, loops, hooks, buckles, or another secure manufacturer-certified method. Four-point or eight-point attachment is acceptable. All tabs and anchor points shall be reinforced to withstand normal operational loads without tearing or separation.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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8. PROTECTIVE HOOD

8.1 Certification and Particulate Protection

The hood shall be certified as a structural firefighting protective hood/interface component under the current edition of NFPA 1970. It shall satisfy all current mandatory particulate-blocking, thermal, flame, shrinkage, seam, labeling, durability, and interface requirements. The bidder shall report the certified particulate filtration efficiency, THL or other current heat-loss measure, transmitted/stored thermal-energy data, and any optional performance claims required in the user information.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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8.2 Design, Layers, and Coverage

The hood shall provide complete head, ear, neck, jaw, and upper-chest/back coverage without interfering with the SCBA facepiece seal, helmet suspension, coat collar, or hearing. A traditional balaclava-style head with an extended apron/notched bib or an equivalent certified design is acceptable.

The head and bib shall use the number and arrangement of layers required by the certified design. A nominal overall length near 21 inches, head length near 13 inches, and bib extension near 8 inches may be offered, but equivalent certified dimensions are acceptable when they provide equal interface coverage.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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8.3 Face Opening and Interface Fit

The face opening shall be elasticized or otherwise shaped to provide a snug, durable interface around common SCBA facepieces without gaps, excessive tension, or roll-back. The opening shall recover after repeated donning, cleaning, and use. The bidder shall provide the certified face-opening range and fit instructions rather than relying on one fixed proprietary measurement.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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8.4 Seams, Binding, and Thread

Seams, binding, thread, and elastic shall be flame-resistant, durable, and certified as part of the hood. Seam placement shall minimize pressure points under the helmet and facepiece. Seam burst strength shall meet or exceed the current NFPA requirement. Color-contrasting inspection thread or another clearly visible inspection aid may be used, but no proprietary inspection-thread system is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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8.5 Sizing and Colors

The hood shall be offered in the size range necessary to fit City personnel and maintain all certified interfaces. A universal size is acceptable only when supported by the certification and successful fit verification; otherwise, multiple sizes shall be provided. Manufacturer-standard colors such as black, gray, navy, red, natural, or equivalent may be offered, subject to City approval.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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8.6 Labeling, User Information, Cleaning, and Storage

Each hood shall have permanent traceability labeling, an owner-identification area, current certification information, material and style identification, lot/serial and date-of-manufacture information, cleaning and storage instructions, warnings, and a user-information guide. Cleaning and storage shall follow the current manufacturer instructions and NFPA 1850.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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9. STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GLOVES

9.1 Certification and Styles

Gloves shall be certified as structural firefighting protective gloves under the current edition of NFPA 1970. Wristlet and/or gauntlet styles may be offered as ordered, provided the glove-to-coat interface is certified, secure, and compatible with the City's coat sleeves.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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9.2 Shell and Grip Surfaces

The glove shell shall be heat-, flame-, abrasion-, cut-, puncture-, and water-resistant as required by the current standard and shall provide durable grip and dexterity when wet or dry. Leather, engineered leather, textile, composite, or another certified shell construction is acceptable. The bidder shall identify shell materials, weights, treatments, reinforcements, and grip features; no animal-hide species, proprietary fiber structure, or material trade name is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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9.3 Thermal and Moisture/Protective Barrier System

The glove shall include a certified thermal liner and liquid/blood-borne-pathogen protective barrier system sized proportionally to each glove size. The barrier and seams shall meet current penetration, durability, heat, flame, and conditioning requirements. A laminated, integrated, or separate construction is acceptable when the complete glove is certified and the liner remains aligned.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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9.4 Cuff, Wristlet, Pull, and Hanger Features

The glove shall include a wristlet, gauntlet, or other certified interface extension appropriate to the ordered style. The interface shall remain secure beneath or over the coat sleeve as designed. A reinforced pull tab or equivalent donning aid shall be provided when part of the certified design. A small hanger or drying loop may be included when it does not create a snag hazard.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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9.5 Thread, Seams, and Liner Retention

Gloves shall use flame- and heat-resistant high-strength thread and seam construction suitable for repeated flexing. The liner/barrier system shall be secured to the shell at the fingertips, wrist, or other certified locations to prevent inversion, bunching, or pullout during doffing. The design may use a gunn cut, wing thumb, wrap-around index, pre-curved finger, three-dimensional pattern, or another certified ergonomic construction; no one pattern is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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9.6 Sizes and Fit

Gloves shall be available in a broad certified size range sufficient to fit the City's personnel, including sizes comparable to XXS through XL and additional sizes when offered. The contractor shall provide sizing tools and fit assistance. Each size shall be proportionally graded rather than using one liner size across multiple shell sizes.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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9.7 Labeling and Country of Origin

Each glove or glove pair shall be permanently labeled with the manufacturer, model/style, size, serial or lot number, date of manufacture, current NFPA standard and edition, certification mark, materials or care reference, cleaning/care instructions, and country of origin. Domestic manufacture is not required unless a separate applicable law, grant condition, or solicitation clause expressly states otherwise.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10. STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING HELMET

10.1 Certification and General Design

The helmet shall be a traditional-style structural firefighting helmet certified as a protective helmet element under the current edition of NFPA 1970. The complete helmet, including the shell, impact cap, suspension, retention system, eye protection, ear/neck protection, trim, and installed accessories, shall be supplied in the exact configuration covered by the certification. The design shall provide head, eye, ear, and neck protection while maintaining adequate headroom, mobility, and compatibility with the City's SCBA facepieces, protective hoods, and coat collars. No particular manufacturer, model, patented geometry, or proprietary adjustment system is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10.2 Shell and Impact Protection

The helmet shall have a low-profile, lightweight fiberglass-reinforced composite, sheet-molded composite, or functionally equivalent certified shell with a durable, cleanable, impact-resistant exterior finish. The shell and internal impact cap shall provide the heat, flame, impact, penetration, and durability performance required by the current standard. The shell edge shall be protected by a heat-resistant, non-melting binding or an equivalent certified edge-protection system. The bidder shall identify the shell material, finish, impact-cap construction, available colors, and replacement-part availability; no specific coating chemistry or material trade name is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10.3 Suspension, Fit, and Adjustment

The suspension shall include a ratcheting headband with flame- and heat-resistant cushioning and shall provide a secure, comfortable fit over a broad size range comparable to head sizes 5.5 through 9.5. The suspension shall provide at least three rear height positions, or an equivalent continuous adjustment range, and shall permit fit adjustment while wearing gloves. Headband, comfort padding, and suspension components shall be removable and replaceable. The helmet shall remain stable during crawling, climbing, hose-line work, and rapid head movement without creating avoidable pressure points.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10.4 Weight and Balance

The complete helmet in the City-specified configuration, including standard eye protection, ear/neck cover, chin strap, trim, and mounting hardware, should have a nominal weight of approximately 53 to 60 ounces. The bidder shall state the actual weight of the exact configuration offered. A configuration exceeding 60 ounces shall be identified as an exception and supported by objective information demonstrating comparable balance, comfort, mobility, and reduction of neck fatigue.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10.5 Integrated Eye Protection

The standard configuration shall include integrated, helmet-mounted goggles or another City-approved certified eye-protection system. The eye protection shall meet the current NFPA requirements applicable to the complete helmet, remain securely retained when stowed, deploy and adjust with gloved hands, be field-replaceable, and remain compatible with the SCBA facepiece. A retractable internal eye guard, faceshield, flip-down eye protection, or combined system may be proposed as an equal when it is certified with the helmet and clearly identified in the bidder's response.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10.6 Ear/Neck Protection and Retention System

The helmet shall include a washable, removable, and replaceable flame-resistant ear/neck cover that provides the coverage required by the current standard. The retention system shall include a quick-release, readily adjustable chin strap that can be secured and released with structural firefighting gloves. Straps, stitching, buckles, snaps, and attachment hardware shall be heat-resistant, durable, corrosion-resistant, and replaceable without compromising certification.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10.7 Visibility, Identification, and Accessories

The shell shall include current NFPA-compliant fluorescent and retroreflective markings positioned to provide visibility from multiple directions. A nominal arrangement of four lime-yellow markers approximately 2 inches by 2.5 inches, or an equivalent compliant area and placement, is acceptable. The helmet shall include a secure front-shield mounting interface compatible with the department-selected leather identification front, together with a heat- and corrosion-resistant hanger or D-ring and mounting hardware. The bidder shall identify standard colors; the City may select black, red, white, yellow, or another available standard color.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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10.8 Labeling, User Information, Parts, and Warranty

The helmet shall bear permanent traceability and certification labeling and shall be furnished with current user information addressing fit, adjustment, inspection, cleaning, component replacement, limitations, storage, retirement, and compatibility. Replacement eye protection, ear/neck covers, suspension components, chin straps, trim, and common hardware shall remain commercially available for the expected service life. The manufacturer shall provide a warranty against defects in materials and workmanship consistent with Section 4.4. At minimum, the shell shall be covered for five years against qualifying defects or damage arising from normal fire-department firefighting and training use, or the manufacturer shall provide an equivalent or more comprehensive shell warranty. The complete warranty and exclusions shall be submitted with the bid.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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11. STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING BOOTS

11.1 Certification and General Design

The footwear shall be a structural firefighting leather boot certified as a protective footwear element under the current edition of NFPA 1970. The complete boot, including the upper, moisture barrier, protective toe, puncture-resistant system, shank, outsole, heel, and all reinforcements, shall be supplied in the exact configuration covered by the certification. The boot shall be designed for comfort, durability, mobility, and secure footing during walking, crawling, climbing, kneeling, ladder work, and other structural firefighting operations.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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11.2 Height, Upper, Flexibility, and Visibility

The boot shall have a nominal height of approximately 14 inches and a black leather upper that provides the waterproof, flame, heat, cut, and abrasion resistance required by the current standard. The toe and other high-wear areas shall include an abrasion-resistant rubber, polymer, coated-leather, or equivalent certified reinforcement. Flex gussets, articulated panels, or another certified construction shall permit natural ankle and lower-leg movement without excessive binding. High-visibility retroreflective piping, panels, or equivalent markings shall be provided for visibility in direct light; no particular reflective-material brand is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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11.3 Moisture and Blood-Borne-Pathogen Protection

The boot shall include a breathable multi-layer moisture-barrier system, or a functionally equivalent certified barrier, that provides waterproof and liquid/blood-borne-pathogen protection. Barrier materials, seams, and attachments shall withstand the flexing, heat, abrasion, conditioning, and durability tests required by the current standard and shall remain aligned within the boot. The bidder shall identify the barrier construction and provide the current certification listing for the exact boot configuration; no proprietary membrane brand is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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11.4 Toe, Puncture, Ladder, Ankle, and Shin Protection

The boot shall include a lightweight composite or functionally equivalent protective toe meeting the impact and compression requirements of the current standard; a certified puncture-resistant insole, plate, or equivalent system; and a steel or equivalent high-strength ladder shank that supports the wearer on ladder rungs and resists puncture and excessive foot strain. The ankle and shin areas shall include protective padding or reinforcement against ladder rungs and impact. The complete design shall maintain flexibility and shall not create avoidable pressure points.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES ☐ NO ☐ EXCEPTION ☐

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11.5 Outsole, Heel, and Traction

The outsole shall be heat-, flame-, abrasion-, and slip-resistant and shall provide dependable traction on wet and dry fireground surfaces. It shall use an aggressive lug pattern, a defined approximately 90-degree heel, and ladder-grip features or an equivalent certified design. The forefoot shall flex sufficiently for walking, climbing, and kneeling while the sole and upper remain securely bonded. Cemented, direct-attached, welted, stitched, or another certified construction method is acceptable; no proprietary outsole pattern, compound, or construction name is required.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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11.6 Sizes, Widths, and Fit

The boots shall be available in a size range sufficient to fit the City's personnel, including a range comparable to men's sizes 5 through 16 and women's sizes 5 through 10, with medium, wide, extra-wide, or manufacturer-equivalent width options. A unisex or inclusive sizing system is acceptable when it provides an equivalent range and successful fit. The contractor shall provide sizing charts, fitting assistance, and correction of sizing errors attributable to the contractor. The bidder shall identify any size or width that requires a nonstandard lead time.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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11.7 Labeling, User Information, and Warranty

Each boot shall bear permanent traceability and certification labeling and shall be furnished with current user information addressing sizing, inspection, cleaning, drying, storage, repair limitations, sole wear, retirement, and warranty service. The bidder shall submit the complete warranty and claim procedure. At minimum, the boot shall be warranted for one year against defects in materials and workmanship, with outsole defects covered for the usable life of the boot, excluding normal wear, or the manufacturer shall provide an equivalent or more comprehensive warranty. Warranty registration shall not reduce the City's rights when proof of purchase and product identification are available.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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12. BIDDER SUBMITTALS AND COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

12.1 Required Technical Submittals

The bidder shall submit the following for each product category offered. The City may reject an incomplete response or request clarification consistent with the solicitation rules.

- Manufacturer, exact model/style, material package, color, and all included options.
- Current independent certification listing or certificate for the exact configuration offered.
- Manufacturer technical data sheets and user-information documents.
- Complete material/composite disclosure, including weights, fiber or material types, finishes, and restricted-substance/total-fluorine documentation required by the current standard.
- Certified performance data requested in these specifications.
- Size charts, fitting process, sample availability, and alteration policy.
- Warranty, repair, cleaning/service resources, and expected service turnaround.
- Delivery lead time and process for notification of product or certification changes.
- A separate numbered exceptions schedule identifying every deviation or proposed equivalent.

BIDDER RESPONSE: YES [] NO [] EXCEPTION []

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12.2 Product Identification Schedule

Item	Manufacturer	Model / Style	NFPA Edition	Certifier / Listing	Country of Origin
Coat					
Pants					
Suspenders					
Protective Hood					
Structural Gloves					

12.3 Performance and Service Data Schedule

Required Data	Bidder Value / Response	Source Document / Page
Coat/pant certified TPP		
Coat/pant certified THL		
Coat/pant evaporative resistance		
Coat/pant composite weight and garment weights		
Shoulder/knee compressed-heat performance		
Hood particulate filtration efficiency		
Hood heat-loss and stored/transmitted energy data		
Glove certified size range		
Warranty term and exclusions		
Normal production/delivery lead time		
Sizing/fitting and sample process		
Repair/service turnaround		

12.4 Certification by Bidder

The undersigned certifies that the response has been reviewed against every requirement in this document; all exceptions have been identified in writing; and the products offered will be supplied in the certified configuration represented in the bid.

Vendor legal name: _____

Authorized representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email / telephone: _____

Proposal reference: _____

PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES (ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE (1) ELECTRONIC BID RESPONSE VIA OPENBIDS

Each bidder shall include the following information with bid submission. Bidder shall submit **ONE (1) ELECTRONIC BID RESPONSE VIA DEMANDSTAR**. Submissions will be deemed incomplete/non-responsive if the following required documents are not included, as prescribed within the specifications: ***E-Verify Affidavit, Communication concerning This Solicitation form, Conflict of Interest Affidavit Federal Firearm License, and State Firearm Dealer License and Pricing Page(s)***. However, the City reserves the right to request any other omitted information, **WHICH DOES NOT AFFECT THE SUBMITTED BID PRICE**. Bidders shall be notified, in writing, and shall have two (2) days, after notification to submit the omitted information. If the omitted information is not received within two (2) days, the Bidder shall be deemed non-responsive, and the Bid Submission will be deemed "Incomplete". Use the following checklist to verify the items are included in electronic submission:

- ☐ Bid Form ☐ Detailed Technical Specifications ☐ Pricing Page ☐ Communication Concerning This Solicitation
- ☐ Conflict of Interest Affidavit ☐ Federal Compliance Clauses ☐ Manufacturer Warranty
- ☐ Product Literature / Specifications ☐ Addenda Acknowledgement Page
- ☐ Contract Signature Page ☐ Business License ☐ Form W-9 (Rev March 2024)

 Vendor's Name

 Website

 Vendor's Street Address

 City

 State

 Zip

 Vendor's Remittance or Mailing Address (If different)

 City

 State

 Zip

 Phone Number

 Email Address

 Signature of Authorized Representative

 "Print" Name and Title

 Date of Signature

Please initial if business is Minority or Woman owned; if not, "N/A":

Minority owned: _____ Woman owned: _____

If certified as a DBE or WBE, list the certifying agency: _____

**PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES
(ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007**

Vendor Name:					
	DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER	ESTIMATED USAGE	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST
1.	Protective Coats		30 each	\$	\$
2.	Protective Pants		30 each	\$	\$
3.	Suspenders		30 each	\$	\$
4.	Hood (PGI Cobra Ultimate)		30 each	\$	\$
5.	Gloves (Vanguard MK-1 Model 7877, Gauntlet)		30 each	\$	\$
6.	Helmets (LION Brand, Style #6-2, with Integrated Goggles LFH9120I)		30 each	\$	\$
7.	Leather Front for Helmet		30 each	\$	\$
8.	Leather Radio Harness; 1 ¼"		30 each	\$	\$
9.	Leather Radio Harness; 1 ¼" XL		30 each	\$	\$
10.	Anti-Sway Strap; Plain		30 each	\$	\$
11.	Radio Holder for Motorola APX		30 each	\$	\$
12.	Structural Bunker Boots (Leather); Mens		30 each	\$	\$
13.	Structural Bunker Boots (Leather); Ladies		30 each	\$	\$
14.	ESS Goggles 740-0268 INTERZONE 2		30 each	\$	\$
15.	Pelican Flashlight 3415M		30 each	\$	\$
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE					\$

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE VENDOR'S BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER VENDOR'S RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING NON-CCG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTED PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT (I.E. ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS), OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION. **QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE.**

ANY REQUEST/CONCERN/PROTEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD, MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

I agree to forward all communication about this solicitation, in writing, to the Purchasing Division. I understand that communication with other persons, other than the Purchasing Division, will render my Bid/Proposal response non-responsive and I will no longer be considered in the solicitation process.

Vendor Name: _____

Print Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT:

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Pursuant to Columbus Georgia Code Part I – Charter, Appendix Two Code of Ethics and Prohibited Practices:

I hereby declare that any person(s) employed by the City of Columbus, who has direct or indirect personal or financial interest in this solicitation, has been identified and the interest disclosed below. (Please include in your disclosure any interest which you know of).

An example of a direct interest would be a City of Columbus employee, City of Columbus City Council Member, who would be paid to perform services if awarded the contract.

An example of indirect interest would be a City of Columbus employee who is related to any officers, employees, principal, or shareholders of your firm or to you. (If in doubt as to status or interest, please disclose to the extent known).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Disclosed Conflict of Interests:

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate. If necessary, I will provide the information required to verify this data (e.g., pay stubs, bank account statements, etc.). I, therefore, authorize such verification, and I will provide the supporting documentation, if necessary.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, 20__ in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Vendor Name: _____

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC _____

AFFIX STAMP /
SEAL

My Commission Expires: _____

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

In the event a procurement under this contract is federally funded, the Contractor agrees to comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environmental compliance. The Contractor will be notified if the procurement is federally funded.

With regards to “**Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement**,” If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

Contractor agrees to be wholly compliant with the provisions of **2 CFR 200, Appendix II**. Additionally, for work to be performed under the Agreement or subcontract thereof, including procurement of materials or leases of equipment.

Contractor shall comply and shall notify each potential subcontractor or supplier of the Contractor's federal compliance obligations. These may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) **Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352)** which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin;
- (b) **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;
- (c) the **Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 USC 676 et. seq.)**,
- (d) **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as implemented by Executive Orders 11914 and 11250**), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
- (e) the **Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 USC 621 et. seq.)** and the Age Discrimination Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age;
- (f) the **Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255)**, as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse;
- (g) the **Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616)**, as amended, relating to the nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;
- (h) **§§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3)**, as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records;
- (i) **Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.)**, as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing;
- (j) any other nondiscrimination provisions in any specific statute(s) applicable to any Federal funding for this Agreement;
- (k) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to this Agreement;
- (l) applicable provisions of the **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.)**, the **Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.)**, **Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368)**, **Permits required by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act**, **Executive Order 11738**, **Endangered Species Act (P.L. 93-205)**, and the **Environmental Protection Agency regulations at 40 CFR Part 15**;
- (m) **DBE requirements found at 40 CFR Part 33, Executive Order 11246, and Equal Employment Opportunity regulations at 41 CFR § 60-4**;
- (n) applicable provisions of the **Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a - 276a-7)** as it relates to cleanup activities, the **Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c)**, the **Anti-Kickback Act (40 USC § 3145)**, the **OSHA Worker Health & Safety Standard (29 CFR § 1910.120)**, and the **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333)**, as set forth in Department of Labor Regulations at 20 CFR 5.5a;
- (o) applicable provisions of **Uniform Relocation Act (40 USC § 61)** and the **National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC § 470)**;
- (p) the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the **Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163)**.
- (q) the Buy America sourcing requirements in the **Build America, Buy America Act (41 U.S.C. § 8301-8305)**;
- (r) the general provisions of **Section 3** offering economic opportunities for low-income persons (**12 U.S.C. 1701u**).

To demonstrate acknowledgement and understanding of the above listed Federal Requirements, vendor is required to sign below and return with bid response:

Vendor Name: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

Print Name and Title of above Agent: _____

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES (ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007

The Purchasing Division will post addenda (if any) on the Bid Opportunities page: https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm. It is the vendors' responsibility to periodically visit the page to check for addenda, *both before the due date and prior to submitting a response in OpenBids*.

IF ADDENDA WERE ISSUED:

By signing below, I acknowledge 1) I have received the addenda (if any) as indicated below, 2) my submittal reflects the changes to the specifications, and 3) my submittal includes the most recently revised forms:

Addendum No. _____ dated _____	Addendum No. _____ dated _____
Addendum No. _____ dated _____	Addendum No. _____ dated _____
Addendum No. _____ dated _____	Addendum No. _____ dated _____
Addendum No. _____ dated _____	Addendum No. _____ dated _____
Addendum No. _____ dated _____	Addendum No. _____ dated _____

IF NO ADDENDA WERE ISSUED:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I reviewed the Bid Opportunities page referenced above on _____ and did not see any addenda listed for this solicitation.

(date)

Business Name

Date

Authorized Signature

Print Name

FORM 7

E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of **Columbus Consolidated Government** has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Company ID Number (*numerical, 4-7 digits*)

Date of Authorization

****See <https://www.e-verify.gov/> to access your E-Verify Company Identification Number.**

Name and Address of Contractor

Protective Fire Clothing and Accessories (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 27-0007

Name of Project

Columbus Consolidated Government

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, ___, 20__ in _____ (city), _____ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Subscribed and sworn before me on this the ___ day of _____, 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

A properly completed, stamped/notarized E-Verify Affidavit must be included with sealed proposal; failure to do so will render the firm's proposal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration.

FORM 8

**CONTRACT SIGNATURE PAGE
PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES
(ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007**

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES THAT HE HAS/THEY HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE SPECIFICATIONS HEREIN REFERRED TO AND WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT, TERMS AND SERVICES TO THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

Company Name

Signature of Authorized Representative Date

Title of Authorized Representative

Print Name of Authorized Signatory

(Corporate seal, if applicable)

Company Street Address

Company Payment Address

Contact: _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Accepted this ____ day of _____, 20____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Tyson Begly, City Manager

Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

**PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES
(ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007**

INSURANCE CHECKLIST

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MUST SHOW ALL COVERAGE
AND ENDORSEMENTS INDICATED BY "X"**

CSL = Combined Single Limit; BI = Bodily Injury; PD=Property Damage

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
X	1. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability	STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS	
	Comprehensive General Liability:		
X	2. General Liability Premises/Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	3. Independent Contractors and Sub - Contractors	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	4. Products Liability	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	5. Completed Operations	\$1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
X	6. Contractual Liability (Must be shown on Certificate)	\$ 1 Million CSL BI/PD each occurrence, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	Automobile Liability:		
X	7. Owned/Hired/Non-Owned Vehicles/ Employer non ownership	\$1 Million BI/PD each Accident, Uninsured Motorist	
	Other:		
X	8. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	9. Umbrella/Excess Liability	\$1 Million Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury	
	10. Personal and Advertising Injury Liability	\$1 Million each offense, \$1 Million annual aggregate	
	11. Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	12. Architects and Engineers	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	13. Asbestos Removal Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	14. Medical Malpractice	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	15. Medical Professional Liability	\$1 Million per occurrence/claim	
	16. Dishonesty Bond		

Required Coverage(s)		Limits (Figures denote minimums)	Bidders Limits/Response
	17. Builder's Risk	Provide Coverage in the full amount of contract	
	18. XCU (Explosive, Collapse, Underground) Coverage		
	19. USL&H (Long Shore Harbor Worker's Compensation Act)		
	20. Contractor Pollution Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
	21. Environmental Impairment Liability	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	
X	22. Carrier Rating shall be Best's Rating of A-VII or its equivalents		
X	23. Notice of Cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage shall be provided to County at least 30 days prior to action.		
X	24. The City shall be named Additional Insured on all policies		
X	25. Certificate of Insurance shall show Bid Number (RFB No. 27-0007) and Bid Title (Protective Fire Clothing and Accessories (Annual Contract)) in box: Description of Operations		
	26. Pollution:	\$2 Million per occurrence/claim	

*If offeror's employees will be using their privately owned vehicles while working on this contract and are privately insured, please state that fact in the **Bidders Limits/Response** column of the insurance checklist.

BIDDER'S STATEMENT:

If awarded the contract, I will comply with contract insurance requirements and provide the required Certificate of Insurance.

BIDDER NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED. SIGNATURE: _____

APPENDIX A

OPEN BIDS SUBMISSION INFORMATION (Formerly DemandStar)

Responses must be submitted via OpenBids. See the following pages for Submission Requirements Checklist, Registering for OpenBids and Responding to an Electronic Bid in OpenBids.

There is no cost to submit responses electronically through OpenBids; you will only incur a fee if you opt to receive e-notifications directly from OpenBids. You must select “Columbus Consolidated Government” as your free agency (see registration instructions). Solicitations may be accessed thru the OpenBids link that is posted at: <https://columbusga.gov/finance/bid-opportunities>. Per Georgia HB489, the Purchasing Division will continue to post solicitations on the Georgia Procurement Registry. To receive future procurement notifications, you must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace at <https://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/getting-started-supplier>.

Excluding responses to Requests for Proposals (RFP), a tabulation of responses will be available on OpenBids shortly after the solicitation closes. The Purchasing Division will also continue to post tabulations at <https://www.columbusga.gov/finance-2/Bid-Tabulations>.

Failure to submit electronic responses, via OpenBids, will result in the rejection of your response. Submittals received via U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc., will be returned unopened at the expense of the sender. The Purchasing Division will not accept hand-delivered submittals and will immediately discard any submittal left in the reception area of the Finance Department.

The Purchasing Division sincerely appreciates your cooperation.

ELECTRONIC BID - SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

PROTECTIVE FIRE CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES (ANNUAL CONTRACT); RFB NO. 27-0007

Please submit your electronic response as indicated below:

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

1. Vendors shall submit **only** the required documents listed using the “Bidder Response ALL Documents” function. **Do not enter information using the “Supplemental Documents” function.**
2. **Zip files with multiple folders will not be accepted.** Vendors shall submit one PDF file of their submittal.
3. Due to file size limitations, please **do not resend the City’s full specifications** document as this information is already on file.
4. **In the event OpenBids requires a dollar value for your submittal, enter “0”.**

This checklist is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be part of the formal RFB specifications. Refer to page 11, VII. Bid Submission Requirements.

- ☐ 1. Bid Form (**Form 1**)
- ☐ 2. Detailed Technical Specifications (Page 14-31)
- ☐ 3. Pricing Pages (**Form 2**)
- ☐ 4. Communication Concerning this Solicitation (**Form 3**) *
- ☐ 5. Conflict of Interest Affidavit (**Form 4**) *
- ☐ 6. Federal Compliance (**Form 5**)
- ☐ 7. Manufacturer Warranty
- ☐ 8. Product Literature/ Specifications
- ☐ 9. Addenda Acknowledgement (**Form 6**)
- ☐ 10. Contract Signature Page (**Form 8**)
- ☐ 11. Business License (Occupation License)
- ☐ 12. **Page 1** of Form W-9 (Rev March 2024) (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)

*** Denotes mandatory submission requirements**

Registering for OpenBids (formerly DemandStar)

The following pages provide the steps for registering with OpenBids and submitting electronic responses.

It's **free** to register with the **Basic Plan**.

Go to: <https://www.demandstar.com/registration>

Join OpenBids for free, and start winning more government work today!



Basic Plan
Free!

Get started! Choose a procurement agency, and get access to every bid and quote they publish on OpenBids.



County Plan
\$35 per year*

Choose a county government, and get access to every bid and quote agencies in that county publish on OpenBids.



State Plan
\$35 per year*

Upgrade to a State plan, and get access to every bid and quote agencies in that state publish on OpenBids.



National Plan
\$2,699 per year

Go nationwide! Get full access to every bid and quote published by every agency and government on OpenBids.

*Pricing varies per state and county, depending on coverage, from \$35 - \$1,499.

Get started for free!

Company Name

Email Address
This will be your username for logging in to OpenBids

[Create your OpenBids account](#) [Sign In](#)

By creating an account, you agree to OpenBids Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.

Step 1: Choose your free agency

- Search by Agency Name: Columbus Consolidated Government
- or search by State (GA) and County (Muscogee)
- Select "Columbus Consolidated Government" as your free agency

1 of 4: Choose your free agency

A great way to find out about new opportunities on OpenBids is to subscribe to a government agency. To get started, please choose your first (free!) agency. You'll have a chance to sign up for more in just a moment.

Selected free agency: **Columbus Consolidated Government**

Search by Agency Name

State

County

[Reset Search](#)

- ☒ Columbus Consolidated Government
- ☐ The Housing Authority of Columbus

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[Skip Agency Selection](#)

Next

Step 2: Select commodity codes (this step can be skipped).

2 of 4: Refine Bid Notifications

What are commodity codes?

OpenBids commodity codes are how we categorize goods and services for government procurement. When you choose commodity codes, OpenBids uses them to match what your company provides to what governments in your subscription need, helping you find the best bids and quotes to bid on.

Take control of your bid notification experience and maximize your chances of finding opportunities that are tailored to your needs. Add your key tags here and let us assist you in uncovering the most relevant and valuable bid opportunities in your industry.

Example : Infrastructure , Automobiles , Dairy , Agriculture

Search

[Go Back](#)

[Skip Commodity Codes and Tags](#)

Continue

If selecting codes, the following screen will appear:

2 of 4: Refine Bid Notifications

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Search

Suggested Tags :
uniforms cotton synthetic fabric blended fabric blends electrical uniform rental or lease hospital wear professional robes gowns food service clothing work clothes for caps and uniforms uniforms
aprons clothing uniform ironer soccer equipment football equipment caps

Relevant Bids

Uniforms schads ID: RFP-RFP 24-400193	Broadcast: Aug 20, 2024	Due: Sep 18, 2024	Under Evaluation
POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIALTY UNIFORMS American Asphalt & Grading Company ID: RFP-26RFP041	Broadcast: Feb 25, 2026	Due: Mar 19, 2026	Under Evaluation
Fire Department Uniforms Hugh E. Sanderfur Industries ID: ITB-US.232346	Broadcast: May 18, 2026	Due: Jun 3, 2026	Under Evaluation
Police Officer Uniforms Don Schaeffer Consulting ID: RFP-26RFP041	Broadcast: Jun 18, 2026	Due: Jul 18, 2026	Under Evaluation

Relevant Commodity Codes (20)

- ☐ [006-200-85] : Uniforms, Blended Fabric
- ☐ [006-200-86] : Uniforms, Cotton
- ☐ [006-200-87] : Uniforms, Synthetic Fabric
- ☐ [006-200-88] : Uniforms, Wool and Woolen Blends
- ☐ [006-200-91] : Uniforms, Arc Rated for Electrical Work
- ☐ [006-201-37] : Emblems, Braids, Buttons, and Patches For Caps and Uniforms, Including Chevrons, Epaulettes and Shoulder Boards
- ☐ [006-954-04] : Laundry Services, Clothing, Hats and Uniforms
- ☐ [016-936-18] : Clothing, Including Uniforms, Maintenance and Repair
- ☐ [023-983-86] : Uniform Rental or Lease
- ☐ [006-200-34] : Hospital Wear, Professional
- ☐ [023-983-64] : Robes, Caps, and Gowns, Choir and Graduation, Rental or Lease

Selecting commodity codes will narrow down results to ensure you are receiving notifications for the most applicable bids only.

Step 3: Choose Subscriptions

- You've already selected Columbus Consolidated Government as your **free** agency.
- There is a fee to add additional subscriptions. However, you can continue without adding any additional subscriptions.

3 of 4: Choose Subscriptions

Now that you've chosen [Columbus Consolidated Government](#) as your free agency, add more counties to grow your network of potential clients.

County subscriptions start at \$25 per year.

Please select a state to begin

State
Georgia

Choose your counties in Georgia

There are currently 45 Georgia counties with agencies publishing bids on OpenBids. Please choose which counties you'd like to subscribed to. You may also subscribe to all counties in Georgia and save!

+ Subscribe to Georgia for \$300 / year

Search for Counties

Search for Counties

☐	Barrow County	View 1 Agency	\$60/year
☐	Candler County	View 1 Agency	\$60/year
☐	Carroll County	View 2 Agencies	\$60/year
☐	Charlton County	View 1 Agency	\$60/year
☐	Chatham County	View 1 Agency	\$60/year
☐	Cherokee County	View 1 Agency	\$60/year
☐	Clarke County	View 2 Agencies	\$60/year
☐	Clayton County	View 1 Agency	\$60/year
☐	Cobb County	View 2 Agencies	\$60/year
☐	Coffee County	View 1 Agency	\$60/year

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Continue without adding subscriptions

Muscogee County Subscription

Columbus Consolidated Government is in Muscogee County. Subscribe and get notifications from 2 agencies.

[Subscribe to Muscogee County for \\$60/year](#)

Georgia Subscription

Columbus Consolidated Government is in Georgia. Subscribe and get notifications from 88 agencies.

[Subscribe to Georgia for \\$300/year](#)

National Subscription

Choose a national subscription and get notifications from 2955 agencies.

[Subscribe Nationwide for \\$2699/year](#)

Step 4: Complete your profile

- Add your contact information and finish registration.
- Check your email for a link to set a password.

4 of 4: Complete your profile

We've saved your selections. Now that you've set up your subscriptions on OpenBids, tell us a little bit more about yourself.

Your contact information

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Test Company for CCG Information

Company Phone Number

Website (Optional)

Address

Suite, Floor, etc. (Optional)

Postal Code

City

State

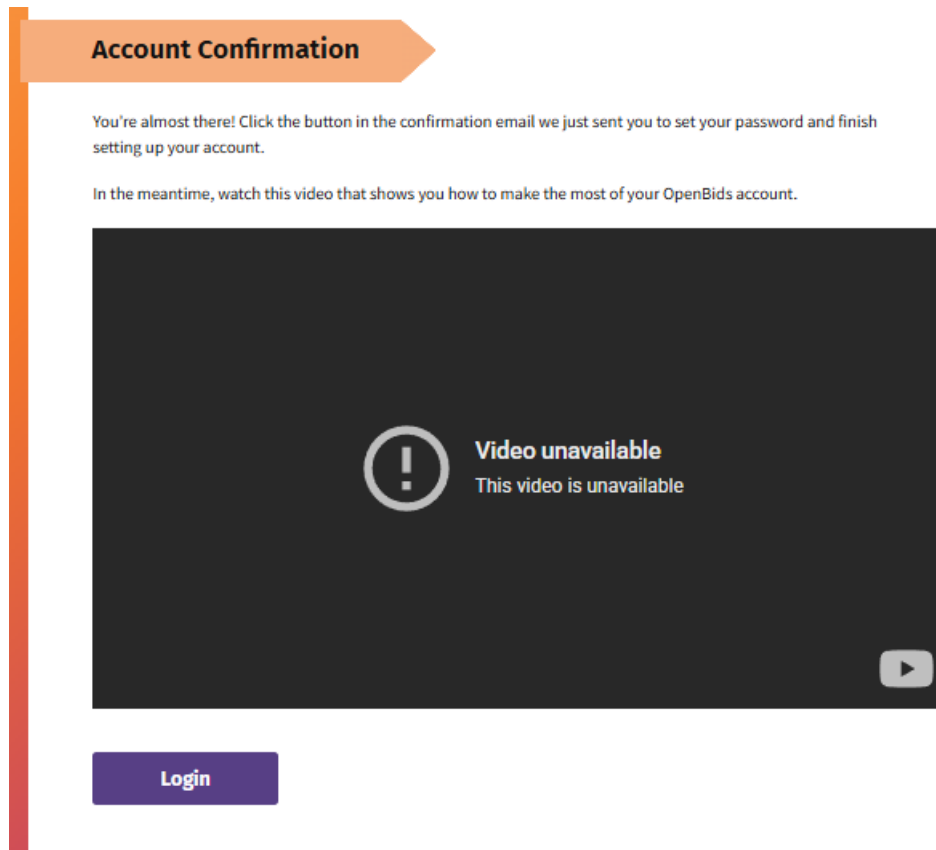
County (Optional)

Country

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[Finish registration](#)

After finishing, the **Account Confirmation** screen will appear. However, you should also have an email from OpenBids to set your password.



Check your email for instructions to set password.

Sample email:

Welcome to OpenBids!

Dear Heather Buyer,

Thank you for signing up for OpenBids.

Now you need to set your password. Please click the button below to set your password and log in.

This link will expire in three days. Once it expires, you'll need to request a new password reset link.

As a reminder, your username is [REDACTED]

Set Password

Once you log in, it is critical you add commodity and service codes that best match your business's line of work - this is how we know which bids to send you.

[Add Commodity Codes here](#) (or, once logged in, click on your name in the top right then choose Commodity Codes).

We look forward to helping you win more government contracts!

Sincerely,
The OpenBids team



Create password and login to view the dashboard.

[Home](#) > **Dashboard**

My Bids

Active (0)

Recommendation Of Award (0)

Awarded (0)

Completed (0)

Cancelled (0)

My Quotes

Open (0)

Awarded (0)

Closed (0)

Cancelled (0)

Test Company for CCG

!

Choose commodity codes
Commodity codes are how we pair your business with governments looking to work with you. Choose a few so we can help you find bids! It's okay if you're not exactly sure what codes to pick; you can always change this later.
[Learn about commodity codes](#)

Choose commodity codes

0 Bid Notifications

Select Commodity Codes to receive bid notifications

No Bids I Am Watching

0 Quote Notifications

Select Commodity Codes to receive quote notifications

No Responded Bids

Notifications (1)

Account

Please Select Your Commodity Codes
Select the Commodity Codes that describe your business.
Governments will send you notifications based on the codes that you select.

My Commodity Codes (0)

Select Commodity Codes to receive bid notifications.

OpenBids Network

You could be getting notifications from

78

other agencies in your state

Get more notifications

To submit a response on OpenBids

From the Home screen, select “bids” at the top of the screen:



The screenshot shows the OpenBids dashboard with the 'Bids' tab selected in the top navigation bar. The dashboard layout includes a sidebar on the left with 'My Bids' and 'My Quotes' sections, each with a list of status filters (Active, Recommendation Of Award, Awarded, Completed, Cancelled). The main content area features a 'Test Company for CCG' banner, four notification boxes (0 Bid Notifications, 0 Quote Notifications, No Bids I Am Watching, No Responded Bids), and an 'OpenBids Network' section showing 11 missed bid notifications in the last 12 months with a 'Get more bid opportunities' button. On the right, there is a 'Notifications (0)' section and a 'My Commodity Codes (13)' section listing various codes and their descriptions.

In the Bids Search page, search by Government Agency, Columbus Consolidated Government.

Note: Even though this is your selected agency, you can still search and submit responses for any bid/any agency.

Home > Bids Search

Search

Filter By

☐ Bids Notifications

☐ Ordered Bids

☐ Watched Bids

☐ Commodity Code Matches

☐ eBidding Available

☒ Include External Bids

Government Agency

Columbus Consolidated Government

Bid Status

Active

Advanced Search

Bid Name

Bid Name

State

Filter by State

County

Search for county

Bid Identifier

Bid Identifier

Commodity Code / Industry

Filter by Industry

Fiscal Year

Select...

Due Date Range

MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY

(e.g. 06/03/2026 to 08/08/2026)

Bids

Filters in use:

External Bids

Government Agency

Active

Sort By

Broadcast Date

HVAC Preventive Maintenance & Service

Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Muscogee County, GA

ID: RFB-RFB No. 27-0003-0-2027/CB

Broadcast: Jul 21, 2026

Due: Aug 19, 2026

Planholders: 9

Watchers: 0

Active

Environmental Consulting Services For Multipurpose Brownfield (Annual Contract)

Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Muscogee County, GA

ID: RFP-27-0001-0-2026/CB

Broadcast: Jul 2, 2026

Due: Aug 21, 2026

Planholders: 20

Watchers: 2

Active

Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract)

Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Muscogee County, GA

ID: RFP-27-0002-0-2026/CB

Broadcast: Jul 2, 2026

Due: Aug 21, 2026

Planholders: 19

Watchers: 4

Active

Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract)

Columbus Consolidated Government, Columbus, Muscogee County, GA

ID: RFB-RFB No. 26-00366-0-2026/RD

Broadcast: Apr 30, 2026

Due: Aug 12, 2026

Planholders: 17

Watchers: 3

Active

Select a solicitation to view documents and submit an electronic response.

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Bid Details

Planholders

Similar Bids

Required Actions

Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract)

Active

Download Bid Package

Submit eBid Proposal

Watch

Bid Details

Agency Name	Columbus Consolidated Government
Bid Writer	Chadwick Brewer
Bid ID	RFP-27-0002-0-2026/CB
Bid Type	RFP - Request for Proposal
Broadcast Date	Jul 2, 2026 12:30pm (EDT)
Fiscal Year	2026
Due	Aug 21, 2026 5:00pm (EDT)
Bid Status Text	None
Additional Registration	NONE
(NEW)	

Scope of Work

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking a qualified vendor to provide community engagement services for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant. The community engagement vend

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Documents

Download all documents

Filename	Type	File Type	File Size	Date Modified	Status
Addendum...	Addendum	PDF	274.03 KB	Jul 29, 2026	Complete
RFP No. 27-...	Bid Document / Specifications	PDF	1.96 MB	Jul 2, 2026	Complete

The contact information will auto-populate on this page. Select “next”.

Home

Bids

Community Engagement Services For M...

My Ebid Response

Save & Finish Later

Cancel

eBid Response

Bid Details

Agency Name

Columbus Consolidated Government

Bid Number

RFP-27-0002-0-2026/CB

Bid Due Date

Aug 21, 2026 5:00pm (EDT)

Countdown to Bid Due Date

18 days, 01 hour, 39 minutes, 14 seconds remaining

Bid Name

Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract)

eBid Progress:

Contact Information

Documents Upload

Review Bid

1 of 3: Contact Information

Company Name

Test Company for CCG

Address 1

1111 1st Avenue

Address 2

Address 2

Postal Code

31901

City

Columbus

State/Province

Georgia

County

Muscogee County

Country

United States of America

Phone Number

(706) 225-0000

Extension

Extension

Notes

Enter your notes here. (the space expands as required)

Next

In the “Submission Option” field, select “Online/Electronic” and choose a file to upload.

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Bids

Community Engagement Services For M...

My Ebid Response

Save & Finish Later

Cancel

eBid Response

Bid Details

Agency Name

Columbus Consolidated Government

Bid Number

RFP-27-0002-0-2026/CB

Bid Due Date

Aug 21, 2026 5:00pm (EDT)

Countdown to Bid Due Date

18 days, 01 hour, 38 minutes, 28 seconds remaining

Bid Name

Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract)

eBid Progress:

Contact Information

Documents Upload

Review Bid

2 of 3: Documents Upload

Required Documents

The following documents are required by the agency for this project. Please select which documents you will be submitting electronically (online), and which ones you will submit directly to the agency (offline).

Click here to see accepted file formats

Required Document

Submission Option

Uploaded Document

Bidder Response ALL Documents

None

None

Online/Electronic

Offline/Manual

Not Submitting

Choose a file

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Save & Finish Later

Cancel

eBid Response

Bid Details

Agency Name

Columbus Consolidated Government

Bid Number

RFP-27-0002-0-2026/CB

Bid Due Date

Aug 21, 2026 5:00pm (EDT)

Countdown to Bid Due Date

18 days, 01 hour, 27 minutes, 49 seconds remaining

Bid Name

Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract)

eBid Progress:

✓

Contact Information

●

Documents Upload

○

Review Bid

2 of 3: Documents Upload

Required Documents

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[Click here to see accepted file formats](#)

Required Document	Submission Option	Uploaded Document
✓ Bidder Response ALL Documents	Electronic/Online	Bidder Response ALL Documents.PDF 📎

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Bid Details

Agency Name

Columbus Consolidated Government

Bid Number

RFP-27-0002-0-2026/CB

Bid Due Date

Aug 21, 2026 5:00pm (EDT)

Countdown to Bid Due Date

18 days, 01 hour, 27 minutes, 20 seconds remaining

Bid Name

Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract)

eBid Progress:

✓

Contact Information

✓

Documents Upload

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Review Bid

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Contact Info

Company Name

Test Company for CCG

Address 1

1111 1st Avenue

Address 2

City

Columbus

State

Georgia

Country

United States of America

Postal Code

31901

Phone Number

706-225-0000

Bid Amount

0

Alternate Bid Amount

Notes

Agency Required Documents

✓

Bidder Response ALL Documents (Electronic/Online)

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