

Finance Department
Purchasing Division

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Specification No. 20-11355-C
FOR
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUSTERE ENVIRONMENT

ADDENDUM "A"
October 1, 2019

Dear Proposer:

Questions received from proposers along with answers are attached.

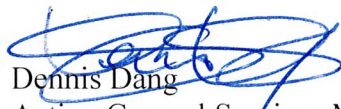
Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. All responses must be in a sealed envelope and have "**Personal Protective Equipment for the Austere Environment**" and **Specification No. 20-11355-C** clearly marked on the **outer most mailing envelope**.

Mail or Hand Deliver To:
City of Berkeley
Finance Department/General Services Division
2180 Milvia Street, 3rd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

Proposals/bids will not be accepted after the date and time stated above. Incomplete bids that do not conform to the requirements specified herein will not be considered.

Thank you for your interest in working with the City of Berkeley for this service. We look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,


Dennis Dang
Acting General Services Manager

Addendum "A"

Questions and Answers for Specification No. 20-11355-C PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUSTERE ENVIRONMENT

The City of Berkeley has received questions from some potential respondents regarding **Specification No. 20-11355-C, Personal Protective Equipment for the Austere Environment**. In an effort to provide the same information to all, listed below are the questions received to date, with responses from City staff.

- 1.Q. There are plates sold in the armor industry that are produced overseas and labeled in America. Can you confirm whether a plate that is manufactured in China conforms to City's policy regarding Tibet? If not, will the City be verifying all submissions adhere to this policy?
- 1.A. *The Oppressive States Policy defines Tibet and the provinces of Amdo, Kham and U-Tsang as oppressive states. Only goods "manufactured, assembled, extracted, harvested or refined in any" of the aforementioned oppressive states are covered by the policy.*
- 2.Q. The National Institute of Justice current standard for body armor is the 0101.06 standard. Will the city accept body armor certified to an outdated NIJ standard?
- 2.A. *The City requires that all garments proposed comply with the current NIJ certifications as is set forth in Section B: PPE Specifications of the RFP.*
- 3.Q. The National Institute of Justice designations for hard armor plates are level III and level IV. While level III+ is not an official NIJ rating yet, the industry standard is that the III+ designation is applied to plates that defeat the M855, commonly known as "green tip". Some companies in the industry consider III+ to be a plate that defeats 7.62 x 39 MSC and have established a III++ designation for M855 which can be misleading. Can you confirm which rounds must be defeated for the level III+ rating referenced in the bid spec?
- 3.A. *The City requires that all products proposed comply with the specifications as is set forth in Section B: PPE Specifications of the RFP.*
- 4.Q. Given the rise of IED as a legitimate part of the first responder threat matrix, will the City require an independently verified DEA protocol fragmentation rating on any non-rifle rated side armor?
- 4.A. *Refer to response 3.A.*
- 5.Q. The City has indicated a desire for ballistic side coverage for the armor system in this solicitation. Will the City accept submissions that leave gaps in the side coverage or will complete front to back, (360 degree) coverage be required?
- 5.A. *The City will accept both 360 and non-360 soft Kevlar IIIa coverage as this is not a specific requirement listed in Section B: PPE Specifications of the RFP.*

Except as provided herein all other terms and conditions remain unchanged.