



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO. I179-2024

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME: MAY 9, 2024 - 2:00 P.M.**

### **ANNUAL SUPPLY OF MESQUITE FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASS A UNIFORMS**

#### **PROPOSALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM**

The City of Mesquite, Texas invites sealed proposals from all qualified vendors desiring to furnish the City with the Annual Supply of Mesquite Fire Department Class A Uniforms, complying with the following specifications as listed herein.

A copy of the proposal may be submitted by courier or hand delivered **in a sealed envelope or box** to Ryan Williams, Manager of Purchasing, City of Mesquite, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, City Hall Building, 2nd Flr, Mesquite, Texas 75149. Proposals may also be mailed to Ryan Williams, Manager of Purchasing, City of Mesquite, P.O. Box 850137, Mesquite, Texas 75185-0137. Mark envelope in lower left corner "RFP No. I179-2024; Annual Supply of Mesquite Fire Department Class A Uniforms," so that the proposals will not be opened until the appointed hour. Proposals submitted must be received before proposal closing on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted.**

#### ***GENERAL CLAUSES AND CONDITIONS***

1. If you have questions regarding the preparation of your proposal, you may contact [purchasing@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:purchasing@cityofmesquite.com).
2. Vendors who do not respond to this particular proposal, but who want to remain on our mailing list for future opportunities shall indicate "NO PROPOSAL" on the face of this page by putting the date and signed by the authorized representative of your company and return this page to the Purchasing office. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.
3. **Protection of Resident Workers:** The City of Mesquite actively supports the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which includes provisions addressing employment eligibility, employment verification, and nondiscrimination. Under the INA, employers may hire only persons who may legally work in the United States (i.e., citizens and nationals of the U.S.) and aliens authorized to work in the U.S. The employer must verify the identity and employment eligibility of anyone to be hired, which includes completing the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). The Contractor shall establish appropriate procedures and controls so no services or products under the Contract Documents will be performed or manufactured by any worker who is not legally eligible to perform such services or employment.
4. **Laws and Ordinances:** The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances and regulations which in any manner affect the Contract or the work and shall indemnify and save harmless the City against any claim arising from the violation of any such laws, ordinances and regulations whether by the Contractor or his employees.

5. **Proposals must be received as one (1) complete original and one (1) electronic copy on a USB flash drive (NO EXCEPTIONS), prior to the closing date and time to be considered.** Proposals must be submitted in sufficient time to be received and time-stamped at the above location on or before the published date and time shown on the RFP. The City of Mesquite will not be responsible for mail delivered from the post office. Proposals received after the published time and date cannot be considered and will be returned unopened.
6. Proposals will be received and publicly acknowledged at the location, date and time stated above. Only the name of the proposers responding to this request for proposal shall be released at the proposal opening. Other information submitted by the proposer shall not be released by the City during the proposal evaluation process or prior to contract award. At no time will confidential information, as noted by the proposer, be released.
7. Proposer shall attach official documentation from the State of Texas or other qualified certification agency of M/WBE status of your company with proposal. This data is for informational purposes only and will not affect the proposal award.
8. A completed W-9 form will be required and submitted with proposal.
9. In submitting an offer, respondent certifies that they have not participated in, nor have they been party to any collusion, price fixing or any other illegal or unethical agreements with any company, firm or person concerning the pricing offered.
10. The attached Non-Exclusion Affidavit for General Contractors must be signed, notarized, and submitted with bid proposal.
11. A representative of the proposing entity who is authorized to enter into contract on behalf of the proposing entity must manually sign proposals in ink. The person signing the proposal must indicate his/her title along with signature. Proposals received without proper signature will not be considered.
12. Any ambiguity in the bid proposal as a result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the proposer with specifications, instructions and all conditions shall be construed in favor of the City.
13. The City of Mesquite reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive formalities and to make award of bid proposal as may be deemed to the best advantage of the City. No proposal may be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after date of opening.
14. This Contract may be terminated at any time with thirty-(30) day's written notice by either the City of Mesquite or successful proposer.
15. The City is not liable for any cost incurred by Proposers in replying to this RFP. This includes costs to determine the nature of the proposal, submitting, negotiating, presentations or any other costs a vendor would incur in responding to the RFP.
16. Proposers shall complete all information requested and blanks provided shall be filled in on the provided forms. Failure to completely describe the merchandise being proposed may result in rejection of your proposal.
17. **The City is exempt from all sales and excise taxes.**
18. The City of Mesquite reserves the right to evaluate variations from these specifications. If exceptions are made, proposer shall state wherein the merchandise fails to meet these specifications. Failure to completely describe the merchandise being proposed may result in rejection of your proposal.

19. It shall be understood all proposals, responses, inquiries, or correspondence relating to or in reference to this RFP, and all reports, charges and proposal or referencing information submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the City and will not be returned. All restrictions on the use of data contained within a proposal and all confidential information must be clearly stated in the RFP. Proprietary information submitted in a proposal, or in response to the RFP, will be handled in accordance with the Texas Open Records Law and other applicable state statutes.
20. It is the vendor's responsibility to check for any addendums that might have been issued before the proposal closing date and time.
21. Cooperative Purchasing: As permitted under the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 791025, other *government entities may wish to also participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract (piggyback)*. Each entity wishing to piggyback must have prior authorization from the City of Mesquite and vendor. If such participation is authorized, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring supplies/services. The City of Mesquite shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by these entities. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract.

**Successful proposer agrees to extend prices to all entities that have entered into or will enter into joint purchasing interlocal cooperation agreements with the City of Mesquite \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No.**

22. The proposal evaluation process will occur after the closing date. The City's evaluation and clarification process will commence. An evaluation team will review the proposals. Financial terms will not be the sole determining factor in this award. Other criteria described in this RFP will be considered, as well as any other factors the evaluation team determines may affect the suitability of the proposal for the City's requirements. A Proposer's submission of a proposal constitutes their acceptance of the evaluation technique.
23. The insurance requirements are included in the proposal document. Proposers agree to provide and to maintain the required types of insurance for the term of the contract. An original certificate of insurance will be required within 10 business days by the apparent low proposer once notification has been received.
24. The Contract form is included for proposer's information so that proposers may be **familiar** with their contents and requirements. Proposer shall **not** fill in or execute these forms at time of proposal submittal. Upon award of the proposal, the awarded vendor will be required to execute the contract.

## ***SPECIAL PROVISIONS***

1. The successful proposer's rights and duties awarded by the contract may not be assigned to another without written consent of the City signed by the City's authorized agent. Such consent shall not relieve the assigned of liability in the event of default by the assignee.
2. Any deviations from specifications and alternate proposals must be clearly shown with complete information provided by the proposer. They may or may not be considered by the City.
3. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing and shall not be effective unless signed by an authorized representative of the City.
4. The City shall have the right to modify this order subject to an adjustment in the price in accordance with the applicable provisions of the purchase order, if any, or pursuant to mutual agreements. No agreement or understanding to modify this order shall be binding on the City unless it is in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the City.
5. The City reserves the right to require additional technical and pricing information and negotiate all elements, which comprise the Vendor's proposal to ensure that the best possible consideration be afforded to all concerned. The City reserves the right to accept all or part of any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to re-solicit for proposals.
6. **All questions must be submitted via email to [purchasing@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:purchasing@cityofmesquite.com) by 12 Noon, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, prior to proposal closing date.**
7. Proposers shall submit a total of five (5) references.
8. Proposers shall fill out the following required documents, as noted in the bid proposal. If the following forms are not included, the bid proposal may be considered non-responsive.

### **Check List:**

- Bid Sheet
- Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
- Non-Exclusion Affidavit for General Contractors
- Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel
- References
- IRS W-9
- Secretary of State Filing Certificate/Partnership Agreement

## CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY OF MESQUITE

Updated: January 8, 2016

### Conflict of Interest Questionnaire And Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form 1295)

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code is an ethics law that was initially enacted by the Texas Legislature with HB 914 in 2005 that requires disclosure of employment and business relationships local government officers may have with contractors, consultants and vendors who conduct business with local government entities. The law applies to any written contract for the sale or purchase of real property, goods or services. Further information regarding Texas Conflict of Interest laws and the ***Conflict of Interest Questionnaire*** (FORM CIQ) can be found at the Texas Ethics Commission web site at the following web address:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295/>

***PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM CIQ AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR RESPONSE.***

Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code was enacted in 2015, by the Texas Legislature pursuant to HB 1295, which provides that a governmental entity may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity on or after January 1, 2016, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties (FORM 1295) to the governmental entity at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity. Further information regarding the disclosure of interested parties law and FORM 1295 can be found at the Texas Ethics Commission web site at the following web address:

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

***PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE FORM 1295 UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF CONTRACT AWARD AND REQUESTED TO ELECTRONICALLY FILE FORM 1295 WITH THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION.***

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

## FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

**1** Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

**2**  Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3** Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

**4** Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes       No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       No

**5** Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

**6**  Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

## **Standards of Conduct**

The City of Mesquite conducts business with the public, business partners, vendors, and contractors under a set of rules to ensure that all City officials and employees discharge their duties in a manner designed to promote public trust and confidence in our city. This code of ethics, titled Standards of Conduct, is taken from the Mesquite City Code, Chapter 2, Art. IV, Sec 2-123.

The City wants you to be aware of the rules that its employees are required to follow while performing their services to you. A violation of state or federal statutes may occur if these rules are broken. It is hoped that by outlining these rules for you, your experience in dealing with the City of Mesquite will be both rewarding and satisfactory.

### **Acceptance of Gifts or Gratuities**

Accepting gifts or gratuities by employees in consideration for the performance of their duties, or as an appreciation for their performance, is strictly prohibited.

- Please do not offer employees any gift, loans, or any other thing of value.
- Employees may not receive any fee or compensation for their services from any source other than the City, so please do not offer.
- Please do not offer to buy meals for employees.
- Employees may accept coffee, tea, soft drinks, snacks, etc. when attending meetings in your office.
- Letters to supervisors for exceptional service by employees are always welcome.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Employees are prohibited from engaging in any outside activities that conflict with, or have the appearance of conflicting with, the duties assigned to them in the employment of the City.

- Please do not ask employees for any special favor or consideration that is not available to every other citizen.
- Please do not ask an employee to disclose any information that is not available to every other citizen through normal public information channels.
- Please do not offer to compensate the employee by offering to hire, or do business with any business entity of the employee or family member
- Do not ask employees to represent you or your company or make any recommendations on your behalf other than those that are a part of their official duties with the City.
- Please do not ask employees to endorse the products or services of your company.
- Please do not ask employees to hand out or post advertising materials.

### **Solicitation by City Employees**

Employees may not solicit gifts, loans, or any other items of value from people doing City business that will be used by them personally.

- If you are asked to pay a fee for services that you believe is improper or illegal, please contact the City's ethic's officer at **972-329-8723**. (payments should only be made to designated cashiers or clerks)
- Employees are prohibited from taking retaliatory action against you for failing to comply with any request unless the request is within the scope of the employee's official duties for the City.



## **Use of City Equipment, Facilities and Resources**

Use of City equipment, facilities and resources is authorized only for City purposes and for those activities permitted by City ordinance and policy.

- Please do not ask employees to use City equipment to run errands or perform tasks for your benefit.
- Employees may not perform tasks, nor conduct any business not related to their official duties while on City time.

## **Your Rights and Expectations**

When dealing with employees of the City of Mesquite you have the right to honest, fair, and impartial treatment. You may expect prompt, courteous, and professional service from our employees who are expected to understand and practice good customer service skills. Employees are tasked to uphold the public trust through the ethical performance of their duties. We understand that the enforcement of regulatory guidelines and codes may sometimes be a cause for concern; however, you may rest assured that we are responsible to all of the citizens of Mesquite and our goal is to serve them to the best of our ability.

**Should you have any concerns or questions concerning this information or the conduct of any of our employees please contact the City's ethics officer at 972-329-8723.** All calls to the City's ethics officer are confidential and your name (or any other identifying information) will not be disclosed.

Cliff Keheley  
City Manager



**INSURANCE VERIFICATION PROGRAM  
LETTER OF AUTHORITY**

TO: All Awarded Vendors

RE: Insurance Verification

Dear Vendor:

The City of Mesquite has provided Insurance Certificate Administrators (ICA) authority to monitor certificates of insurance, endorsements and other policy information from our vendors and contractors. ICA will request, receive, evaluate, and order corrections from such companies.

ICA will provide the City of Mesquite with verification that any insurance document your agent or insurer certifies conforms to the contract requirements.

It is necessary that you have your agent or insurer promptly cooperate with ICA by having them provide the information ICA requests.

All correspondence regarding certificates of insurance and insurance policy information for the City of Mesquite should be sent to the following address. There is no need to provide copies to the City of Mesquite.

***City of Mesquite***  
c/o ICA  
input@icaprogram.com  
P.O. Box 2566  
Fort Worth, TX 76113-2566  
Phone: 817-332-5313

Please forward the enclosed instructions to your agent/broker. Thank you for your cooperation.

## INSURANCE

### A. AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE

Contractor agrees to provide and to maintain the following types and amounts of insurance, for the term of this Contract.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. <u>Worker's Compensation</u> and <u>Employer's Liability</u>	<u>Statutory Limits</u> \$100,000 per occurrence
2. <u>Commercial (Public Liability)</u> <u>including but not limited to:</u>	<u>Bodily Injury:</u> \$500,000 per person \$1,000,000 per occurrence and
A. Premises/Operations	
B. Independent Contractors	
C. Personal Injury	<u>Property Damage:</u>
D. Products/Complete Operations	\$500,000 per occurrence
E. Contractual Liability (insuring above indemnity provisions)	with <u>general aggregate</u> of \$1,000,000
3. <u>Business (Commercial)</u> <u>Automobile Policy:</u>	Combined Single Limit/ \$500,000

The preceding amounts notwithstanding, the City reserves the right to increase the minimum required insurance to be effective thirty (30) days after notice is sent to the address provided herein. The Contractor may pass through to the City all costs for obtaining the increase in the insurance coverage.

### B. OTHER INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor understands that it is its sole responsibility to provide the required Certificate and that failure to comply within 10 business days after notice of award and according to the requirements of this article shall be a cause for termination of this Contract.

For any pesticide spraying performed, the City of Mesquite will require the successful bidder to carry Pollution Liability Insurance and Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance.

Insurance required herein shall be issued by a company or companies of sound and adequate financial responsibility and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All policies shall be subject to examination and approval by the City Attorney's office for their adequacy as to form, content, form of protection, and providing company.

Insurance required by this Contract for the City, as additional insured shall be primary insurance and not contributing with any other insurance available to City, under any third party liability policy.

The Contractor further agrees that with respect to the above required insurances, the City shall:

1. Be named as additional insured/or an insured, on all required insurance except workers' compensation. Blanket Endorsements are acceptable in meeting this requirement if copies of the endorsements are provided along with the certificate. If using a form that has specific boxes labeled for additional insured, checking those specific boxes is acceptable in meeting this requirement as well.

2. Be provided with a waiver of subrogation, in favor of the City on all required insurance. Blanket Endorsements are acceptable in meeting this requirement if copies of the endorsements are provided along with the certificate. If using a form that has specific boxes labeled for waiver of subrogation, checking those specific boxes is acceptable in meeting this requirement as well.
3. Be provided with an unconditional 30 days' advance written notice of cancellation or material change.
4. Prior to execution of this Agreement, proof of insurance shall be provided through the office of the City Secretary, or Designee, with either their original Certificate of Insurance or their insurance policy evidencing the above requirements. Thereafter, new certificates or copies of the policies shall be furnished prior to the expiration date of any prior certificate.

C. ADDITIONAL WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Definitions:**

Certificate of coverage ("certificate") A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement showing statutory Worker's Compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project - includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractors'/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project (subcontractor" in 406.096) - includes all persons or entitles performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity or employees of any entity, which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.
2. The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements. Which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011 (44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
3. The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.
4. If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
5. The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
  - (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
  - (b) no later than seven days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
6. The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

**Non-Exclusion Affidavit for General Contractors**

Federal, state, and local government agencies, not-profits, and other organizations that use federal money to fund all or part of any program or project are required to follow specific requirements regarding the use of such federal funds. One of these requirements is that no contract, subcontract, grant, financial assistance, or other forms of assistance provided using federal funds may be awarded to individuals or entities that have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participation in federally funded programs.

The U.S. federal government maintains a Web site known as the "System for Award Management" (SAM) at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). One of the purposes of the SAM Web site is to provide a comprehensive list of all individuals, firms, and other entities that have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participation in federally funded contracts, subcontracts, grants, etc. SAM provides a simple means of helping government, non-profit agencies, and other organizations ensure that they do not award federally-funded grants, contracts, subcontracts, or other financial or non-financial benefits to any individual, firm, or other entity that has been excluded by any agency from participation in such federally funded activities.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor Representative), hereby certify that neither I nor \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the company or organization I represent) nor any subcontractors that I or said company may employ to work on any federally funded activity have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded by any federal agency from participation in any federally funded activity. I further acknowledge my understanding that, before entering into a contract with me or with the company or organization I represent, City of Mesquite staff will perform a search on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) to verify whether I, the organization I represent, or any subcontractors I may employ to work on any federally funded activity, have been excluded from participation in any federally funded activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contractor Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert State Name)

**PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH  
COMPANIES BOYCOTTING ISRAEL**

Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, provides that the City may not enter into a contract\* with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (i) does not Boycott Israel; and (ii) will not Boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

“Boycott Israel” is defined to mean refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes. “Company” is defined to mean a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit.

**\* The requirement applies only to a contract that: (1) is between the City and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from City funds.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Certifying Official) (Title or Position of Certifying Official)

of \_\_\_\_\_, does hereby verify on behalf of said  
(Name of Company)

company to the City of Mesquite that said company does not Boycott Israel and will not Boycott Israel during the term of this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certifying Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Certification

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Certification

## **PROPOSAL EVALUATION**

RFP shall be awarded to the best-quoted proposal. The proposals will be evaluated on the factors outlined below which shall be applied to all eligible, responsive proposals in selecting the successful offerer. Award of a contract may be made without discussion with proposers after responses are received. Proposals should, therefore, be submitted on the most favorable terms.

### ***Sealed Proposal Submission***

Proposals shall be sealed and clearly marked with the Proposer's name and return address and indicate the proposal number and title. Facsimile or e-mail submitted proposals will not be accepted. Responses received after the deadline cannot be considered and will be returned unopened. The City is not responsible for delays occasioned by the U.S. Postal Service, the internal mail delivery system of the City, or any other delivery method employed by the Proposer.

Proposers or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the general terms and conditions, requirements, and specification of this Proposal Invitation before submitting proposals. Failure to do so will be at the proposer's own risk.

### **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE:**

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| 1. Price                      | 30% |
| 2. Response time – Item Stock | 30% |
| 3. References                 | 20% |
| 4. Experience                 | 20% |

Negotiations may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposals determined to be susceptible of being selected for award. **All proposers will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for negotiation and revision of proposals.** Revisions to proposals may be permitted after submission and before award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

## **Annual Supply of Fire Department Class A Uniforms**

### **Scope and Intent**

To obtain a contract with one vendor for the purchase of Fire Department Class A Uniforms. This is an “all or none” bid and partial bids will not be considered.

### **Oversize Uniform Items**

Bids are being obtained for regular and oversize sizes. If applicable, bidders shall indicate what sizes are included in the oversize category and state size cost on the form provided.

### **Clothing Manufacturers**

Manufacturers are to ensure that items ordered match existing type and quality. In the event that an item becomes discontinued, the Mesquite Fire Department will have the sole responsibility of approving the manufacturer’s product as a City approved product. The Mesquite Fire Department may require a sample of any item being recommended as a replacement item for any discontinued item at no expense to the City.

### **Warranty**

All uniform items shall include standard manufacturer’s warranty. A summary of warranty must be attached to the bid sheet.

### **Estimated Usage**

Mesquite Fire Department employees will purchase uniform items up to the dollar limit that is allocated for each employee. Each employee may purchase additional items and must pay the vendor for any amount that exceeds an individual employee’s allocation. Therefore, estimated annual quantities are not available.

### **Uniform Items Not Listed**

The City may require items not listed specifically in the specifications. In order to accommodate these unexpected expenditures, all bidders are required to provide a percentage discount from the manufacturer’s list price for uniform components not listed on the form provided. Manufacturer’s list price used to calculate cost to the City for any item ordered that is not listed shall be the manufacturer’s list price that is in effect at the time that the order is placed. The bidder shall list the manufacturer, type of items covered by the discount and the discount from the list price. If the discount will vary by type or size of item, bidder is required to list each category separately. The bidder is to provide a discount from the manufacturer’s list for each manufacturer represented on the bid submittal. If no discount will be given for a particular manufacturer, place a zero (0) in the space provided.

### **Vendor Location And Requirements**

The City prefers the Respondent to be located in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metropolitan area and within a fifty (50) mile radius of the Fire Department office located at 320 S. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite Texas 75149.

### **Other Vendor Services**

- Vendor shall employ a minimum of one full time tailor and one full time seamstress to measure for alterations. Cost for these services shall be included in the quoted price for each item.
- Vendor shall have onsite embroidery for those items that require embroidery and the cost for embroidery shall be included in the cost for the item. Items not specified in the bid, and items not purchased from the vendor shall not be embroidered with Mesquite Fire Department emblems without express consent of Fire Administration.

Vendor shall have full time employees designated to the Mesquite Fire Department for inside and outside sales/service.



**Returns**

Non-conforming or defective products will be returned to the vendor. There will be no charge to the City for any returns. Immediate pick-up and replacement are expected, if required by the department. If the defective item(s) is/are not picked up within five (5) working days after notification, the item(s) will become property of Mesquite Fire Department at no cost.

**Questions**

Proposers are asked to examine this RFP upon request. All questions or clarifications shall only be directed in writing via e-mail to [purchasing@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:purchasing@cityofmesquite.com) before the designated deadline for written questions. Questions received after the date specified above may not receive response. Any contact or attempt to contact any other employee of the City regarding this RFP may result in the immediate disqualification of the Proposer. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding.

## ADDENDUM #1 FOR MFD CLASS A UNIFORM

### Jacket

Style:	Double breasted
Weight:	12 oz.
Finish:	Tropical worsted
Blend:	55% polyester/45% wool
Color:	Black
Lining:	½ of the inside – 100% polyester
Button holes:	Military-type cloth-bound holes
Pockets:	One welt breast pocket and two lower open welt pockets
Buttons:	Six gold FD rounded (domed) for Captains, all Chief Officers Six silver FD rounded (domed) for Firefighter, Drivers, and Lieutenants
Badge tab:	Metal centered 1” above left breast pocket
Name plate:	Metal (gold or silver finish determined by rank), worn over the right breast side horizontal and at a height that is collinear with the V being made by the jacket lapels when fully buttoned (see Image 1)
Award bars:	Refer to MFD SOP 103.02 <u>Merit and Service Awards</u>

### Uniform Patches

- Sew on Mesquite Fire Department patch, 1” center shoulder on left sleeve of jacket

### Striping for Jacket

- Striping shall begin 2 ¾” above cuff of sleeve
- Striping has ¼” between each stripe
- Striping shall be all the way around the sleeve (both sleeves)
- Gold striping for Captains and Chief Officers (2 stripes for Captains, 3 for Battalion Chief, 4 for Assistant Chief, 5 for Fire Chief)
- Silver single stripe for Lieutenants
- Blue stripes for Firefighters and Drivers (two stripes for Driver, one stripe for Firefighter)

### Maltese Crosses for Jacket

- One gold cross for each 5 years of service for Captains and Chiefs
- One silver cross for each 5 years of service for Lieutenants
- One blue cross for each 5 years of service for Drivers and Firefighters

### Dress Uniform Trousers

Color:	Black
Weight:	12 oz.
Finish:	Tropical worsted
Blend:	55% polyester/45% wool
Closure:	Zipper fly, hook and eye fastener

Pockets: 2 side, 2 hip

**Dress Hat**

- Bell-style dress hat
- Color white with gold chinstrap for Captains and Chiefs
- Color black with silver chinstrap for Lieutenants
- Color black with black chinstrap for Firefighters and Drivers

**Dress Hat Devices – 1 5/8” Round**

- Fire Department Chaplain – gold or silver cross (depending on rank)
- Fire Chief – gold crossed quintuple bugles
- Assistant Chief – gold crossed quadruple bugles
- Battalion Chief – gold crossed triple bugles
- Captain – gold double bugles
- Lieutenant – silver single bugle
- Driver – silver fire engine
- Firefighters – silver hook and ladder (scramble)

**Belts**

- Black leather with a basket-weave stamped finish
- Size 1 1/2” wide in assortment of lengths
- Available with gold or silver buckle (determined by rank)

**Ties**

- Traditional four-in-hand knot
- Color – black
- Lengths – regular and long
- Tie bar or tie tack – if worn may be plain or include ornamentation. Tie bar ornamentation is limited to recognized symbolic fire service designs or equipment (ax, Maltese cross, etc.).

**Shoes**

- Black permashine

**Gloves**

- White

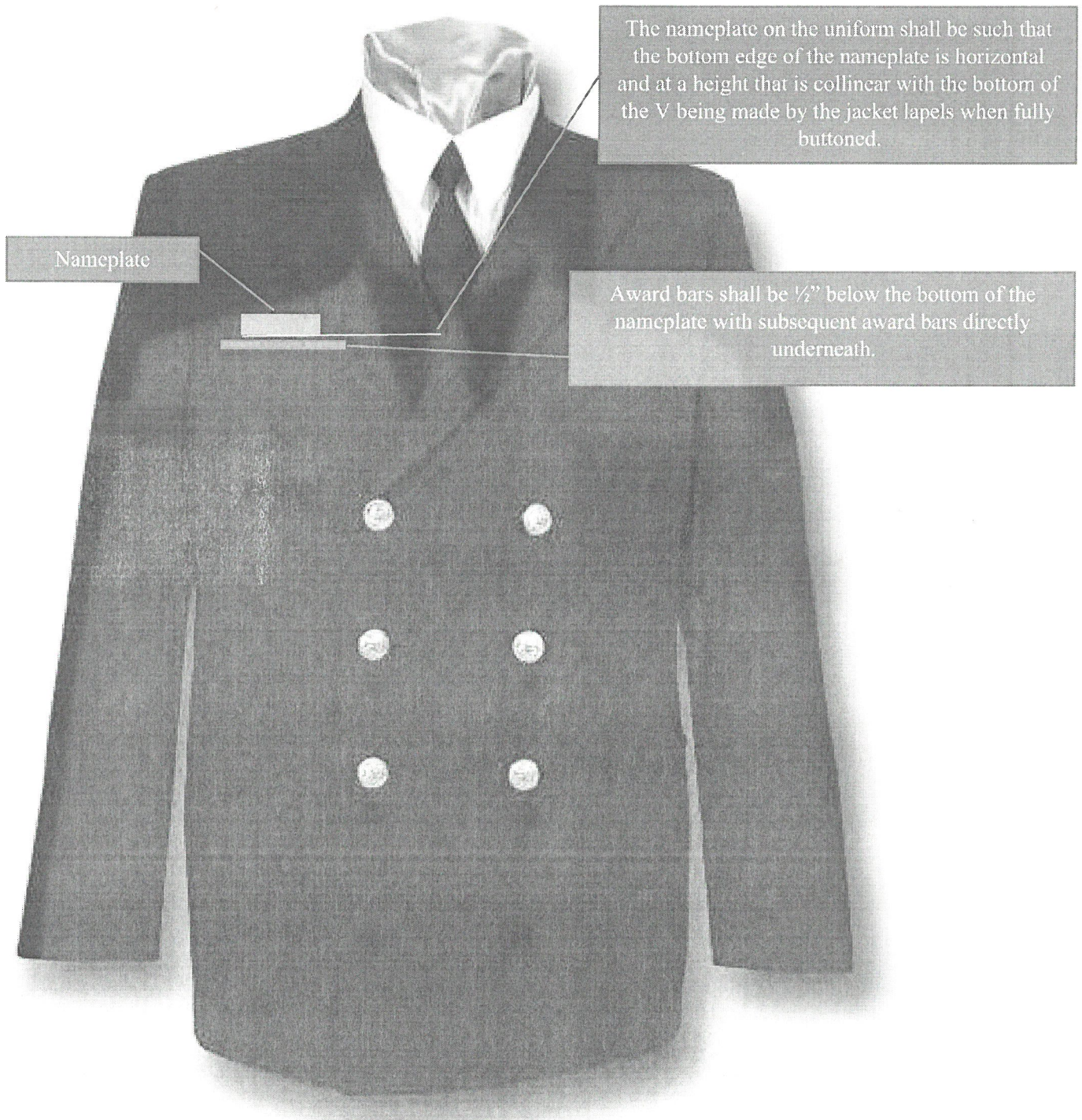


Image 1:  
Placement of nameplate and award bars on MFD Class A Uniform

## **ADDENDUM #2 FOR MFD CLASS A UNIFORM HONOR GUARD ADDITIONS**

Specifications for the Fire Department Class A Honor Guard Uniform are in addition to guidelines set in MFD SOP 103.01 Addendum #1 and are as follows:

### **Jacket**

- Epaulets: Black epaulets with red border on each shoulder, secured with matching FD rounded (domed) button
- Shoulder cord: Red, cobra style shoulder cord worn on the left shoulder. Cord is run under epaulet and secured with a black button sewn on beneath the epaulet, 1" inside the edge of the left shoulder.

### **Uniform Patches**

- Sew on "Honor Guard" rocker patch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " below Department patch on left shoulder.

### **Striping for Jacket**

- $\frac{1}{8}$ " red stripe added  $\frac{1}{4}$ " below first stripe on sleeve

### **Striping for Dress Uniform Trousers**

- $\frac{1}{2}$ " red stripe to be added to the outside of each pant leg to begin at the bottom of the pocket opening and run the length of the pant and to be centered on the pant seam.

### **Dress Hat**

- Red chinstrap for all ranks

## BID SHEET

ITEM	QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	25	Pkg	Class A Dress Uniform Jacket Package per Addendum 1 for MFD (Regular Jacket Size 34-46)	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	25	Pkg	Class A Dress Uniform Jacket Package per Addendum 1 for MFD (Oversize Jacket Size 48-52)	\$ _____	\$ _____
3	25	Pkg	Class A Dress Uniform Trousers Package per Addendum 1 for MFD (Regular Trouser Size 34-46)	\$ _____	\$ _____
4	25	Pkg	Class A Dress Uniform Trousers Package per Addendum 1 for MFD (Oversize Trouser Size 48-52)	\$ _____	\$ _____
			<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$ _____

**PRICES MUST BE QUOTED AS F.O.B. MESQUITE**

## ***TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT***

The City of Mesquite reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the City in the event of breach or default of this contract. City of Mesquite reserves the right to terminate the **contract** immediately in the event the successful proposer fails to:

- ◆ meet delivery or completion schedules
- ◆ otherwise perform in accordance with the accepted proposal

Breach of contract or default authorizes the City to award to another proposer, purchase elsewhere, and charge the full increase in cost to the defaulting proposer.

## ***NON-PERFORMANCE CONDITION***

If the product or training is not in conformance with the specifications and requirements of the City, the vendor shall redo and complete any work necessary, bring the product or training into compliance at the vendor's expense.

## REFERENCES

Five (5) Work References (Include: Names, Addresses, Phone No's., Email Address, Dates, Work Description and Contract Amounts.)

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## CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The undersigned does hereby declare that they have read the specifications for the following plans:

### ANNUAL SUPPLY OF MESQUITE FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASS A UNIFORMS

and with full knowledge for the requirements, do hereby agree to furnish the coverage in full accordance with the specifications and requirements.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ and its response complies with these specifications.  
(Name of Organization)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type/Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## TO THE VENDOR

### ***DID YOU REMEMBER TO:***

- Abide by the General Clauses and Special Conditions
- Make note of the opening date and time. All bids must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted.
- Fill in the **unit** and **extended price** on your bid proposal.
- Fill in the **total amount**.
- Fill in the terms, if requested.
- Acknowledge receipt of all addendums.
- Fill in the **delivery time** or the **calendar days** (if applicable).
- Fill in the **company name, address and phone number**.
- **Sign bid proposal**.
- Include on the front of your sealed envelope the following information: **Company name, address, bid number, opening date and time**.

#### Mailing Address:

City of Mesquite  
P.O. Box 850137  
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137

#### Physical Address:

City of Mesquite  
757 N. Galloway Avenue  
Mesquite, TX 75149

Purchasing Office  
972-216-6201  
purchasing@cityofmesquite.com

If the procedures are not followed, your bid could be disqualified.

Thank you

Ryan Williams  
Manager of Purchasing