



February 13, 2025

**Addendum #2  
RP003-25  
Purchase of Firefighter Turnout Gear on an Annual Contract**

**\*\*The date to receive bids has been changed from 2:50pm on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 to 2:50pm on Thursday, March 6, 2025.\*\***

**Revisions:**

**R1:** An additional fitting session will be held at **9:00am local time on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters, 408 Hurricane Shoals Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.** Vendors who did not participate in the pre-proposal conference fitting session are urged to attend.

Please see the below summation of questions and answers for the above solicitation.

**Questions:**

- Q1. On RP003-25 Inv, Page 2, Section II *Award*, Item B, the County mentions that the vendor must deliver a complete fitter line by the contract effective date. Is this sizing gear?
- A1. Yes. Fitter line will consist of coat sizes 34-54 and pant sizes 30-52. If product line offers different cuts, include these varieties in fitter line. Women's cut items for the fitter line can skip every other size (i.e. coats 34, 38, 42... pants 30, 34, 38...)**
- Q2. On RP003-25 Inv, Page 2, Section II *Award*, Item C, a 30-day timeline is required for delivery after the receipt of the Purchase Order. Is this 30 business days or 30 calendar days?
- A2. This will be 30 business days.**
- Q3. Will substitutions for Parallon be accepted?
- A3. Per RP003-25 Inv, Section I.B. Adherence to Specifications:  
The specifications contained herein are not for restrictive purposes or to limit competition, but to assist vendors in determining the standard of quality and basis of design Gwinnett County is seeking. It shall be understood that items equaling or surpassing the quality level are also acceptable. Gwinnett County shall be the sole determinant of acceptability of all approved equivalents. It is the vendor's responsibility to prove equivalent products equal or exceed the quality level of the product(s) specified. If quoting an equivalent product, those specifications must be submitted with bid. The County reserves the right to request additional information and/or make further investigations to determine the acceptability and capabilities of the vendor and their bid submittal. Statements using "must," "will," or "shall" are non-negotiable and failure to comply with these requirements may result in a low score given in the "adherence to technical**

**specifications” portion of scoring criteria. All exceptions to specifications must be clearly spelled out in the proposal submission.**

- Q4: Will vendors be able to give a presentation on the gear that is being substituted for the Parallon materials?  
**A4: Presentations/interviews are not included in the proposal evaluation. Proposal must contain specifications of any substitutes in the submission. See A3.**
- Q5: What are the County’s Thermal Protective Performance (TTP), Total Heat Loss (THL), and RET (Resistance to Evaporative Transfer) values for the current gear?  
**A5: TTP 46.6; THL 265.1; RET 23.**
- Q6: What is the TTP, THL and RET that the County is trying to achieve with this specification?  
**A6: TTP: minimum of 35; THL: minimum of 205; RET is not a required specification in RP003-25; there is not a required value. The goal of the County is to make an award to the highest scoring proposal that meets technical and performance specifications.**
- Q7: What was the County's last cost for the current issue of coat and pants?  
**A7: See the attached RP014-19 Cost Tab.**
- Q8: What is the TPP, THL & RET of the County’s current Turnout Gear composite?  
**A8: See A5.**
- Q9: Will there be a time for in person presentations for bids to the committee?  
**A9: See A4.**
- Q10: What is the current price the County is paying for the coat, pant, harness, suspenders, and nameplates?  
**A10: See the attached RP014-19 Cost Tab.**
- Q11: The County mentioned PBI MAX and KOMBAT FLEX being the acceptable outer shells; which shell is preferred by the County?  
**A11: The County does not have a preference. See A6.**
- Q12: What will be the acceptable equivalent to the GORE® PARALLON™ System of moisture barrier and thermal liner?  
**A12: See A3.**
- Q13: If a brand's gear is not required to have a chinstrap to meet NFPA standards, will one still be required?  
**A13: See A3.**

**Attachments:**

1. RP014-19 2024-2025 Cost Tab

Thank you,



Casey Beauston  
Purchasing Associate II

This addendum should be signed in the space provided below and returned with your bid. Failure to do so may result in your bid being deemed non-responsive.

**Company Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Representative** \_\_\_\_\_

**COST TABULATION**

RP014-19

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Department of Fire and Emergency Services

3% increase

Renewal June 17, 2024 - June 16, 2025			Bennett Fire Products Company, Inc. (OC)	
Item #	Description	Approx. Annual Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Protective coats	150 ea	\$2,690.42	\$403,563.27
2	Name patch	150 ea	\$74.49	\$11,173.44
3	Protective pants w/ belt & suspenders	150 ea	\$2,593.59	\$389,038.73
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$803,775.44	
<b>REPLACEMENT PARTS</b>				
4	Drag Rescue Device		\$74.49	
5	Suspenders		\$102.78	
6	Belt		\$488.63	
	Will Vendor Hold Pricing Firm? Renewal Option 1		TBD	
	Will Vendor Hold Pricing Firm? Renewal Option 2		TBD	
	Will Vendor Hold Pricing Firm? Renewal Option 3		TBD	
	Will Vendor Hold Pricing Firm? Renewal Option 4		TBD	