



CHARLOTTE

Department of General Services – City Procurement

Addendum 1	Body Armor ITB # 269-2021-069
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To: All Prospective Companies

Date: June 3, 2021

Subject: Addendum 1 – ITB # 269-2021-069 – BODY ARMOR

Please note the specification changes/modifications below for the ITB.

Item #	Page #	Section #	Specification	Modifications and Questions
1	10	1.3	Schedule	Clarification: The deadline for the submission of notice of alternates is June 11, 2021.
2	10	1.3	Schedule	Service Provider Question: Can you please explain the purpose of sample comments which are due on June 16, 2021? Answer: Vendors must notify the City if they would like to inspect the samples submitted. A time and space will be set up for this inspection to happen if needed. Comments are due from vendor inspection by July 7th.
3	15-16	1.23	To Submit a Proposed Alternate Product In Lieu of a Specified Brand	Service Provider Question: Can you please explain the purpose of the sample inspection on June 16, 2021? Answer: Vendors are allowed to inspect items submitted by other vendors.
4	15-16	1.23 1.24	To Submit a Proposed Alternate Product In Lieu of a Specified Brand Evaluation of Samples	Service Provider Question: Can you please clarify whether samples are required for all products that a vendor is bidding or only for any alternate products that they will bid? Answer: Samples are required for all bid items.
5	15-16	1.23 1.24	To Submit a Proposed Alternate Product In Lieu of a Specified Brand	Service Provider Question: Can you please let us know when vendors will get notification about whether the alternate products provided will be included in the wear testing?

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			Evaluation of Samples	<p>Answer: Alternate samples should be present for the pre-bid meeting on June 7, 2021 for evaluation. If you plan to submit an alternate bid, a notice shall be submitted by June 11, 2021 at 2:00pm. Sample Submissions are due on June 16, 2021 by 2:00 pm for Evaluation and Wear Test.</p>
6	15-16	1.23 1.24	To Submit a Proposed Alternate Product In Lieu of a Specified Brand Evaluation of Samples	<p>Service Provider Question: It seems that there is a 9-day turnaround for wear test samples to be submitted. Would the City consider extending the time frame for submission of wear test samples beyond the 9-day time frame?</p> <p>Answer: June 11th is the required date for submission. The City and CMPD will be available to discuss any vendor issues that might delay meeting that deadline.</p>
7	17	1.25	Wear Testing	<p>Service Provider Question: Can you provide an estimated number of wear test samples that will be needed?</p> <p>Answer: Participating vendors should be prepared to measure/test fit at least two people during the conference for each armor type submitted. CMPD wishes to wear test at least one of each full vest (panels/carrier) submitted for the primary requirements; this includes specialized carriers for bike officers, Detective/Callback/Crime Scene. Specialized vests for SWAT and Bomb officers may be wear tested at the discretion of CMPD. This will be clarified during the conference.</p>
8	17	1.25	Wear Testing	<p>Service Provider Question: Can you please clarify whether wear testing will be required for all products that a vendor is bidding or only for alternate products?</p> <p>Answer: Wear testing will be required for all armor panel/carrier types submitted. For equipment that attaches to the carrier, such as pouches and hard armor plate (that is not sewn on or a permanent part of the carrier) samples must be submitted and wear testing may be conducted at the discretion of CMPD. For dedicated specialized armor (Bomb, SWAT) a sample must be provided that is fully configured with pouches. CMPD has the discretion to conduct a wear test on these items.</p>
9	17	1.25	Wear Testing	<p>Service Provider Question: Any product that is already specified will not have to undergo a sizing, wear tests or sample submissions. Is that correct?</p>

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				<p>Answer: Wear testing/sizing will be required for all armor panel/carrier types submitted. For equipment that attaches to the carrier, such as pouches and hard armor plate (that is not sewn on or a permanent part of the carrier) samples must be submitted and wear testing may be conducted at the discretion of CMPD. For dedicated specialized armor (Bomb, SWAT) a sample must be provided that is fully configured with pouches. CMPD has the discretion to conduct a wear test on these items.</p>
10	24	3.5	Pricing	<p>Service Provider Question: Based on the recent Consumer Price Index inflation numbers and projected estimates for the future, will the City consider annual price escalations for this contract? Answer: Prices submitted by the vendor should include all anticipated costs. Once the contract is awarded and binding, all prices are fixed for the first term of the contract. Price increase requests supported by PPI data will be considered in the first term.</p>
11	28	3.21	Technical Specifications	<p>Service Provider Question: The bid goes into a lot of specifics for the NIJ 07. The NIJ .07 has not been released yet and will be considerable time before it is released. From there it is an even longer window for products that meet those specifications to be available to end users. The only products available today and all the products specified are in accordance with the NIJ. 06 standard. Answer: CMPD expects that NIJ 0101.07 will be adopted during the lifetime of this contract as the draft has been publicly released by the NIJ. CMPD expects all submitted samples to meet the MINIMUM standard of existing NIJ 0101.06. In order to ensure CMPD and the City provide the highest quality and up-to-date protection for our personnel, as vendors update products to meet the new requirements and updated classification standards in 0101.07, CMPD and the City are including 0101.07 for benchmark.</p>
12	28	3.21	Technical Specifications	<p>Service Provider Question: Please clarify the armor level of the concealable needed for review on June 7th for the pre-bid meeting? Answer: Submitted samples of concealable armor must meet minimum standard of NIJ 0101.06 at the time of this ITB: Level II, Level II+ (as described by manufacturer</p>

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				that may exceed Level II but not meet Level IIIA standard) and Level IIIA. Vendors should refer to draft NIJ 0101.07 which notes the changes in standard level and description. CMPD will not accept any armor that does not meet the minimum standard specified.
13	28	3.21	Technical Specifications	<p>Service Provider Question: Would concealable armor that meets and exceeds all of the testing specifications, but is slightly over the specified weight of the Point Blank AXII and AXBIII be considered?</p> <p>Answer: Vendors should make every attempt to meet the weight requirements specified in this ITB. If a vendor submits a vest that does not meet or exceeds the weight requirement specified, the City and CMPD have the right to decline acceptance of that product.</p>
14	44	3.22	Product Specifications	<p>Service Provider Question: Specifications item 13, the item listed is a 10800 which is a ceramic plate. However, on Page 29 for the general overview the active shooter kit specifies Steel only. Can this be clarified?</p> <p>Answer: For rifle protection kits that are worn supplementary to standard-issue body armor, CMPD requires steel plate because kits are unassigned to an officer, moved between vehicles frequently and often roughly handled. Steel plate does not degrade in these conditions. CMPD may evaluate a ceramic composite plate such as the "Paraclete" brand but expects the majority of purchased kits to be steel plate. Therefore; if a vendor submits a ceramic or other-material plate, they MUST also submit a comparable steel-plate product for review.</p>
15	73	Section 4, Required Form 1	Invitation to Bid Acknowledgement Form	<p>Service Provider Question: In the body of the ITB itself, it is stated that the Conference is mandatory, however it appears from the attached Form 1 from Section 4 that one of the check box options states: "We do not plan to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference but plan on submitting a Proposal". Could you just confirm for me whether or not attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is mandatory for anyone wishing to submit a Bid?</p> <p>Answer: Participation in pre-bid conference is mandatory. Physical measurements of test wearers will be conducted at this meeting. Although mandatory, this does not exclude any vendors from submitting a bid.</p>

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16	74	Section 4, Required Form 2	Bid Submission Form	<p>Service Provider Question: Will the bid be single source or potentially awarded to multiple vendors?</p> <p>Answer: This contract could potentially include multiple vendors dependent on pricing and meeting requirements for manufacture/delivery.</p>

In order to constitute a complete proposal response you must acknowledge receipt of this addendum with the Addenda Receipt Confirmation Form in Section 4 of the ITB in your Proposal. **Any Company not acknowledging receipt of an issued addendum may not be considered.**

In the event additional changes or clarifications to this ITB are warranted, all Companies are responsible for monitoring the City's [Contract Opportunities](#) site or www.ips.state.nc.us or for additional addenda.

We appreciate your interest in doing business with the City and look forward to receiving a Proposal from your company.

Sincerely,

Danielle Davis
Procurement Officer