

BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Boston Emergency Medical Services



REQUEST FOR QUOTES

for
Body Armor

March 29, 2021

Introduction

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is issuing a Request For Quotes (RFQ) from qualified respondents for public safety body armor for issue to Boston EMS uniformed personnel.

DEADLINE	
Monday, March 29, 2021 by 5:00 PM ET	RFQ available online at www.bphc.org/RFP
Friday, April 2, 2021, by 5:00 PM ET	Deadline to submit questions about the RFQ via email to: Laura Segal Chief of Staff segal@bostonems.org Subject Title: RFQ Questions – Body Armor
Tuesday, April 6, 2021, by 5:00 PM ET	Responses to questions received posted at www.bphc.org/RFP
Friday, April 9, 2021, by 5:00 PM ET	Submit response via email to: Laura Segal Chief of Staff segal@bostonems.org Subject Title: RFQ Submission – Body Armor

Background

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is the local public health department for the city of Boston. BPHC's mission is to protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly the most vulnerable populations. Boston Emergency Medical Services (Boston EMS), a Bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission, is the City's municipal 911 pre-hospital provider. Boston EMS has 399 full time uniformed employees and hires new emergency medical technicians twice annually in cohorts of approximately 25 per class. Members of Boston EMS respond to approximately 125,000 clinical incidents annually. With personnel safety being a priority, Boston EMS assigns each member necessary body armor.

BPHC is currently requesting a quote from qualified individuals or firms ("respondents") for (1) Point Blank AXII and AXII (f) ballistic panels with soft trauma pack meeting NIJ Level II, (2) Point Blank Guardian Molle Armor External Carrier, and (3) internal concealable HiLite carrier.

The Boston Public Health Commission encourages Certified Underrepresented Business Enterprises (CUBEs) to respond to this RFQ. CUBE's are identified as: Disability-owned Business Enterprise (DOBE), Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender-owned Enterprise (LGBTBE), Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Small Local Businesses Enterprise (SLBE), Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), Veteran-owned Business Enterprise (VBE).

Scope of Work

Responses submitted should address the respondent's ability to provide all three of the following body armor options, as outlined below:

1. Point Blank AXII and AXII (f) ballistic panels with soft trauma pack meeting NIJ Level II specifications that is interchangeable with the two below carriers
2. Point Blank Guardian Molle Armor External Carrier with front zipper with custom ID panels per customer specifications
3. Internal concealable HiLite carrier

Response should include the following information:

1. Unit price for each item
2. How the respondent will conduct fitting for personnel, onsite at Boston EMS Headquarters (785 Albany Street, Boston MA 02118), is preferred.
3. Availability of supply
4. Standard lead time, from fitting to delivery
5. Ability to deliver approximately 250 to 300 vests, requiring on site fitting of members and arrival prior to June 30th, 2021.
6. Ability to reliably sustain stock throughout the term of the contract.
7. How product defects and damage to products will be handled.
8. Company history, qualifications and prior experience associated with comparable services.
9. Three references of comparable size with contracts for similar scope of work.

Boston EMS anticipates a 3-year contract with two 1-year extension options, for a total of up to 5 years.

Submission Instructions

Respondents must submit their response via email to:

Laura Segal
Chief of Staff
segal@bostonems.org

Response format:

1. Submit response as a single document in PDF format
2. Include respondent's name and "RFQ Submission – Body Armor" in the PDF filename

Responses should include the items listed below:

1. A written description of how respondent will address all components outlined in the scope of work.
2. A full description of the qualifications of the respondent.
3. Three references

This RFQ is for planning purposes only and shall not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation on the part of BPHC to award a contract or pay for preparations of any information submitted, however, this RFQ may result in the award of a contract to a qualified respondent.

All responses to this RFQ will be public record under the Massachusetts' Public Records Law, Mass. Gen. L. ch. 66 s. 10, regardless of confidentiality notices to the contrary.

Responses must be received no later than Friday, April 9, 2021 by 5:00 PM ET. Responses received after this date and time will not be considered.