



FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Contract # 25-127-C-R

Riding Sourcewell (RFP 010424-FDX) **Fire-Dex Inc, LLC**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 10th day of March 2025, by the Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, referred to as "Owner" and **Fire-Dex GW, LLC**, having its principal place of business at **780 S. Progress Drive, Medina, OH 44256** hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Owner, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Contractor shall provide Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment and Related Equipment Cleaning.

COMPENSATION: The Owner will pay, and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for performance during the contract term pricing as negotiated and attached.

CONTRACT PERIOD: Date of execution through March 27, 2028, with the option to renew for an additional three (3) one (1) year periods, at the mutual agreement of both parties

The contract documents shall consist of and in the event of conflict or ambiguity, shall be interpreted in the following order of priority:

1. This signed form;
2. Fauquier County General Terms & Conditions;
3. RFP 010424 dated November 9, 2023, and addendums 1-5; and
4. Fire-Dex Contract 010424-FDX dated March 26, 2024, including vendor proposal submitted January 4th, 2024 and all attachments or documents incorporated by reference all of which are incorporated herein;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

	Fire-Dex GW, LLC		Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia
	<i>Allison DeCongelio</i>		
By:	Allison DeCongelio	By:	<i>RSC/ll</i>
Title:	Contract Administrator	Title:	Procurement Manager
Date:	03/07/2025	Date:	<i>3/10/2025</i>



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PROOF OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL/BID. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR PROPOSAL/BID

Pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-4311.2, an Offeror/Bidder organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its proposal/bid the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission (“SCC”). Any Offeror/Bidder that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its proposal/bid a statement describing why the Offeror/Bidder is not required to be so authorized. Any Offeror/Bidder described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the County Administrator or School Superintendent, as applicable.

If this quote for goods or services is accepted by the County of Fauquier, Virginia, the undersigned agrees that the requirements of the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4311.2 have been met.

Please complete the following by checking the appropriate line that applies and providing the requested information.

- A. Offeror/Bidder is a Virginia business entity organized and authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such vendor’s Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.
- B. Offeror/Bidder is an out-of-state (foreign) business entity that is authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such vendor’s Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.
- C. Offeror/Bidder does not have an Identification Number issued to it by the SCC and such vendor is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC for the following reason(s):

Please attach additional sheets if you need to explain why such Offeror/Bidder is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia.

Legal Name of Company (as listed on W-9)

Legal Name of Offeror/Bidder

Date

Authorized Signature

Print or Type Name and Title

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DIVISION OF RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE CHECKLIST

Items marked "X" are required to be provided if award is made to your firm.

<u>Required</u>	<u>Coverage Required</u>	<u>Limits</u> <u>(figures denotes minimum)</u>
<u>X</u>	1. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability; Admitted in Virginia Employers' Liability All States Endorsement USL & H Endorsement Voluntary Compensation Endorsement Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	1. Statutory Limits of the Commonwealth of VA Yes \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000 Statutory Statutory
<u>X</u>	2. Commercial General Liability General Aggregate Products/Completed Operations Personal and Advertising Injury Fire Legal Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	2. \$1,000,000 (CSL) Each Occurrence \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$100,000 Per Occurrence
<u>X</u>	3. Automobile Liability Owned, Hired, Borrowed & Non-owned Motor Carrier Act End. Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, or its equivalent	3. \$1,000,000 combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence (note, symbol "1" on liability coverage)
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---	5. Garage Liability	5. \$1,000,000 CSL Each Occurrence
---	6. Garage Keeper's Legal Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, Or its equivalent	6. a) Maximum Value of One Vehicle b) Maximum Value of All Vehicles Held by Contractor
---	7. Umbrella Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, or its equivalent.	7. \$1,000,000 Minimum
---	8. Other Insurance: Cyber Liability as needed	8. \$1,000,000 Minimum
<u>X</u>	9. Auto and General Liability Policies shall be endorsed to name Fauquier County and/or Fauquier County Public School Board as additional insured (This coverage is primary to all other coverage The County and Schools may possess and must be shown on the certificate)	
<u>X</u>	10. The Contractor shall provide 30 days written notice of any policy cancellation for policies specified on this Checklist to Fauquier County and/or Fauquier County School Board in accordance with the timelines and stipulations in Code of Virginia Section 38.2-231.	
<u>X</u>	11. The Certificate must state Bid/RFP No. and Bid/RFP Title.	
<u>X</u>	12. Contractor shall submit Certificate of Insurance within five (5) business days from notification of award, and shall provide updated Certificates for the duration of the contract.	

OFFEROR STATEMENT

We understand the Insurance Requirements of these specifications and will comply in full if awarded this contract.

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SIGNATURE

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CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

Contractor acknowledges that the implementation of this Contract requires Contractor, Contractor’s employees, or other persons that will provide services under this Contract to have direct contact with students and children. Therefore, Contractor hereby certifies that neither Contractor, Contractor’s employees, nor any person that will provide services under this Contract who will have direct contact with students and children on Fauquier County Public School and/or Fauquier County property have been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child.

Contractor understands that, pursuant to Code of Virginia §22.1-296.1, making a materially false statement regarding offenses which are required to be included in the certification referenced above is a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the fact of such conviction shall be grounds for the revocation of the contract to provide such services and, when relevant, the revocation of any license required to provide such services. Fauquier County Public Schools and/or Fauquier County shall not be liable for materially false statements regarding the certifications required under this Contract.

Contractor certifies that employees, or any person who will have direct contact with students and children under this contract have not been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of child.

 Company Name

 Contract # and Title

 Company Address

 Company Phone Number

 Print Name of Authorized Representative

 Authorized Representative Title

 Authorized Representative Signature

 Date

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GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

Revised 08/05/2021

Vendor: These general rules and conditions shall apply to all purchases and be a part of each solicitation and every contract awarded by the Procurement Division, unless otherwise specified. The Procurement Division is responsible for the purchasing activity of Fauquier County, which is comprised of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, a body politic and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Constitutional Officers of Fauquier County, Virginia, and the Fauquier County School Board, a body corporate. The term "Owner" as used herein refers to the contracting entity which is the signatory on the contract and may be either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, or both. Bidder/Offeror or their authorized representatives are expected to inform themselves fully as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids/proposals: failure to do so will be at the bidder's/Offeror's own risk and except as provided by law, relief cannot be secured on the plea of error.

Subject to all Federal, State and local laws, policies, resolutions, regulations, rules, limitations and legislation, bids/proposals on all solicitations issued by the Procurement Division will bind bidders/Offerors to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

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- 1. AUTHORITY**-Except as delegated in the Procurement Procedures Manual, the Purchasing Agent has the sole responsibility and authority for negotiating, placing and when necessary modifying every solicitation, contract and purchase order issued by the Owner. In the discharge of these responsibilities, the Purchasing Agent may be assisted by assigned buyers. Unless specifically delegated by the Purchasing Agent, no other Owner officer or employee is authorized to order supplies or services, enter into purchase negotiations or contracts, or in any way obligate the Owner for an indebtedness. Any purchase order or contract made which is contrary to these provisions and authorities shall be of no effect and void and the Owner shall not be bound thereby.
 - 2. COMPETITION INTENDED:** It is the Owner's intent that this solicitation permit competition. It shall be the Bidder's/Offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, stifles competition or inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this solicitation to a single source. The Purchasing Agent must receive such notification not later than five (5) business days prior to the deadline set for acceptance of the bids/proposals.

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

- 3. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** Unless otherwise specified, if any Bidder/Offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective Bidder/Offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five (5) business days prior to the date set for the opening of bids or receipt of proposals. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the Buyer. Notifications regarding specifications may not be considered if received in less than five (5) business days of the date set for opening of bids/receipt of proposals.
- 4. MANDATORY USE OF OWNER FORMS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Failure to submit a bid/proposal on the official Owner forms provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. Unauthorized modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. However, the Owner reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject any bid or proposal which has been modified.
- 5. LATE BIDS/PROPOSALS & MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

Any bid/proposal/modification received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of the bid/proposal/modification is considered a late bid/proposal/modification. The Owner is not responsible for delays in the delivery of the mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private carriers or the inter-office mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Offeror to ensure their bid/proposal reaches the Procurement Division by the designated date and hour.

 - The official time used in the receipt of bids/proposals is that time stamp within the Bonfire Portal.
 - Late bids/proposals/modifications will be returned to the Bidder/Offeror UNOPENED, if solicitation number, acceptance date and Bidder/Offeror's return address is shown on the container.
 - If the Owner closes its offices due to inclement weather or other unforeseen emergency scheduled bid openings or receipt of proposals will be extended to the next business day, same time.
- 6. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

A Bidder/Offeror for a contract other than for public construction may request withdrawal of his or her bid/proposal under the following circumstances:

 - Bids/Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the Bidder/Offeror received at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.
 - Requests for withdrawal of bids/proposals after opening of such bids/proposals but prior to award shall be transmitted to the Purchasing Agent, in writing, accompanied by full documentation supporting the request. If the request is based on a claim of error, documentation must show the basis of the error. Such documentation may take the form of supplier quotations, vendor work sheets, etc. If bid bonds were tendered with the bid, the Owner may exercise its right of collection.

No Bid/Proposal may be withdrawn under this paragraph when the result would be the awarding of the contract on another bid/Proposal of the same bidder/Offeror or of another bidder/Offeror in which the ownership of the withdrawing bidder/Offeror is more than five percent. In the case

of Invitation for Bids, if a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this paragraph, the lowest remaining bid shall be deemed to be the low bid. No bidder/Offeror that is permitted to withdraw a bid/proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid/proposal was submitted.

7. **ERRORS IN BIDS/PROPOSALS** – When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Erasures in bids/proposals must be initialed by the bidder/Offeror. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid/proposal otherwise, will not relieve the Bidder/Offeror. Bidders/Offeror's are cautioned to recheck their bids/proposals for possible error. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and the bidder will be required to perform if his or her bid is accepted.
8. **IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** The signed bid/proposal and requested copies should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified with the following information:

ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ON PAGE 1

IFB/RFP NUMBER

TITLE

BID/PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME

VENDOR NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (RETURN ADDRESS)

If a bid/proposal is not addressed with the information as shown above, the Bidder/Offeror takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised, which may cause the bid/proposal to be disqualified. Bids/Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:** Unless otherwise specified, all formal bids/proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days following the date established for acceptance. At the end of the one hundred twenty (120) calendar days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder/Offeror. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
10. **CONDITIONAL BIDS:** Conditional bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
11. **BIDDERS PRESENT:** At the time fixed for the opening of responses to a bid, bid contents will be made public for the information of bidders and other interested parties who may be present either in person or by representative. All bids will be opened at the time and place specified and read publicly. Bid tabulations are posted on the Procurement Division's Bulletin Board for a minimum of 10 days from award date. At the time fixed for the receipt of responses for Request for Proposals, only the names of the Offerors will be read and made available to the public.
12. **RESPONSE TO SOLICITATIONS:** In the event a vendor cannot submit a bid on a solicitation, the vendor is requested to return the solicitation cover sheet with an explanation as to why the vendor is unable to bid on these requirements. Because of the large number of firms listed on the Owner's Bidders List, it may be necessary to delete from this list the names of those persons, firms or corporations who fail to respond after having been invited to bid for three (3) successive solicitations. Such deletion will be made only after formal notification of the intent to remove the firm from the Owner's Bidders List.
13. **BIDDER INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID:** If more than one bid is offered by any one party, either directly or by or in the name of his or her clerk, partner, or other persons, all such bids may be rejected. A party who has quoted prices on work, materials, or supplies to a bidder is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices to other bidders or firms submitting a bid directly for the work, materials or supplies.
14. **TAX EXEMPTION:** The Owner is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or any Virginia sales tax. The price bid must be net, exclusive of taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished if requested by the Bidder/Offeror.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerors certify that they are not currently debarred from submitting bids/proposals on contracts by the Owner, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or proposals on contracts by the Owner or any agency, public entity/locality or authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
16. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** The provisions contained in *Code of Virginia* §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 (the Virginia Public Procurement Act), as amended from time to time, shall be applicable to all contracts solicited or entered into by the Owner. By submitting their bids/proposals, all Bidders/Offerors certify that their bids/proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Bidder, Offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid/proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
17. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** No Bidder/Offeror shall initiate or otherwise have contact related to the solicitation with any Owner representative or employee, other than the Procurement Division, after the date and time established for receipt of bids/proposals. Any contact initiated by a Bidder/Offeror with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeror from this procurement process.

18. **VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** All proceedings, records, contracts and other public records relating to procurement transactions shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3700 *et. seq.*) and § 2.2-4342 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act except as provided below:
- Cost estimates relating to a proposed procurement transaction prepared by or for a public body shall not be open to public inspection.
 - Any competitive sealed bidding bidder, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect bid records within a reasonable time after the opening of bids but prior to award, except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the bids and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, bid records shall be open to public inspection only after award of the contract. Any competitive negotiation Offeror, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect proposal records within a reasonable time after the evaluation and negotiations of proposals are completed but prior to award except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the proposals and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, proposal records shall be open to the public inspection only after award of the contract except as provided in paragraph “c” below. Any inspection of procurement transaction records under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions to ensure the security and integrity of the records.
 - Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder, Offeror or contractor in connection with a procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information and Virginia Public Procurement Acts; however, the bidder, Offeror or contractor must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary.
 - Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require the Owner, when procuring by “competitive negotiation” (Request for Proposal), to furnish a statement of reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous to the Owner.
19. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor certifies by signing bid to the Owner that no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and Owner that interferes with fair competition and no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and any other person or organization that constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to the contract with the Owner.

SPECIFICATIONS

20. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL ITEMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the Owner in its sole discretion determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The Bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Owner to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding, only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the Bidder clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is "equal" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.
21. **FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS:** When a solicitation contains a specification which states no substitutes, no deviation therefrom will be permitted and the bidder will be required to furnish articles in conformity with that specification.
22. **OMISSIONS & DISCREPANCIES:** Any items or parts of any equipment listed in this solicitation which are not fully described or are omitted from such specification, and which are clearly necessary for the completion of such equipment and its appurtenances, shall be considered a part of such equipment although not directly specified or called for in the specifications.
- The Bidder/Offeror shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings. Whenever the mention is made of any articles, material or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter’s codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications.
23. **CONDITION OF ITEMS:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, all items shall be new, in first class condition.

AWARD

24. **AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS:** The Purchasing Agent shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with all provisions of the IFB, provided the bid price is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the Owner to accept it. Awards made in response to a RFP will be made to the highest qualified Offeror whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous to the Owner taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to award a contract by individual items, in the aggregate, or in combination thereof, or to reject any or all bids/proposals and to waive any informality in bids/proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Owner. Award may be made to as many bidders/Offeror’s as deemed necessary to fulfill the anticipated requirements of the Owner. The Purchasing Agent also reserves the right to reject the bid if a bidder is deemed to be a non-responsible bidder.
25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the Procurement Division will publicly post such notice on the Procurement Website at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/procurement>
26. **QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS:** The Owner may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder/Offeror to perform the work/furnish the item(s) and the Bidder/Offeror shall furnish to the Owner all such

information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Owner reserves the right to inspect Bidder's/Offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the Bidder's/Offeror's capabilities. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any bid or proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigations of, such Bidder/Offeror fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder/Offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work/furnish the item(s) contemplated therein.

27. **TIE BIDS:** In the case of a tie bid, the Owner may give preference to goods, services and construction produced in Fauquier County or provided by persons, firms or corporations having principal places of business in the County. If such choice is not available, preference shall then be given to goods and services produced in the Commonwealth pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4324. If no County or Commonwealth choice is available, the tie shall be decided by lot.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

28. **APPLICABLE LAW AND COURTS:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed and construed in all respects by the laws of Virginia, and any litigation with respect thereto shall only be brought in the appropriate General District or Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
29. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the Contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Owner all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of the action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Owner under said contract. This includes, but is not limited to, overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations that arise under United States' or the Commonwealth's antitrust laws. Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by the Purchasing Agent and/or investigation for antitrust violations.
30. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation payment will be made forty-five (45) days after receipt of a proper invoice, or forty-five (45) days after receipt of all goods or acceptance of work, whichever is the latter.
- Invoices for items/services ordered, delivered/performed and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the contract number, purchase order number, and any federal employer identification number.
 - Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 45 days will be regarded as requiring payment 45 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 45 days, however.
 - The date of payment shall be deemed the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail.
 - The Owner's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Contractors must submit invoices, especially for goods and/or services provided in the month of JUNE, for the entire month i.e. June 1 - June 30, so that expenses are recognized in the appropriate fiscal year.
 - Any payment made by the Contractor to the Owner shall only be made in U.S. Dollars. If payment is received in foreign currency the Owner may, in its sole discretion, reject such payment and require immediate compensation in U.S. Dollars.
31. **PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS:** A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
- To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Owner for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - To notify the Owner and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month compounded monthly (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Owner, except for amounts withheld as stated in 2 above. The date of mailing of any payment by postage prepaid U.S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each subtier contractor performing under the primary contract-. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Owner.
32. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Purchasing Agent.
33. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to another remedies which the Owner may have.
34. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offeror's certify to the Owner that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians with Disabilities Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Virginia Human Rights Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3900 *et seq.*) and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1(E)).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in A and B below apply:

- During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- 1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - 2) The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - 3) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- b. The Contractor will include the provisions of a. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
35. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can only be made to the contract in one of the following ways:
- a. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 - b. The Owner may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the Contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The Contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The Contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Owner a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods.
 - 1) By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - 2) By agreeing in writing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Owner's right to audit the Contractor's records and/or determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - 3) By ordering the Contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The Contractor shall present the Owner with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Owner shall have the right to audit the records of the Contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Procurement Division within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Procurement Division. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the questions of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for relieving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the Contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Owner or with the performance of the contract generally.
 - c. No modification for a fixed price contract may be increased by more than 25% or \$50,000, whichever is greater without the advanced written approval of the Board of Supervisors or the School Board, as applicable.
36. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the Owner, its agents, officials, employees and volunteers against claims of injuries, death, damage to property, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses which may otherwise accrue against the Owner in consequence of the granting of a contract or which may otherwise result therefrom, if it shall be determined that the act was caused through negligence or error, or omission of the Contractor or his or her employees, or that of the subcontractor or his or her employees, if any; and the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith; and if any judgment shall be rendered against the Owner in any such action, the Contractor shall, at his or her own expenses, satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the Owner as herein provided.
37. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "*drug-free workplace*" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

38. **TERMINATION:** Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Owner upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- a. **Termination for Convenience:** In the event that the contract is terminated upon request and for the convenience of the Owner, without the required thirty (30) days advance notice, then the Owner shall be responsible for payment of services up to the termination date.
 - b. **Termination for Cause:** Termination by the Owner for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any shall not apply. However, pursuant to the Default provision of these General Conditions, the

Owner may hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.

c. **Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years:** When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be canceled without any liability or penalty to Owner.

39. **USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER PUBLIC BODIES:** Except as prohibited by the current *Code of Virginia*, all resultant contracts will be extended, with the authorization of the Contractor, to other public bodies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and all currently active members of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) or, Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team, to permit their ordering of supplies and/or services at the prices and terms of the resulting contract. If any other public body decides to use the final contract, the Contractor must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement or orders, issuance of the purchase order, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. Fauquier County acts only as the “Contracting Agent” for these public bodies. Any resulting contract with other public bodies shall be governed by the laws of that specific entity. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify the public bodies of the availability of the contract. Fauquier County shall not be held liable for any costs or damage incurred by another public body as a result of any award extended to that public body by the Contractor.

40. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this contract for five years after final payment, or until audited by the Owner, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or Owner auditors shall have full access to and right to examine any of said materials during said period.

41. **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION:** The Contractor shall not employ on school property any employee who is a registered sex offender and shall enforce the same restriction upon all sub-contractors and agents of Contractor. Prior to starting work and quarterly during performance of the work, the Contractor shall check the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry to verify sex offender status of all employees and agents of Contractor and Sub-Contractors who are employed on school property by the Contractor or Sub-Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with evidence verifying compliance with the services.

Prior to starting work on-site, the Contractor shall submit a completed Fauquier County Public Schools “CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN” form, a copy of which is included in this solicitation.

42. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW:** During the term of any contract, the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth of Virginia, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

43. **ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION:** As required by the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act 40 CFR, subpart E, 763.93, information regarding asbestos inspections, response actions, and post response activities is on file in a full asbestos report located in the main office of each school. Contractors bear full responsibility to review this material prior to commencing any activity at a school site.

44. **VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION:** If required by law, the Contractor shall maintain a valid certificate of authority or registration to transact business in Virginia with the Virginia State Corporation Commission as required by Title 13.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the term of the Contract or any Contract renewal. The Contractor shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the terms of the contract. If the Contractor fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section, the contract is voidable at the option of Owner.

45. **ADA WEBSITE-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY:** Any Contractor who performs services, designs, develops content, maintains or otherwise bears responsibility for the content and format of Owner’s website(s) or third-party programs accessed through Owner’s website(s), acknowledges receipt of, and responsibility to implement the accessibility standards found in the U.S. Department of Justice publication entitled “Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities,” available at www.ada.gov/websites2.htm or, as attached directly to the solicitation. Contractor services as noted, shall conform to § 508 of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the World Wide Web Consortium’s (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 AA), most current versions, in addition to the Owner’s web accessibility policy.

DELIVERY PROVISION

46. **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS-CONSIGNMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation each case, crate, barrel, package, etc., delivered under the contract must be plainly stenciled or securely tagged, stating the Contractor’s name, purchase order number, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Where shipping containers are to be used, each container must be marked with the purchase order number, name of the Contractor, the name of the item, the item number, and the quantity contained therein. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Deliveries at any other time will not be accepted unless specific arrangements have been previously made with the designated individual at the delivery point. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays unless previous arrangements have been made. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to insure compliance with these instructions for items that are drop-shipped.

47. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES TENDERED:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by the contract until they are delivered at the designated point, but the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies after notice of rejection. Rejected materials or supplies must be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification of rejection, unless public health and safety require immediate destruction or other disposal of rejected delivery. If rejected materials are not removed by the Contractor

within ten (10) days after date of notification, the Owner may return the rejected materials or supplies to the Contractor at his or her risk and expense or dispose of them as its own property.

48. **INSPECTIONS:** The Owner reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure supplies and services conform to the specification. Inspection and acceptance of materials or supplies will be made after delivery at destinations herein specified unless otherwise stated. If inspection is made after delivery at destination herein specified, the Owner will bear the expense of inspection except for the value of samples used in case of rejection. Final inspection shall be conclusive except in regard to latent defects, fraud or such gross mistakes as to amount to fraud. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies will be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the Owner for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specifications.
49. **COMPLIANCE:** Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the solicitation or as directed by the Procurement Division when not in conflict with the bid/contract. The decision as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of goods by the purchaser shall rest with the Contractor. Any request for extension of time of delivery from that specified must be approved by the Procurement Division, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment affected. Should the Contractor be delayed by the Owner, there shall be added to the time of completion a time equal to the period of such delay caused by the Owner. However, the contractor shall not be entitled to claim damages of extra compensation for such delay or suspension. These conditions may vary for construction contracts.
50. **POINT OF DESTINATION:** All materials shipped to the Owner must be shipped F.O.B. DESTINATION unless otherwise stated in the contract. The materials must be delivered to the "Ship To" address indicated on the purchase order.
51. **REPLACEMENT:** Materials or components that have been rejected by the Procurement Division, in accordance with the terms of the contract, shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the Owner.
52. **PACKING SLIPS OR DELIVERY TICKETS:** All shipments shall be accompanied by Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets and shall contain the following information for each item delivered:
- Purchase Order Number,
 - Name of Article and Stock Number,
 - Quantity Ordered,
 - Quantity Shipped,
 - Quantity Back Ordered,
 - The Name of the Contractor.

Contractors are cautioned that failure to comply with these conditions shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR REMEDIES

53. **PROTEST OF AWARD OR DECISION TO AWARD:** Any Bidder/Offeror who desires to protest the award or decision to award a contract, by either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, shall submit such protest in writing to the County Administrator (if the award or decision to award was made by Fauquier County) or the Superintendent of Schools (if the award or decision to award was made by the Fauquier County School Board), no later than ten (10) days after public notice of the award or announcement of the decision to award, whichever comes first. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected bidder/Offeror is not a responsible bidder/Offeror. The written protest shall include the basis for the protest and the relief sought. The County Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools, as the case may be, shall issue a decision in writing within ten (10) days stating the reasons for the action taken. This decision shall be final unless the bidder/Offeror appeals within ten (10) days of the written decision by instituting legal action as provided in § VIII.H.3 of the County's Procurement Policy. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit an Offeror to challenge the validity of the terms or conditions of the solicitation.
54. **DISPUTES:** Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Administrator (if the claim is against Fauquier County) no later than sixty (60) days after final payment; however, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file such claim shall have been given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Nothing herein shall preclude a contract from requiring submission of an invoice for final payment within a certain time after completion and acceptance of the work or acceptance of the goods. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amount agreed due in the final payment. A written decision upon any such claims will be made by the School Board (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Board of Supervisors (if the claim is against Fauquier County) within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim. The Contractor may not institute legal action prior to receipt of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (whichever is applicable) decision on the claim unless the applicable party fails to render such decision within sixty (60) days. The decision of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) shall be final and conclusive unless the Contractor within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on a claim, initiates legal action as provided in *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4364. Failure of the School Board or Board of Supervisors to render a decision within sixty (60) days shall not result in the Contractor being awarded the relief claimed nor shall it result in any other relief or penalty. Should the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) fail to render a decision within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim, the Contractor may institute legal action within six (6) months after such 60-day period shall have expired, or the claim shall be deemed finally resolved. No administrative appeals procedure pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4365 has been established for contractual claims under this contract.



RFP #010424
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning

Proposal Due Date: January 4, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than January 4, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Public Notice of RFP Published:	November 9, 2023
Pre-proposal Conference:	November 30, 2023, 2:00 p.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	December 20, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
Proposal Due Date:	January 4, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	January 4, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time See RFP Section V.G. "Opening"

I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL

A. SOURCEWELL

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and contract award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ participating entities across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with State of Minnesota law and policies, conforms to Canadian trade agreements (including Canadian Free Trade Agreement, Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, as applicable), and results in cooperative purchasing solutions from which Sourcewell's Participating Entities procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative purchasing provides participating entities and suppliers increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and contract expanding the reach of contracted suppliers' potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

B. USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS

In the United States, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Federal and state government entities¹;
- Cities, towns, and counties/parishes;
- Education service cooperatives;
- K-12 and higher education entities;
- Tribal government entities;
- Some nonprofit entities; and
- Other public entities.

In Canada, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

¹ Pursuant to HAR §3-128-2, the State of Hawaii, Department of Accounting and General Services, State Procurement Office, on behalf of the State of Hawaii and participating jurisdictions, has provided notice of its Intent to Participate in the solicitation as a participating entity.

- Provincial and territorial government departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions, and similar agencies;
- Indigenous self-governing bodies;
- Regional, local, district, and other forms of municipal government, municipal organizations, school boards, and publicly funded academic, health, and social service entities referred to as MASH sector (this should be construed to include but not be limited to the Cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Winnipeg), as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities;
- Crown corporations, government enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by these entities through ownership interest; and
- Members of the Canoe procurement group of Canada, and their partner associations: Canoe members are regional, local, district or other forms of municipal government, school boards, publicly-funded academic, health and social service entities in Alberta and across Canada, as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities – as well as partner associations, including Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Local Authorities Services/Association of Municipalities Ontario, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities, Municipalities Newfoundland Labrador, Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, North West Territories Association of Communities, CivicInfo BC, and their members.

For a listing of current United States and Canadian Participating Entities visit Sourcewell’s website (note: there is a tab for each country): <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/sourcewell-for-vendors/agency-locator>.

Participating Entities typically access contracted equipment, products, or services through a purchase order issued directly to the contracted supplier. A Participating Entity may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Participating Entities retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Participating Entities’ needs, Sourcewell broadly publishes public notice of all solicitation opportunities, including this RFP. In addition, where applicable, other purchasing cooperatives and procurement officials receive notice and are encouraged to re-post the solicitation opportunity.

Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

II. SOLICITATION DETAILS

A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and that are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

B. REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

It is expected that proposers will offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning, such as:
 - a. Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all types of fire and rescue service; including, but not limited to:
 - i. Protective Clothing;
 - ii. Helmets and related accessories;
 - iii. Other related equipment and accessories (e.g. belts, suspenders, straps, radio holders, eye protection, etc.); and,
 - iv. Firefighting apparel and station-wear, Proposers may include firefighting apparel and station-wear to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the purchase of the equipment and products being proposed.
 - b. Firefighting PPE cleaning and decontamination equipment and service; including but not limited to:
 - i. Extractors, laundry machines, mechanical dryers, drying and storing racks;
 - ii. Cleaning and decontamination service and maintenance;
 - iii. Firefighting PPE cleaning supplies; and,
 - iv. Cleaning equipment for other firefighting equipment and tools.
 - c. Services Related to the equipment described in subsections 1. a. and 1. b. above, including training, testing, service, maintenance, installation, warranty programs, and certification of gear. Proposers may include related services to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the purchase of the equipment and products being proposed.

Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, and services to the extent that these solutions are ancillary or complementary to the equipment, products, or services being proposed.

2. This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in pending or planned Sourcewell solicitations, or in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell, identified below:
 - a. Body Armor with Related Accessories, Equipment, and Services (RFP #011221);

- b. Firefighting Apparatus, with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Supplies (RFP #113021);
- c. Public Safety Training and Simulation Equipment and Technology (RFP #011822);
- d. Medical Supply Solutions (RFP #022422);
- e. Critical Care and EMS Equipment (RFP #041823);
- f. Ambulance and Emergency Medical Transport Vehicles, with Related Equipment Accessories, and Supplies (RFP #122123);
- g. Firefighting Equipment and Rescue Tools (RFP #TBD);
- h. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems (RFP TBD); and,
- i. Uniforms with Related Products and Services (RFP #TBD);

Generally, the solutions for Participating Entities are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment-only or products-only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Participating Entities possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation the equipment or products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers suppliers that provide a sole source of responsibility for the equipment, products, and services provided under a resulting contract. If proposer is including the equipment, products, and services of its subsidiary entities, the proposer must also identify all included subsidiaries in its proposal. If proposer requires the use of distributors, dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the equipment, products, or services, the proposal must address how the equipment, products or services will be provided to Participating Entities, and describe the network of distributors, dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Participating Entities under a resulting contract.

Sourcewell encourages suppliers to offer the broadest possible selection of equipment, products, and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and future Participating Entities.

C. REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities.

1. Safety Requirements. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
2. Deviation from Industry Standard. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.

3. New Equipment and Products. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal.
4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Participating Entity as operational.
5. Warranty. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

D. PROSPECTIVE CONTRACT TERM

The term of any resulting contract(s) awarded by Sourcewell under this solicitation will be four years. Sourcewell and supplier may agree to up to three additional one-year extensions based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities. Sourcewell retains the right to consider additional extensions beyond seven years as required under exceptional circumstances.

E. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions from contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$50 Million; therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the contract(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting contract are not guaranteed.

F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Participating Entities. The proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Participating Entities, as well as proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that proposer will promote and market any contract award.

G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Contracts will be awarded to proposers able to best meet the need of Participating Entities. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. A proposer may submit only one proposal. If related, affiliated, or subsidiary entities elect to submit separate proposals, rather than a single parent-entity proposal, each such proposal must be prepared independently and without cooperation, collaboration, or collusion.
3. If a proposer works with a consultant on its proposal, the consultant (an individual or company) may not assist any other entity with a proposal for this solicitation.
4. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal, since Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not included in the proposal. Sourcewell reserves

the right to verify proposer's information and may request clarification from a proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.

5. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
6. A proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Participating Entities occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell contract may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

III. PRICING

A. REQUIREMENTS

All proposed pricing must be:

1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:
 - a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the proposer's published "List Price," as well as the "Contract Price."
 - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any contract resulting from this RFP.
2. The proposer's not to exceed price. A not to exceed price is the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Participating Entity. However, it is permissible for suppliers to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price.
3. Stated in U.S. and Canadian dollars (as applicable).
4. Clearly understandable, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Participating Entity's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the proposer. Additionally, proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the proposal.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Proposers awarded a contract are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally

calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Participating Entities for all contracted equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

IV. CONTRACT

Proposers awarded a contract will be required to execute a contract with Sourcewell (see attached template). Only those modifications the proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Contract reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in the proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the template Contract, a proposer must submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications table with its proposal. Only those exceptions noted at the time of the proposal submission will be considered.

Exceptions must:

1. Clearly identify the affected article and section.
2. Clearly note the requested modification; and as applicable, provide requested alternative language.

Unclear requests will be automatically denied.

Only those exceptions that have been accepted by Sourcewell will be included in the contract document provided to the awarded supplier for signature.

If a proposer receives a contract award resulting from this solicitation it will have up to 30 days to sign and return the contract. After that time, at Sourcewell's sole discretion, the contract award may be revoked.

V. RFP PROCESS

A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Sourcewell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted in the Solicitation Schedule for this RFP and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcewell's competitive contracting process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that have registered for this solicitation opportunity through their Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcewell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcewell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

C. ADDENDA

Sourcewell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcewell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential proposers through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Sourcewell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the solicitation due date and time.

If an addendum is issued after a proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The proposer is solely responsible to check the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account periodically after submitting its proposal (and up to the Proposal Due Date). If the proposer's proposal status has changed to INCOMPLETE, the proposer is solely responsible to:

- i) make any required adjustments to its proposal;
- ii) acknowledge the addenda; and
- iii) ensure the re-submitted proposal is received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time shown in the Solicitation Schedule above.

D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

It is recommended that proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The time and date that a proposal is received by Sourcewell is solely determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to 24 hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the proposer. If the proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at support@bidsandtenders.ca.

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

Within the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all proposals must be digitally acknowledged by an authorized representative of the proposer attesting that the information contained in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the proposer to remedies available by law.

E. GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be:

- In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
- Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
- Submitted in English.
- Valid and irrevocable for 90 days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the proposer.

F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a proposer may withdraw its proposal.

G. OPENING

The Opening of proposals will be conducted in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal immediately following the proposal due date and time. To view the list of proposers resulting from the opening, verify that the Sourcewell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed."

Members of the public may attend the Opening at Sourcewell’s office located at 202 12th Street NE, Staples, MN to hear the results.

VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcewell to award one or more contracts to responsive and responsible proposers offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities. The award(s) will be limited to the number of proposers that Sourcewell determines is necessary to meet the needs of its Participating Entities.

Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- Total evaluation scores (giving consideration to natural breaks in the scoring of responsive proposals);
- The number and geographic location of highest-scoring proposers that offer:
 - A comprehensive selection of the requested equipment, products, or services;
 - A sales and service network ensuring availability and coverage for Participating Entities’ use; and
 - Other attributes of the proposer or contents of its proposal that assist Participating Entities in achieving environmental and social requirements, and goals.

Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcewell has any knowledge about a specific supplier or product.

B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the highest-scoring proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcewell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (a copy is available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	50
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100
Marketing Plan	50

Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400
TOTAL POINTS	1000

C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcewell’s Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcewell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. All documents that comprise the complete protest package must be received, and time stamped at the Sourcewell office by 4:30 p.m., Central Time, no later than 10 calendar days following Sourcewell’s notice of contract award(s) or non-award. A protest must allege a procedural, technical, or legal defect, with supporting documentation. A protest that merely requests a re-evaluation of a proposal’s content will not be entertained

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the alleged procedural, technical, or legal defect;
- Analysis of the basis for the protest;
- Any additional supporting documentation;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000 (except where prohibited by law or treaty).

Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

D. RIGHTS RESERVED

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any contract, and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for contracts or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;
- Independently verify any information provided in a proposal;
- Disqualify any proposer that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, is debarred or suspended by the United States or Canada, State of Minnesota, Participating Entity’s

state or province; has an officer, or other key personnel, who have been charged with a serious crime; or is bankrupt, insolvent, or where bankruptcy or insolvency are a reasonable prospect;

- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Clarify any part of a proposal and discuss any aspect of the proposal with any proposer; and negotiate with more than one proposer;
- Award a contract if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities; and
- Award a contract to one or more proposers if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities.

E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell considers that negotiations are complete upon execution of a resulting contract. It is the proposer's responsibility to clearly identify any data submitted that it considers to be protected. Proposer must also include a justification for the classification citing the applicable Minnesota law. Sourcewell may reject proposals that are marked confidential or nonpublic, either substantially or in their entirety.

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the proposer to be confidential, proprietary, or trade secret materials. Financial information, including financial statements, provided by a proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.



11/9/2023

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 010424

Solicitation Name: Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Are you looking for a supplier to provide these services in Canada and the United States?

Answer 1:

A proposer is not required to cover every geographic region to be considered for award. Each proposal is evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP. This RFP's resulting contracts may be used by Sourcewell's participating entities in the United States and in Canada as outlined in section 1.B. of the RFP document.

Question 2:

What are the administrative fees?

Answer 2:

Refer to section III. B., of the RFP for details on the Administrative Fee, "Proposers awarded a contract are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Participating Entities for all contracted equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative." It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 010424 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/9/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/30/2023

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 010424

Solicitation Name: Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Outside of our submitted dealers of record, can an end user request a dealer not stated on this list if they have a preferred supplier or there are none in close proximity?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section II. B. – Requested Equipment, Products, or Services – “... If Proposer requires the use of dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the products or services, the Proposal should address how the products or services will be provided to Participating Entities and describe the network of dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Participating Entities under a resulting contract.” It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information or documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell Participating Entities and satisfy all the requirements of the RFP and the questionnaire tables. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

For additional detail on the requirement for awarded suppliers with respect to distributor/dealer networks, refer to Sourcewell Contract Template Section 2. C. – Dealers, Distributors, and/or Resellers.

Question 2:

With selling into both U.S. and Canada, what is the best way to list our prices in local currency? Within the same document, separate submissions, etc.?

Answer 2:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with its business methods and satisfies all the requirements of the RFP Article on

Pricing. Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are not included in the proposed pricing of the equipment, products, or services.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 010424 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/30/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/04/2023

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 010424

Solicitation Name: Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Will there be preference given to either a vendor or a manufacturer if both bidding the same items and what if the pricing is lower for one of them? How will the award process work this time around for this type of event?

Answer 1:

The Sourcewell RFP is an open and competitive solicitation process. Sourcewell does not restrict the ability of interested proposers to submit a proposal in response to this RFP. A proposer is allowed to propose its entire line of equipment, products, and services falling within the requested equipment, products, or services of the subject solicitation. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 010424 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/04/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/14/2023

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 010424

Solicitation Name: Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Can you kindly confirm the requirements for the Proposer's Authorized Representative? Are they required to submit a signed letter from the Proposer authorizing them to submit on their behalf? Does the user ID who submits the bid via the Sourcewell portal need to match exactly with the name listed for the Proposer's Authorized Representative in section 7 of the first page on the bid questionnaire, in order to be considered a valid submission?

Answer 1:

Refer to Step 1 - Table 1, Question 7, and the contents of the Proposer's Affidavit in Step 3. A Proposer's authorized representative must be identified in Question 7. and must also execute or direct the execution of the Affidavit and the submittal of the Proposal.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 010424 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/14/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/15/2023

Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 010424

Solicitation Name: Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

In regards to Table 2, Line Item 16, could you kindly confirm if the written authorization to act as distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity) must be provided for each manufacturer individually, or is it a blanket statement covering all manufacturers proposed? Is any documentation required directly from the manufacturer, or is it sufficient to simply respond within Line Item 16 affirming that we are an authorized dealer?

Answer 1:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and satisfy all the requirements included in the questionnaire tables.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 010424 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/15/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

Proposal Evaluation
Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning
RFP #010424

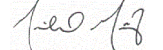
Possible Points		AeroClave, LLC	All Hands Fire Equipment, LLC	Arnold Machine, Inc.	Associated Fire Safety Group, Inc.	Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc.	Circul-Air Corp. International, Inc.	DAN ENTERPRISES TEAM, LLC	Delta Fire & Safety, Inc.	Emergency Technical Decon	Fire-Dex GW, LLC dba Gear Wash
Conformance to RFP Requirements	50	40	41	39	39	40	40	40	39	39	39
Pricing	400	324	326	329	289	266	325	327	306	308	319
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75	60	60	54	53	60	53	57	57	51	58
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100	72	70	65	70	80	77	68	66	72	74
Marketing Plan	50	39	40	38	33	39	39	38	36	36	36
Value Added Attributes	75	56	64	53	53	54	54	62	54	60	55
Warranty and Performance Standards or Guarantees	50	38	40	40	38	39	40	40	36	38	39
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200	138	174	125	148	163	153	155	163	151	153
Total Points	1,000	767	815	743	723	741	781	787	757	755	773
Rank Order		15	2	19	24	20	11	8.5	16	17	14


Possible Points		Fire-Dex, LLC	Galls, LLC	HAIX NORTH AMERICA, INC.	INNOTEX CORP.	L.N. Curtis & Sons	Lakeland Industries, Inc.	LION First Responder PPE, Inc.	M&L Supply, Fire & Safety	Morning Pride MFG dba Honeywell First Responder Products	MSA Safety Sales, LLC dba Globe Manufacturing Co.
Conformance to RFP Requirements	50	40	38	40	40	42	39	42	37	38	39
Pricing	400	320	259	330	314	310	315	328	275	326	306
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75	60	58	60	58	61	53	60	58	61	62
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100	77	84	83	77	78	75	84	70	83	84
Marketing Plan	50	37	34	40	39	41	39	38	38	30	41
Value Added Attributes	75	58	58	60	58	61	43	63	54	58	63
Warranty and Performance Standards or Guarantees	50	41	38	39	39	41	40	42	37	39	39
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200	155	159	134	155	170	143	165	156	153	143
Total Points	1,000	788	728	786	780	804	747	822	725	788	777
Rank Order		6.5	22	10	12	5	18	1	23	6.5	13

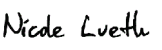
Possible Points		Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.	Ram'd Air Gear Dryer, Ltd.	Ricocet Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Safedesign Apparel, Ltd. Dba Fireservice Management, Ltd.	Safety Source Fire, Inc.	SUPPRESSION GEAR, Inc.	Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC	VIKING Life Saving Equipment, Inc.	Vizocom ICT, LLC	Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.
Conformance to RFP Requirements	50	39	37	40	19	32	37	38	41	-	36
Pricing	400	316	249	339	93	214	293	288	322	-	258
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75	63	49	58	28	46	49	53	60	-	51
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100	84	67	78	46	61	64	66	76	-	64
Marketing Plan	50	35	34	40	15	29	34	38	42	-	28
Value Added Attributes	75	51	52	61	26	45	56	55	64	-	44
Warranty and Performance Standards or Guarantees	50	39	40	39	15	30	37	39	41	-	34
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200	180	133	158	104	155	125	161	141	-	146
Total Points	1,000	807	661	813	346	612	695	738	787	0	661
Rank Order		4	26.5	3	29	28	25	21	8.5	30	26.5

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COMMENT AND REVIEW
to the
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) #010424
Entitled

Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning

The following advertisement was placed November 9, 2023 in *USA Today*, in South Carolina's *The State*, and on the Sourcewell website www.sourcewell-mn.gov, Sourcewell Procurement Portal <https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>, Biddingo, Merx, PublicPurchase.com, The New York State Contract Reporter www.nyscr.ny.gov, November 10, 2023 in Oregon's *Daily Journal of Commerce*, and November 9 and November 16, 2023 in *The Oklahoman*:

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than January 4, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

The solicitation process was conducted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The following parties expressed interest in the solicitation by registering for this opportunity within the portal:

101077696 Saskatchewan, Ltd.	HAIX NORTH AMERICA, INC.
171 EMERGENCIA, INC.	Husqvarna Professional Products, Inc.
911 Fleet & Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC	INNOTEX CORP.
9195-6664 Quebec, Inc.	INTERBORO PACKAGING CORPORATION
9397-9813 Quebec, Inc.	Interspiro, Inc.
A&R Project Solutions, Ltd.	L.N. Curtis & Sons
AeroClave, LLC	Lakeland Industries, Inc.
All Hands Fire Equipment, LLC	Levitt-Safety, Limited
AramSCO, Inc.	Limited Enterprise, Inc.
Arnold Machine, Inc.	LION First Responder PPE, Inc.
Arvita Trade, Inc.	M&L Supply, Fire & Safety
Associated Fire Safety Group, Inc.	Macqueen Equipment

Associated Fire Safety Group, Ltd.	Miele, Limited
Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc.	Model Manes
Bochi Brothers Accessory Network	Morning Pride MFG dba Honeywell First Responder Products
Cascade Fire Equipment	MSA Safety Sales, LLC dba Globe Manufacturing Co., LLC
Circul-Air Corp. International, Inc.	Municipal Emergency Services
Comoroz, Inc.	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.
Conway Shield	North America Fire Equipment Co., Inc.
Cooperative Services, LLC	PWXPress
DAN ENTERPRISES TEAM, LLC	Quantum International Services, Ltd.
DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, Inc.	Ram'd Air Gear Dryer, Ltd.
Defense Equipment Company	Rescue Intellitech, Inc.
Delta Fire & Safety, Inc.	Ricocet Manufacturing Company, Inc.
DIAMOND POWER CONSULTANT GROUP, INC.	Safedesign Apparel, Ltd. Db a Fireservice Management, Ltd.
Draeger Safety Canada, Ltd.	Safety Source Fire, Inc.
Draeger, Inc.	Sea-Western, Inc.
Dry Gear Solutions	SUPPRESSION GEAR, Inc.
DYNAMIX SCAFFOLD GROUP, LLC	Tempest Technology Corporation
Emergency Technical Decon	Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC
Emergent Health Care Solutions, LLC	Touche, Ltd.
Fire Tech and Safety	Valor Elite Supply, LLC.
Fire-Dex GW, LLC dba Gear Wash	VIKING Life Saving Equipment, Inc.
Fire-Dex, LLC	Vizocom ICT, LLC
FIRE-ETC	W.A. Vorpahl, Inc.
FireTec!	W.S. Darley & Co.
FYRE MARKETING, LLC	WFR Fire
Galls, LLC	Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.
Genesis Rescue Systems	Women Teaching CPR
Guillevin International Co.	

All Proposals remained sealed within the Sourcewell Procurement Portal until the scheduled due date and time. Proposals were electronically opened, and the list of all Proposers was made publicly available on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, on January 4, 2024 at 4:30 pm CT. Proposals were received from the following:

- AeroClave, LLC
- All Hands Fire Equipment, LLC
- Arnold Machine, Inc.
- Associated Fire Safety Group, Inc.
- Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc.
- Circul-Air Corp. International, Inc.
- DAN ENTERPRISES TEAM, LLC
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Safety Source Fire, Inc.
SUPPRESSION GEAR, Inc.
Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC
VIKING Life Saving Equipment, Inc.
Vizocom ICT, LLC
Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.

Proposals were reviewed by the Proposal Evaluation Committee:

Greg Grunig, MS, Senior Procurement Analyst
Michael Muñoz, CPPB, Senior Procurement Analyst
Nicole Lueth, Procurement Analyst
Craig West, Procurement Analyst

The findings of the Proposal Evaluation Committee are summarized as follows:

The Proposal Evaluation Committee applied the Sourcewell RFP evaluation criteria and determined that the products and services offered in the proposal response from Vizocom ITC, LLC fall outside of the Requested Equipment, Products, or Services of the RFP. All other proposals were found to meet the scope and mandatory submittal requirements and were evaluated.

All Hands Fire Equipment, LLC, is a distributor and service provider for firefighting equipment, tools, supplies, and accessories for over 800 different manufacturers and suppliers. They offer financing options through LCA Bank Corporation. All Hands Fire Equipment offers extensive training courses, and have numerous environmental initiatives. They are offering Sourcewell participating entities solid discounts off list prices and volume discounts.

Dan Enterprise Team, LLC is a Small Business that has graduated from the 8(a) program with the SBA and is a certified Small Business in Broward County, Florida. Headquartered in Pembroke Pines, Florida, Dan Enterprise Team has strong coverage of the Maime-Dade County and all Florida and has the ability to meet Sourcewell's Participating Entities needs nationally. Dan Enterprise team is offering many brands of Firefighting PPE to Sourcewell and participating entities at better discounted rates than normally offered to government agencies.

Fire-Dex, LLC is a family-owned and operated company operating as a manufacturer of head-to-toe PPE for first responders and an expansive Independent Service Provider (ISP) offering of Firefighting PPE care and maintenance under its subsidiary, Gear Wash. Headquartered in Medina, Ohio, with three additional manufacturing locations in Georgia, North Carolina, and Mexico, Fire-Dex has demonstrated their ability to provide these products and services to Sourcewell Participating Entities throughout the United States and Canada. All products and services offered by Fire-Dex are provided to Sourcewell's Participating Entities at competitive discounts.

HAIX is a family-owned footwear manufacturer trusted by first responders. The combination of their own salesforce and their dealer network, they can sell and serve to Sourcewell participating entities across the United States and Canada. They are offering a substantial footwear offering along with routine inspection, advanced inspection and retirement of footwear, if needed. HAIX is offering substantial discounts to Sourcewell entities.

LION First Responder PPE, Inc., manufactures a comprehensive offering of first responder personal protective equipment (PPE). LION's PPE line is offered to all Sourcewell participating entities across the United States and Canada by both LION and a robust dealer network spanning from coast to coast. Cleaning, inspection and repair of products is provided by LION TotalCare market centers located in several major cities across the United States. All products proposed by LION First Responder PPE are being provided at a competitive discount rate.

L.N. Curtis & Sons is a stocking distributor of firefighting equipment in the Western US. In addition to equipment sales, they offer solutions such as Curtis Force Protection, Curtis Blue Line, Firefighters Bookstore, and ECMS for service, training, and PPE care and maintenance services. Curtis utilizes many HUB suppliers to assist in meeting member purchasing goals. Curtis offers a solid discount to Sourcewell participating entities, and purchases are supported by manufacturer warranties and available extended warranties.

Morning Pride Manufacturing L.L.C., also known as Honeywell First Responder Products, is a manufacturer producing Morning Pride turnout gear, Pro Warrington boots, Honeywell boots, Ben and Liteforce helmets, and Honeywell hoods. With a dealer network of over 100 authorized dealers, Morning Pride provides coverage in all states and provinces throughout the USA and Canada. Morning Pride is offering their line of head to toe Firefighting PPE gear at aggressive discounts from standard MSRP.

Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., offers a full line of personal protective equipment from a diverse lineup of manufacturers. Their product line includes turnout gear, boots, gloves, hoods, CBRN, station wear, helmets, eye protection, laundry, extractor machines, and drying cabinets. MES has a vast sales and distribution network located throughout the United States. MES offers a discount off their MSRP pricing structure to Sourcewell participating entities.

Ricochet Manufacturing Company, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is a manufacturer of Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment dedicated to exceeding the standards set by NFPA 1999, 1951, and 1971. Ricochet has exhibited their ability to meet Sourcewell's participating entities needs throughout the United States via their dealer network and US national sales force. The robust product offering of head-to-toe PPE gear is supplemented by no-cost training and education options for Sourcewell Participating Entities pertaining to construction, application, usage, care, inspection, and maintenance of fire, technical rescue, and EMS PPE. All products on contract are being provided at a discounted rate from MSRP.

Viking Life Saving Equipment, Inc. began in Denmark and is now a global corporation whose name is synonymous with safety at sea. Their product offerings have grown to include the manufacturing of turnout, EMS, extrication, and wildland gear, hoods, and other fire PPE accessories. Products are distributed through their

growing dealer network of over 60+ partners situated across the U.S. and Canada. They also offer extended warranty periods and expedited processing of orders when necessary for no additional charge. Viking is offering an aggressive discount off Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for each item in their proposal.

For these reasons, the Sourcewell Proposal Evaluation Committee recommends award of Sourcewell Contract #010424 to:

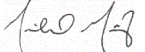
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LION First Responder PPE, Inc.	#010424-LIO
L.N. Curtis & Sons	#010424-LNC
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Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.	#010424-MES
Ricochet Manufacturing Company LLC	#010424-RIC
Viking Life-Saving Equipment (America) Inc.	#010424-VKN

The preceding recommendations were approved on March 20, 2024.


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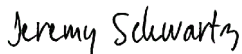
STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

As Chief Procurement Officer for Sourcewell, I have reviewed the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee and the accompanying support materials documenting the process followed for **RFP #010424 for Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning**.

The committee accepted, deemed responsive, evaluated, and recommended proposals for award. Under authority granted to the Chief Procurement Officer in Sourcewell's bylaws, the recommendations set forth above are approved.

I hereby certify:

1. Sourcewell is a government agency, created and authorized by Minnesota law to provide cooperative procurement contracts.
2. The procurement process and resulting contracts have been awarded in compliance with the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471 and Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21), and in conformity to Sourcewell's Procurement Policy.

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Sourcewell Chief Procurement Officer

Fire-Dex #010424-DEX

Pricing for contract #010424-DEX offers Sourcewell participating agencies the following discounts:

- 45% discount off the list price



Solicitation Number: RFP #010424

CONTRACT

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Fire-Dex, LLC, 780 S. Progress Dr., Medina, OH 44256 (Supplier).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to eligible federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. Sourcewell issued a public solicitation for Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning from which Supplier was awarded a contract.

Supplier desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and the entities that access Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts (Participating Entities).

1. TERM OF CONTRACT

A. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.

EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION. This Contract expires March 27, 2028, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 22. This Contract allows up to three additional one-year extensions upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. Sourcewell retains the right to consider additional extensions beyond seven years as required under exceptional circumstances.

B. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS.** Notwithstanding any expiration or termination of this Contract, all payment obligations incurred prior to expiration or termination will survive, as will the following: Articles 11 through 14 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract. All other rights will cease upon expiration or termination of this Contract.

2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

A. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES. Supplier will provide the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above. Supplier's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new and the current model. Supplier may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Supplier's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Participating Entities in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Participating Entity's site.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. WARRANTY. Supplier warrants that all Equipment, Products, and Services furnished are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Supplier warrants the Equipment, Products, and Services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended. Supplier's dealers and distributors must agree to assist the Participating Entity in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty that extends beyond the expiration of the Supplier's warranty will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

C. DEALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND/OR RESELLERS. Upon Contract execution and throughout the Contract term, Supplier must provide to Sourcewell a current means to validate or authenticate Supplier's authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services offered under this Contract, which will be incorporated into this Contract by reference. It is the Supplier's responsibility to ensure Sourcewell receives the most current information.

3. PRICING

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced at or below the price stated in Supplier's Proposal.

When providing pricing quotes to Participating Entities, all pricing quoted must reflect a Participating Entity's total cost of acquisition. This means that the quoted cost is for delivered Equipment, Products, and Services that are operational for their intended purpose, and includes all costs to the Participating Entity's requested delivery location.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Participating Entity, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Participating Entity at the time of purchase.

A. **SHIPPING AND SHIPPING COSTS.** All delivered Equipment and Products must be properly packaged. Damaged Equipment and Products may be rejected. If the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, Supplier must permit the Equipment and Products to be returned within a reasonable time at no cost to Sourcewell or its Participating Entities. Participating Entities reserve the right to inspect the Equipment and Products at a reasonable time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the Equipment and Products at the time of delivery. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming Equipment and Products, the Participating Entity will notify the Supplier as soon as possible and the Supplier will replace nonconforming Equipment and Products with conforming Equipment and Products that are acceptable to the Participating Entity.

Supplier must arrange for and pay for the return shipment on Equipment and Products that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition.

Sourcewell may declare the Supplier in breach of this Contract if the Supplier intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products.

B. **SALES TAX.** Each Participating Entity is responsible for supplying the Supplier with valid tax-exemption certification(s). When ordering, a Participating Entity must indicate if it is a tax-exempt entity.

C. **HOT LIST PRICING.** At any time during this Contract, Supplier may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When Supplier determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcewell in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcewell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Participating Entities.

4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS

Supplier may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator. This approved form is available from the assigned Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcewell contract number;

- Clearly specify the requested change;
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
- Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form will become an amendment to this Contract and will be incorporated by reference.

5. PARTICIPATION, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

A. PARTICIPATION. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts are available and open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as federal, state/province, municipal, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Participating Entities that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract. A Participating Entity's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. Supplier understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Contract is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience and Participating Entities reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Supplier is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell contract use eligibility requirements and documentation and will encourage potential participating entities to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Participating Entities to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Supplier's employees may be required to perform work at government-owned facilities, including schools. Supplier's employees and agents must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Participating Entity policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

6. PARTICIPATING ENTITY USE AND PURCHASING

A. ORDERS AND PAYMENT. To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, a Participating Entity must clearly indicate to Supplier that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Supplier. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Supplier or its authorized

subsidiary, distributor, dealer, or reseller. If a Participating Entity issues a purchase order, it may use its own forms, but the purchase order should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. All Participating Entity orders under this Contract must be issued prior to expiration or cancellation of this Contract; however, Supplier performance, Participating Entity payment obligations, and any applicable warranty periods or other Supplier or Participating Entity obligations may extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Supplier's acceptable forms of payment are included in its attached Proposal. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.

B. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM.** Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order, or other required transaction documentation, may be negotiated between a Participating Entity and Supplier, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entities may require the use of a Participating Addendum, the terms of which will be negotiated directly between the Participating Entity and the Supplier or its authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers, as applicable. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

C. **SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.** In the event that the Participating Entity requires service or specialized performance requirements not addressed in this Contract (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements), the Participating Entity and the Supplier may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, including its agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.

D. **TERMINATION OF ORDERS.** Participating Entities may terminate an order, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to Supplier in the event of any of the following events:

1. The Participating Entity fails to receive funding or appropriation from its governing body at levels sufficient to pay for the equipment, products, or services to be purchased; or
2. Federal, state, or provincial laws or regulations prohibit the purchase or change the Participating Entity's requirements.

E. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** The governing law and venue for any action related to a Participating Entity's order will be determined by the Participating Entity making the purchase.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

A. PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE. Supplier will assign an Account Representative to Sourcwell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcwell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcwell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcwell and Participating Entities, if applicable.

B. BUSINESS REVIEWS. Supplier must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcwell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to Participating Entities, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, sales data reports, performance issues, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT

A. CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT. Each calendar quarter, Supplier must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcwell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. Reports are due no later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Supplier must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Participating Entity Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Participating Entity Physical Street Address;
- Participating Entity City;
- Participating Entity State/Province;
- Participating Entity Zip/Postal Code;
- Participating Entity Contact Name;
- Participating Entity Contact Email Address;
- Participating Entity Contact Telephone Number;
- Sourcwell Assigned Entity/Participating Entity Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcwell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Supplier.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcwell, the Supplier will pay an administrative fee to Sourcwell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities. The Administrative Fee must be included in, and not added to, the pricing. Supplier may not charge Participating Entities more than the contracted

price to offset the Administrative Fee.

The Supplier will submit payment to Sourcewell for the percentage of administrative fee stated in the Proposal multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Participating Entities under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Supplier's name and Sourcewell-assigned contract number in the memo; and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable" or remitted electronically to Sourcewell's banking institution per Sourcewell's Finance department instructions. Payments must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Supplier agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Supplier is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcewell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Supplier in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than 30 days from the cancellation date.

9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Sourcewell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Supplier's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Supplier's Proposal. If Supplier's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Supplier must promptly notify Sourcewell in writing.

10. AUDIT, ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE

A. **AUDIT.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Contract are subject to examination by Sourcewell or the Minnesota State Auditor for a minimum of six years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Participating Entities as it relates to business conducted by that Participating Entity under this Contract.

B. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any prohibited assignment will be invalid.

C. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been duly executed by the parties.

D. **WAIVER.** Failure by either party to take action or assert any right under this Contract will not be deemed a waiver of such right in the event of the continuation or repetition of the circumstances giving rise to such right. Any such waiver must be in writing and signed by the parties.

E. **CONTRACT COMPLETE.** This Contract represents the complete agreement between the parties. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party. For any conflict between the attached Proposal and the terms set out in Articles 1-22 of this Contract, the terms of Articles 1-22 will govern.

F. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The relationship of the parties is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as master-servant, or principal-agent.

11. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS

Supplier must indemnify, defend, save, and hold Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees incurred by Sourcewell or its Participating Entities, arising out of any act or omission in the performance of this Contract by the Supplier or its agents or employees; this indemnification includes injury or death to person(s) or property alleged to have been caused by some defect in the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract to the extent the Equipment, Product, or Service has been used according to its specifications. Sourcewell's responsibility will be governed by the State of Minnesota's Tort Liability Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466) and other applicable law.

12. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES

Supplier and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, maintained, or disseminated by the Supplier under this Contract.

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT

A. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. *Grant of License.* During the term of this Contract:

- a. Sourcewell grants to Supplier a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use the trademark(s) provided to Supplier by Sourcewell in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell's relationship with Supplier.

b. Supplier grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Supplier's trademarks in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Supplier's relationship with Sourcewell.

2. *Limited Right of Sublicense.* The right and license granted herein includes a limited right of each party to grant sublicenses to their respective subsidiaries, distributors, dealers, resellers, marketing representatives, and agents (collectively "Permitted Sublicensees") in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing the Parties' relationship to Participating Entities. Any sublicense granted will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article. Each party will be responsible for any breach of this Article by any of their respective sublicensees.

3. *Use; Quality Control.*

a. Neither party may alter the other party's trademarks from the form provided and must comply with removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.

b. Each party agrees to use, and to cause its Permitted Sublicensees to use, the other party's trademarks only in good faith and in a dignified manner consistent with such party's use of the trademarks. Upon written notice to the breaching party, the breaching party has 30 days of the date of the written notice to cure the breach or the license will be terminated.

4. *Termination.* Upon the termination of this Contract for any reason, each party, including Permitted Sublicensees, will have 30 days to remove all Trademarks from signage, websites, and the like bearing the other party's name or logo (excepting Sourcewell's pre-printed catalog of suppliers which may be used until the next printing). Supplier must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

B. **PUBLICITY.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Supplier individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

C. **MARKETING.** Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Participating Entities must be approved by Sourcewell. Send all approval requests to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract.

D. **ENDORSEMENT.** The Supplier must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

14. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

The substantive and procedural laws of the State of Minnesota will govern this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County, Minnesota or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

15. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control. A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default.

16. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both parties will be relieved from all obligations arising from that provision. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of being performed, it will not be affected by such determination or finding and must be fully performed.

17. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES

A. **PERFORMANCE.** During the term of this Contract, the parties will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* The parties must promptly notify each other of any known dispute and work in good faith to resolve such dispute within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Supplier will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.
2. *Escalation.* If parties are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Supplier may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Supplier will have 30 calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.
3. *Performance while Dispute is Pending.* Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Supplier must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Supplier fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, the Supplier will bear any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Participating Entities as a result of such failure to proceed.

B. **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.** Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Participating Entity order under this Contract, in default:

1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

The party claiming default must provide written notice of the default, with 30 calendar days to cure the default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

- Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or
- Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

18. INSURANCE

A. REQUIREMENTS. At its own expense, Supplier must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

1. *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.*

Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.

Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below:

Minimum limits:

\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident

\$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease

\$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* Supplier will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less broad than the Insurance Services Office ("ISO") Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition), or equivalent. At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

\$2,000,000 aggregate for products liability-completed operations

\$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms

no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer), or equivalent.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance*. During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain umbrella coverage over Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits:

\$2,000,000

5. *Professional/Technical, Errors and Omissions, and/or Miscellaneous Professional Liability*. During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain coverage for all claims the Supplier may become legally obligated to pay resulting from any actual or alleged negligent act, error, or omission related to Supplier's professional services required under this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$2,000,000 per claim or event

\$2,000,000 – annual aggregate

6. *Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance*. During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain coverage for network security and privacy liability. The coverage may be endorsed on another form of liability coverage or written on a standalone policy. The insurance must cover claims which may arise from failure of Supplier's security resulting in, but not limited to, computer attacks, unauthorized access, disclosure of not public data – including but not limited to, confidential or private information, transmission of a computer virus, or denial of service.

Minimum limits:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence

\$2,000,000 annual aggregate

Failure of Supplier to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcwell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Supplier must furnish to Sourcwell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcwell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcwell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Supplier to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Supplier of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. **ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT AND PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE CLAUSE.** Supplier agrees to list Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Supplier's commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, "operations," or "work" performed by or on behalf of Supplier, and products and completed operations of Supplier. The policy provision(s) or endorsement(s) must further provide that coverage is primary and not excess over or contributory with any other valid, applicable, and collectible insurance or self-insurance in force for the additional insureds.

D. **WAIVER OF SUBROGATION.** Supplier waives and must require (by endorsement or otherwise) all its insurers to waive subrogation rights against Sourcewell and other additional insureds for losses paid under the insurance policies required by this Contract or other insurance applicable to the Supplier or its subcontractors. The waiver must apply to all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the required or any other insurance maintained by the Supplier or its subcontractors. Where permitted by law, Supplier must require similar written express waivers of subrogation and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.

E. **UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY/SELF-INSURED RETENTION.** The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.

19. COMPLIANCE

A. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. **LICENSES.** Supplier must maintain a valid and current status on all required federal, state/provincial, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Supplier conducts with Sourcewell and Participating Entities.

20. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Supplier certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcewell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Supplier declares bankruptcy, Supplier must immediately notify Sourcewell in writing.

Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Supplier further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcwell if this certification changes at any time.

21. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS

Participating Entities that use United States federal grant or FEMA funds to purchase goods or services from this Contract may be subject to additional requirements including the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200. Participating Entities may have additional requirements based on specific funding source terms or conditions. Within this Article, all references to “federal” should be interpreted to mean the United States federal government. The following list only applies when a Participating Entity accesses Supplier’s Equipment, Products, or Services with United States federal funds.

A. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. §, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.” The equal opportunity clause is incorporated herein by reference.

B. **DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3148).** When required by federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with

the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. Supplier must be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

C. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence. This provision is hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. Supplier certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Supplier must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 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. Supplier certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Supplier must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

E. CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671Q.) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 require the non-federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401- 7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Supplier certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

F. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689). A contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. §180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. § 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. § 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Supplier certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

G. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED (31 U.S.C. § 1352). Suppliers must file any required certifications. Suppliers must not have used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Suppliers must disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award. Suppliers must file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).

H. RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Supplier must comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Supplier further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 for a period of 3 years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

I. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Supplier must comply with 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.

J. BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Supplier must comply with all applicable provisions of the Buy American Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy American Act must follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

K. ACCESS TO RECORDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.336). Supplier agrees that duly authorized representatives of a federal agency must have access to any books, documents, papers and

records of Supplier that are directly pertinent to Supplier's discharge of its obligations under this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Supplier's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

L. **PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322).** A non-federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. § 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

M. **FEDERAL SEAL(S), LOGOS, AND FLAGS.** The Supplier cannot use the seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Federal agency officials without specific pre-approval.

N. **NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.** The U.S. federal government is not a party to this Contract or any purchase by a Participating Entity and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Participating Entity, Supplier, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Contract or any purchase by an authorized user.

O. **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS.** The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Supplier's actions pertaining to this Contract or any purchase by a Participating Entity.

P. **FEDERAL DEBT.** The Supplier certifies that it is non-delinquent in its repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowance, and benefit overpayments.

Q. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** The Supplier must notify the U.S. Office of General Services, Sourcewell, and Participating Entity as soon as possible if this Contract or any aspect related to the anticipated work under this Contract raises an actual or potential conflict of interest (as described in 2 C.F.R. Part 200). The Supplier must explain the actual or potential conflict in writing in sufficient detail so that the U.S. Office of General Services, Sourcewell, and Participating Entity are able to assess the actual or potential conflict; and provide any additional information as necessary or requested.

R. U.S. EXECUTIVE ORDER 13224. The Supplier, and its subcontractors, must comply with U.S. Executive Order 13224 and U.S. Laws that prohibit transactions with and provision of resources and support to individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

S. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT. To the extent applicable, Supplier certifies that during the term of this Contract it will comply with applicable requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.216.

T. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Supplier certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.322.

22. CANCELLATION

Sourcewell or Supplier may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. However, Sourcewell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Supplier's Proposal. Cancellation of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to cancellation.

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Specifications

Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives

General Instructions (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; respond "N/A" if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Line Item	Question	Response *
1	Proposer Legal Name (one legal entity only): (In the event of award, will execute the resulting contract as "Supplier")	Fire-Dex, LLC
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	None
3	Identify all applicable assumed names or DBA names of the Proposer or Proposer's subsidiaries in Line 1 or Line 2 above.	N/A
4	Provide your CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM):	Cage Code: 0MFJ4 Unique Entity ID: N9SZSA1N6BR6
5	Proposer Physical Address:	780 S. Progress Dr. Medina, Ohio 44256
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	www.firedex.com
7	Proposer's Authorized Representative (name, title, address, email address & phone) (The representative must have authority to sign the "Proposer's Assurance of Compliance" on behalf of the Proposer and, in the event of award, will be expected to execute the resulting contract):	Jackie Dobro Director of Sales Operations 780 South Progress Drive Medina, OH 44256 Jackiedobro@firedex.com Office: (330) 427-8453 Cell: (216) 235-2250
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Jackie Dobro Director of Sales Operations 780 South Progress Drive Medina, OH 44256 Jackiedobro@firedex.com Office: (330) 427-8453 Cell: (216) 235-2250
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Kelsey McKinley Contract Administrator 780 South Progress Drive Medina, OH 44256 kelseymckinley@firedex.com Office: (330) 427-8440 Cell: (614) 747-2078

Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength

Line Item	Question	Response *
10	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.	<p>Fire-Dex is a family-owned and operated company that prides itself on being the fastest-growing manufacturer of head-to-toe PPE for first responders and the world's largest Independent Service Provider (ISP) of PPE care and maintenance under its subsidiary, Gear Wash. Headquartered in Medina, Ohio, with three additional manufacturing locations in Georgia, North Carolina, and Mexico, we are a global company that prides itself on being a family-owned and operated business with a mission "to serve those who serve". For 40 years, our dedicated team of associates has helped pave the path of innovation for new products and services that focus on the health and safety of first responders by offering turnout gear, alternative PPE, boots, hoods, gloves, helmets, and PPE rentals.</p> <p>Fire-Dex is a privately held company acquired in 1983 and that has since expanded, acquiring Chieftain Safety Manufacturing in 2008, TECGEN in 2015, and Gear Wash in 2019. With a strong emphasis on health and safety, Fire-Dex has paved the path of innovation for the manufacturing of firefighting gear while focusing on the continuous improvement of our products and processes. Fire-Dex has an on-site laboratory and uses the efficient Toyota Sewing System, using the youngest fleet of state of the art sewing machines and fabric cutting machines in the industry. Our vision is to become the world leader in personal protective equipment and are values are FIRE: F - Fun, I - Integrity, R - Respect, E - Excellence.</p>
11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	In the event of an award, Fire-Dex would expect to market & use this contract selling to departments throughout the entire United States & Canada.
12	Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Fire-Dex LLC is a privately held company. As such these financial statements are extremely confidential and are meant to be used specifically for this bid process only. We have included the most recent consolidated financial statements in our response.
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	Fire-Dex has an approximate US market share of 15% for the products we are proposing.
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	Fire-Dex has an approximate Canadian market share of 3% for the products we are proposing.
15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	Fire-Dex has never petitioned for bankruptcy protection.
16	How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer whichever question (either a) or b) just below) best applies to your organization. a) If your company is best described as a distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity), provide your written authorization to act as a distributor/dealer/reseller for the manufacturer of the products proposed in this RFP. If applicable, is your dealer network independent or company owned? b) If your company is best described as a manufacturer or service provider, describe your relationship with your sales and service force and with your dealer network in delivering the products and services proposed in this RFP. Are these individuals your employees, or the employees of a third party?	Fire-Dex is a manufacturer that has a dedicated sales team of 18 persons throughout the US. We also have a sales operations team who provides service for contracts and a dedicated customer service team of 9 who service our dealer accounts. We utilize a dealer network throughout the US and Canada who have sales representatives that are employed by each individual dealer.
17	If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.	Fire-Dex is ISO 9001: 2015 certified. Our products are also independently certified at UL or SEI and include NFPA 1971 certified turnout gear, boots, gloves, standard knit hoods, particulate barrier hoods, and helmets; NFPA 1999 certified EMS coat & pants, NFPA 1951 & 1999 certified USAR coats & pants, NFPA 1951 & 1977 certified TECGEN51 fatigues, NFPA 1977 certified Wildland coats, pants & coveralls, and NFPA 1951 certified gloves.
18	Describe your compliance with applicable national standards for the products and/or equipment offered in your proposal, such as: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and American National Standards Institute (ANSI).	Fire-Dex products are tested at UL and SEI and are NFPA compliant. Our boots are NFPA 1971 & 1992 compliant, our hoods, gloves, helmets, & turnout coats & pants are NFPA 1971 compliant, our EMS coats & pants are NFPA 1999 compliant, our USAR coat & pants are NFPA 1999 & 1951 compliant, our TEGEN51 fatigues are NFPA 1977 & 1951 compliant, our Wildland coats, pants & coveralls are NFPA 1977 compliant, and we also offer a NFPA 1951 certified glove.
19	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	We do not and have not had any "suspension or debarment" information for our organization, this is not applicable to our company

Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success

Line Item	Question	Response *
20	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	Fire-Dex has received multiple awards throughout the past five years including: SR 2019 most valuable brands award, Smart Culture Award, NorthCoast 99, Weatherhead 100, Growth and Family Business & Longevity Award, Cascade Capital Business Award, Huntington Legacy Award, Inc. 5000 list, Northeast Ohio Smart 50 Award. Many of these awards have been won in multiple years.
21	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	An estimated 5% of our sales have been to the government sector in the past 3 years.
22	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	We estimate that less than 1% of our sales have been to the education sector in the past 3 years.
23	List any state, provincial, or cooperative purchasing contracts that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	Fire-Dex currently holds the following contracts with the estimated average annual sales for the past 3 years: New York Contract: \$502,595 New Jersey Contract: \$2,537,434 Mississippi Contract: \$362,424 Houston-Galveston Area Council Contract: Unknown, use of dealers with their own executed contracts processing orders Buyboard: Unknown, use of dealers with their own executed contracts processing orders Sourcewell: \$211,019
24	List any GSA contracts or Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	Fire-Dex does not hold any GSA contracts.

Table 4: References/Testimonials

Line Item 25. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *
Salem Fire Department	Chief John Prillaman	540-389-7128
Tipton County Fire Department	Chief Jonathan Piercey	901-476-0217
Gallatin Fire Department	Assistant Chief Scott Woodward	615-452-2543

Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers

Line Item 26. Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *
US Navy SW	Government	California - CA	Outfitting members for search and rescue teams with boots and alternative PPE	Multiple transactions of boots and alternative PPE	\$137,000
MS Military Department	Government	Mississippi - MS	Outfitting members with turnout gear, boots, gloves, hoods, and alternative PPE	Multiple transactions of various products	\$74,000
Red Rocks Community College	Education	Colorado - CO	Turnout gear for fire academy	80 sets of turnout gear	\$82,000
New Jersey EMS Task Force	Government	New Jersey - NJ	Outfitting search and rescue team members	104 USAR coats	\$82,000
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services-New York	Government	New York - NY	Outfitting members with turnout gear, boots, gloves, hoods, and alternative PPE	Multiple transactions of various products	\$91,000

Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcwell participating entities across the US and Canada, as applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

Line Item	Question	Response *
27	Sales force.	Fire-Dex has a Vice President of Sales, a Senior Regional Zone Director, 2 Regional Zone Directors, 8 Regional Sales Managers, a Metro account representative, and a Director of International Sales. We also have a Sales Operations team of 4 members who support the outside sales team. All of these employees are direct and full-time, located throughout the United States.
28	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	Fire-Dex utilizes a distributor network that is spread throughout the US & Canada who are employed by each distributor individually. We have authorized distributors in each state and throughout Canada.
29	Service force.	Fire-Dex has a team of 9 customer service members who service our distributor accounts and process orders.
30	Describe the ordering process. If orders will be handled by distributors, dealers or others, explain the respective roles of the Proposer and others.	Orders are received through email or our FireWriter ordering system and processed by the customer service team. Acknowledgements are sent to the distributor as a confirmation of the order with estimated ship dates and orders are invoiced once they have been shipped. All orders will be handled by authorized Fire-Dex distributors.
31	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	Our customer service manager has a team of 8 customer service representatives who have dedicated dealer accounts and areas that they service. All orders are processed in a timely manner. When an inquiry is sent to our customer service representatives, through phone or email, they are responded to within 24 hours. Customer service representatives are cross-trained across accounts to be able to provide service at all times to each account.
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcwell participating entities in the United States.	Fire-Dex has authorized distributors throughout the United States and Canada and 16 sales representatives that service this area, including one specifically for metro accounts. Our customer service team has a dedicated representatives for each area within the United States and Canada to assist with orders and inquiries. We offer a variety of products that will be offered to any participating entity.
33	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcwell participating entities in Canada.	Fire-Dex has several dealers throughout Canada and a Director of International Sales who is the primary Fire-Dex contact for Canada. Our customer service team has a dedicated representative to process Canadian orders. We offer a variety of products that will be offered to any participating entity.
34	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	Fire-Dex will service the entire United States & Canada.
35	Identify any Sourcwell participating entity sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for-profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	Fire-Dex plans to service all Sourcwell Member sectors through the proposed contract.
36	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	There are no contract requirements or restrictions that apply to members in Hawaii, Alaska, or US Territories.

Table 7: Marketing Plan

Line Item	Question	Response *
37	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	We plan to continue educating our dealer network as well as the fire departments we work with and talk to through various marketing mediums about the benefits of ordering using this contract. This will include continuing to include information about utilizing this contract as a resource to our website (https://www.firedex.com/fire-department-procurement-contracts/), optimizing SEO and implementing an ongoing social media and email strategy to effectively reach our target audience. We provide training to new Fire-Dex employees and authorized distributors on the use of this contract and provide them with reference materials that can be shared with interested departments who wish to make a purchase. Attached is an example.
38	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	Fire-Dex has a section dedicated to our current Sourcwell contract on our website (https://www.firedex.com/fire-department-procurement-contracts/) and intends to keep this resource up to date. We will continue to implement social media to enhance marketing effectiveness of this contract, including Facebook and Instagram.
39	In your view, what is Sourcwell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcwell-awarded contract into your sales process?	We believe Sourcwell should continue to promote this contract on their website, giving easy access to members searching for the items included in the solicitation. Sourcwell should also continue to promote webinars for vendors & members that review the benefits of using a contract such as this in order to easily and effectively purchase the items their departments need. Fire-Dex plans continue to have the Sourcwell contract included in our sales process by continuing on-going training to our sales team & dealer network on the availability of the contract & including the "how to purchase" guide for using this contract (attached) as well as keeping the details of the contract available on our website.
40	Are your products or services available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	Fire-Dex offers several items through e-procurement (https://www.firedex.com/shop/). We also have several distributors who offer e-procurement ordering.

Table 8: Value-Added Attributes

Line Item	Question	Response *
41	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcwell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	Fire-Dex has various resources for training available on our website and at our headquarters in Medina, Ohio. Our sales team and dealer network are available for training by appointments. These are optional training sessions and the cost of travel to Ohio would be incurred by the attendees, Fire-Dex would provide lodging and meals. We also host various training webinars a routinely send newsletters and other communications for continued education around our products.
42	Describe any technological advances, unique design, and/or feature attributes that your proposed products or services offer.	Fire-Dex offers an exclusive outer shell material, TECGEN71, that is the only outer shell on the market that can be paired with the lightest thermal liners and moisture barriers to create the most lightweight system available. We have also introduced a new product, AeroFlex™ is the first and only turnout suit to utilize AeroVent™ Technology, a ventilation design that maximizes airflow efficiency. By ingeniously incorporating four strategically placed vents, air flows from the wearer's core through the thermal liner and moisture barrier where heat increases the most: under the armpits and along the inner thighs. Active movement promotes airflow by decreasing the amount of sweat buildup, keeping your body cool and dry. By combining a breathable, 3-layer composite system, the VaporLite™ Panels offer the best RET and THL performance in the industry by moving heat via the evaporation of sweat-carrying moisture vapor from your skin to the outer environment. Ultimately, AeroFlex™ provides enhanced breathability that enables you to regulate your core body temperature, reducing the risk of heat stress and other cardiac-related issues.
43	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your products or services, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	Fire-Dex continues to recycle and has a commercial grade water bottle refilling station at our headquarters located in Medina, Ohio.
44	Identify any third-party issued eco-labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	Fire-Dex does not have any of these ratings or certifications related to energy efficiency or conservation.
45	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Fire-Dex does not have any WMBE or SBE certifications.
46	What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcwell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcwell participating entities?	Fire-Dex is solely focused on the fire service and is the only personal protective clothing manufacturer to produce head to toe protection. The TECGEN71 outer shell material is owned exclusively by Fire-Dex and is lighter, thinner, and more flexible in order to combat with heat stress which is the leading cause of line of duty deaths in the industry. AeroFlex™ is the first and only turnout suit to utilize AeroVent™ Technology, a ventilation design that maximizes airflow efficiency, also designed to combat heat stress.

Table 9A: Warranty

Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *
47	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	All of our products are covered by our general warranty. If an item is covered under warranty that will include parts and labor.
48	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Our warranty is valid when products are used as directed.
49	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Our general warranty would cover shipping costs to return items for any repair work covered under the warranty.
50	Are there any geographic regions of the United States or Canada (as applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell participating entities in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	Fire-Dex works with several independent service providers throughout the US and Canada that we authorize to perform repair work under warranty. Fire-Dex's subsidiary, Fire-Dex GW, LLC dba Gear Wash, is the largest Fully Verified Independent Service Provider (ISP) of PPE care and maintenance in the world and used for performing work under warranty at one of our 10 locations throughout the United States. Warranty requests should be submitted through the customer service representative for the coverage area who will direct you to the nearest warranty repair facility to send the items.
51	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	Fire-Dex will only warranty items manufactured by Fire-Dex and is not offering items made by other manufacturers.
52	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Fire-Dex does not accept returns or exchanges on custom items unless they are deemed defective. Any stock items can be exchanged or returned with a restocking fee applied.
53	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	Fire-Dex does not offer any service contract options in the proposal.

Table 9B: Performance Standards or Guarantees

Describe in detail your performance standards or guarantees, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your performance materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *
54	Describe any performance standards or guarantees that apply to your services	Fire-Dex prides itself on our performance standards and quality of workmanship. During our manufacturing of products gear goes through 17 inspection points throughout the process. Each team and section has an inspection station with electronic access to specifications and WI's. Fire-Dex has a data collection system to monitor in process quality and productivity and provide quality incentives to insure "Right the First Time" for all sewers. Fire-Dex guarantees high quality workmanship and through continually inspecting not only our products but processes to ensure we best meet our mission of "serving those who serve".
55	Describe any service standards or guarantees that apply to your services (policies, metrics, KPIs, etc.)	<p>Fire-Dex is ISO 9001:2015 compliant with an operating culture based upon continuous improvement and process excellence. Fire-Dex has strict process and product controls to ensure the accuracy of all finished products. The Company ensures all methods and procedures used in design and manufacturing are repeatable and robust to meet the high demands of the first responders they supply.</p> <p>Quality Equipment and Facilities Fire-Dex has invested in its facilities and standard processes to ensure the reliability and functionality of its equipment meet the demands of custom production. The equipment consists of state-of-the-art CAD/CAM cutting software and equipment to safeguard the accuracy of custom order production. It is important to note that the company maintains strict controls between design software and manufacturing software. This eliminates the possibility of changing patterns in the manufacturing arena and further heightens our commitment to pinpoint order accuracy. Fire-Dex uses "error proofing" techniques embedded in the pattern design to attain order accuracy throughout sewing operations. The Fire-Dex facility is divided into work cells to promote continuous inspection and efficient flow of material to heighten order quality. Fire-Dex abides by a philosophy that quality is built into a product, yet there are minimum of 17 inspection stations throughout the process to protect order accuracy. Fire-Dex has a sophisticated testing lab within the Medina, Ohio headquarters. The lab is supplied with numerous testing devices that are outlined in test requirements for NFPA standards. The lab is used for routine inspection of raw materials, finished goods, and is used in combination with third party testing labs to facilitate annual re-certification and development of new products.</p> <p>Systems Fire-Dex has a state-of-the-art document management system, with tight editorial controls, that are available to all associates. Forms, documents, procedures, and detailed work instructions are available to every employee with "point and click" access at terminals strategically located throughout the facility. As such, Fire-Dex has rigorous process and product change control procedures to eliminate variation and instill repeatability of the products we manufacture. Fire-Dex also has sophisticated data collection systems to monitor product quality for continuous improvement to the products and effectiveness of the quality management system. All quality metrics are visible to all associates to engage them in the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the system. Quality records are maintained according to ISO standards and lot traceability is maintained electronically in accordance to NFPA standards.</p> <p>Fire-Dex has a full time Quality Compliance Coordinator, teams of internal auditors, Six Sigma Green Belts, and Six Sigma Black Belts on staff full time. Fire-Dex has a thorough new employee and ongoing employee training program. Fire-Dex continually invests in its staff by providing ongoing quality education programs both internally and with local University's in the area. Fire-Dex actively participates in NFPA standards development and has participated on the committees for greater than 15 years.</p> <p>Records Maintenance Fire-Dex maintains all records required by NFPA 1971 detailing construction of and testing the materials used in manufacturing garments.</p>

Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options

Line Item	Question	Response *
56	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	Fire-Dex payment terms are net 30. Accepted payment methods are check, wire transfer, or credit card.
57	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	Fire-Dex distributors have various financing options available.
58	Describe any standard transaction documents that you propose to use in connection with an awarded contract (order forms, terms and conditions, service level agreements, etc.). Upload a sample of each (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Fire-Dex uses a custom website for quoting and ordering products. Order must be placed through this site which includes standard terms and conditions with each order placed. Examples attached.
59	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcwell participating entities for using this process?	Fire-Dex does not accept the P-card procurement and payment process.

Table 11: Pricing and Delivery

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as described in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcwell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *
60	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcwell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcwell to consider as part of your RFP response. If applicable, provide a SKU for each item in your proposal. Upload your pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Fire-Dex has included our full price list for this contract proposal. Fire-Dex would like to offer a 45% discount from list for all items included in the price list provided.
61	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	Fire-Dex would like to offer a 45% discount from list for all items included in the price list provided.
62	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	Quantity or volume discounts will be considered on a case by case basis.
63	Propose a method of facilitating "sourced" products or related services, which may be referred to as "open market" items or "nonstandard options". For example, you may supply such items "at cost" or "at cost plus a percentage," or you may supply a quote for each such request.	Fire-Dex does not offer "sourced" products or related services.
64	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	There are no additional costs other than shipping or freight.
65	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcwell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Fire-Dex & our dealers will negotiate the best rates possible for freight and add them to the invoice.
66	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Fire-Dex & our dealers will negotiate the best rates possible for freight and add them to the invoice.
67	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	N/A

Table 12: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
68	b. the same as the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.	Fire-Dex has offered the same discount off of list pricing structure for all of our awarded contracts (HGAC, BuyBoard, New York State, New Jersey State, Mississippi State)

Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee

Line Item	Question	Response *
69	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcewell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcewell participating entities obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcewell. Provide sufficient detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcewell as described in the Contract template.	Fire-Dex has a newly launched and updated web-based quoting system, Fire-Writer3, which will have the contract prices available. Customer service will review orders received to ensure the contract prices are accurate & to calculate the administrative fee to Sourcewell. These sales will be compiled for the required quarterly report to Sourcewell.
70	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	Fire-Dex will review the quarterly report of sales using this contract to determine it's success. Fire-Dex will also compare these reports from the previous contract sales to work for year over year growth and customer retention.
71	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcewell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcewell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	Fire-Dex proposes to continue with a 1% administrative fee to be paid to Sourcewell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the contract.

Table 14A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Line Item	Question	Response *
72	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	Fire-Dex manufactures NFPA 1971 compliant custom turnout gear, helmets, gloves, hoods, as well as USAR apparel, EMS apparel, and ARFF apparel. NFPA 1971 compliant leather and rubber fire boots are also available. With a strong emphasis on health and safety, Fire-Dex has paved the path of innovation for the manufacturing of firefighting gear while focusing on the continuous improvement of our products and processes. Fire-Dex has an on-site laboratory and uses the efficient Toyota Sewing System, using the youngest fleet of state of the art sewing machines and fabric cutting machines in the industry.
73	Describe available options for customization of the products and/or equipment offered in your proposal.	Fire-Dex specializes in custom specified orders with over 90% of orders being fully custom. We have recently launched an updated system for ease of customization and visualizing the end product.
74	Explain your processes for sizing, fitting, and the alteration of the products and/or equipment offered in your proposal, as applicable.	Fire-Dex recommends the use of sizing gear and we have trained dealers to accurately perform sizing for their orders and all of our products provided in this contract. Sizing is always provided through a trained and authorized Fire-Dex representative.
75	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	Helmets, Footwear, EMS, Wildland, Turnouts, Gloves, Hoods

Table 14B: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Indicate below if the listed types or classes of equipment, products, and services are offered within your proposal. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered *	Comments
76	Protective Clothing	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Fire-Dex offers protective clothing certified to NFPA 1971, 1951, 1999, 1977, available in coats, pants, and coveralls.
77	Helmets and related accessories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Fire-Dex manufactures 2 different styles of helmets (modern & traditional) and offers standard or deluxe version.
78	Other related equipment and accessories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Fire-Dex manufactures 2 different styles of leather boots, 1 rubber boot, 2 styles of gloves, and both standard and particulate blocking hoods.
79	Firefighting apparel and station-wear	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Fire-Dex manufactures several product lines of apparel, including wildland offerings.
80	Extractors, laundry machines, mechanical dryers, drying and storing racks	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	N/A
81	Cleaning and decontamination service and maintenance	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	N/A
82	Firefighting PPE cleaning supplies	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	N/A
83	Cleaning equipment for other firefighting equipment and tools	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	N/A
84	Services Related to the equipment described above	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	N/A

Table 15: Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Line Item 85. NOTICE: To identify any exception, or to request any modification, to Sourcwell standard Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must submit the proposed exception(s) or requested modification(s) via redline in the Contract Template provided in the "Bid Documents" section. Proposer must upload the redline in the "Requested Exceptions" upload field. All exceptions and/or proposed modifications are subject to review and approval by Sourcwell and will not automatically be included in the Contract.

Do you have exceptions or modifications to propose?	Acknowledgement *
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Documents**Ensure your submission document(s) conforms to the following:**

- Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
- Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcwell may not be able to open the file. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the uploaded document(s) are not either defective, corrupted or blank and that the documents can be opened and viewed by Sourcwell.
- Sourcwell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcwell.
- If you need to upload more than one (1) document for a single item, you should combine the documents into one zipped file. If the zipped file contains more than one (1) document, ensure each document is named, in relation to the submission format item responding to. For example, if responding to the Marketing Plan category save the document as "Marketing Plan."

- [Pricing](#) - Sourcwell Price List 2024.pdf - Wednesday January 03, 2024 14:05:29
- [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Fire-Dex & Fire-Dex GW Financial Documents 2021-2022.pdf - Thursday December 28, 2023 08:11:44
- [Marketing Plan/Samples](#) - Sourcwell- How to Purchase.pdf - Wednesday December 27, 2023 13:47:15
- WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
- [Warranty Information](#) - Fire-Dex Warranty 11.23.21.pdf - Wednesday December 20, 2023 15:20:36
- [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - Fire-Dex Quote Example with Terms & Conditions.pdf - Wednesday January 03, 2024 17:50:03
- Requested Exceptions (optional)
- [Upload Additional Document](#) - Master Catalog.pdf - Wednesday December 20, 2023 15:34:15

Addenda, Terms and Conditions

PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am the authorized representative of the Proposer submitting the foregoing Proposal with the legal authority to bind the Proposer to this Affidavit and Assurance of Compliance:

1. The Proposer is submitting this Proposal under its full and complete legal name, and the Proposer legally exists in good standing in the jurisdiction of its residence.
2. The Proposer warrants that the information provided in this Proposal is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for contract award.
3. The Proposer, including any person assisting with the creation of this Proposal, has arrived at this Proposal independently and the Proposal has been created without colluding with any other person, company, or parties that have or will submit a proposal under this solicitation; and the Proposal has in all respects been created fairly without any fraud or dishonesty. The Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or business in an effort to influence any part of this solicitation or operations of a resulting contract; and the Proposer has not taken any action in restraint of free trade or competitiveness in connection with this solicitation. Additionally, if Proposer has worked with a consultant on the Proposal, the consultant (an individual or a company) has not assisted any other entity that has submitted or will submit a proposal for this solicitation.
4. To the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Proposal, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when a vendor has an unfair competitive advantage or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract is, or might be, impaired.
5. The contents of the Proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or legally authorized agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to Due Date of this solicitation.
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities the equipment, products, and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting contract.
7. The Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any equipment, products, or services, all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver such equipment, products, or services under any resulting contract.
8. The Proposer agrees to deliver equipment, products, and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
9. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
10. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, subdivision 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals become public data. Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.
11. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:
 1. Included on the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury found at: <https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>;
 2. Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>; or
 3. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this solicitation.

By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Jackie Dobro, Director of Sales Operations, Fire-Dex, LLC

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

Yes No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

Check the box in the column "I have reviewed this addendum" below to acknowledge each of the addenda.

File Name	I have reviewed the below addendum and attachments (if applicable)	Pages
Addendum_5_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424 Fri December 15 2023 12:51 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_4_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424 Thu December 14 2023 01:51 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_3_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424 Mon December 4 2023 04:00 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_2_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424 Thu November 30 2023 10:28 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_1_Firefighting_PPE_and_Related_Equipment_Cleaning_RFP_010424 Thu November 9 2023 04:34 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1



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PROOF OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL/BID. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR PROPOSAL/BID

Pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-4311.2, an Offeror/Bidder organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its proposal/bid the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission (“SCC”). Any Offeror/Bidder that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its proposal/bid a statement describing why the Offeror/Bidder is not required to be so authorized. Any Offeror/Bidder described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the County Administrator or School Superintendent, as applicable.

If this quote for goods or services is accepted by the County of Fauquier, Virginia, the undersigned agrees that the requirements of the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4311.2 have been met.

Please complete the following by checking the appropriate line that applies and providing the requested information.

- A. Offeror/Bidder is a Virginia business entity organized and authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such vendor’s Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.
- B. Offeror/Bidder is an out-of-state (foreign) business entity that is authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such vendor’s Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.
- C. Offeror/Bidder does not have an Identification Number issued to it by the SCC and such vendor is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC for the following reason(s):

Please attach additional sheets if you need to explain why such Offeror/Bidder is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia.

Legal Name of Company (as listed on W-9)

Legal Name of Offeror/Bidder

Date

Authorized Signature

Print or Type Name and Title

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DIVISION OF RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE CHECKLIST

Items marked "X" are required to be provided if award is made to your firm.

<u>Required</u>	<u>Coverage Required</u>	<u>Limits</u> <u>(figures denotes minimum)</u>
<u>X</u>	1. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability; Admitted in Virginia Employers' Liability All States Endorsement USL & H Endorsement Voluntary Compensation Endorsement Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	1. Statutory Limits of the Commonwealth of VA Yes \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000 Statutory Statutory
<u>X</u>	2. Commercial General Liability General Aggregate Products/Completed Operations Personal and Advertising Injury Fire Legal Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	2. \$1,000,000 (CSL) Each Occurrence \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$100,000 Per Occurrence
<u>X</u>	3. Automobile Liability Owned, Hired, Borrowed & Non-owned Motor Carrier Act End. Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, or its equivalent	3. \$1,000,000 combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence (note, symbol "1" on liability coverage)
---	4. Prof. Errors and Omissions Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	4. \$1,000,000 (CSL) Each Claim
---	5. Garage Liability	5. \$1,000,000 CSL Each Occurrence
---	6. Garage Keeper's Legal Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, Or its equivalent	6. a) Maximum Value of One Vehicle b) Maximum Value of All Vehicles Held by Contractor
---	7. Umbrella Liability Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, or its equivalent.	7. \$1,000,000 Minimum
---	8. Other Insurance: Cyber Liability as needed	8. \$1,000,000 Minimum
<u>X</u>	9. Auto and General Liability Policies shall be endorsed to name Fauquier County and/or Fauquier County Public School Board as additional insured (This coverage is primary to all other coverage The County and Schools may possess and must be shown on the certificate)	
<u>X</u>	10. The Contractor shall provide 30 days written notice of any policy cancellation for policies specified on this Checklist to Fauquier County and/or Fauquier County School Board in accordance with the timelines and stipulations in Code of Virginia Section 38.2-231.	
<u>X</u>	11. The Certificate must state Bid/RFP No. and Bid/RFP Title.	
<u>X</u>	12. Contractor shall submit Certificate of Insurance within five (5) business days from notification of award, and shall provide updated Certificates for the duration of the contract.	

OFFEROR STATEMENT

We understand the Insurance Requirements of these specifications and will comply in full if awarded this contract.

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SIGNATURE

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CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

Contractor acknowledges that the implementation of this Contract requires Contractor, Contractor’s employees, or other persons that will provide services under this Contract to have direct contact with students and children. Therefore, Contractor hereby certifies that neither Contractor, Contractor’s employees, nor any person that will provide services under this Contract who will have direct contact with students and children on Fauquier County Public School and/or Fauquier County property have been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child.

Contractor understands that, pursuant to Code of Virginia §22.1-296.1, making a materially false statement regarding offenses which are required to be included in the certification referenced above is a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the fact of such conviction shall be grounds for the revocation of the contract to provide such services and, when relevant, the revocation of any license required to provide such services. Fauquier County Public Schools and/or Fauquier County shall not be liable for materially false statements regarding the certifications required under this Contract.

Contractor certifies that employees, or any person who will have direct contact with students and children under this contract have not been convicted of a felony or any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of child.

 Company Name

 Contract # and Title

 Company Address

 Company Phone Number

 Print Name of Authorized Representative

 Authorized Representative Title

 Authorized Representative Signature

 Date

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GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

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Vendor: These general rules and conditions shall apply to all purchases and be a part of each solicitation and every contract awarded by the Procurement Division, unless otherwise specified. The Procurement Division is responsible for the purchasing activity of Fauquier County, which is comprised of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, a body politic and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Constitutional Officers of Fauquier County, Virginia, and the Fauquier County School Board, a body corporate. The term "Owner" as used herein refers to the contracting entity which is the signatory on the contract and may be either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, or both. Bidder/Offeror or their authorized representatives are expected to inform themselves fully as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids/proposals: failure to do so will be at the bidder's/Offeror's own risk and except as provided by law, relief cannot be secured on the plea of error.

Subject to all Federal, State and local laws, policies, resolutions, regulations, rules, limitations and legislation, bids/proposals on all solicitations issued by the Procurement Division will bind bidders/Offerors to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

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- 1. AUTHORITY**-Except as delegated in the Procurement Procedures Manual, the Purchasing Agent has the sole responsibility and authority for negotiating, placing and when necessary modifying every solicitation, contract and purchase order issued by the Owner. In the discharge of these responsibilities, the Purchasing Agent may be assisted by assigned buyers. Unless specifically delegated by the Purchasing Agent, no other Owner officer or employee is authorized to order supplies or services, enter into purchase negotiations or contracts, or in any way obligate the Owner for an indebtedness. Any purchase order or contract made which is contrary to these provisions and authorities shall be of no effect and void and the Owner shall not be bound thereby.
 - 2. COMPETITION INTENDED:** It is the Owner's intent that this solicitation permit competition. It shall be the Bidder's/Offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, stifles competition or inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this solicitation to a single source. The Purchasing Agent must receive such notification not later than five (5) business days prior to the deadline set for acceptance of the bids/proposals.

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

- 3. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** Unless otherwise specified, if any Bidder/Offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective Bidder/Offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five (5) business days prior to the date set for the opening of bids or receipt of proposals. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the Buyer. Notifications regarding specifications may not be considered if received in less than five (5) business days of the date set for opening of bids/receipt of proposals.
- 4. MANDATORY USE OF OWNER FORMS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Failure to submit a bid/proposal on the official Owner forms provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. Unauthorized modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. However, the Owner reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject any bid or proposal which has been modified.
- 5. LATE BIDS/PROPOSALS & MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

Any bid/proposal/modification received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of the bid/proposal/modification is considered a late bid/proposal/modification. The Owner is not responsible for delays in the delivery of the mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private carriers or the inter-office mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Offeror to ensure their bid/proposal reaches the Procurement Division by the designated date and hour.

 - The official time used in the receipt of bids/proposals is that time stamp within the Bonfire Portal.
 - Late bids/proposals/modifications will be returned to the Bidder/Offeror UNOPENED, if solicitation number, acceptance date and Bidder/Offeror's return address is shown on the container.
 - If the Owner closes its offices due to inclement weather or other unforeseen emergency scheduled bid openings or receipt of proposals will be extended to the next business day, same time.
- 6. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

A Bidder/Offeror for a contract other than for public construction may request withdrawal of his or her bid/proposal under the following circumstances:

 - Bids/Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the Bidder/Offeror received at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.
 - Requests for withdrawal of bids/proposals after opening of such bids/proposals but prior to award shall be transmitted to the Purchasing Agent, in writing, accompanied by full documentation supporting the request. If the request is based on a claim of error, documentation must show the basis of the error. Such documentation may take the form of supplier quotations, vendor work sheets, etc. If bid bonds were tendered with the bid, the Owner may exercise its right of collection.

No Bid/Proposal may be withdrawn under this paragraph when the result would be the awarding of the contract on another bid/Proposal of the same bidder/Offeror or of another bidder/Offeror in which the ownership of the withdrawing bidder/Offeror is more than five percent. In the case

of Invitation for Bids, if a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this paragraph, the lowest remaining bid shall be deemed to be the low bid. No bidder/Offeror that is permitted to withdraw a bid/proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid/proposal was submitted.

7. **ERRORS IN BIDS/PROPOSALS** – When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Erasures in bids/proposals must be initialed by the bidder/Offeror. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid/proposal otherwise, will not relieve the Bidder/Offeror. Bidders/Offeror's are cautioned to recheck their bids/proposals for possible error. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and the bidder will be required to perform if his or her bid is accepted.
8. **IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** The signed bid/proposal and requested copies should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified with the following information:

ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ON PAGE 1

IFB/RFP NUMBER

TITLE

BID/PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME

VENDOR NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (RETURN ADDRESS)

If a bid/proposal is not addressed with the information as shown above, the Bidder/Offeror takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised, which may cause the bid/proposal to be disqualified. Bids/Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:** Unless otherwise specified, all formal bids/proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days following the date established for acceptance. At the end of the one hundred twenty (120) calendar days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder/Offeror. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
10. **CONDITIONAL BIDS:** Conditional bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
11. **BIDDERS PRESENT:** At the time fixed for the opening of responses to a bid, bid contents will be made public for the information of bidders and other interested parties who may be present either in person or by representative. All bids will be opened at the time and place specified and read publicly. Bid tabulations are posted on the Procurement Division's Bulletin Board for a minimum of 10 days from award date. At the time fixed for the receipt of responses for Request for Proposals, only the names of the Offerors will be read and made available to the public.
12. **RESPONSE TO SOLICITATIONS:** In the event a vendor cannot submit a bid on a solicitation, the vendor is requested to return the solicitation cover sheet with an explanation as to why the vendor is unable to bid on these requirements. Because of the large number of firms listed on the Owner's Bidders List, it may be necessary to delete from this list the names of those persons, firms or corporations who fail to respond after having been invited to bid for three (3) successive solicitations. Such deletion will be made only after formal notification of the intent to remove the firm from the Owner's Bidders List.
13. **BIDDER INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID:** If more than one bid is offered by any one party, either directly or by or in the name of his or her clerk, partner, or other persons, all such bids may be rejected. A party who has quoted prices on work, materials, or supplies to a bidder is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices to other bidders or firms submitting a bid directly for the work, materials or supplies.
14. **TAX EXEMPTION:** The Owner is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or any Virginia sales tax. The price bid must be net, exclusive of taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished if requested by the Bidder/Offeror.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerors certify that they are not currently debarred from submitting bids/proposals on contracts by the Owner, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or proposals on contracts by the Owner or any agency, public entity/locality or authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
16. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** The provisions contained in *Code of Virginia* §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 (the Virginia Public Procurement Act), as amended from time to time, shall be applicable to all contracts solicited or entered into by the Owner. By submitting their bids/proposals, all Bidders/Offerors certify that their bids/proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Bidder, Offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid/proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
17. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** No Bidder/Offeror shall initiate or otherwise have contact related to the solicitation with any Owner representative or employee, other than the Procurement Division, after the date and time established for receipt of bids/proposals. Any contact initiated by a Bidder/Offeror with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeror from this procurement process.

18. **VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** All proceedings, records, contracts and other public records relating to procurement transactions shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3700 *et. seq.*) and § 2.2-4342 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act except as provided below:
- a. Cost estimates relating to a proposed procurement transaction prepared by or for a public body shall not be open to public inspection.
 - b. Any competitive sealed bidding bidder, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect bid records within a reasonable time after the opening of bids but prior to award, except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the bids and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, bid records shall be open to public inspection only after award of the contract. Any competitive negotiation Offeror, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect proposal records within a reasonable time after the evaluation and negotiations of proposals are completed but prior to award except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the proposals and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, proposal records shall be open to the public inspection only after award of the contract except as provided in paragraph “c” below. Any inspection of procurement transaction records under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions to ensure the security and integrity of the records.
 - c. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder, Offeror or contractor in connection with a procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information and Virginia Public Procurement Acts; however, the bidder, Offeror or contractor must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary.
 - d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require the Owner, when procuring by “competitive negotiation” (Request for Proposal), to furnish a statement of reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous to the Owner.
19. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor certifies by signing bid to the Owner that no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and Owner that interferes with fair competition and no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and any other person or organization that constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to the contract with the Owner.

SPECIFICATIONS

20. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL ITEMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the Owner in its sole discretion determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The Bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Owner to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding, only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the Bidder clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is "equal" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.
21. **FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS:** When a solicitation contains a specification which states no substitutes, no deviation therefrom will be permitted and the bidder will be required to furnish articles in conformity with that specification.
22. **OMISSIONS & DISCREPANCIES:** Any items or parts of any equipment listed in this solicitation which are not fully described or are omitted from such specification, and which are clearly necessary for the completion of such equipment and its appurtenances, shall be considered a part of such equipment although not directly specified or called for in the specifications.
- The Bidder/Offeror shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings. Whenever the mention is made of any articles, material or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter’s codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications.
23. **CONDITION OF ITEMS:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, all items shall be new, in first class condition.

AWARD

24. **AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS:** The Purchasing Agent shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with all provisions of the IFB, provided the bid price is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the Owner to accept it. Awards made in response to a RFP will be made to the highest qualified Offeror whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous to the Owner taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to award a contract by individual items, in the aggregate, or in combination thereof, or to reject any or all bids/proposals and to waive any informality in bids/proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Owner. Award may be made to as many bidders/Offeror’s as deemed necessary to fulfill the anticipated requirements of the Owner. The Purchasing Agent also reserves the right to reject the bid if a bidder is deemed to be a non-responsible bidder.
25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the Procurement Division will publicly post such notice on the Procurement Website at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/procurement>
26. **QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS:** The Owner may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder/Offeror to perform the work/furnish the item(s) and the Bidder/Offeror shall furnish to the Owner all such

information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Owner reserves the right to inspect Bidder's/Offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the Bidder's/Offeror's capabilities. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any bid or proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigations of, such Bidder/Offeror fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder/Offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work/furnish the item(s) contemplated therein.

27. **TIE BIDS:** In the case of a tie bid, the Owner may give preference to goods, services and construction produced in Fauquier County or provided by persons, firms or corporations having principal places of business in the County. If such choice is not available, preference shall then be given to goods and services produced in the Commonwealth pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4324. If no County or Commonwealth choice is available, the tie shall be decided by lot.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

28. **APPLICABLE LAW AND COURTS:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed and construed in all respects by the laws of Virginia, and any litigation with respect thereto shall only be brought in the appropriate General District or Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
29. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the Contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Owner all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of the action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Owner under said contract. This includes, but is not limited to, overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations that arise under United States' or the Commonwealth's antitrust laws. Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by the Purchasing Agent and/or investigation for antitrust violations.
30. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation payment will be made forty-five (45) days after receipt of a proper invoice, or forty-five (45) days after receipt of all goods or acceptance of work, whichever is the latter.
- Invoices for items/services ordered, delivered/performed and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the contract number, purchase order number, and any federal employer identification number.
 - Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 45 days will be regarded as requiring payment 45 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 45 days, however.
 - The date of payment shall be deemed the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail.
 - The Owner's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Contractors must submit invoices, especially for goods and/or services provided in the month of JUNE, for the entire month i.e. June 1 - June 30, so that expenses are recognized in the appropriate fiscal year.
 - Any payment made by the Contractor to the Owner shall only be made in U.S. Dollars. If payment is received in foreign currency the Owner may, in its sole discretion, reject such payment and require immediate compensation in U.S. Dollars.
31. **PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS:** A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
- To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Owner for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - To notify the Owner and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month compounded monthly (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Owner, except for amounts withheld as stated in 2 above. The date of mailing of any payment by postage prepaid U.S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each subtier contractor performing under the primary contract-. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Owner.
32. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Purchasing Agent.
33. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to another remedies which the Owner may have.
34. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offeror's certify to the Owner that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians with Disabilities Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Virginia Human Rights Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3900 *et seq.*) and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1(E)).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in A and B below apply:

- During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- 1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - 2) The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - 3) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- b. The Contractor will include the provisions of a. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
35. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can only be made to the contract in one of the following ways:
- a. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 - b. The Owner may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the Contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The Contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The Contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Owner a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods.
 - 1) By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - 2) By agreeing in writing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Owner's right to audit the Contractor's records and/or determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - 3) By ordering the Contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The Contractor shall present the Owner with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Owner shall have the right to audit the records of the Contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Procurement Division within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Procurement Division. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the questions of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for relieving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the Contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Owner or with the performance of the contract generally.
 - c. No modification for a fixed price contract may be increased by more than 25% or \$50,000, whichever is greater without the advanced written approval of the Board of Supervisors or the School Board, as applicable.
36. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the Owner, its agents, officials, employees and volunteers against claims of injuries, death, damage to property, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses which may otherwise accrue against the Owner in consequence of the granting of a contract or which may otherwise result therefrom, if it shall be determined that the act was caused through negligence or error, or omission of the Contractor or his or her employees, or that of the subcontractor or his or her employees, if any; and the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith; and if any judgment shall be rendered against the Owner in any such action, the Contractor shall, at his or her own expenses, satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the Owner as herein provided.
37. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
- For the purposes of this section, "*drug-free workplace*" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.
38. **TERMINATION:** Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Owner upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- a. Termination for Convenience: In the event that the contract is terminated upon request and for the convenience of the Owner, without the required thirty (30) days advance notice, then the Owner shall be responsible for payment of services up to the termination date.
 - b. Termination for Cause: Termination by the Owner for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any shall not apply. However, pursuant to the Default provision of these General Conditions, the

Owner may hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.

c. **Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years:** When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be canceled without any liability or penalty to Owner.

39. **USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER PUBLIC BODIES:** Except as prohibited by the current *Code of Virginia*, all resultant contracts will be extended, with the authorization of the Contractor, to other public bodies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and all currently active members of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) or, Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team, to permit their ordering of supplies and/or services at the prices and terms of the resulting contract. If any other public body decides to use the final contract, the Contractor must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement or orders, issuance of the purchase order, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. Fauquier County acts only as the “Contracting Agent” for these public bodies. Any resulting contract with other public bodies shall be governed by the laws of that specific entity. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify the public bodies of the availability of the contract. Fauquier County shall not be held liable for any costs or damage incurred by another public body as a result of any award extended to that public body by the Contractor.

40. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this contract for five years after final payment, or until audited by the Owner, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or Owner auditors shall have full access to and right to examine any of said materials during said period.

41. **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION:** The Contractor shall not employ on school property any employee who is a registered sex offender and shall enforce the same restriction upon all sub-contractors and agents of Contractor. Prior to starting work and quarterly during performance of the work, the Contractor shall check the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry to verify sex offender status of all employees and agents of Contractor and Sub-Contractors who are employed on school property by the Contractor or Sub-Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with evidence verifying compliance with the services.

Prior to starting work on-site, the Contractor shall submit a completed Fauquier County Public Schools “CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN” form, a copy of which is included in this solicitation.

42. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW:** During the term of any contract, the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth of Virginia, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

43. **ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION:** As required by the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act 40 CFR, subpart E, 763.93, information regarding asbestos inspections, response actions, and post response activities is on file in a full asbestos report located in the main office of each school. Contractors bear full responsibility to review this material prior to commencing any activity at a school site.

44. **VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION:** If required by law, the Contractor shall maintain a valid certificate of authority or registration to transact business in Virginia with the Virginia State Corporation Commission as required by Title 13.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the term of the Contract or any Contract renewal. The Contractor shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the terms of the contract. If the Contractor fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section, the contract is voidable at the option of Owner.

45. **ADA WEBSITE-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY:** Any Contractor who performs services, designs, develops content, maintains or otherwise bears responsibility for the content and format of Owner’s website(s) or third-party programs accessed through Owner’s website(s), acknowledges receipt of, and responsibility to implement the accessibility standards found in the U.S. Department of Justice publication entitled “Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities,” available at www.ada.gov/websites2.htm or, as attached directly to the solicitation. Contractor services as noted, shall conform to § 508 of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the World Wide Web Consortium’s (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 AA), most current versions, in addition to the Owner’s web accessibility policy.

DELIVERY PROVISION

46. **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS-CONSIGNMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation each case, crate, barrel, package, etc., delivered under the contract must be plainly stenciled or securely tagged, stating the Contractor’s name, purchase order number, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Where shipping containers are to be used, each container must be marked with the purchase order number, name of the Contractor, the name of the item, the item number, and the quantity contained therein. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Deliveries at any other time will not be accepted unless specific arrangements have been previously made with the designated individual at the delivery point. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays unless previous arrangements have been made. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to insure compliance with these instructions for items that are drop-shipped.

47. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES TENDERED:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by the contract until they are delivered at the designated point, but the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies after notice of rejection. Rejected materials or supplies must be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification of rejection, unless public health and safety require immediate destruction or other disposal of rejected delivery. If rejected materials are not removed by the Contractor

within ten (10) days after date of notification, the Owner may return the rejected materials or supplies to the Contractor at his or her risk and expense or dispose of them as its own property.

48. **INSPECTIONS:** The Owner reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure supplies and services conform to the specification. Inspection and acceptance of materials or supplies will be made after delivery at destinations herein specified unless otherwise stated. If inspection is made after delivery at destination herein specified, the Owner will bear the expense of inspection except for the value of samples used in case of rejection. Final inspection shall be conclusive except in regard to latent defects, fraud or such gross mistakes as to amount to fraud. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies will be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the Owner for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specifications.
49. **COMPLIANCE:** Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the solicitation or as directed by the Procurement Division when not in conflict with the bid/contract. The decision as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of goods by the purchaser shall rest with the Contractor. Any request for extension of time of delivery from that specified must be approved by the Procurement Division, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment affected. Should the Contractor be delayed by the Owner, there shall be added to the time of completion a time equal to the period of such delay caused by the Owner. However, the contractor shall not be entitled to claim damages of extra compensation for such delay or suspension. These conditions may vary for construction contracts.
50. **POINT OF DESTINATION:** All materials shipped to the Owner must be shipped F.O.B. DESTINATION unless otherwise stated in the contract. The materials must be delivered to the "Ship To" address indicated on the purchase order.
51. **REPLACEMENT:** Materials or components that have been rejected by the Procurement Division, in accordance with the terms of the contract, shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the Owner.
52. **PACKING SLIPS OR DELIVERY TICKETS:** All shipments shall be accompanied by Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets and shall contain the following information for each item delivered:
- Purchase Order Number,
 - Name of Article and Stock Number,
 - Quantity Ordered,
 - Quantity Shipped,
 - Quantity Back Ordered,
 - The Name of the Contractor.

Contractors are cautioned that failure to comply with these conditions shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR REMEDIES

53. **PROTEST OF AWARD OR DECISION TO AWARD:** Any Bidder/Offeror who desires to protest the award or decision to award a contract, by either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, shall submit such protest in writing to the County Administrator (if the award or decision to award was made by Fauquier County) or the Superintendent of Schools (if the award or decision to award was made by the Fauquier County School Board), no later than ten (10) days after public notice of the award or announcement of the decision to award, whichever comes first. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected bidder/Offeror is not a responsible bidder/Offeror. The written protest shall include the basis for the protest and the relief sought. The County Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools, as the case may be, shall issue a decision in writing within ten (10) days stating the reasons for the action taken. This decision shall be final unless the bidder/Offeror appeals within ten (10) days of the written decision by instituting legal action as provided in § VIII.H.3 of the County's Procurement Policy. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit an Offeror to challenge the validity of the terms or conditions of the solicitation.
54. **DISPUTES:** Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Administrator (if the claim is against Fauquier County) no later than sixty (60) days after final payment; however, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file such claim shall have been given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Nothing herein shall preclude a contract from requiring submission of an invoice for final payment within a certain time after completion and acceptance of the work or acceptance of the goods. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amount agreed due in the final payment. A written decision upon any such claims will be made by the School Board (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Board of Supervisors (if the claim is against Fauquier County) within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim. The Contractor may not institute legal action prior to receipt of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (whichever is applicable) decision on the claim unless the applicable party fails to render such decision within sixty (60) days. The decision of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) shall be final and conclusive unless the Contractor within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on a claim, initiates legal action as provided in *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4364. Failure of the School Board or Board of Supervisors to render a decision within sixty (60) days shall not result in the Contractor being awarded the relief claimed nor shall it result in any other relief or penalty. Should the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) fail to render a decision within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim, the Contractor may institute legal action within six (6) months after such 60-day period shall have expired, or the claim shall be deemed finally resolved. No administrative appeals procedure pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4365 has been established for contractual claims under this contract.

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Date: April 4, 2025

Contract No.: 25-127-C-R Riding Sourcewell (RFP 010424-FDX) Fire-Dex Inc, LLC

Contract Title: DFREM Gear Cleaning, Repair and Inspection

Contractor: Fire-Dex, GW LLC

Modification No.: 1

Effective Date: April 1, 2025

This Supplemental Agreement is entered into pursuant to the provision of the basic contract.

1) Description of Modification: CPI-U price adjustment of 2.7% on contract items on attached price sheet:

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of Contract Number 25-127-C-R, as heretofore changed, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

	Fire-Dex, GW LLC		Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia
By:	<i>Allison DeConzelio</i>	By:	<i>K. Schulz</i>
Title:	Contract Administrator	Title:	Procurement Manager
Date:	04/04/2025	Date:	4/7/2025

Fire Dex GEAR WASH

March 27, 2025

Jeff Campbell, Procurement Officer III
Fauquier County Govt/Public Schools Procurement Department
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Re: Fauquier County Contract 25-127-C-R: Contract Pricing

Mr. Campbell,

Fire-Dex GW, LLC dba Gear Wash appreciates the opportunity for a contractual agreement and looks forward to continuing to support Fauquier County. Fire-Dex GW, LLC would like to request a 2.7% increase in pricing, not to exceed the CPI-U. These prices will take effect on April 1, 2025. Pricing will be reevaluated annually and prior to any additional extensions of the contract.

We look forward to continuing to provide exceptional service and support to Fauquier County. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

SERVICES	CURRENT PRICE	NEW PRICE
PER ENSAMBLE	\$335.24	\$344.29
PER PIECE	\$167.68	\$172.21

Sincerely,

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