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## INVITATION TO BID

Bid Number: 21 -3707 Date Issued: Saturday, May 22, 2021

Date & Time Bid Opening: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:00 A..M.

### **Bid for Eight Complete Sets of Swift-Water Rescue Suits & Equipment North Little Rock Fire Department - City of North Little Rock, AR**

Please direct technical questions to: Captain Cranford  
North Little Rock Fire Department  
[Rcranford@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:Rcranford@nlr.ar.gov)  
501-340-5410

#### **TOTAL COST OF EIGHT COMPLETE SETS OF SWIFT-WATER RESCUE SUITS AND EQUIPMENT:**

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If you are obtaining this bid from our website, please be reminded that addendums may occur. It is therefore advisable that you review our listings ([www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov)) for attachments including any changes to the bid.

The City of North Little Rock encourages participation of small, minority, and woman-owned business enterprises in the procurement of goods, services, professional services, and construction, either as a general contractor or sub-contractor. It is further requested that whenever possible, majority contractors who require sub-contractors, seek qualified small, minority, and woman-owned businesses to partner with them.

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#### EXECUTION OF BID

Upon signing this page, the organization certifies that they have read and agree to the requirements set forth in this bid including conditions set forth and pertinent information requests.

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

**UNSIGNED BID COVER SHEET WILL BE REJECTED.**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

1. When submitting an "Invitation to Bid," the bidder warrants that the commodities covered by the bid shall be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. In addition, bidder must deliver new commodities of the latest design and model, unless otherwise specified in the "Invitation to Bid."
2. Prices quoted are to be net process, and when an error is made in extending total prices, the City may accept the bid for the lesser amount whether reflected by extension or by the correct multiple of the unit price.
3. Discounts offered will be taken when the City qualifies for such. The beginning date for computing discounts will be the date of invoice or the date of delivery and acceptance, whichever is later.
4. When bidding other than the brand and/or model specified in the "Invitation to Bid," the brand and/or model number must be stated by that item in the "Invitation to Bid," and descriptive literature be submitted with the bid.
5. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
6. The Purchasing office reserves the right to award items, all or none, or by line item(s).
7. Quality, time and probability of performance may be factors in making an award.
8. Bid quotes submitted will remain firm for 30 calendar days from bid opening date; however, the prices may remain firm for a longer period of time if mutually agreeable between bidder and the Department of Commerce.
9. Bidder must submit a completed signed copy of the front page of the "Invitation to Bid" and must submit any other information required in the "Invitation to Bid."
10. In the event a contract is entered into pursuant to the "Invitation to Bid," the bidder shall not discriminate against any qualified employee or qualified applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry. The bidder must include in any and all subcontracts a provision similar to the above.
11. Sales or use tax is not to be included in the bid price, but is to be added by the vendor to the invoice billing to the City. Although use tax is not to be included in this bid, vendors are to register and pay tax direct to the Arkansas State Revenue Department.
12. Prices quoted shall be "Free on Board" (F.O.B.) to destination at designated facility in North Little Rock. Charges may not be added after the bid is opened.
13. In the event of two or more identical low bids, the contract may be awarded arbitrarily or for any reason to any of such bidders or split in any proportion between them at the discretion of the Department of Commerce..
14. Specifications furnished with this Invitation are intended to establish a desired quality or performance level, or other minimum dimensions and capacities, which will provide the best product available at the lowest possible price. Other than designated brands and/or models approved as equal to designated products shall receive an equal consideration.
15. Samples of items when required, must be furnished free, and, if not called for within 30 days from date of bid opening, will become property of the City.
16. Bids will not be considered if they are:
  1. Submitted after the bid's opening time.
  2. Submitted electronically or faxed (unless authorized by Purchasing Agent).

17. Guarantees and warranties should be submitted with the bid, as they may be a consideration in making an award.
18. **CONSTRUCTION**
- A. Contractor is to supply the City with evidence of having and maintaining proper and complete insurance, specifically Workman's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas, Public Liability and Property Damage. All premiums and cost shall be paid by the Contractor. In no way will the City be responsible in case of accident.
  - B. When noted, a Certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of total bid shall accompany bid.
  - C. A Performance Bond equaling the total amount of any bid exceeding \$35,000.00 must be provided for any contract for the repair, alteration or erection of any public building, public structure or public improvement (pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated Section 22-9-203).
19. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES** - Liquidated damages shall be assessed beginning on the first day following the maximum delivery or completion time entered on this bid form and/or provided for by the plans and specifications.
20. **AMBIGUITY IN BID** - Any ambiguity in any bid as the result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the bidder with specifications, instructions, and all conditions of bidding shall be construed in the light most favorable to the City.
21. The bid number should be stated on the face of the sealed bid envelope. If it is not, the envelope will have to be opened to identify.
22. Whenever a bid is sought seeking a source of supply for a specified period of time for materials and services, the quantities of usage shown are estimated ONLY. No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the participants as to the total amount that may or may not be purchased from any resulting contracts. These quantities are for the bidders information ONLY and will be used for tabulation and presentation of bid and the participant reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as required.
23. The City of North Little Rock reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to accept in whole or in part, to waive any informalities in bids received, to accept bids on materials or equipment with variations from specifications in those cases where efficiency of operation will not be impaired, and unless otherwise specified by the bidder, to accept any item in the bid. If unit prices and extensions thereof do not coincide, the City of North Little Rock may accept the bid for the lesser amount whether reflected by the extension or by the correct multiple of the unit price.
24. Additional information or bid forms may be obtained from:  
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, 120 Main Street, P.O. Box 5757, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72119 (501)975-8881  
[www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov)

**Bidding documents must be submitted on or before the bid's opening date and time. Unless noted, bids must be sealed and mailed or delivered to:**

**Mary Beth Bowman**  
**Director of Commerce**  
**120 Main Street (P.O. Box 5757)**  
**North Little Rock, AR 72119**

## INVITATION FOR BID

# **Bid for Eight Complete Sets of Swift-Water Rescue Suits & Equipment**

## **North Little Rock Fire Department North Little Rock, AR**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

The intent of this Invitation For Bid is to secure, on a competitive basis eight (8) complete sets of swift-water suits and equipment for the North Little Rock Fire Department.

### **2.0 COMPETITION INTENDED**

It is the City of North Little Rock's (hereinafter referred to as the "City") intent that this Invitation for Bid (IFB) permit competition.

### **3.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

#### **3.1 Submission of Bids**

Before submitting a bid, read the ENTIRE solicitation. Failure to read any part of this solicitation will not relieve a bidder of the obligations. The Bidder is responsible for being familiar with all conditions, instructions, and documents governing this project and bid. Failure to make such investigation and preparations shall not excuse the Vendor from performance of the duties and obligations imposed under the terms of this bid. Pricing must be submitted on Invitation For Bid front page and the designated location. On the front of the envelope when submitting a bid, include Bid number and project title: **Bid for Eight Sets of Swift-Water Rescue Suits & Equipment – Bid Number 21-3707**. Bids must be received by the Commerce Department BEFORE the hour specified on the opening date. Bids may be either mailed or hand delivered to:

Commerce Department  
City of North Little Rock  
Attn: Mary Beth Bowman  
120 Main Street  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

The City is not responsible for delays from the US Post Office or any other courier. *Faxed and emailed bids will not be accepted.*

#### **3.2 Questions and Inquiries**

Questions and inquiries, both verbal and written, will be accepted from any and all bidders. The City is the sole point of contact for this solicitation unless otherwise instructed herein. Unauthorized contact with other City staff regarding the IFB may result in the disqualification of the bidder. Inquiries pertaining to the Invitation for Bid must give the IFB number, title and acceptance date. Material questions will be answered in writing with an Addendum provided, however, no questions will be taken after 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021. It is the

responsibility of all bidders to ensure that they have received all Addendums. Addendums can be downloaded from [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov). (Click on Government, Commerce and Current Bids and Summaries.)

Contact the following person for questions regarding the bid specifications:

Captain Cranford

[Rcranford@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:Rcranford@nlr.ar.gov)

501-340-5410

3.3 Firm Pricing for City Acceptance

Bid price must be firm for the City's acceptance for a minimum of sixty (60) days from bid opening date. Bid price is on front sheet of Bid.

3.4 Authority to Bind Firm in Contract

Bids MUST give full firm name and address of bidder. Failure to manually sign bid may disqualify it. Person signing bid should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN AN AGREEMENT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on cover page of bid.

3.5 Late Bids

LATE bids will not be OPENED.

3.6 Basis for Award

The award will be made to the lowest responsive, qualified and responsible bidder based upon the price, meeting the specifications and delivery date.

- a) The City reserves the right to cancel invitations for bids or requests for proposals without penalty when it is in the best interest of the City. Notice of cancellation shall be addressed on the City's website under current Bids.
- b) The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, to negotiate changes and/or modifications with the lowest responsible bidder and to award the bid to bidder deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. Bidders shall be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, including those relating to employment of labor without discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, handicap, sex, national origin or religious creed.
- c) Any bid not conforming to the specifications or requirements set forth in the bid request may be rejected.
- d) Bids may also be rejected if they are made by a bidder that is deemed unresponsive due to a lack of qualifications, capacity, skill, character, experience, reliability, financial stability or quality of services, supplies, materials, equipment or labor.

3.7 Debarment

By submitting a bid, the bidder is certifying that bidder is not currently debarred by the City, or in a procurement involving federal funds, by the Federal Government.

3.8 W-9 Form Required

Each bidder shall submit a completed W-9 form with their bid.

3.9 City Business/Privilege License

Contractor must hold a current Business/Privilege License with the City of North Little Rock or with any City within the State of Arkansas and a copy of the business/privilege license must be provided with the bid.

3.9 Bidder Delivery Date and Liquidated Damages

Bidder needs to indicate on the line below the latest delivery date of all the items identified in this bid.

**Latest Deliver Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Liquidated damages shall be assessed at \$50 a day beginning on the first day following the maximum delivery or completion time entered on this bid form under item 3.9.

**4.0 BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL EIGHT (8) EIGHT SETS OF SWIFT-WATER RESCUE SUITS AND EQUIPMENT**

**Delivery cost must be included in the bid amount. All items will be delivered to the main Fire Station at 8<sup>th</sup> and Maple Streets, North Little Rock, AR.**

Quantity: (8) Complete Sets

Description: A complete set of a swift-water suit is defined by the following equipment

- (a) One personal flotation device (PFD)
- (b) One dry suit
- (c) One Helmet
- (d) One pair of gloves
- (e) One pair of boots
- (f) One helmet light
- (g) One hood
- (h) One handheld light
- (i) One gear bag
- (j) One throw bag
- (k) One Water Rescue Knife
- (l) One Whistle

4.1 Personal Flotation Devices – Quantity Eight (8)

- 4.1.1 Must be an Approved: USCG - UL1123 - Marine Buoyant Device 160.064 Type V with Type III Performance or equivalent;
- 4.1.2 Must be NFPA 1952 compliant;
- 4.1.3 Must have a minimum buoyancy rating of 25 lbs. (111 N);
- 4.1.4 Must be Fluorescent yellow-green accents in color;
- 4.1.5 Must include a Drag handle;

- 4.1.6 Must have a radio antenna hole in top of pocket with retention loop;
- 4.1.7 Must be capable of quick donning that includes 7 adjustment tabs to create a customized fit for users with chest sizes ranging from 30-58";
- 4.1.8 Must include MOLLE webbing on both shoulders, pockets and back;
- 4.1.9 Must include Velcro® panel on the back for attaching ID patches;
- 4.1.10 Must include two large self-draining deep pockets to provide storage;
- 4.1.11 Must have durable harness with 2" webbing tested to 730 lb. requirements after accelerated weathering;
- 4.1.12 Must contain a quick-release belt;
- 4.1.13 Must be made of a 500 Denier, Cordura® outer shell with high visibility accents or equivalent;
- 4.1.14 Must contain a minimum of 62 sq.in. of SOLAS™ tape or equivalent;
- 4.1.15 Must contain one D ring;
- 4.1.16 Must have scalloped neck line to accommodate ratchet adjustable helmets or equivalent;
- 4.1.17 Must have right & left handed molle knife attachment points;
- 4.1.18 Must have webbing loop in pocket; and,
- 4.1.19 Reference for compatibility: MUSTANG PFD Model # (MRV150V02).

#### 4.2 Dry Suits – Quantity Eight (8)

- 4.2.1 Must have an adjustable neck seal that can be repaired and/or replaced;
- 4.2.2 Must have a metal entry zipper;
- 4.2.3 Must be Fluorescent yellow-green and black in color;
- 4.2.4 Must have a front zipper relief opening;
- 4.2.5 Must have a closed comfort system adjustable neck seal;
- 4.2.6 Must have trim-to-fit neoprene wrist seal;
- 4.2.7 Must have CORDURA® wrist and ankle overcuffs with Velcro® closures for adjustability or equivalent;
- 4.2.8 Must have ballistic nylon reinforced elbows, knees and seat or equivalent;
- 4.2.9 Must contain a two-point attachment removable suspender system;
- 4.2.10 Must be made of GORE-TEX® waterproof & breathable dry suit fabric or equivalent;
- 4.2.11 Must include Integrated GORE-TEX dry socks or equivalent;
- 4.2.12 Must have a pull adjust waist band;
- 4.2.13 Must have a SOLAS retro-reflective tape on the arms or equivalent;
- 4.2.14 Must have Neoprene knee pads and elbow pads;
- 4.2.15 Must have a Nylon reinforced seat;
- 4.2.16 Sizes must include: (2) Large, (4) Extra-Large and (2) XXL; and,
- 4.2.17 Reference: Mustang Dry-Suit Model: MSD576.

#### 4.3 Swift Water Helmet – Quantity Eight (8)

- 4.3.1 Must have accessory mounting capability and be compatible with existing NLRFD equipment;
- 4.3.2 Must have a glass-reinforced polycarbonate shroud;
- 4.3.3 Must have the capability to mount lights and cameras;.
- 4.3.4 Must have sport-style under the chin retention system with a magnetic buckle and be compatible with existing NLRFD equipment;

- 4.3.5 Must have two vent covers to prevent debris from entering the crown vents of the helmet;
  - 4.3.6 Must have a BOA Fit System for precise fit adjustment and single-handed quick release or equivalent;
  - 4.3.7 Must be Red in color; and,
  - 4.3.8 Reference: Team Wendy EXFIL® SAR BACKCOUNTRY.
- 4.4 Swift Water Gloves – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.4.1 Sizes 3 Large, 3 Extra-Large, 2 XXL;
  - 4.4.2 Must be High Visibility Green in Color;
  - 4.4.3 Must be made with 3 mm neoprene with titanium laminate adhesive to provide maximum warmth or equivalent;
  - 4.4.4 Palm and fingers must be constructed with super tough aramid material or equivalent;
  - 4.4.5 Fingers must be pre-curved to relieve hand fatigue while gripping paddles and ropes;
  - 4.4.6 Seams must be glued and blind-stitched for durability and warmth;
  - 4.4.7 Must include a PowerSpan™ 4-way stretch fabric provides increased finger mobility or equivalent;
  - 4.4.8 Must include GripCote™ on the backs of the fingers helps prevent wind chill and evaporative cooling or equivalent;
  - 4.4.9 Must have a wristband with hook-and-loop closure to ensure a secure fit or equivalent;
  - 4.4.10 Must include a rubber bite tab on the wrist to assist with donning, even when your hands are wet or equivalent;
  - 4.4.11 Must include pairing snaps on the wrists to help keep the gloves together; and,
  - 4.4.12 Reference: NRS Reactor Glove.
- 4.5 Swift Water Boots – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.5.1. Sizes: (2) size 11, (2) size 12, (2) size 14 and (2) size 15;
  - 4.5.2 Must include a lace-up synthetic leather boot with 5 mm neoprene upper to provide warmth, ankle support or equivalent;
  - 4.5.3 Must include a 7 mm neoprene insole for shock absorption or equivalent;
  - 4.5.4 Must include heavy-duty, non-marking lug sole for varied terrain or equivalent;
  - 4.5.5 Wear areas must be reinforced with synthetic leather and rubber or equivalent;
  - 4.5.6 Must be black in color and match existing NLRFD equipment; and,
  - 4.5.7 Reference: NRS Workboot for water rescue, item# 30037.01.
- 4.6 Swift Water Hood – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.6.1 Must be black or charcoal in color;
  - 4.6.2 Must be at least .5 mm neoprene material or better to provide insulation against cold water and wind;



- 4.6.3 Must include a barrel-lock drawcord around the face opening to all a snug, watertight fit or equivalent;
  - 4.6.4 Must include a titanium-laminate adhesive to help hold in heat or equivalent;
  - 4.6.5 Must be lined with a quick-drying material;
  - 4.6.6. Must include a sturdy flexible bill to shade your eyes from the sun and prevent water from dripping into your eyes;
  - 4.6.7 Must be capable of integrating the long collar between the drysuit or dry top's overcuff and the neck gasket to minimize cold-water entry; and,
  - 4.6.8 Reference: NRS Storm Hood.
- 4.7 Headlamps (Helmet Light) – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.7.1 Must be black in color;
  - 4.7.2 Power must be at least 420 Lumens;
  - 4.7.3 Lamp must include the following: 1 Maxbright LED (dimnable)
    - 1 Red Ultrabright LED
    - 1 Blue Ultrabright LED
    - 1 Green Ultrabright LED
    - 1 IR Ultrabright LED
  - 4.7.4 Burn Time must be at least 50 hours;
  - 4.7.5 Must be compatible with 3 AAA Alkaline batteries;
  - 4.7.6 Must be water resistant;
  - 4.7.7 Must include a lifetime warranty;
  - 4.7.8 Must contain a mounting bracket that will attach to existing NLRFD Swift-water helmets (See Team Wendy Exfil); and,
  - 4.7.9 Reference: Princeton Tec VIZ Tactical.
- 4.8 Gear Bag – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.8.1 Must be constructed with sturdy polyester and designed with a polyester mesh top panel to allow wet gear to breathe;
  - 4.8.2 Must contain a zippered accessory pocket on the side to secure small items;
  - 4.8.3 Must have a flat, rectangular bottom;
  - 4.8.4 Must have a sturdy webbing handle and detachable padded shoulder strap;
  - 4.8.5 Must be 90 L in size (reference NRS Mesh Duffle Bag) or equivalent;
  - 4.8.6 4 Must be blue in color;
  - 4.8.7 4 Must be red in color; and,
  - 4.8.8 Reference: NRS Mesh Duffle Bag.
- 4.9 Handheld Light – Quantity Ten (10)
- 4.9.1 Must be yellow in color;
  - 4.9.2 Lamp must be 1 Maxbright LED or equivalent;
  - 4.9.3 Burn Time must 1.5 hours at a minimum;

- 4.9.4 Must be compatible with existing NLRFD equipment;
  - 4.9.5 Weight should be 12.8oz;
  - 4.9.6 Must be water-resistant to IPX8 standards;
  - 4.9.7 Must include a lifetime warranty; and.
  - 4.9.8 Reference: Princeton Tec Torrent LED.
- 4.10 Throw Bags – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.10.1 Must be constructed of Cordura Nylon;
  - 4.10.2 Must have a heavy duty nylon handle with a quick release buckle;
  - 4.10.3 Must be Orange in color with a Lime/Yellow stripe for visibility;
  - 4.10.4 Must be equipped with elastic loops on one side to secure a light stick;
  - 4.10.5 Dimensions 5.5 W” x 12”H;
  - 4.10.6 Must contain 75 feet of 3/8” water rescue rope;
  - 4.10.7 Must contain an extra-large foam float; and,
  - 4.10.8 Reference: EVAC Systems Water Rescue Throw Bag.
- 4.11 Water Rescue Knife – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.11.1 Must be compatible with existing NLRFD equipment;
  - 4.11.2 Must have a tough molded sheath that will attach to personal flotation devices (PFD);
  - 4.11.3 Must have a blunt tip and be safe with inflatables;
  - 4.11.4 Must have a quick release lock;
  - 4.11.5 Must weight no more than 4 ounces;
  - 4.11.6 Must be at least 6.73 inches in length;
  - 4.11.7 Must be made in the USA;
  - 4.11.8 Must have a limited lifetime warranty; and.
  - 4.11.9 Reference: Gerber River Shorty or NRS Pilot.
- 4.12 Whistle – Quantity Eight (8)
- 4.12.1 Must be of a pealess design with no moving parts;
  - 4.12.2 Must be easy to blow;
  - 4.12.3 Must not be able to be overblown;
  - 4.12.4 Chambers must be designed to self-clear when submerged in water;
  - 4.12.5 Must be yellow in color; and,
  - 4.12.6 Reference Fox 40 Safety Whistle.

Instructions to Bidders: All items are considered part of a set and must be bid upon with one total price listed on the front page including delivery cost. Include the two additional handheld lights in your total bid. Partial bids will not be accepted. If any items are unavailable or must be back-ordered, please include that in an exemption. If unable to meet any of the specifications, please include a written exemption. Bids without a written exemption may not be accepted.