

FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
**PROCUREMENT DIVISION**  
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**NOTICE OF CONTRACT RIDER**

DATE: October 2, 2024

COMMODITY NAME: DFREM Uniforms and Equipment

CONTRACT NUMBER: 134-24mrc (Riding Sourcewell RFP011124, RFP011824, RFP020124, and RFP010424)

CONTRACT PERIOD: July 1, 2024, through March 25, 2028

RENEWALS: Three (3) 1-year renewals

CONTRACTOR: Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.  
VN: 652799 12 Turnberry Lane 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sandy Hook, CT 06482  
Phone: 203-304-4132  
Chanda Riddick-Yamoah, Contracts Manager  
[criddick@mesfire.com](mailto:criddick@mesfire.com)

TERMS: Net 45 days

DELIVERY: See contract details

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Campbell, VCA, VCO  
Procurement Officer III  
Phone: 540.422.8350

NOTICE TO ALL FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT USING DEPARTMENTS: This contract is the result of a competitive bid program, and its use must follow the FCG Procurement Policy/Procedures for the purchase of the commodity listed herein. Please see the reverse side of this notice for further instructions regarding this contract.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Orders:** All FCG Using Departments must order services listed by issuing FCG Purchase Orders per FCG Procurement Procedures Manual. An extra copy of the Procedures Manual can be obtained by calling Procurement at (540) 422-8351 or 8352.
2. The applicable contract number, vendor number, estimated total dollar amount (can be done as a "Not to exceed" estimated figure), contact person with phone number, and billing/delivery address must be shown on each purchase order for Finance & Contractor use.
3. Inspection on delivery and approval of contractor's invoice is the responsibility of the receiving using department.
4. Any complaint as to quality of goods or services, faulty or delinquent delivery, or violation of contract provisions by contractor shall be reported to FCG Procurement for handling with the Contractor. All complaints must be submitted in writing and can be forwarded to Procurement via fax or courier.
5. **Renewals:** As stated on the face of this notice three (3) additional 1-year renewals are on this contract. Renewal notification will be issued by the contract officer after verification of Chesterfields County renewal, with input requested from the using departments, approximately sixty days in advance of the expiration date of the current term.





**FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**Contract # 134-24mrc**  
**DFREM Uniforms and Equipment with Related Products**  
**and Services**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, by the Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, referred to as "Owner" (such reference is for the matter of convenience only) and **Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.** having its principal place of business at **12 Turnberry Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sandy Hook, CT 06482**, 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 DFREM Uniforms and Equipment with Related Products and Services and other related supplies on an as needed basis to the Owner, as set forth in the Contract Documents.

**COMPENSATION:** The Owner will pay and the Contractor will accept fees for Uniforms and Equipment with Related Products and Services for Fauquier County in accordance with Contracts RFP # 011124, RFP # 011824, RFP # 020124, and RFP # 010424 and all discounted pricing incorporated herein by reference and in accordance with the Sourcewell Contracts referenced above.


**CONTRACT PERIOD:** **Date of Award through March 25, 2028.** This Contract may be extended up to three (3) additional times, for one (1) additional year per extension, upon the request of the Fauquier County and written agreement by Contractor.

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 inclusive of Insurance Checklist;
- (2) General Terms & Conditions and State Corporation Commission Form
- (3) Sourcewell Contracts # RFP #011124, RFP # 011824, RFP#020124, RFP# 010424 inclusive of any Addenda and/or Attachments, which are incorporated herein by reference;

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

	<b>Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.</b>		<b>Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia</b>
<b>By:</b>	<u>John Walker</u> <small>John Walker (Jun 25, 2024 14:53 EDT)</small>	<b>By:</b>	<u>Jeff Campbell</u>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>CFO</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Procurement Manager</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>6/25/2024</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<u>7/1/24</u>


**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
[Signature] 6/27/24

**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. <b>Workers' Compensation</b> 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. <b>Commercial General Liability</b> 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. <b>Automobile Liability</b> 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. <b>Prof. Errors and Omissions</b> Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better or its equivalent	4. \$1,000,000 (CSL) Each Claim	
—	5. <b>Garage Liability</b>	5. \$1,000,000 CSL Each Occurrence	
—	6. <b>Garage Keeper's Legal Liability</b> 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. <b>Umbrella Liability</b> Best's Guide Rating-A-VIII or better, or its equivalent.	7. \$1,000,000 Minimum	
—	8. <b>Other Insurance:</b> Cyber Liability as needed	8. \$1,000,000 Minimum	
<u>X</u>	9. <b>Auto and General Liability Policies shall be endorsed to name Fauquier County and/or County Public School Board as additional insured</b> (This coverage is primary to all other coverage The County and Schools may possess and must be shown on the certificate)		Fauquier
<u>X</u>	10. The Contractor shall provide 30 days written notice of any policy cancellation for policies specified 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.		on this
<u>X</u>	11. <b>The Certificate must state Bid/RFP No. and Bid/RFP Title.</b>		
<u>X</u>	12. <b>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.</b>		

**OFFEROR STATEMENT**

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

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FIRM

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SIGNATURE

Revised 4/8/2021, Proc/HR

**RETURN THIS PAGE**

## 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.

- 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/Offeree 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/Offeree. 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/Offeree.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerees 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/Offerees 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/Offeree 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/Offeree with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeree 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-responsive 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.
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. The date of payment shall be deemed the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail.
  - d. 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.
  - e. 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.
  - a. 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
  - b. 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 sub-tier 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:

- a. 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 (MWCWG) 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](http://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.

**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

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Date

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Authorized Signature

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Print or Type Name and Title

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**Solicitation Number: RFP #011124****CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., 12 Turnberry Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 (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 Uniforms with Related Products and Services 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 25, 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 Sourcwell 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 Sourcwell 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 Sourcewell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcewell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

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

B. BUSINESS REVIEWS. Supplier must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcewell 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 Sourcewell 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;
- Sourcewell Assigned Entity/Participating Entity Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcewell 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 Sourcewell, the Supplier will pay an administrative fee to Sourcewell 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:

\$1,000,000 per claim or event

\$1,000,000 – 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.

Sourcewell

Municipal Emergency Services

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# RFP 011124 - Uniforms with Related Products and Services

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## Vendor Details

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Sandy Hook, CT 06482  
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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")	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	n/a
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):	# 1XBB1 T4MGJ9BU63J6
5	Proposer Physical Address:	12 Turnberry Lane, 2nd FL, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	www.mesfire.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):	John Walker, CFO, jwalker@mesfire.com; 203-304-4102
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Chanda Riddick-Yamoah, Contracts Manager, criddick@mesfire.com, 203-304-4132
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	n/a

**Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength**

Line Item	Question	Response *
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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>Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. is a national full-line first responder and public safety distributor in the US. We also offer the purchase, service, and installation of specific products throughout Canada. We stock and distribute over 100,000 products from over 4,000 manufacturers. We currently have over 200 outside sales representatives, 150 mobile technicians, as well as dedicated inside sales staff and customer service representatives, 18 warehouse locations across the United States and Canada, and 25 regional offices providing our customers with excellent customer service and support. Our field technicians are professionally trained and have earned certifications to service specialized equipment. MES also offers service rates and custom services to meet our customer's needs and requirements.</p> <p>MES is a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and vendors. MES is a distinctive brand due to our national and Canadian reach, size, number of support channels, service technicians and strategically aligned regional offices and warehouses for turnkey operations. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our workforce includes former fire chiefs, firemen, and police officers who have a working knowledge of our products and are able to address concerns and share knowledge regarding the leading products offered by MES.</p> <p>In 2012 MES acquired Lawmen Supply. This merger gave the company the unique ability to serve all first responders and public safety officials on a national level. MES annual sales are more than \$300MM and most of our sales are for fulfillment of contracts and purchases to local, state, and federal first responder and public safety organizations. We are a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and suppliers.</p> <p>What makes MES distinctive is our national presence. Our size, number of sales representatives, service technicians, strategic warehouse locations and geographic coverage positions helps us to provide superior products and customer service to the Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and all public safety departments on a national level as no other sales and service distributor can do.</p> <p>MES is financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and vendors. We offer programs and solutions, not just uniforms. MES is a distinctive brand due to our national customers, reach, size, number of support channels, service technicians and strategically aligned regional offices and warehouses for turnkey operations. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our workforce includes former fire chiefs, firemen, and police officers who have a working knowledge of our products and are able to address concerns and share knowledge regarding the leading products offered by MES.</p> <p>Our numerous awards and expanding customer base indicates a successful track record and continuous trust within the industry. An award with Sourcewell will assist us to reach new markets and customers. We will also be able to increase the number of services and products offered to our customers who are familiar with Sourcewell for their procurement needs.</p>	
11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	In the event of an award, MES expectations are to continue with our year over year growth with our updated contract. Our expectations include a successful launch and communication with our sales teams to inform our customers of our updated contract. Our customers will be informed of the new contract and our commitment to offer product and solutions to meet their needs.	*
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.	Attached are financial statements and bank reference letter.	*
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	38%	*
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	0	*

15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	no	*
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?	a. Please see attached letter.	*
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.	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. have several levels of management with experience and training to ensure compliance to NFPA when providing materials or servicing fire departments and other agencies. Our team is has been trained and can identify the standards and subject matter regarding NFPA and SCBA certification. Our technicians are certified to evaluate, test, and repair 3M/Scott Safety systems, and other air supply compressors and components. MES is one of only a few nationwide Five Star certified 3M Scott National Service Group. In addition, 98% of our sales force are former fire fighters or law enforcement officers who possess hands on training.	*
18	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	n/a	*

**Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
19	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	MES has received multiple awards from our vendors to recognize us an industry leader or a partner within the industry. Our awards include platinum and diamond recognition as leading partners as well as multiple Best of Show awards as participants in national and regional fire shows and conferences. Please see attached.	*
20	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	98%	*
21	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	2%	*
22	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?	NPP - \$18,000,000 HGAC - \$20,500,000 LA COUNTY FIRE - \$6,316,000 STATE OF PA - \$40,000,000	*
23	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?	GSA-\$21,000,000	*

**Table 4: References/Testimonials**

Line Item 24. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcwell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
Norfolk Police Department	Lt. Joseph Miolla	757-664-4169	*
Prince William County Police Department	Imran Muhammad	703-792-6589	*
Federal Bureau of Investigations	Lt. Donald Linares-Uniformed Divisions	202-324-2609	*

**Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers**

**Line Item 25.** 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 *
Indianapolis Fire Department	Government	Indiana - IN	Uniforms, measurements, logo, tailoring, embroidery	18,111	652,006
Frederick County Commissioners	Government	Maryland - MD	Uniforms, measurements, logo, tailoring, embroidery	16,828	605,818
Federal Bureau of Investigations	Government	Maryland - MD	Uniforms, measurements, logo, tailoring, embroidery	16,728	602,204
St. Marys County Sheriff	Government	Indiana - IN	Uniforms, measurements, logo, tailoring, embroidery	16,180	582,463
Indiana Department of Corrections	Government	Indiana - IN	Uniforms, measurements, logo, tailoring, embroidery	15,918	573,035

**Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service**

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell 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 *
26	Sales force.	MES has increased our sales force to 200 Sales Representatives. Our Sales force is growing to support our expanding customer base. In addition, we have an internal sales team which works closely with our Sales Representatives to maximize customer support and feedback regarding our products and delivery. We also have a skilled regional office support throughout the US to address customer inquiries and requests effectually and quickly.
27	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	MES is the distributor/dealer for the products listed in this bid.
28	Service force.	MES offers a service force with full-service customization shops in the following states with the number of employees associated with each shop. CA- 6 CO- 11 NY- 8 NJ- 3 DC- 1 VA- 3 Hallandale FL- 17 Petersburg FL- 11
29	Describe the ordering process. If orders will be handled by distributors, dealers or others, explain the respective roles of the Proposer and others.	All orders begin with a proof. This proof is checked and approved by our customer. After approval, the orders are handled by our sales representatives and our internal customer service teams. Our Sales Representative or customer service reps will receive a PO from our customers. Each order automatically generates a very detailed instruction tag that is attached to each item. The CSR will then review the order to ensure pricing reflects the Sourcewell member number and correct discount offered. Once review is completed, the CSR contacts our vendor or checks our warehouses to located the product ordered and deliver as per the lead-time requested. For uniform ordering, we also offer Proprietary Precision Order Processing software. (POP) , Online order placement through Signature Online Stores. (SOS), and Mobile Uniform services. If the employee is close to one of our uniform centers, they can be notified via an easy text to pick up their order when ready. If not, the Sales Representative notifies the customer when the order will be delivered or is ready for pick-up. We also offer mobile services to a destination identified by the customer to deliver finished products. We have attached a presentation to provide more details on our ordering processes.

30	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 teams and office support staff has expanded to over 130 skilled and trained teams strategically located at our regional offices throughout the US. Our response time to inquiries are same day or within 24 hours. Our customer service teams are responsible for order placing, job scheduling, and follow-up.	*
31	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	MES performs training classes and provide updates to our Sales teams via internal newsletters or quarterly correspondence on Sourcewell updates and tips. This equips our teams to identify new members or grow established members product supply of our equipment.	*
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	MES does not offer our uniform services in Canada at this time. We are researching startup opportunities to offer solutions in this market. We have identified an emerging market that we are researching to enter.	*
33	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	New Hampshire Maine North Dakota Hawaii	*
34	Identify any Sourcewell 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?	MES can support and provide products to all participating agencies except in New Hampshire, Maine, North Dakota, or Hawaii. For these states, we offer online ordering for items not requiring onsite measurements, sewing, tailoring or customization.	*
35	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	Shipping or freight cost for large or heavy items will require a quote for transportation cost. MES will provide an equitable shipping cost for the customer to review that will meet their expectations and lead-time. Hawaii and Alaska orders will be quoted for shipping. This would also apply to all US territories.	*

Table 7: Marketing Plan

Line Item	Question	Response *	
36	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.	Our marketing strategy includes internal and external training classes for our sales teams and customers. We also use literature to describe the process and product offering. We identify and include contract tips in internal newsletters and company wide communication. We also market additional products to our customers of accessories or other materials listed on our contracts during the purchase of materials from our customers.	*
37	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	MES utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, and LinkedIn to increase our brand awareness. We also interface with potential customers and clients using these platforms and showcase customer testimonials.	*
38	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	We value Sourcewell's role in promoting our contracts on the portal and with members searching for particular products. In the past, we have seen that Sourcewell's familiarity with our products frequently provides leads and customer's to our page to make contact for more information.	*
39	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.	E-procurement can be used using our website (www.mesfire.com). Customers are able to register a username and password on this website. Once this is completed, users can research products by vendor name, brand, or commodity. Items selected are placed in a basket. Once all items are selected, users can pay online using a credit card. If more information is needed, customers can print their items for purchase and request a sales representative to contact them.	*

**Table 8: Value-Added Attributes**

Line Item	Question	Response *
40	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcewell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	At no additional cost to our customers, MES offers training on our SOS stores or Proprietary Precision Order Processing software. (POP), Online order placement . This is part of our training programs such as SCBA training, annual testing, and service maintenance. In addition, we offer new certification packs. If customers do ask or require training on any of our products, MES is able to provide this at most times with little or no additional costs.
41	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	MES provides SOS stores or Proprietary Precision Order Processing software. (POP), Online order placement which are signature online stores which are used for customers who are interested in providing a portal for jurisdictions, departments, or towns to purchase specific product online.
42	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.	n/a
43	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.	n/a
44	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.	n/a
45	What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities (customization, personalization, alteration, fitting, and/or sizing)? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities (laundering, cleaning, mending and/or repair services)?	MES offers the largest and competitive pricing for first responder and law enforcement uniforms. Due to our commitment to safety and quality, our sales team consist of current or form fire fighter professionals or police officials. We offer solutions and services that can come directly to the customer with our trained and certified technicians across the nation. This experience and service is unique to MES and has been an attribute that keep customers returning for more product due to their positive purchasing experience and trust in materials with MES.

**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 *
46	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	Due to the expanse of our product offerings, our warranties offer numerous product specific assurances for the products purchased by our customers. Typically, our warranties offer a common coverage against manufacturer defects and product performance up based on the manufacturer's warranty. The warranties also cover parts and labor within the specified time of coverage.
47	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	MES will perform the warranty service as an authorized repair center unless our vendor has specified in the warranty to return the product or products to the OEM's location for repair.
48	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Most of our warranties do not cover transportation cost or mileage unless there is a gross malfunction or failure of the product purchased. In these instances, we work with the customer directly to ensure MES can rectify the situation and offer a solution.
49	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?	We do not offer onsite uniform services for the following states: New Hampshire Maine North Dakota Hawaii  Warranty is n/a for these areas.
50	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?	MES will perform the warranty service as an authorized repair center unless the OEM has specified in the warranty to return the product or products to the OEM's location for repair.
51	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Goods received damaged or deflection will be repaired or replaced based on the guidelines and terms of the warranty.
52	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	Sewing/Tailoring  Embroidery  Art Requests/Requirements

**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 *
53	Describe any performance standards or guarantees that apply to your services (product longevity or wear- resistance).	MES offers best in class service and guarantee of all service work which is supported by a warranty of the service completed.
54	Describe any service standards or guarantees that apply to your services (repairs, cleaning turnaround times, etc.).	MES tracks the number of service calls and the type of repair work completed to offer feedback and internal analyses of products and services. Metrics and KPI's not meeting our internal targets are reviewed with our vendors to address improvements.

**Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
55	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	MES has standard payment terms of Net 30. We also accept payment via credit card for payments under \$10,000.	*
56	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	Yes. Leasing is available with Community Leasing Partners.	*
57	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.	Please see attached. MES will use quotes, purchase orders, and invoices as standard transactions in connection to these products if awarded a contract. Examples are attached.	*
58	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	MES accepts the p-card procurement for payment. We do not request fees or additional costs for using this method.	*

**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 *
59	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.	MES will provide discount off List/MSRP pricing. Attached are our vendors current list price. We will also include a and a spreadsheet listing each vendor and the discount offered.
60	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.	MES will provide a discount off of the vendor MSRP sheet as the Sourcwell proposed bid price.
61	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	n/a
62	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.	n/a
63	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.	n/a
64	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcwell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost only for customer requests for expedited, next day, or for bulky oversized shipments. Items in this category are quoted upon request.
65	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Shipping and/or freight to Alaska or Hawaii are quoted upon request. We also deliver specific products within the Quebec region of Canada. Freight will be reviewed when requested from our Canadian customers to determine if additional costs and expenses are needed to provide materials. If additional freight cost are identified, the cost will be presented to our Canadian customers for approval prior to delivery.
66	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	MES offers the unique ability to supply our customer's from the closest warehouse located to the site of service or delivery. Our unique distribution methods provides the ability to deliver quickly and efficiently across the US and in certain areas in Canada. Special delivery requirements or expedited delivery options are also available and can be quoted upon request. In the event a product is not in stock, our relationships with our vendors typically results in expedited availability shipped to our customers with little to no impact to the delivery requirements.

**Table 12: Pricing Offered**

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
67	b. the same as the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.	



**Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee**

Line Item	Question	Response *
68	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.	MES utilizes tools such as report analysis and quarterly reviews to self-audit by our Accounting and Contracts Department. Reports are analyzed to make sure vendors listed and products purchased are on contract and listed on the correct agreements. In addition to the reports, internally our software for ordering has checks and balances that our Sales Rep must select before a sales order or quote can be approved.
69	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.	Internally we track quarterly growth and sales compared to the previous year. We also review the top products purchased to identify accessories or services which could help grow the business.
70	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.)	MES proposes to continue our 1% quarterly fee for all sales if awarded the contract.

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

Line Item	Question	Response *
71	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	MES believes in providing top rated and high quality products in this category. Our vendors and the products are researched to provide the best in attributes such as materials, fabrics, quality, comfort, performance, warranty, and responsiveness. When supplying products and services in the uniform industry, our standards are to offer precision measuring, tested fabrics and materials, customer focused responses, uniform stores, and ease of measurements, delivery, and modifications. Our expectation remains at the top of the class across all categories.
72	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	n/a

**Table 148: 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	
73	Uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear;	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Dedicated uniform specialists to help guide the process.  Professionally staffed and equipped regional customization shops.	*
74	Rental and leasing services incidental to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Line 73 above;	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Yes. Leasing is available with Community Leasing Partners.	*
75	Customization, personalization, alteration, fitting, and sizing services incidental to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Line 73 above;	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has an expansive capability to customize per our customer's requirements. For example, our facility in Reading, PA focuses primarily on larger orders. This location's state-of-the-art processes and techniques allows for efficient delivery regardless of the size of the order.	*
76	Laundry, cleaning, mending, and repair services incidental to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Line 73 above; and,	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	These services can be offered in all states except New Hampshire, Maine, North Dakota, and Hawaii	*
77	Incidental offering of facility supplies and related services such as, floor mats, mops, cleaning supplies, first-aid supplies, and related items to the extent they are complementary to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Line 73 above.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	We do not offer facility supplies and services at this time for floor mats, mops, and cleaning supplies. However, we do offer first aid kits that will be listed on uniform contract if awarded. We do offer small first aid kits through 5.11 and Avon Production Supplies.	*

### Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

### Documents

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

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell 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 Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. 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](#) - MES 011124 PRICING.zip - Thursday January 11, 2024 09:15:56
- [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Financial Statements.zip - Wednesday January 10, 2024 03:42:55
- Marketing Plan/Samples (optional)
- WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
- Warranty Information (optional)
- [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - IN1953970 011124.pdf - Thursday January 11, 2024 09:23:49
- [Requested Exceptions](#) - MES Documents 010424.zip - Wednesday January 10, 2024 03:42:02
- [Upload Additional Document](#) - Sourcewell 2024 Roper.zip - Thursday January 11, 2024 08:09:16

## 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. - John Walker, CFO, Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

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
<b>Addendum_4_Uniforms_with_Related_Products_and_Services_RFP_011124</b> Mon December 18 2023 03:08 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
<b>Addendum_3_Uniforms_with_Related_Products_and_Services_RFP_011124.pdf</b> Thu December 14 2023 02:18 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
<b>Addendum_2_Uniforms_with_Related_Products_and_Services_RFP_011124</b> Tue December 12 2023 01:10 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
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**MES - Sourcewell Contract #011124**

<b>PRODUCT CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED</b>	
<b>Uniform apparel, uniform, accessories, and footwear</b>	apparel/uniforms	5.11 Tactical	26% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Avon Protection	5% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Samuel Broome	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Crew Boss (Western	5% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Elbeco	29% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Fechierner	19% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	First Tactical	24% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Game Sportswear	15% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Gerber Outerwear	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Hero's Pride	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Horace Small	15% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Keystone Cap	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	KFT Fire Trainer	Net Price on Price MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Lightning X	5% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Lion	5% Off Current MSRP *gloves cannot be sold	
	apparel/uniforms	North American Rescue	8% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Propper	5% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Rocky	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Rothco	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	SanMar	5% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Spiewak	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	True North	5% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Veridian	5% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	VF Workrite Work Wear	15% Off Current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Warson Brands	10% off current MSRP	
	apparel/uniforms	Weinbrenner	10% off current MSRP	
<b>Customization</b>		MES Shops	Net MSRP if new garment required + customer sew requirements @ \$40/hour	
		Tailoring	Net MSRP if new garment required + customer sew requirements @ \$40/hour	
		Embroidery	Net MSRP if new garment required + customer sew requirements @ \$40/hour	
		Art Requests/Requireme	Net MSRP if new garment required + customer sew requirements @ \$40/hour	
<b>Maintenance &amp; Cleaning Services</b>	Garment Decontaminations	Cleaning, Alterations, & Customizations	Circul-Air	2% Off Washers & Dryers 5% Off Lockers
			Northwest Safety Clean	Fixed Pricing Per Price MSRP
<b>Protective Garment Laundry Machines</b>	Laundry Machines, Extractor machines	Groves/Ready Rack	2% Off Washers & Dryers 5% Off Lockers	
<b>Garment Care , Fire Clothing Repairs</b>	Garment Care	Minurva/Gear Wash	Quoted per job depending on spec and issue due to certs.	



**RFP #011124**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**for**  
**Uniforms with Related Products and Services**

**Proposal Due Date: January 11, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time**

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Uniforms with Related Products and Services 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 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

**SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

Public Notice of RFP Published:	November 16, 2023
Pre-proposal Conference:	December 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	January 3, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
<b>Proposal Due Date:</b>	January 11, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	January 11, 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 entities;
- 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:

- 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 Uniforms with Related Products and Services, including, but not to be limited to:
  - a. Uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear for the following uses and applications:
    - i. Transportation, automotive, fleet, public works and utilities, manufacturing, and warehouse personnel;
    - ii. Parks and recreation, facilities or grounds maintenance and custodial, administrative, and mailroom personnel;
    - iii. Healthcare and food service personnel;
    - iv. Public safety personnel (fire, law enforcement, EMS, tactical, corrections, and security);
    - v. Athletic and physical education competition and participation; and,
    - vi. Educational, academic, and performing arts participation and events.
  - b. Rental and leasing services incidental to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Section 1.a. above;
  - c. Customization, personalization, alteration, fitting, and sizing services incidental to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Section 1.a. above;
  - d. Laundry, cleaning, mending, and repair services incidental to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Section 1.a. above; and,
  - e. Proposers may also include an incidental offering of facility supplies and related services such as, floor mats, mops, cleaning supplies, first-aid supplies, and related items to the extent they are complementary to the offering of the uniform apparel, uniform accessories, and footwear described in Section 1.a. above.

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. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Uniforms with Related Products and Services. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include services-only solutions.

3. 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. Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment with Related Equipment Cleaning (RFP #010424) with the exception of the types of solutions described in RFP Section II. B. 1.a.iv. above.

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](mailto: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 and Performance Standards or Guarantees	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400

**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.



11/20/2023

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 011124

Solicitation Name: Uniforms with Related Products and Services

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

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**Question 1:**

Can you please provide the 15+ tables questions in an excel file to allow responses to be created offline?"

**Answer 1:**

After selecting "Start Submission", a proposer may navigate to Step 4 – "Preview Bid" and select "Preview My Bid in PDF" if a downloadable PDF of the questionnaire tables is desired. An excel file is not available.

**Question 2:**

Does this RFP cover Athletic Uniforms for K-12 ?

**Answer 2:**

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). However, only those products within the scope of the RFP will be included in any contract awarded by Sourcewell as a result of this solicitation.

**Question 3:**

Hi! I can't seem to locate the items to be quoted. And where does the pricing get entered? Please advise and thank you.

**Answer 3:**

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications or finite quantities. A proposer can propose its entire line of equipment, products, and services falling within the requested equipment, products, and services as described in the RFP.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011124 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/20/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



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Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 011124

Solicitation Name: Uniforms with Related Products and Services

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

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**Question 1:**

Does each planned attendee from our organization require a separate login for tomorrow's Pre-Proposal Conference for RFP 011124 - Uniforms with Related Products and Services or can many use the one I have?

**Answer 1:**

The login for the pre-proposal conference may be used by multiple users within an organization.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011124 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/12/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/14/2023

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 011124

Solicitation Name: Uniforms with Related Products and Services

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

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**Question 1:**

What do you mean by Low Bid-Low quality Responses. This Reference we Found (in Pre-Proposal Conference of Dec.13, 2023 Dated) on page 11 UNDER: Value of Cooperative Purchasing. Do you mean you-Sourcewell are looking *[sic]* all items with Low Quality with the Lowest-Lowest Prices in the Market?

**Answer 1:**

Slide 11 of the Pre-Proposal Conference references that cooperative purchasing avoids “low-bid, low-quality awards” as can happen with typical low-bid processes. Further, RFP Section VI. A. Evaluation states that “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.”

**Question 2:**

What is the Administrative Fee? Do you mean Each Product Price has a commission % or Fix % or \$ amount we need to Pay to Sourcewell in our offered Prices for all Products to Sourcewell in our BID?

**Answer 2:**

Refer to RFP Section III. B. - Administrative Fee. 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.

**Question 3:**

Do we need to include all our Products PHOTO--or--Pictures? OR [sic] Can we just offer with Product Name [sic] & Prices? Does it require some Very Brief specifications—Type of Style-Must [sic] INCLUDED with the Proposer bid on Each Product & Prices?

**Answer 3:**

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the product and pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Section III. - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

**Question 4:**

If the Proposer bid on Each Product & Prices comes WITHOUT some Very Brief specifications—Type of Style- included –then will it impact on Earning Points--Award Criteria--1,000 Points?

**Answer 4:**

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the product and pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Section III. - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

**Question 5:**

In Section III. Pricing, B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES (Page 7); The RFP indicates that the Administrative Fees is “typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%)”...How is the actual final admin fee percentage determined for awarded contracts?

**Answer 5:**

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. 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.

**Question 6:**

In Section III. Pricing, A. REQUIREMENTS (Page 7); If a vendor chooses Option A and submits Line-item Pricing by providing a specific price list of individual products or services, what are the pricing guidelines for any additional products or services that could also be provided to customers above and beyond the submitted Line Item Pricing individual item list?



**Answer 6:**

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the product and pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Section III. – Pricing. Refer to RFP Section III. – Pricing A.1. – Requirements, which allows for a combination of pricing options. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP. Section 4, Product and Pricing Change Requests of the Contract Template is applicable once a vendor has a contract and needs to change pricing or add or subtract products from the initial proposed offering.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011124 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/14/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/18/2023

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 011124

Solicitation Name: Uniforms with Related Products and Services

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

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**Question 1:**

Administrative Fee. If the Proposer (Bidder) do not give any administrative Fee by any means to Sourcewell then what will happen?

**Answer 1:**

Refer to Section 8. B. – Administrative Fee, of the Sourcewell contract template. “In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcewell, the Supplier will pay an administrative fee to Sourcewell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities.” The inability to reach an agreed upon administrative fee may result in the failure to execute a potential contract if a proposer is selected for award.

**Question 2:**

If the Proposer (Bidder) do not CLARIFY in their Pricing to the Submitted Bid about any Administrative Fee to Sourcewell will the Proposer get less than 1000 points?

**Answer 2:**

Refer to Answer 1 above. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria identified in the RFP.

**Question 3:**

Can you Extend the Closing date to February 15, 2024?

**Answer 3:**

With the availability of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal allowing for 24/7 remote access, an extension is not anticipated at this time.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011124 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/18/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

**Solicitation Number: RFP #011824****CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., 12 Turnberry Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 (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 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment 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 29, 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:

\$1,000,000 per claim or event

\$1,000,000 – 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.

Sourcewell

Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

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Jeremy Schwartz  
Title: Chief Procurement Officer  
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# RFP 011824 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment

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## Vendor Details

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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")	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	N/A
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):	#1XBB1 T4MGJ9BU96J6
5	Proposer Physical Address:	12 Turnberry Ln 2nd Floor Sandy Hook, CT 06482
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	www.mesfire.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):	John Walker CFO jwalker@mesfire.com 203-304-4132
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Chanda Riddick-Yamoah Contract Manager criddick@mesfire.com 203-304-4132
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	N/A

**Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength**

Line Item	Question	Response *
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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>Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. is a national full-line first responder and public safety distributor in the US. We also offer the purchase, service, and installation of specific products throughout Canada. We stock and distribute over 100,000 products from over 4,000 manufacturers. We currently have over 200 outside sales representatives, 150 mobile technicians, as well as dedicated inside sales staff and customer service representatives, 18 warehouse locations across the United States and Canada, and 25 regional offices providing our customers with excellent customer service and support. Our field technicians are professionally trained and have earned certifications to service specialized equipment. MES also offers service rates and custom services to meet our customer's needs and requirements.</p> <p>MES is a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and vendors. MES is a distinctive brand due to our national and Canadian reach, size, number of support channels, service technicians and strategically aligned regional offices and warehouses for turnkey operations. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our workforce includes former fire chiefs, firemen, and police officers who have a working knowledge of our products and are able to address concerns and share knowledge regarding the leading products offered by MES.</p> <p>In 2012 MES acquired Lawmen Supply. This merger gave the company the unique ability to serve all first responders and public safety officials on a national level. MES annual sales are more than \$300MM and most of our sales are for fulfillment of contracts and purchases to local, state, and federal first responder and public safety organizations. We are a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and suppliers.</p> <p>What makes MES distinctive is our national presence. Our size, number of sales representatives, service technicians, strategic warehouse locations and geographic coverage positions helps us to provide superior products and customer service to the Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and all public safety departments on a national level as no other sales and service distributor can do.</p> <p>Our numerous awards and expanding customer base indicates a successful track record and continuous trust within the industry. An award with Sourcwell will assist us to reach new markets and customers. We will also be able to increase the number of services and products offered to our customers who are familiar with Sourcwell for their procurement needs.</p>	*
11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	In the event of an award, MES expectations are to continue with our year over year growth with our updated contract. Our expectations include a successful launch and communication with our sales teams to inform our customers of our updated contract. Our customers will be informed of the new contract and our commitment to offer product and solutions to meet their needs.	*
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.	Please see attached	*
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	25%	*
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	less than 1%	*
15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	No	*



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?	Distributor/Dealer/Reseller. Please see attached authorization letter.	*
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.	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. have several levels of management with experience and training to ensure compliance to NFPA when providing materials or servicing fire departments and other agencies. Our team is has been trained and can identify the standards and subject matter regarding NFPA and SCBA certification. Our technicians are certified to evaluate, test, and repair 3M/Scott Safety systems, and other air supply compressors and components. MES is one of only a few nationwide Five Star certified 3M Scott National Service Group. In addition, 98% of our sales force are former fire fighters or law enforcement officers who possess hands on training	*
18	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	n/a	*

**Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success**

Line Item	Question	Response *	*
19	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	MES has received multiple awards from our vendors to recognize us an industry leader or a partner within the industry. Our awards include platinum and diamond recognition as leading partners as well as multiple Best of Show awards as participants in national and regional fire shows and conferences. Please see attached. Veridian 2022 & 2021 - Diamond Partner Fire Dex 2022 Premier Partner Platinum Award	*
20	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	98%. MES supports and supplies local, county, city and state government agencies which comprises the majority of all sales.	*
21	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	2%. MES supports and supplies several university and colleges throughout the nation. This sector comprises a small amount of sales but has seen growth over the last three years.	*
22	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?	NPP - \$18,000,000 HGAC - \$20,500,000 LA COUNTY FIRE - \$6,316,000 STATE OF PA - \$40,000,000	*
23	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?	GSA #GS07F0348V	*

**Table 4: References/Testimonials**

**Line Item 24.** Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcwell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	*
Denver Fire Department	Phillip Morelli, Division Chief	720-913-3446	*
Aurora Fire Rescue	Jeff Johnson, Captain	303-326-8628	*
Dekalb County Fire	Terence Wilkes, Captain	678-227-1831	*

**Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers**

**Line Item 25.** 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 *	
Phoenix Fire Support Services	Government	Arizona - AZ	SCBAs, products, materials, testing, and service	\$323,639	\$11,651,012	*
Dekalb County Purchasing & Contracting	Government	Georgia - GA	SCBAs, products, materials, testing, and service	\$132,074	\$4,754,651	*
DFD Operations	Government	Colorado - CO	SCBAs, products, materials, testing, and service	\$95,556	\$3,440,015	*
Horry County Fire & Rescue	Government	South Carolina - SC	SCBAs, products, materials, testing, and service	\$76,752	\$2,763,088	*
Aurora Fire Department	Government	Colorado - CO	SCBAs, products, materials, testing, and service	\$74,045	\$2,665,637	*

**Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service**

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell 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 *
26	Sales force.	MES has increased our sales force to 200 Sales Representatives. 170 of our Sales Reps are trained to sell SCBA products and services. The Sales Reps without this training will reach out to their counter parts when presented with an opportunity in this sector. Our Sales force is growing to support our expanding customer base. In addition, we have an internal sales team which works closely with our Sales Representatives to maximize customer support and feedback regarding our products and delivery. We also have a skilled regional office support throughout the US to address customer inquiries and requests effectually and quickly.
27	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	MES is the distributor/dealer for the products listed in this bid.
28	Service force.	MES has increased our service support to 134 service technicians. Our service technicians are equipped with mobile vans, tools, and manufacturer certifications to address customer needs and requests.
29	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 handled by our sales representatives and our internal customer service teams. Our Sales Representative or customer service reps will receive a PO from our customers. The CSR will then review the order to ensure pricing reflects the Sourcewell member number and correct discount offered. Once review is completed, the CSR contacts our vendor or checks our warehouses to located the product ordered and deliver as per the lead-time requested.
30	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 teams and office support staff has expanded to over 130 skilled and trained teams strategically located at our regional offices throughout the US. Our response time to inquiries are same day or within 24 hours. Our customer service teams are responsible for order placing, job scheduling, and follow-up
31	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	MES performs training classes and provide updates to our Sales teams via internal newsletters or quarterly correspondence on Sourcewell updates and tips. This equips our teams to identify new members or grow established members product supply of our equipment.
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	MES will not be able to support in sales in Canada for SCBAs products or service with the exception of product and materials from RevolveAir.
33	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	MES will not provide any products to Canada with the exception of product and materials from RevolveAir. MES will not provide any products to Hawaii at this time. MES distribution agreements are for the USA and that is where we have sales, service, and customer service staff to maintain the market in the USA. MES covers 44 states so there are only a few areas in the USA MES does not have sales coverage. Maine, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, and North Dakota
34	Identify any Sourcewell 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?	MES has a nationwide presence and coverage with a sales force across the US that our strategically located to support request from government, non-profit, or educational entities. MES has a strategic location in Branford Ontario to support the purchase and installation of RevolveAir Systems.  MES can support and provide products to all participating agencies.
35	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	Shipping or freight cost for large or heavy items will require a quote for transportation cost. MES will provide an equitable shipping cost for the customer to review that will meet their expectations and lead-time. Hawaii and Alaska orders will be quoted for shipping. This would also apply to all US territories.

**Table 7: Marketing Plan**

Line Item	Question	Response *
36	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.	Our marketing strategy includes internal and external training classes for our sales teams and customers. We also use literature to describe the process and product offering. We identify and include contract tips in internal newsletters and company wide communication. We also market additional products to our customers of accessories or other materials listed on our contracts during the purchase of materials from our customers.
37	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	MES utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, and LinkedIn to increase our brand awareness. We also interface with potential customers and clients using these platforms and showcase customer testimonials.
38	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	We value Sourcewell's role in promoting our contracts on the portal and with members searching for particular products. In the past, we have seen that Sourcewell's familiarity with our products frequently provides leads and customer's to our page to make contact for more information.
39	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.	E-procurement can be used using our website (www.mesfire.com). Customers are able to register a username and password on this website. Once this is completed, users can research products by vendor name, brand, or commodity. Items selected are placed in a basket. Once all items are selected, users can pay online using a credit card. If more information is needed, customers can print their items for purchase and request a sales representative to contact them.

**Table 8: Value-Added Attributes**

Line Item	Question	Response *
40	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.	MES offers SCBA training, annual testing, and service maintenance for this product. In addition, we offer new certification packs. If customers do ask or require training on any of our products, MES is able to provide this at most times with little or no additional costs. This is part of our training programs such as SCBA training, annual testing, and service maintenance. In addition, we offer new certification packs. If customers do ask or require training on any of our products, MES is able to provide this at most times with little or no additional costs.
41	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	MES provides SOS stores which are signature online stores which are used for customers who are interested in providing a portal for jurisdictions, departments, or towns to purchase specific product online.
42	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.	N/A
43	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.	N/A
44	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.	N/A
45	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?	MES offers the largest and competitive pricing for first responder equipment and materials. Due to our commitment to safety and quality, our sales team consist of current or form fire fighter professionals or police officials. We offer solutions and services that can come directly to the customer with our trained and certified technicians across the nation and in Canada. This experience and service is unique to MES and has been an attribute that keep customers returning for more product due to their positive purchasing experience and trust in materials with MES.
46	Describe compliance to applicable national standards such as: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and American National Standards Institute (ANSI).	MES adheres to the national standards of NFPA, OSHA, and ANSI through our activities and compliance efforts internally and with our manufacturer's products and materials. We have requirements and testing for specific products that must meet our exceed testing levels by our manufacturer's to supply us with products or materials. Our relationship with 3M Scott for SCBAs also complies with these national standards. Our technicians are trained for testing and product repair to ensure these standards are not compromised. We have annual training and certification requirements that adhere to these standards that our company follows and implements to ensure safety and top quality materials,
47	Describe how your product can be cleaned and decontaminated to prevent exposure to carcinogens.	The Scott Pak can be be grossly deconned to remove large debris prior to disassembly. Once disassembled, the airpak can be scrubbed with a sponge/cloth and warm water mixed with disinfectant. Once dry the airpak can be reassembled.

**Table 9: 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 *
48	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	Due to the expanse of our product offerings, our warranties offer numerous product specific assurances for the products purchased by our customers. Typically, our warranties offer a common coverage against manufacturer defects and product performance up to 12 months. The warranties also cover parts and labor within the specified time of coverage.
49	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	The majority of the warranties for the manufacturers listed in this bid provides industry standard coverage as part of our vetting process when working with vendor base. We work closely with each manufacturer to work through any warranty issues with our customers.
50	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Most of our warranties do not cover transportation cost or mileage unless there is a gross malfunction or failure of the product purchased. In these instances, we work with the customer directly to ensure MES can rectify the situation.
51	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?	MES does not have any regional technicians located in New Hampshire, Maine or Vermont. We also do not have technicians in Canada for our full product line of SCBAs. We will have support for RevolveAir Systems in Canada. If a customer has a need in these areas, we would offer a solution and the additional cost needed for transportation and other travel cost for the staff needed for training or testing.
52	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?	MES will perform the warranty service as an authorized repair center unless the OEM has specified in the warranty to return the product or products to the OEM's location for repair.
53	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Goods received damaged or deflection will be repaired or replaced based on the guidelines and terms of the warranty.
54	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	Service contract options for MES includes annual testing, repairs, and 3M Scott Safety repairs and service.

**Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options**

Line Item	Question	Response *
55	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	MES has standard payment terms of Net 30. We also accept payment via credit card for payments under \$10,000.
56	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	Leasing is available with Community Leasing Partners.
57	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.	MES will use quotes, purchase orders, and invoices as standard transactions in connection to these products if awarded a contract. Examples are attached.
58	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	MES accepts the p-card procurement for payment. We do not request fees or additional costs for using this method. P card payments cannot exceed \$10,000

**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 *
59	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.	MES will provide discount off List/MSRP pricing. Attached are our vendors current list price. We will also include a spreadsheet listing each vendor and the discount offered.
60	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.	MES will provide a discount off of the vendor MSRP sheet as the Sourcwell proposed bid price.
61	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	N/A
62	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.	N/A
63	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.	N/A
64	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcwell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost only for customer requests for expedited, next day, or for bulky oversized shipments. Items in this category are quoted upon request.
65	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Shipping and/or freight to Alaska or Hawaii are quoted upon request. We also deliver specific products within the Quebec region of Canada. Freight will be reviewed when requested from our Canadian customers to determine if additional costs and expenses are needed to provide materials. If additional freight cost are identified, the cost will be presented to our Canadian customers for approval prior to delivery.
66	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	MES offers the unique ability to supply our customer's from the closest warehouse located to the site of service or delivery. Our unique distribution methods provides the ability to deliver quickly and efficiently across the US and in certain areas in Canada. Special delivery requirements or expedited delivery options are also available and can be quoted upon request. In the event a product is not in stock, our relationships with our vendors typically results in expedited availability shipped to our customers with little to no impact to the delivery requirements.

**Table 12: Pricing Offered**

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
67	b. the same as the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.	

**Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee**

Line Item	Question	Response *
68	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.	MES utilizes tools such as report analysis and quarterly reviews to self-audit by our Accounting and Contracts Department. Reports are analyzed to make sure vendors listed and products purchased are on contract and listed on the correct agreements. In addition to the reports, internally our software for ordering has checks and balances that our Sales Rep must select before a sales order or quote can be approved.
69	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.	Internally we track quarterly growth and sales compared to the previous year. We also review the top products purchased to identify accessories or services which could help grow the business.
70	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.)	MES proposes to continue our 1% quarterly fee for all sales if awarded the contract.

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

Line Item	Question	Response *
71	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	MES believes in providing top rated and high quality products in this category. Our vendors and the products are researched to provide the best in attributes such as quality, performance, warranty, and responsiveness. When supplying products and services in structural firefighter equipment or eyewear, the expectation remains the similar across all categories.
72	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	n/a

**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
73	Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and supplied air breathing apparatus (SABA)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES is able to provide products and support in this category in partnership with 3M Scott.
74	Breathing air compressor and compressor systems, including mobile and stationary fill stations, cascade systems, purification, and storage	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has listed our brand of available air compressor systems with RevolveAir.
75	Related equipment and accessories related to the offering of 71 - 72 above	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has listed vendors to assist our customers to have accessories and equipment available to help complete repair and maintenance requirements.
76	Services related to the equipment described in 71 - 72 above	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has 5Star rated technicians to assess and complete options for repair and maintenance to related equipment.



## Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

### Documents

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

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell 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 Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. 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](#) - Final Pricing 011824.zip - Thursday January 18, 2024 15:04:03
  - [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Financial Statements.zip - Wednesday January 10, 2024 11:03:47
  - [Marketing Plan/Samples](#) - MES Marketing Materials FINAL.docx - Wednesday January 17, 2024 10:58:52
  - WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
  - [Warranty Information](#) - AIRPAK - WARRANTY.pdf - Tuesday January 16, 2024 07:53:30
  - [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - QT1730512.FIREDEX.pdf - Tuesday January 16, 2024 14:57:55
  - [Requested Exceptions](#) - MES Insurance Exceptions.pdf - Wednesday January 17, 2024 11:48:31
  - [Upload Additional Document](#) - MES 011824 Auth 5Star Awards.zip - Wednesday January 17, 2024 14:43:14

## 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. - John Walker, Chief Financial Officer , Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

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
<b>Addendum_3_Self_Contained Breathing Apparatus_RFP_011824</b> Fri January 12 2024 11:10 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
<b>Addendum_2_Self_Contained Breathing Apparatus_RFP_011824</b> Wed December 27 2023 08:49 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
<b>Addendum_1_Self_Contained Breathing Apparatus_RFP_011824</b> Tue December 12 2023 05:20 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

## MES - Sourcwell Contract #011824

<b>PRODUCT CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED</b>
SCBA & Equipment	SCBA sets NFPA	3M Scott Safety	16% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Communications and Face Piece Options	3M Scott Safety	9% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Cylinders	3M Scott Safety	16% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Air Cart	3M Scott Safety	5% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Fill Stations and Compressors	Reolveair	Net MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Rit Paks	3M Scott Safety	9% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Ska Paks	3M Scott Safety	9% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Pak Tracker	3M Scott Safety	9% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Service for SCBA Air Test	3M Scott Safety	Contact, MES Rep for Service Coverage and Pricing
SCBA & Equipment	Service for SCBA Air Test	MES Scott Tech	Contact, MES Rep for Service Coverage and Pricing
SCBA & Equipment	Service for Fill Stations and Compressors	MES Tech	Contact, MES Rep for Service Coverage and Pricing
SCBA & Equipment	Parts	3M Scott Safety	Net MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Parts	SCBAs	9% Off Current MSRP
SCBA & Equipment	Parts	Rescue Intellitech	Net MSRP



**RFP #011824**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**for**  
**Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with**  
**Related Equipment**

**Proposal Due Date: January 18, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time**

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment 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://portal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than January 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

**SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

Public Notice of RFP Published:	November 30, 2023
Pre-proposal Conference:	December 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	January 11, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
<b>Proposal Due Date:</b>	<b>January 18, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time</b> Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	January 18, 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 entities<sup>1</sup>;
- 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:

- 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment, including but not limited to:
  - a. Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and supplied air breathing apparatus (SABA) such as:
    - i. Open circuit and/or closed-circuit systems, facepieces, cylinders, regulators, and rapid intervention crew/company universal air connection (RIC UAC);
  - b. Breathing air compressor and compressor systems, including mobile and stationary fill stations, cascade systems, purification, and storage;
  - c. Related equipment and accessories to the extent that the offering is ancillary or complementary to 1.a. and b. above such as:
    - i. Personal alert safety systems (PASS), air supply monitoring systems, gas masks, belts, harnesses, and;
  - d. Related services to the extent that the offering is ancillary or complementary to the equipment described in 1. a.-c. above such as:
    - i. Training, testing, servicing, maintenance or repair, refurbishments, installation, certifications, and warranty programs.
2. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include services-only solutions.
3. 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. Firefighting Equipment and Rescue Tools (RFP #040220);
  - b. Public Safety Training and Simulation Equipment and Technology (RFP #011822);
  - c. Medical Supply Solutions (RFP #022422)
  - d. Critical Care and EMS Equipment (RFP #041823); and,
  - e. Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning (RFP #010424).

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 \$30 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](mailto: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 Sourcwell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

Within the Sourcwell 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 Sourcwell Procurement Portal immediately following the proposal due date and time. To view the list of proposers resulting from the opening, verify that the Sourcwell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed."

Members of the public may attend the Opening at Sourcwell'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 Sourcwell 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 Sourcwell and its Participating Entities. The award(s) will be limited to the number of proposers that Sourcwell 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
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>1000</b>

**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.



12/12/2023

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 011824

Solicitation Name: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment

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

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**Question 1:**

Will there be a weblink for the December 20th Pre-proposal Conference, or have I missed something?

**Answer 1:**

Refer to the RFP section V. RFP 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." Instructions are sent approximately 48 hours prior to the Conference.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011824 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/12/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/27/2023

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 011824

Solicitation Name: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment

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

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**Question 1:**

The contract template provided is for the State of Minnesota, will the Canadian Vendors be signing a contract with Canoe? and if so, could you provide a Canadian contract template as well?

**Answer 1:**

All awarded vendors will sign a contract with Sourcewell. Refer to RFP Section I. A. – About 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.” Members of the Canoe procurement group are eligible to use Sourcewell contracts. Refer to RFP Section I. B. – Use of Resulting Contracts, for further details.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011824 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/27/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



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Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 011824

Solicitation Name: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment

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

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**Question 1:**

In Table 11. Pricing and Delivery, question 63. 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.

As delivery receipt, compressor placement and electrical hook are responsibilities of the customer, is it sufficient for a distributor to state as such as they will not know the associated cost?

**Answer 1:**

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to articulate and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

**Question 2:**

When will last addendum be posted?

**Answer 2:**

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.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011824 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 01/12/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



**Solicitation Number: #020124**

## **CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., 12 Turnberry Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 (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 Equipment and Rescue Tools with Related Supplies and Accessories 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 April 4, 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 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:

\$1,000,000 per claim or event

\$1,000,000 – 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.

Sourcewell

Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

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By: C0FD2A139D06489...  
Jeremy Schwartz  
Title: Chief Procurement Officer  
Date: 4/8/2024 | 3:26 PM CDT

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John Walker  
Title: CFO  
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# RFP 020124 - Firefighting Equipment and Rescue Tools with Related Supplies and Accessories

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## Vendor Details

Company Name: Municipal Emergency Services Inc  
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Sandy Hook, CT 06482  
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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")	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	n/a
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: #1XBB1 SAM: T4MGJ9BU63J6
5	Proposer Physical Address:	12 Turnberry Lane, 2nd FL, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	www.mesfire.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):	John Walker CFO 12 Turnberry Lane, 2nd FL, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 jwalker@mesfire.com
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Chanda Riddick-Yamoah Contracts Manager 12 Turnberry Lane, 2nd FL, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 cyamoah@mesfire.com 203-304-4132
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	n/a

**Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength**

Line Item	Question	Response *
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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>Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. is a national full-line first responder and public safety distributor in the US. We also offer the purchase, service, and installation of specific products throughout Canada. We stock and distribute over 100,000 products from over 4,000 manufacturers. We currently have over 200 outside sales representatives, 150 mobile technicians, as well as dedicated inside sales staff and customer service representatives, 18 warehouse locations across the United States and Canada, and 25 regional offices providing our customers with excellent customer service and support. Our field technicians are professionally trained and have earned certifications to service specialized equipment. MES also offers service rates and custom services to meet our customer's needs and requirements.</p> <p>MES is a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and vendors. MES is a distinctive brand due to our national and Canadian reach, size, number of support channels, service technicians and strategically aligned regional offices and warehouses for turnkey operations. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our workforce includes former fire chiefs, firemen, and police officers who have a working knowledge of our products and are able to address concerns and share knowledge regarding the leading products offered by MES.</p> <p>In 2012 MES acquired Lawmen Supply. This merger gave the company the unique ability to serve all first responders and public safety officials on a national level. MES annual sales are more than \$300MM and most of our sales are for fulfillment of contracts and purchases to local, state, and federal first responder and public safety organizations. We are a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and suppliers.</p> <p>What makes MES distinctive is our national presence. Our size, number of sales representatives, service technicians, strategic warehouse locations and geographic coverage positions helps us to provide superior products and customer service to the Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and all public safety departments on a national level as no other sales and service distributor can do.</p> <p>Our numerous awards and expanding customer base indicates a successful track record and continuous trust within the industry. An award with Sourcewell will assist us to reach new markets and customers. We will also be able to increase the number of services and products offered to our customers who are familiar with Sourcewell for their procurement needs.</p>	*
11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	In the event of an award, MES expectations are to continue with our year over year growth with our updated contract. Our expectations include a successful launch and communication with our sales teams to inform our customers of our updated contract. Our customers will be informed of the new contract and our commitment to offer product and solutions to meet their needs.	*
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.	Attached are financial statements and a bank reference letter.	*
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	MES represents 30% market share nationwide and continues working to grow our customer base and reach nationally. We offer top quality solutions and identify vendors who are responsive and customer centric. These are only a few factors which have contributed to our growth.	*
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	Less than 3%.	*
15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	No.	*

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?	A distributor. Please see attached letter.	*
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.	n/a	*
18	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	n/a	*

**Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
19	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	MES has received multiple awards from our vendors to recognize us an industry leader or a partner within the industry. Our awards include platinum and diamond recognition as leading partners as well as multiple Best of Show awards as participants in national and regional fire shows and conferences. Please see attached.	*
20	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	98%. MES supports and supplies local, county, city and state government agencies which comprises the majority of all sales.	*
21	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	2%. MES supports and supplies several university and colleges throughout the nation. This sector comprises a small amount of sales but has seen growth over the last three years.	*
22	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?	NPP - \$18,000,000 HGAC - \$20,500,000 LA COUNTY FIRE - \$6,316,000 STATE OF PA - \$40,000,000	*
23	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?	GSA-\$21,000,000	*

**Table 4: References/Testimonials**

**Line Item 24.** Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
Austin Fire Department Austin, TX	Karen Bitzer	(512) 974-0160	*
Community Fire Department HARRIS-FORT BEND Houston, TX	Asst Chief Johnny Mitchell	(832) 428-8914	*
City of Miami Fire Rescue Miami, FL	Kristen Gurucharri	(786) 553-3112	*
City of Boca Raton Boca Raton, FL	Randy Prokos	(561)-982-4037	

**Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers**

**Line Item 25.** 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 *	
LA County Fire Department	Government	California - CA	Rescue Tools, Hose, Thermal Imaging	\$24,111	\$868,000	*
Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department	Government	Florida - FL	Thermal imaging, Flashlights, Gas Detection, Hose	\$5,600	\$202,000	*
Houston Fire Department	Government	Texas - TX	Flashlights, Gas Detection, Rescue Tools, Thermal Imaging, Hazmat Suits	\$5,603	\$201,700	*
San Diego Fire Rescue	Government	California - CA	Rescue Tools, Lighting and Light Bars, Thermal Imaging, Hose,	\$2,300	\$82,700	*
Sacramento	Government	California - CA	Dry Hazmat Suits, Hose, Thermal Imaging	\$1,110	\$40,550	*

**Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service**

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell 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 *
26	Sales force.	MES has increased our sales force to 200 Sales Representatives. Our Sales force is growing to support our expanding customer base. In addition, we have an internal sales team which works closely with our Sales Representatives to maximize customer support and feedback regarding our products and delivery. We also have a skilled regional office support throughout the US to address customer inquiries and requests effectually and quickly.
27	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	MES is the distributor/dealer for the products listed in this bid.
28	Service force.	MES has increased our service support to 134 service technicians. Our service technicians are equipped with mobile vans, tools, and manufacturer certifications to address customer needs and requests.
29	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 handled by our sales representatives and our internal customer service teams. Our Sales Representative or customer service reps will receive a PO from our customers. The CSR will then review the order to ensure pricing reflects the Sourcewell member number and correct discount offered. Once review is completed, the Purchasing Specialist contacts our vendor or checks our warehouses to located the product ordered and deliver as per the lead-time requested.
30	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 teams and office support staff has expanded to over 130 skilled and trained teams strategically located at our regional offices throughout the US. Our response time to inquiries are same day or within 24 hours. Our customer service teams are responsible for order placing, job scheduling, and follow-up.
31	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	MES performs training classes and provide updates to our Sales teams via internal newsletters or quarterly correspondence on Sourcewell updates and tips. This equips our teams to identify new members or grow established members product supply of our equipment.
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	MES has established a regional office in the Quebec territory of Canada. Our plans include supporting this area as well as neighboring cities for specific products. As our sales grow in this area, MES will identify additional products to offer in Cananda. Our support and products are limited to the east of Canada excluding Vancouver and other western provinces.
33	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	In New Hampshire, Maine, Hawaii, and North Dakota, MES does not offer full service report. We are able to ship finished goods to these states only. If more services are needed, we can provide a quote on a case by case basis.
34	Identify any Sourcewell 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?	MES can support and provide products to all participating agencies.
35	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	Shipping or freight cost for large or heavy items will require a quote for transportation cost. MES will provide an equitable shipping cost for the customer to review that will meet their expectations and lead-time. Hawaii and Alaska orders will be quoted for shipping. This would also apply to all US territories.

**Table 7: Marketing Plan**

Line Item	Question	Response *
36	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.	Our marketing strategy includes internal and external training classes for our sales teams and customers. We also use literature to describe the process and product offering. We identify and include contract tips in internal newsletters and company wide communication. We also market additional products to our customers of accessories or other materials listed on our contracts during the purchase of materials from our customers.
37	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	MES utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, and LinkedIn to increase our brand awareness. We also interface with potential customers and clients using these platforms and showcase customer testimonials.
38	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	We value Sourcewell's role in promoting our contracts on the portal and with members searching for particular products. In the past, we have seen that Sourcewell's familiarity with our products frequently provides leads and customer's to our page to make contact for more information.
39	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.	E-procurement can be used using our website ( <a href="http://www.mesfire.com">www.mesfire.com</a> ). Customers are able to register a username and password on this website. Once this is completed, users can research products by vendor name, brand, or commodity. Items selected are placed in a basket. Once all items are selected, users can pay online using a credit card. If more information is needed, customers can print their items for purchase and request a sales representative to contact them.

**Table 8: Value-Added Attributes**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
40	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.	MES offers SCBA training, annual testing, and service maintenance for this product. In addition, we offer new certification packs. If customers do ask or require training on any of our products, MES is able to provide this at most times with little or no additional costs.	*
41	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	MES provides SOS stores which are signature online stores which are used for customers who are interested in providing a portal for jurisdictions, departments, or towns to purchase specific product online.	*
42	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.	n/a	*
43	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.	n/a	*
44	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.	n/a	*
45	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?	MES offers the largest and competitive pricing for first responder equipment and materials. Due to our commitment to safety and quality, our sales team consist of current or form fire fighter professionals or police officials. We offer solutions and services that can come directly to the customer with our trained and certified technicians across the nation and in Canada. This experience and service is unique to MES and has been an attribute that keep customers returning for more product due to their positive purchasing experience and trust in materials with MES.	*

**Table 9: 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 *
46	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	Due to the expanse of our product offerings, our warranties offer numerous product specific assurances for the products purchased by our customers. Typically, our warranties offer a common coverage against manufacturer defects and product performance up to 12 months. The warranties also cover parts and labor within the specified time of coverage.
47	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	The majority of the warranties for the manufacturers listed in this bid provides industry standard coverage as part of our vetting process when working with vendor base. We work closely with each manufacturer to work through any warranty issues with our customers.
48	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Most of our warranties do not cover transportation cost or mileage unless there is a gross malfunction or failure of the product purchased. In these instances, we work with the customer directly to ensure MES can rectify the situation.
49	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?	MES does not have any regional technicians located in New Hampshire, Maine or Vermont. We also do not have technicians in Vancouver, Canada or other western provinces. If a customer has a need in these areas, we would offer a solution and the additional cost needed for transportation and other travel cost for the staff needed for training or testing.
50	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?	MES will perform the warranty service as an authorized repair center unless the OEM has specified in the warranty to return the product or products to the OEM's location for repair.
51	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Goods received damaged or deflection will be repaired or replaced based on the guidelines and terms of the warranty.
52	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	Service contract options for MES includes annual testing, repairs, and 3M Scott Safety repairs and service.

**Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options**

Line Item	Question	Response *
53	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	MES has standard payment terms of Net 30. We also accept payment via credit card for payments under \$10,000.
54	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	Yes. Leasing is available with Community Leasing Partners.
55	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.	Please see attached.
56	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	MES accepts the p-card procurement for payment. We do not request fees or additional costs for using this method.



**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 *
57	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.	MES will provide discount off List/MSRP pricing. Attached are our vendors current list price. We will also include a and a spreadsheet listing each vendor and the discount offered.
58	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.	MES will provide a discount off of the vendor MSRP sheet as the Sourcwell proposed bid price.
59	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	n/a
60	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.	n/a
61	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.	n/a
62	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcwell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost only for customer requests for expedited, next day, or for bulky oversized shipments. Items in this category are quoted upon request.
63	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Shipping and/or freight to Alaska or Hawaii are quoted upon request. We also deliver specific products within the Quebec region of Canada. Freight will be reviewed when requested from our Canadian customers to determine if additional costs and expenses are needed to provide materials. If additional freight cost are identified, the cost will be presented to our Canadian customers for approval prior to delivery.
64	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	MES offers the unique ability to supply our customer's from the closest warehouse located to the site of service or delivery. Our unique distribution methods provides the ability to deliver quickly and efficiently across the US and in certain areas in Canada. Special delivery requirements or expedited delivery options are also available and can be quoted upon request. In the event a product is not in stock, our relationships with our vendors typically results in expedited availability shipped to our customers with little to no impact to the delivery requirements.

**Table 12: Pricing Offered**

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
65	b. the same as the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.	

**Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee**

Line Item	Question	Response *
66	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.	MES utilizes tools such as report analysis and quarterly reviews to self-audit by our Accounting and Contracts Department. Reports are analyzed to make sure vendors listed and products purchased are on contract and listed on the correct agreements. In addition to the reports, internally our software for ordering has checks and balances that our Sales Rep must select before a sales order or quote can be approved.
67	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.	Internally we track quarterly growth and sales compared to the previous year. We also review the top products purchased to identify accessories or services which could help grow the business.
68	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.)	MES proposes to continue our 1% quarterly fee for all sales if awarded the contract.

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

Line Item	Question	Response *
69	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	MES offers a full range of options from various manufacturers listed to customize items within the extent that certifications will allow. We offer customizable solutions for turnout or hazmat gear that range from sizing to protection.
70	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	n/a

**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
71	Equipment, tools, supplies, and accessories used for all types of fire and rescue service, including structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, vehicle extrication, technical rescue, vehicle and aircraft rescue, HazMat, and EMS	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has vendors who can meet all of the categories listed from small hand held equipment to life-saving rescue tools.
72	Firefighting water flow equipment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES offers a vendors who specialize in hoses in a variety of materials and length. We also offer services to work with a customer who has specific needs either with a hose or nozzle
73	Fire pumps, skid units, and compressed air foam systems (CAFS)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES offers small and large applications for CAFS. We also have worked directly with customers to understand their fire pump and requirement to offer top quality, safe solutions.
74	Firefighting suppression	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has been a leader with identifying suppliers with safe suppression foams, tools, and containment.

75	Firefighting attack, ventilation, and rescue tools	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has invested resources and research to ensure the equipment offered in the rescue tool category is versatile and can meet the needs of emergency situation
76	Thermal imaging and similar situational awareness equipment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has partnered with an industry leader in this category to offer solutions, tools, and
77	Extrication tools and equipment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Our extrications tools and equipment are sourced with the top brands in the county which the Fire Rescue Industry recognizes as high quality and life-saving.
78	Technical, vertical, trench, and confined space rescue equipment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Due to our relationships with our customers and their feedback, we are able to offer solutions from our vendors for different sizes from compact to large to install quickly and efficiently.
79	Portable ladders	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES offers multiple safe and robust solutions in this category to meet the needs of our customers.
80	Hazardous materials (HazMat) response equipment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES leads the industry with offering HAZMAT response equipment to respond to dangerous spills all the way to battery fires.
81	Wildland firefighting equipment and upfits for vehicles, ATV/UTVs	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	ATVs are not offered at this time on our cooperatives. However, we do fulfill orders if we receive an order. If demands increase, MES is open to identifying a supplier that offers this type of equipment. Aside for terrain vehicles, other equipment is available in this category.
82	Related tools and accessories complementary to the offering of 1.a.i - x	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES has been successful by adapting and researching the needs of our customers to offer solutions or products that compliment or accompany products for additional uses or offer the ability to customize. *
83	Complementary services related to the equipment offered in 1. a. i - x. above, including training, testing, certifications, maintenance or repair, installation and warranty programs	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES offers in-person training or videos depending on the need of the customers for all of equipment offered. We also have maintenance and repair plans that we can offer to suppliers for items such as rescue tools. Our warranties are manufacturer specific and will be honored in the event of a product sold not meeting the customer's expectations. *

### Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

### Documents

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

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell 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 Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. 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](#) - Pricing 020124.zip - Thursday February 01, 2024 16:09:21
  - [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Financial Statements.zip - Thursday February 01, 2024 14:09:19
  - [Marketing Plan/Samples](#) - MES Marketing Materials FINAL.docx - Thursday February 01, 2024 15:16:23
  - WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
  - Warranty Information (optional)
  - [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - Quote QT1722473 Morning Pride PPE 42 sets.pdf - Thursday February 01, 2024 14:31:01
  - [Upload Additional Document](#) - MES Documents 020124.zip - Thursday February 01, 2024 14:36:18
  - [Requested Exceptions](#) - MES Insurance Exceptions.pdf - Thursday February 01, 2024 14:29:30

## 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. - Chanda Riddick-Yamoah, Contracts Manager, Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

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_1_Firefighting_Equipment_RFP_020124 Fri January 19 2024 12:49 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

### MES - Sourcewell Proposal 020124

PRODUCT CATEGORY	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER	PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED
<b>Thermal Imaging</b>	Thermal Imaging Cameras	SEEK	5% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Flashlights</b>	Flashlights	Streamlight	25% Off Current Price Sheet
	Flashlights	Fox Fury	11% Off Current Price Sheet
	Flashlights	Pelican	8% Off Current Price Sheet
	Flashlights	Kohler Brightstar	4% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Fans</b>	Fans	Eramco	19% Off Current Price Sheet
	Fans	SuperVac	9% Off Current Price Sheet
	Fans	Tempest	19% Off Current Price Sheet
	Bat Fans etc.	Leader North America	19% Off Current Price Sheet
	Saws etc.	Tempest	19% Off Current Price Sheet
	Saws etc.	SuperVac	9% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Eye Protection</b>	Eye Protection	5.11 Tactical	26% Off MAP of Current Price Sheet
	Eye Protection	Ess Eye Wear	25% Off Current Price Sheet
	Eye Protection	3m Peltor	17% Off Current Price Sheet
	Trauma Kits	Combat Medical	8% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Tools</b>	Tools	Council Tool	25% Off Current Price Sheet
	Tools	Flamefighter	20% Off Current Price Sheet
	Tools	Nupla	25% Off Current Price Sheet
	Tools	Leatherhead	25% Off Current Price Sheet
	Tools	Ajax	5% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Rescue Tools, Force Entry, Cutters</b>	Rescue Tools	Genesis	9% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue Tools	Hurst Edraulics	13% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue Tools	Hurst StrongArm	5% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue Tools	Hurst/Vetter	13% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue Tools & Parts	Makita	1% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Gas Detection</b>	Handheld, Kits	Honeywell	5% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Maintenance, Service &amp; Testing</b>	Rescue Tool Annual Test & Maintenance as needed	MES Certified Tech	Net Sheet
	Cribbing & Other Rescue	Turtle Plastics	5% Off Current Price Sheet
	Cribbing & Other Rescue	Plastics Plus	5% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Search &amp; Rescue Equipment</b>	Rescue	CMC	5% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Firehooks	5% Off Current Price Sheet
	Harness	Gemtor	14% Off Current Price Sheet
	Detection	Industrial Scientific	6% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Junkin	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Lakeland	9% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Mustang Survival	15% Off Current Price Sheet
	Detection Testing	OHD	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Petzel	9% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	PGI	14% Off Current Price Sheet

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<b>PRODUCT CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED</b>
	Rescue	PMI (Pigeon Mountain)	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	PIP	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Team Wendy	5% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Avon	5% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Rescue 42	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	RIT	15% Off Current Price Sheet
	Detection	Scott Gas Detection	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Yates	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Sam Carbis Altco Lite	35% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Fire-Com	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Rescue	Bridgehill Blankets	8% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Hazardous Material (Hazardous Equipment)</b>	Hazmat Gear	Avon Protection	15% Off Current Price Sheet
	Hazmat Suits	DuPont	14% Off Current Price Sheet
	Hazmat Gear	FSI North America	9% Off Current Price Sheet
	Hazmat Gear	Kappler	1% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Fire Extinguishers</b>	Extinguishers	Amerex	24% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Firefighting Foam</b>	Foam	National Foam	3% Off Current Price Sheet
	Foam	Johnson Chemguard	4% Off Current Price Sheet
	Foam	Johnson Ansul	19% Off Current Price Sheet
	Foam	Intelagard	7% Off Current Price Sheet
	Foam	BioEx	5% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Badges &amp; Accessories</b>	Badges & Accessories	Blackington	15% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Protective Item</b>	Protective Item	Diamond Hero Wipes	9% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Accessories</b>	Accessories	Hammerhead	5% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Firefighting (Municipal) Hoses</b>	Hose Only	Kochek	24% Off Current Price Sheet
	Hose	Matex	24% Off Current Price Sheet
	Brass	Akron	19% Off Current Price Sheet
	Brass	Action Coupling	24% Off Current Price Sheet
	Brass	Elkhart	25% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Firefighting (Municipal) Hoses</b>	Brass	Harrington	34% Off Current Price Sheet
	Brass Other Than Hose	Kochek	25% Off Current Price Sheet
	Brass	Sterling	14% Off Current Price Sheet
	Brass	S&H	Catalog which is roughly 20% Off
	Brackets	Ziamatic	10% Off Current Price Sheet



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<b>PRODUCT CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED</b>
<b>CAF Systems</b>	Compressed Air	Ecocaf	3% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Containment</b>	Containers (industrial, steel, plastic)	Husky	5% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Fire Pumps</b>	Fire Pumps	CET Pumps	9% Off Current Price Sheet
<b>Accessories</b>	Nozzles	TFT	20% Off Current MSRP
	Lockers, Racks, Shelving	Groves Ready Racks	2% Off Current MSRP Washers & Dryers
			5% Off Current MSRP Lockers
	Brackets	SCBAS	9% Off Current MSRP
	Accessories	Kappler	1% Off Current MSRP
	Brackets	Zyco	15% Off Current MSRP



**RFP #020124**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**for**  
**Firefighting Equipment and Rescue Tools with Related Supplies and Accessories**

**Proposal Due Date: February 1, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time**

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Firefighting Equipment and Rescue Tools with Related Supplies and Accessories 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 February 1, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

**SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

Public Notice of RFP Published:	December 14, 2023
Pre-proposal Conference:	January 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	January 24, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
<b>Proposal Due Date:</b>	February 1, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	February 1, 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 entities<sup>1</sup>;
- 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:

- 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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 Equipment and Rescue Tools with Related Supplies and Accessories, such as:

a. Equipment, tools, supplies, and accessories used for all types of fire and rescue service, including structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, vehicle extrication, technical rescue, vehicle and aircraft rescue, HazMat, and EMS, including, but not limited to:

- i. Firefighting water flow equipment;
- ii. Fire pumps, skid units, and compressed air foam systems (CAFS);
- iii. Firefighting suppression;
- iv. Firefighting attack, ventilation, and rescue tools;
- v. Thermal imaging and similar situational awareness equipment;
- vi. Extrication tools and equipment;
- vii. Technical, vertical, trench, and confined space rescue equipment;
- viii. Portable ladders;
- ix. Hazardous materials (HazMat) response equipment;
- x. Wildland firefighting equipment and upfits for vehicles, ATV/UTVs; and,
- xi. Related tools and accessories complementary to the offering of 1.a.i – x.

b. Complementary services related to the equipment offered in 1. a. i – x. above, including training, testing, certifications, maintenance or repair, installation and warranty programs.

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. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Firefighting Equipment and Rescue Tools with Related Supplies and Accessories. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include services-only solutions.

3. 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 and Fire Service Vehicles (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 PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning (RFP #010424);
- h. Uniforms with Related Products and Services (RFP #011124); and,
- i. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Breathing Air Systems with Related Equipment (RFP #011824).

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 \$35 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 identify any exception, or to request any modification, to Sourcewell's 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 "Documents" section of the "Bid Details" page on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal and uploaded as part of its response. 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](mailto: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	150
Marketing Plan	50
Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	150
Pricing	400
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>1000</b>

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.



1/19/2024

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 020124

Solicitation Name: Firefighting Equipment and Rescue Tools with Related Supplies and Accessories

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

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**Question 1:**

If we intend to submit a bid proposal, but at the current time do not have an identified CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier #, will our bid proposal be disqualified automatically? or is this CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier # only required for federal buyer participants?

**Answer 1:**

A CAGE or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) code is not required to be considered for or awarded a Sourcewell contract. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria as stated in the RFP.

Refer to the General Instructions above Questionnaire Table 1. Respond "N/A" if a question does not apply (preferably with an explanation).

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 020124 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 1/19/2024, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

**Solicitation Number: RFP #010424****CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., 12 Turnberry Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 (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 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:

\$1,000,000 per claim or event

\$1,000,000 – 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.

Sourcewell

Municipal Emergency Services

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Jeremy Schwartz  
Title: Chief Procurement Officer  
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# RFP 010424 - Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning

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## Vendor Details

Company Name: Municipal Emergency Services Inc  
Does your company conduct business under any other name? If yes, please state: Lawmen Supply Company of New Jersey Inc.  
Address: 12 Turnberry Ln  
2nd Floor  
Sandy Hook, CT 06482  
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Email: seth.cosans@mesfire.com  
Phone: 410-960-2600  
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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")	Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	n/a
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):	1XBB1 T4MGJ9BU63J6
5	Proposer Physical Address:	12 Turnberry Lane 2nd FL Sandy Hook, CT 06482
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	www.mesfire.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):	John Walker CFO jwalker@mesfire.com 203-304-4102
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Chanda Riddick-Yamoah Contracts Manager 12 Turnberry Lane, 2nd FL Sandy Hook, CT 06482 criddick@mesfire.com 203-304-4132
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	n/a

**Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength**

Line Item	Question	Response *
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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>Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. is a national full-line first responder and public safety distributor in the US. We also offer the purchase, service, and installation of specific products throughout Canada. We stock and distribute over 100,000 products from over 4,000 manufacturers. We currently have over 200 outside sales representatives, 150 mobile technicians, as well as dedicated inside sales staff and customer service representatives, 18 warehouse locations across the United States and Canada, and 25 regional offices providing our customers with excellent customer service and support. Our field technicians are professionally trained and have earned certifications to service specialized equipment. MES also offers service rates and custom services to meet our customer's needs and requirements.</p> <p>MES is a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and vendors. MES is a distinctive brand due to our national and Canadian reach, size, number of support channels, service technicians and strategically aligned regional offices and warehouses for turnkey operations. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our workforce includes former fire chiefs, firemen, and police officers who have a working knowledge of our products and are able to address concerns and share knowledge regarding the leading products offered by MES.</p> <p>In 2012 MES acquired Lawmen Supply. This merger gave the company the unique ability to serve all first responders and public safety officials on a national level. MES annual sales are more than \$300MM and most of our sales are for fulfillment of contracts and purchases to local, state, and federal first responder and public safety organizations. We are a financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and suppliers. What makes MES distinctive is our national presence. Our size, number of sales representatives, service technicians, strategic warehouse locations and geographic coverage positions helps us to provide superior products and customer service to the Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and all public safety departments on a national level as no other sales and service distributor can do.</p> <p>MES is financially stable company with an excellent reputation with our customers and vendors. MES is a distinctive brand due to our national and Canadian reach, size, number of support channels, service technicians and strategically aligned regional offices and warehouses for turnkey operations. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our sales representatives are knowledgeable and trained on the equipment we offer. Our workforce includes former fire chiefs, firemen, and police officers who have a working knowledge of our products and are able to address concerns and share knowledge regarding the leading products offered by MES.</p> <p>Our numerous awards and expanding customer base indicates a successful track record and continuous trust within the industry. An award with Sourcewell will assist us to reach new markets and customers. We will also be able to increase the number of services and products offered to our customers who are familiar with Sourcewell for their procurement needs.</p>
11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	<p>In the event of an award, MES expectations are to continue with our year over year growth with our updated contract. Our expectations include a successful launch and communication with our sales teams to inform our customers of our updated contract. Our customers will be informed of the new contract and our commitment to offer product and solutions to meet their needs.</p>
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.	<p>Attached are our financial statement and letter of reference from our bank.</p>
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	<p>30%</p>
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	<p>.05%</p>
15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	<p>No</p>
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.	<p>Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. is a distributor. As a distributor of first responder and public safety equipment, MES has the authorization from the vendors are provided in this quote to sale, service, and/or install the equipment purchased for the Sourcewell membership with the exception of a few areas due to regional restrictions.</p>
	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?	

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.	n/a	*
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).	MES ensures the vendors selected for our customer's comply to the NFPA standards and regulations for their products, materials, and service. We require submission of testing reports, material analyses, and examination reports if applicable. MES examines the submitted data prior to offering the products or services to our customers. We also ensure annual recertifications are completed and submitted to ensure compliance.	
19	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	n/a	*

**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	MES has received multiple awards from our vendors to recognize us an industry leader or a partner within the industry. Our awards include platinum and diamond recognition as leading partners as well as multiple Best of Show awards as participants in national and regional fire shows and conferences. Please see attached.	*
21	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	95%. MES supports and supplies local, county, city and state government agencies which comprises the majority of all sales.	*
22	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	2%. MES supports and supplies several university and colleges throughout the nation. This sector comprises a small amount of sales but has seen growth over the last three 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?	NPP - \$18,000,000 HGAC - \$20,500,000 LA COUNTY FIRE - \$6,316,000 STATE OF PA - \$40,000,000	*
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?	GSA \$21,000,000	*

**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 *	
City of Aurora	Mathew Wasserburger, Assistant Director-Fire Management Services Divisions	303-739-7332	*
West Metro Fire and Rescue	Fire Chief Don Lombardi	303-989-4307	*
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District	Robert Sestito Safety Specialist - Training Division	916-859-4393	*

**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 *	
Miami Dade Fire Rescue	Government	Florida - FL	Firefighting PPE & Cleaning Equipment	\$82,563	\$6,902,498	*
San Diego Fire	Government	California - CA	Firefighting PPE & Cleaning Equipment	\$52,687	\$6,885,593	*
LA County Fire	Government	California - CA	Firefighting PPE & Cleaning Equipment	\$48,921	\$6,315,636	*
Sacramento Metro Fire	Government	California - CA	Firefighting PPE & Cleaning Equipment	\$48,982	6,336,685	*
Houston Fire	Government	Texas - TX	Firefighting PPE & Cleaning Equipment	\$37,860	6,117,056	*

**Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service**

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell 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.	MES has increased our sales force to 200 Sales Representatives. Our Sales force is growing to support our expanding customer base. The trust and reliance from our customers to supply top quality products and service continues to have fueled our year over year growth. In addition, we have an internal sales team which works closely with our Sales Representatives to maximize customer support and feedback regarding our products and delivery. Our turnkey support team also includes regional office support throughout the US to address customer inquiries and respond to order requests effectually and quickly.
28	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	MES is the distributor/dealer for the products listed in this bid.
29	Service force.	MES has increased our service support from slightly under 100 in 2019 to 134 service technicians. Our service technicians are equipped with mobile vans, tools, and manufacturer certifications to address customer needs and requests.
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 handled by our sales representatives and our internal customer service teams. Our Sales Representative or customer service reps will receive a PO from our customers. The CSR will then review the order to ensure pricing reflects the Sourcewell member number and correct discount offered. Once review is completed, the CSR contacts our vendor or checks our warehouses to locate the product ordered and deliver as per the lead-time requested.
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 teams and office support staff has expanded to over 130 skilled and trained teams strategically located at our regional offices throughout the US. Our response time to inquiries are same day or within 24 hours. Our customer service teams are responsible for order placing, job scheduling, and follow-up.
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	MES performs training classes and provide updates to our Sales teams via internal newsletters or quarterly correspondence on Sourcewell updates and tips. This equips our teams to identify new members or grow established members product supply of our equipment.
33	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	MES has established a regional office in the Quebec territory of Canada. Our plans include supporting this area as well as neighboring cities for specific products. As our sales grow in this area, MES will identify additional products to offer in Canada. Our support and products are limited to the east of Canada excluding Vancouver and other western provinces.
34	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	In the US, we are unable to fully service NH, Maine, and Wisconsin. In Canada, we are unable to fully service Vancouver and other western provinces.
35	Identify any Sourcewell 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?	MES has a nationwide presence and coverage with a sales force across the US that our strategically located to support request from government, non-profit, or educational entities.
36	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	Shipping or freight cost for large or heavy items will require a quote for transportation cost. MES will provide an equitable shipping cost for the customer to review that will meet their expectations and lead-time. Hawaii and Alaska orders will be quoted for shipping. This would also apply to all 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.	Our marketing strategy includes internal and external training classes for our sales teams and customers. We also use literature to describe the process and product offering. We identify and include contract tips in internal newsletters and company wide communication. We also market additional products to our customers of accessories or other materials listed on our contracts during the purchase of materials from our customers.
38	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	MES utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, and LinkedIn to increase our brand awareness. We also interface with potential customers and clients using these platforms and showcase customer testimonials.
39	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	We value Sourcewell's role in promoting our contracts on the portal and with members searching for particular products. In the past, we have seen that Sourcewell's familiarity with our products frequently provides leads and customer's to our page to make contact for more information.
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.	E-procurement can be used using our website (www.mesfire.com). Customers are able to register a username and password on this website. Once this is completed, users can research products by vendor name, brand, or commodity. Items selected are placed in a basket. Once all items are selected, users can pay online using a credit card. If more information is needed, customers can print their items for purchase and request a sales representative to contact them.

**Table 8: Value-Added Attributes**

Line Item	Question	Response *
41	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcewell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	MES offers SCBA training, annual testing, and service maintenance for this product. In addition, we offer new certification packs. If customers do ask or require training on any of our products, MES is able to provide this at most times with little or no additional costs.
42	Describe any technological advances, unique design, and/or feature attributes that your proposed products or services offer.	MES provides SOS stores which are signature online stores which are used for customers who are interested in providing a portal for jurisdictions, departments, or towns to purchase specific product online.
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.	n/a
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.	n/a
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.	n/a
46	What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities?	MES offers the largest and competitive pricing for first responder equipment and materials. Due to our commitment to safety and quality, our sales team consist of current or form fire fighter professionals or police officials. We offer solutions and services that can come directly to the customer with our trained and certified technicians across the nation and in Canada. This experience and service is unique to MES and has been an attribute that keep customers returning for more product due to their positive purchasing experience and trust in materials with MES.

**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?	Due to the expanse of our product offerings, our warranties offer numerous product specific assurances for the products purchased by our customers. Typically, our warranties offer a common coverage against manufacturer defects and product performance up to 12 months. The warranties also cover parts and labor within the specified time of coverage.
48	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	The majority of the warranties for the manufacturers listed in this bid provides industry standard coverage as part of our vetting process when working with vendor base. We work closely with each manufacturer to work through any warranty issues with our customers.
49	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Most of our warranties do not cover transportation cost or mileage unless there is a gross malfunction or failure of the product purchased. In these instances, we work with the customer directly to ensure MES can rectify the situation.
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?	MES does not have any regional technicians located in New Hampshire, Maine or Vermont. We also do not have technicians in Vancouver, Canada or other western provinces. If a customer has a need in these areas, we would offer a solution and the additional cost needed for transportation and other travel cost for the staff needed for training or testing.
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?	MES will perform the warranty service as an authorized repair center unless the OEM has specified in the warranty to return the product or products to the OEM's location for repair.
52	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Goods received damaged or deflection will be repaired or replaced based on the guidelines and terms of the warranty.
53	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	Service contract options for MES includes annual testing, repairs, and 3M Scott Safety repairs and service.

**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	MES offers best in class service and guarantee of all service work which is supported by a warranty of the service completed.
55	Describe any service standards or guarantees that apply to your services (policies, metrics, KPIs, etc.)	MES tracks the number of service calls and the type of repair work completed to offer feedback and internal analyses of products and services. Metrics and KPI's not meeting our internal targets are reviewed with our vendors to address improvements.

**Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options**

Line Item	Question	Response *
56	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	MES has standard payment terms of Net 30. We also accept payment via credit card for payments under \$10,000.
57	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	Yes. Leasing is available with Community Leasing Partners. For turnout gear, leasing is available through Gear Wash.
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.	MES will use quotes, purchase orders, and invoices as standard transactions in connection to these products if awarded a contract. Examples are attached.
59	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	MES accepts the p-card procurement for payment. We do not request fees or additional costs for using this method.



**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.	MES will provide discount off List/MSRP pricing. Attached are our vendors current list price. We will also include a and a spreadsheet listing each vendor and the discount offered.
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.	MES will provide a discount off of the vendor MSRP sheet as the Sourcwell proposed bid price.
62	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	n/a
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.	For open market requested items or items not on contract, MES will provide a quote reflecting the best price offered.
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.	n/a
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.	Freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost only for customer requests for expedited, next day, or for bulky oversized shipments. Items in this category are quoted upon request.
66	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Shipping and/or freight to Alaska or Hawaii are quoted upon request. We also deliver specific products within the Quebec region of Canada. Freight will be reviewed when requested from our Canadian customers to determine if additional costs and expenses are needed to provide materials. If additional freight cost are identified, the cost will be presented to our Canadian customers for approval prior to delivery.
67	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	MES offers the unique ability to supply our customer's from the closest warehouse located to the site of service or delivery. Our unique distribution methods provides the ability to deliver quickly and efficiently across the US and in certain areas in Canada. Special delivery requirements or expedited delivery options are also available and can be quoted upon request. In the event a product is not in stock, our relationships with our vendors typically results in expedited availability shipped to our customers with little to no impact to the delivery requirements.

**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.	

**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 Sourcwell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcwell 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 Sourcwell. Provide sufficient detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcwell as described in the Contract template.	MES utilizes tools such as report analysis and quarterly reviews to self-audit by our Accounting and Contracts Department. Reports are analyzed to make sure vendors listed and products purchased are on contract and listed on the correct agreements. In addition to the reports, internally our software for ordering has checks and balances that our Sales Rep must select before a sales order or quote can be approved.
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.	Internally we track quarterly growth and sales compared to the previous year. We also review the top products purchased to identify accessories or services which could help grow the business.
71	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcwell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcwell 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.)	MES proposes to continue our 1% quarterly fee for all sales if awarded 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.	MES believes in providing top rated and high quality products in this category. Our vendors and the products are researched to provide the best in attributes such as quality, performance, warranty, and responsiveness. When supplying products and services in structural firefighter equipment or eyewear, the expectation remains the similar across all categories.  Vendors offered for turnout gear and protective gear Hazmat Gear Cleaning services
73	Describe available options for customization of the products and/or equipment offered in your proposal.	MES offers a full range of options from various manufacturers listed to customize items within the extent that certifications will allow. We offer customizable solutions for turnout or hazmat gear that range from sizing to protection. Also, please note the following: Firefighting PPE is available for customization- Lettering, sizing, and full PPE packages.
74	Explain your processes for sizing, fitting, and the alteration of the products and/or equipment offered in your proposal, as applicable.	Once an order is received requiring this service, our customer service will call the customer to set-up a day for sizing and fitting based on the customer's availability. Our Sales Rep and other employees will come to the customer's location(s) to service the number of employees indicated on the purchase order. The Sales Rep will submit the fitting information to our internal team who will begin work on the items to deliver by the customer's deadline. If additional modifications are needed after delivery, MES is able to accommodate the requested changes quickly to not delay availability of equipment.
75	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	n/a

**Table 148: 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	MES offers this product with the purpose to protect firefighters from radiant and thermal exposure, punctures and other hazards while providing protection, safety, and comfort. We have a variety of vendors our customers are able to use.
77	Helmets and related accessories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES offers helmets and other accessories for fire protection such as shields and other required NFPA accessories. We ensure that minimum standards are met such as retention systems, absorption, reflective trim and ear covers.
78	Other related equipment and accessories	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES offers fire blankets, heat detectors, and suppression equipment.
79	Firefighting apparel and station-wear	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Our station wear includes shirts and pants that can be made of fire resistant materials if required. We are also able to customize and offer a variety of colors.
80	Extractors, laundry machines, mechanical dryers, drying and storing racks	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	MES is aware of fire contaminants that can expose firefighters to harmful materials. We offer equipment that specializes in cleaning turnout gear and other equipment with exceptional, professional care.
81	Cleaning and decontamination service and maintenance	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Our vendors offer all levels of decon services and strategies that include wash of gear and equipment, personal wash and wipes, and air decontamination for effective results.
82	Firefighting PPE cleaning supplies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Our vendors in this category offer effective and robust cleaning solutions. Our major focus is to ensure that soiled areas are cleaned and uncontaminated after use.
83	Cleaning equipment for other firefighting equipment and tools	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Our vendors also provide equipment for proper storage based on NFPA standards and the cleaning supplies to be used after use.
84	Services Related to the equipment described above	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Services related to the equipment described are listed below. Also, MES is able to offer customizable solutions. By contacting our Sales Rep and providing information on the needs and requirements, in most cases, we are able to offer a quote offering a plan to address our customer's requirements.

### Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

### Documents

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

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell 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 Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. 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](#) - MES Sourcewell 010424 Vendor Pricing.zip - Wednesday January 03, 2024 11:32:34
- [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Financial Statements.zip - Monday January 01, 2024 15:47:44
- Marketing Plan/Samples (optional)
- WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
- Warranty Information (optional)
- [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - QT1730512.FIREDEX.pdf - Tuesday January 02, 2024 14:08:12
- [Requested Exceptions](#) - MES Insurance Exceptions.pdf - Monday January 01, 2024 17:15:56
- [Upload Additional Document](#) - MES Documents 010424.zip - Tuesday January 02, 2024 14:25:24

## 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. - John Walker, CFO, Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

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
<b>Addendum_5_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424</b> Fri December 15 2023 12:51 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
<b>Addendum_4_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424</b> Thu December 14 2023 01:51 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
<b>Addendum_3_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424</b> Mon December 4 2023 04:00 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
<b>Addendum_2_Firefighting PPE and Related Equipment Cleaning_RFP_010424</b> Thu November 30 2023 10:28 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
<b>Addendum_1_Firefighting_PPE_and_Related_Equipment_Cleaning_RFP_010424</b> Thu November 9 2023 04:34 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1



**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
<b>Proposal Due Date:</b>	<b>January 4, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Central Time</b> 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 entities<sup>1</sup>;
- 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:

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto: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
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>1000</b>

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.

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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.

**PPE**  
**MES - Sourcewell Contract #010424**

<b>PRODUCT CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED</b>
<b>Structural Firefighting, Aircraft Rescue)Turnout Gear</b>			
	Turnout Gear	Fire Dex	9% Off Current MSRP
	Turnout Gear	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP
	Turnout Gear	TecGen	9% Off Current MSRP
	Turnout Gear	Veridian	5% Off Current MSRP
<b>Wildland Firefighting Protective Gear</b>	Wildland all available ensemble	Crew Boss (Western Shelter)	5% Off Current MSRP
	Wildland all available ensemble	Fire Dex	9% Off Current MSRP
	Wildland all available ensemble	PGI	9% Off Current MSRP
	Wildland all available ensemble	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP
	Wildland all available ensemble	TecGen	9% Off Current MSRP
	Wildland all available ensemble	Veridian	5% Off Current MSRP
<b>EMS &amp; General Fire Garments, Technical Rescue, USAR/Urban Search and Rescue EMS Emergency Medical Operations Protective Ensembles, Station Wear</b>			
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear & Accessories	Propper	5% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	Fire Dex / TecGen	9% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	Gerber	Net
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear & Accessories	NRS	5% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	Game Sportswear	15% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear Accessories	5.11 Tactical	26% Off Current MSRP
Tec/USAR/Station Wear	SanMar	5% Off Current MSRP	

## MES - Sourcewell Contract #010424

PRODUCT CATEGORY	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER	PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	Elbeco	29% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	Fechiemer	19% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	First Tactical	24% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	VF Workrite Work Wear	15% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear	Horace Small	15% Off Current MSRP
	Tec/USAR/Station Wear & Accessories	Veridian	5% Off Current MSRP
	Service Alterations Custom Adds	MES Shops	Net MSRP
<b>Helmets &amp; Related Accs</b>	Helmets	Bullard	25% Off Current MSRP
	Helmets	Fire Dex	9% Off Current MSRP
	Helmets	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP
<b>Helmets &amp; Related Accs</b>	Gloves	5.11 Tactical	26% Off Current MSRP
	Gloves	FireDex	9% Off Current MSRP
	Gloves	Fire Craft	9% Off Current MSRP
	Gloves	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP
	Gloves	Ringers	14% Off Current MSRP
	Gloves	Veridian	28% Off Current MSRP
<b>Helmets &amp; Related Accs</b>	Hoods	FireDex	9% Off Current MSRP
	Hoods	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP
	Hoods	Majestic	14% Off Current MSRP
	Hoods	PGI	14% Off Current MSRP
	Hoods	Veridian	25% Off Current MSRP
<b>Boots/Shoes/Structural/Station</b>	Boots/Shoes/Station	5.11 Tactical	26% Off Current MSRP
	Boots/Shoes/Multi	Danner	19% Off Current MSRP
	Boots/Shoes/Station	Bates	9% Off Current MSRP
	Boots/Multi	Black Diamond	14% Off Current MSRP
	Boots/Structural/Station	FireDex	9% Off Current MSRP
	Boots/Structural/Station	Honeywell	5% Off Current MSRP
	Boots/Shoe	Lacrosse	19% Off Current MSRP

**MES - Sourcewell Contract #010424**

<b>PRODUCT CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF PUBLISHED PRICE OR AS NOTED</b>
<b>Accessories</b>	Nozzles	TFT	20% Off Current MSRP
	Lockers, Racks, Shelving	Groves Ready Racks	2% Off Current MSRP
	Brackets	SCBAS	9% Off Current MSRP
	Accessories	Kappler	1% Off Current MSRP
	Brackets	Zyco	15% Off Current MSRP
<b>Maintenance &amp; Cleaning Services Garment Decontaminations</b>		Circul-Air	3% Off Washers & Dryers 5% Off Lockers
	Cleaning, Alterations, & Customizations	Northwest Safety Clean	Fixed Pricing Per Price MSRP
<b>Protective Garment Laundry Machines</b>	Laundry Machines, Extractor machines	Groves	2% Off Current MSRP
<b>Garment Care for Turnout and other Fire Clothing Repairs</b>			Quoted per job depending on spec and issue due to certs.
	Garment Car	Minurva/Gear Wash	
<b>Eye Protection</b>	Eye Protection	5.11 Tactical	26% Off Current MSRP
	Eye Protection	ESS Eye wear	25% Off Current MSRP
	Eye Protection	3m Peltor	17% Off Current MSRP
<b>Gas Masks</b>	Gas Masks & Related Gear	Avon Protection	5% off current MSRP
<b>CRN Hazmat Gear</b>	Hazmat Gear	Avon Protection	5% off current MSRP
	Hazmat Suits	DuPont	14% Off Current MSRP
	Hazmat Gear	FSI North America	9% Off Current MSRP
<b>Firefighter Training Gear &amp; other related equipment and accessories</b>			
	Firefighter Training Gear	Lightning X	5% Off Current MSRP
	Firefighter Training Gear	North American Rescue	8% Off Current MSRP
	Firefighter Training Gear	True North	5% Off Current MSRP
	Fire Trainer	KFT Fire Trainer	Net Price on Price MSRP
	Training Regulators	Blast Mask	8% Off Current MSRP
	Training Aids	Simulaid	7% Off Current MSRP
<b>Radio Holder &amp; Pouches</b>	Radio Holder & Pouches	Gould & Goodrich	9% Off Current MSRP
	Pouches & Parts	Safariland Redline	5% Off Current MSRP

<b>Other Protective PPE Gear Body Armor</b>	Concealable Armor	Point Blank	29% Off Current MSRP
	Tactical Armor & Helmets	Point Blank	19% Off Current MSRP
	Tactical Armor & Helmets	Paraclete	19% Off Current MSRP
	Tactical Armor, Helmets & Accessories	Team Wendy	5% Off Current MSRP
	Tactical Armor, Helmets & Accessories	Avon Protection	5% Off Current MSRP
	Body Armor	GH Armor	30% Off Current MSRP
	Tactical Armor, Helmets & Accessories	Lion	5% Off Current MSRP