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**Office of County Commissioners**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Habersham County Board of Commissioners is soliciting proposals for: <b>Firefighter Turn-out Gear</b>	
<b>RFP Released</b>	April 24th, 2024
<b>Deadline for Proposal Questions</b>	May 2nd, 2024 by 2:00 PM EST
<b>Proposals due</b>	May 8th, 2024 by 2:00 PM EST
<b>Tentative Award Date</b>	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:

Habersham County  
Purchasing, Finance Department  
“(2) Self-Contained Compactors”  
130 Jacobs Way, Suite 302  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
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Firefighter Turn-Out Gear  
Proposal Due Wednesday May 8th, 2024  
2:00 PM EST**

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## Submittal Requirements

Each bidder must submit their proposal, enclosed in a sealed envelope or box, and marked with the bidders' name, address and labeled: **Firefighter Turn-out Gear** and addressed to:

Habersham County  
Purchasing, Finance Department  
130 Jacobs Way, Suite 302  
Clarkesville, GA 30523

Proposals shall be received no later than **2:00 PM, Wednesday May 8th, 2024** at Habersham County's Administration Building at 130 Jacobs Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and acknowledged.

Hand delivered copies may be delivered to the above address ONLY between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, to the Board of Commissioners Office, Room No. 337 located on the top floor, excluding holidays observed by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners. For a complete listing of holidays, please visit <http://www.habershamga.com>.

## Qualifications and Experience

Proposals must provide the following information to establish the qualifications and experience of the Bidder:

1. Certification that the Bidder or its officers or any predecessor companies are not under any part of the Bankruptcy Act nor ever filed under the Bankruptcy Act within the previous seven years.

## Terms & Conditions

1. The initial term of a contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall be from date of award through completion of purchase of specified vehicle.
2. Submittals received after the due date and time will not be considered. Modifications received after the due date will not be considered. Habersham County Government assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of a proposal not properly addressed and identified, and/or delivered to the improper designation.
3. Habersham County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. The County will not discriminate against any vendor submitting a bid because of race,

creed, color, national origin, or handicap. The County is an equal opportunity employer.

4. Habersham County encourages all proposers to promote opportunities for diverse business, including Minority Business Enterprises (“MBE”), Female Business Enterprises (“FBE”), and Small Business Enterprises (“SBE”) to be included as sub-consultants and/or bidders. However, nothing herein should be construed to indicate that a MBE, FBE, or SBE may not apply and be selected independently. MBEs, FBEs, and SBEs that meet qualifications of this RFP are encouraged to submit their proposals for consideration.

5. Habersham County reserves the right to exercise discretion and apply its judgement with respect to all bid proposals submitted. The County also reserves the right to reject all proposals, either in part or in its entirety, or to request and obtain, from one or more of consulting firms submitting proposals, supplementary information as may be necessary for County staff to analyze the bid proposals.

6. Habersham County may elect to award a contract in multiple phases, as is deemed to be in the County’s best interest. Should the County award projects in phases, the County reserves the right to award the phases to the same firm. All proposals submitted in response to the RFP become property of Habersham County and public records and will be subject to public view.

7. All proposals shall constitute, for a period of 90 calendar days, an irrevocable offer to provide the goods/services set forth in the specifications and proposal.

8. At no time shall the successful vendor reproduce Habersham County’s logo, return address or any other identifying or proprietary information for any other purpose. Also, the vendor shall not use Habersham County in any advertisements without the written consent of the County. Refer to [https://www.habershamga.com/document\\_center.cfm?fid=277&ysnDC=1](https://www.habershamga.com/document_center.cfm?fid=277&ysnDC=1); County Commissioners Documents and Information; to download a copy of the Application for Permission to Use County Logo.

9. Habersham County Government is tax exempt. The selected vendor will be provided with Habersham County’s Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption number upon request.

10. All bidders will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance as proof of insurance and Workman’s Compensation Insurance while under contract with Habersham County. Workman’s Compensation Insurance should be as required by the State of Georgia.

11. Information provided within the bidder's proposal are subject to open records request per Georgia Law. For more information, please visit <https://www.habershamga.com/open-records-request.cfm>.

12. Habersham County follows the purchasing policies and procedures adopted on December 14, 2015 through Habersham County Ordinance to Chapter 1; Article 4, Division 2. Refer to [http://www.habershamga.com/document\\_center.cfm?fid=339&synDC=1](http://www.habershamga.com/document_center.cfm?fid=339&synDC=1); Finance Department Policies; for complete document.

### **Insurance Coverage Requirements**

ALL BIDDERS MUST FURNISH PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE, WORKER'S COMPENSATION LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND ANY OTHER INSURANCE REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE STATE, FEDERAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW.

Such proof shall be submitted with the bid/proposal and show evidence of insurability satisfactory to Habersham County as to form and content. If the bid is selected by the County, the Bidder must maintain, at a minimum, the insurance policies and minimums indicated in the selected bid. If the Bidder maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than shown in the bid, Habersham County shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Bidder.

Any and all Insurance Coverage(s) and Bonds required under the terms and conditions of the contract shall be maintained during the entire length of the contract, including any extensions or renewals thereto, and until all work has been completed to the satisfaction of Habersham County. Evidence of said insurance coverages shall be provided on or before the inception date of the Contract.

Bidder shall provide written notice to Habersham County immediately if it becomes aware of or receives notice from any insurance company that coverage afforded under such policy or policies shall expire, be cancelled, or altered.

Certificates of Insurance are to list Habersham County Government, its' Officers, Officials and Employees as an Additional Insured (except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability). This insurance shall apply as Primary Insurance before any other insurance or self-insurance, including any deductible, non-contributory, and Waiver of Subrogation provided in favor of Habersham County. If Habersham County shall so request, the Bidder will furnish the County for its inspection and approval such policies of insurance with all endorsements, or confirmed specimens thereof certified by the insurance company to be true and correct copies.

The obligations for the Bidder to procure and maintain insurance shall not be constructed to waive or restrict other obligations. It is understood that neither failure to comply nor full compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall limit or relieve the Bidder from any liability incurred as a result of their activities/operations in conjunction with the Contract and/or Scope of Work.

### **Scope of Work**

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified suppliers for the purchase of Firefighter Turn-Out Gear on an annual contract with (3) three options to renew for the Emergency Services Department.

### **Sample Fitting**

The fittings process will be conducted at Station 9 located at 4263 Hollywood Highway, Clarkesville, GA 30523. Please schedule your sample fitting with Jason Davey at 706-839-0574. All sample fittings should be completed by June 1, 2024.

### **Adherence to Specifications**

The specifications set forth in this proposal are not designed to be restrictive. However, these specifications should be used to guide your company through the process of selecting and proposing turnout gear that will best suit the County's needs. All exceptions to specifications must be clearly spelled out in the proposal submission.

### **Termination for Cause**

The County may terminate this agreement for cause upon ten days prior written notice to the contractor of the contractor's default in the performance of any term of this agreement. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any of the County's rights or remedies by law.

## **Preparation of Proposal**

### **Cover Letter**

At the beginning of the proposal, provide a cover letter to include the description of your company history, and the manufacturer's facility and scope of operations.

### **Delivery Terms**

The manufacturer should provide a user information guide for the garments, which complies with user information requirements of NFPA 1971. Topics should include, but not necessarily be limited to pre-use information, preparation for use, inspection frequency and details, done/doff, use consistent with NFPA 1500 and NFPA 1851; 2014 edition, maintenance and cleaning, and retirement and disposal criteria and considerations. This document should be packaged with each garment along with a specification summary sheet describing garment custom options, sizing, and production details.

### **References**

Proposers should include list of references as part of their proposal submission. Proposers are required to demonstrate successful performance of the proposed turnout gear and customer service level by submitting references from three (3) user departments during the past three (3) years. The proposer should provide references from using departments of similar size, climates, with comparable number of employees, similar call type and volume.

Name and contact numbers must be for a liaison within the respected Fire Department who has an intimate working knowledge of the performance and wear/tear of the proposed turnout gear.

## **Understanding and Adherence to Specifications**

Include a section in the proposal that demonstrates your understanding of the basic scope of services and performance requirements stated in the RFP. Included in this section is information on service and FOB delivery terms.

### **Gear Specifications**

Submit a comprehensive and detailed description of the proposed product. Include manufacturing materials, procedures, testing, specifications, diagram, drawing and/or photos. Describe your company's process for fitting and sizing throughout the contract period. Any exception or variation in construction, materials, performance, testing, or items of equipment between this specification and the proposal shall be detailed and submitted on a separate sheet(s) along with the proposal in sequence, citing page and item number. Proposers must explain in detail and with full supporting data how the proposed deviation meets or exceeds the specifications.

1. Gear Miscellaneous
  - a. Coat and trouser shall be manufactured by the same company to insure uniformity, complete protection and compatibility. No exceptions.
  - b. Include the available size increments for both men and women and detail the percentage of gradation for the proposed product.
  - c. This request for proposal defines the minimum requirements for blood borne pathogen resistance (BPR) firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) to provide limited protection to fire fighters against adverse environmental effects during structural firefighting operations and certain other emergency operations where there is a threat of fire or where certain physical hazards are likely to be encountered, such as during non-fire-related rescue operations, emergency medical operations, and victim extraction, as defined by NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting, 2018 Edition (hereinafter referred to as NFPA 1971, except in the Applicable Documents section). In the absence of comment on a particular point, industry standard practice should be presumed to prevail. Workmanship and material should be



first quality throughout. Proposer must provide documentation for minimum THL and TPP in Coat and Pants and min. CCHR in knees and shoulders. In the absence of comment to a specific point, the proposer is required to furnish a wholly compliant garment.

- d. The protective gear as a set (coat and pants) shall meet the Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting, 2018 Edition. Supplier should include in their response the THL and TPP overall composite of the proposed gear.
- e. Protective gear shall meet NFPA 1971 2018 ed. Cleaning Shrinkage Resistance Test. Supplier should include in their response the Cleaning Shrinkage Resistance Test results.
- f. Current NFPA standards applicable to this product specification express values for measurement requirements in SI (metric-based) units, followed by US (inch-pound) approximate equivalents in parentheses. For the convenience of the fire department, this product specification reverses the order and presents the more familiar US approximation first, followed by the SI requirements in parentheses.
- g. Labels shall be permanently and integrally printed onto materials that meet all the requirements for labels of NFPA 1971. The garment shall be clearly labeled to fully identify the material content of all three layers: outer shell, moisture barrier and thermal liner.
- h. Labels on each separable part of the garment should include a standard style interleaved 2 of 5 barcode containing (at a minimum) an individualized serial number for asset tracking purposes.
- i. The manufacturer should furnish, free of charge, reasonable quantities of NFPA 1971-certified thread, materials and other supplies to allow the department to manage its own ongoing internal maintenance efforts. Also, the manufacturer should provide on call at no charge, during normal business hours, a liaison for the repair department to assist the Fire Department on a telephone consultation basis, on all manufacturer's plant, rather than in department, over the life of the contract. All thread used in structural seams should be Nomex® or equivalent of minimum Tex size T-70. Thread should match the fabric as close as possible.

- j. Reinforcements made of Black Poly-Coated Aramid or equivalent shall be provided at cuffs, knees and pockets and should meet the requirements of NFPA 1971.
  - i. For cuff reinforcements only: Manufacturer must provide cuff reinforcements made of Black Poly-Coated Aramid or equivalent material at no additional cost. If the purchaser specifies reinforcements made of materials other than outer shell material, the manufacturer should identify any additional cost for the specified materials.
  - ii. For pocket reinforcements only: Black outer shell coat liner or equivalent must be used in the reinforcement of the pocket.
  - iii. For knee reinforcements only: Black Poly-Coated Aramid or equivalent material must be used to reinforce knee area of pants.
  
- k. Excluding where required by NFPA standard, necessary for functionality, or specifically called out in the custom option sections, all materials used in the construction of the garments should be breathable and all moisture barrier material must be as specified in the following materials section.  
 The breathability requirements include but is not limited to: collar, chinstrap, storm shield, fly, water wells, front coat facing and reinforcement cushioning where applicable.

Areas where non-breathability is allowed (absent Custom Features specifications): trim, hook and loop fastening, hardware or hardware backing, and external pocketing.

- l. The Habersham County Emergency Services has determined that the following are the **ONLY acceptable combination of materials to be used or equivalent.**
  - i. Coat Model  
 LION® Turnout V-Force® Bi-Swing Coat Model / Design  
 CVBM/F\ MALE 29" (CVBM-29), 30.5" (CVBM-305),  
 32" (CVFM-32), 33.5" (CVBM-335) & 35" (CVBM-35); FEMALE  
 29" (CVBF-  
 29) & 32" (CVBF-32)

### Coat Liner & Moisture Barrier K3

Traditional Liner, Glide Ice™ face cloth quilted to DWR treated 2.3 oz NOMEX®/Kevlar® spun lace & DWR treated 1.5 oz AraFlo®, STEDAIR 3000 PTFE laminated to E89 Coat Inner Yoke Reinforcement LYR233 (Std) Semper Dri® front and back yokes sewn to coat thermal liners. (RM1377-059) - V-Force Bi-Swing Coat Water Well CLW227SZ Chambray DWR 2-Layer AraFlo E89 Quilt with Chambray face cloth/StedAir 4000 with 1" elastic wrist shield. Water well with thermoplastic zipper - pull side sewn to coat liner sleeves. - V-Fit Coat Wristlets CLW753 (Std) 8" isodri® over the hand- KEVLAR® / NOMEX® / Spandex® construction

### Liner Pocket

8.5" x 8.5" Black outer shell coat liner pocket. 1" loop at top inside of pocket along the entire width with corresponding 1" hook on liner for closure. Instructions for Above SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: CLP720 REPLACES STD. Coat Outer Shell Material Armor AP, 6.5 oz, Khaki Drag Rescue Device BHS020 (Std) DRD: Firefighter Recovery Harness with 2" welt and 5.25x2.25" flap. 1-piece 1x2" loop for harness storage. 2 pieces 1x2" loop on shell flap closure, 2 pieces 1x2" hook on flap. 1 piece 1.5x2" hook on harness piece 2x2" loop underneath chest trim for harness storage, 1 pair 1x3.5" self-fabric straps with 1x2" hook and loop.

### Reflective Trim

3" Viz-a-VTM Yellow Ventilated Triple Trim for V-Force Coat Shell Attachment CSA709 (Std) 1x2" Self-Fabric strap w/ 1 end sewn to coat shell & opposite end loose w/ 1 female non-logo snap, 1 male snap on liner centered at bottom rear panel to align w/ the female snap. (Cannot be used on coat where liner is 3" from shell). (Standard on V-Force)

### Liner Inspection System

(Std) Coat liner inspection system located at center right front of liner, with 1x4" loop. V-Fit coats

#### MISC. Fasteners

(Std) 1.5x3" hook sewn to right front shell for the Coat Liner Inspection

#### System – V-Fit

Coat Cuff Reinforcement CC711Z-BLK Black Poly-Coated Aramid Cuff Reinforcements with thermoplastic zipper- pin side - V-Fit Coat Elbow Reinforcement EB521-BLK Contoured Black poly-coated aramid elbow patch w/ 1-layer GIC E-88 foam padding. V-Force Bi-Swing Coat Shoulder Reinforcement SC711 Self fabric shoulder caps w/ GIC E-88 foam padding Coat Closure System SF260S 2.5" Storm flap (square corners) with two layers of self-fabric and STEDAIR 4000, thermo plastic zipper in. Hook & Dee out (Zipper in, (4) 701s on coat front, (4) D-Rings on storm flap) with poly-coated aramid tab for V-Force Bi-Swing coat. Turn-Out Pockets HP634 (2) 8.5x8" Patch Pocket & Handwarmer combination with expandable 2" pleat. Patch pocket fully lined with KEVLAR twill and KEVLAR twill backer, FLEECE lined handwarmer, 2 pieces 1.5x2.75" loop on pocket & 2 pieces 1.5x2.75" hook on flap. Item Location for Above PKTLOC-FOHL Front bottom- Left & Right

#### Turn-Out Pockets

3x7x2" Radio Pocket with polycotton fully lined all 3 sides inside pocket, 1 piece 1.5x3" loop on pocket & 1 piece 1.5x3" hook on flap. Antenna notch on each side of the flap. Located on left chest.

#### Flashlight Strap

1x12" self-fabric strap with 1-piece 1x3" hook on one end & 1-piece 1x3" loop on opposite end, strap X-stitched to shell, 2 tacks. Item Location for Above Right Chest 2" above chest trim; FLS510 will be 3" above.

### Flashlight Snap-Hook

1x2" 2-layer self-fabric 703 flashlight snap holder with 2 bar tacks. Located on right chest 3" above.

### Lettering Patches

5x18" contoured 2-layer self-fabric one-line letter patch to be attached to hem of coat. Lettering Patch Attachment LPV13 There shall be 1.5x18" hook sewn to top edge of 5x18" patch and 1.5x18" loop sewn with white thread through the trim to coat back inside at hem. Lettering Patch Attachment LPS6 1 male snap at top corners of letter patch & 2 female logo snaps on inside of shell to align with the male snaps = 2 male & 2 female non logo snaps. Sewn on Lettering LTSL2YNS Sewn On 2" Lime Yellow 3MTM Scotchlite™ Letters (each line) 6 - 12 Alpha Numeric Name Characters.

### Lettering

Lettering shall be for FF Name Location for Lettering On above patch (LP34) Sewn on Lettering LTSL3YNS Sewn On 3" Lime/Yellow 3MTM Scotchlite™ Letters (each line) 6 - 12 Alpha Numeric Name Characters Lettering Lettering to read - HABERSHAM Location for Lettering Across yoke

Mic Tab MT503 1x3" triple layer self-fabric mic tab bar tacked each end. Item Location for Above MTLOC-LCARP Left Chest above Radio Pocket

Hanger Loop HL02 Standard 5/8" x 5 1/2" Self-fabric hanger loop.

### ii. Pant Model

Design PVFM/F LION® Turnout V-Force® Pant Pant Liner & Moisture Barrier K3 - Traditional Traditional Liner, Glide Ice™ face cloth quilted to DWR treated 2.3 oz NOMEX®/Kevlar®

spunlace & DWR treated 1.5 oz AraFlo®, STEDAIR 3000 PTFE laminated to E89 Liner Inspection System PLO200 (Std) Pant liner inspection system with 1x3" loop located at right side of liner waist. Liner Interface PLF004Z Zipper liner/shell interface. Pant Outer Shell Material Armor AP Armor AP, 6.5 oz, KHAKI

#### Pant Fly Closure

Sewn on pant fly with STEDAIR 4000, closure thermo plastic zipper inside with 1.5" hook & loop, thermoplastic zipper - pull side underneath moisture barrier for liner attachment V-Fit Snap Attachment SAP201 Snap attachment pant - 9 non-logo on shell waistband, 9 male on liner for waistband attachment and 2 male snaps on each liner leg Hook & Dee TUP016 Hook and dee ring closure, rivet directly to shell with leather backing

#### Belts and Harnesses

5 belt loops, 3" wide by 3.5" high, 2-layer self-fabric, double stitched to pant shell, bar tacked all four corners. One loop centered at back of waistline seam & other loops placed evenly around the waistline to the front belt assembly. Instructions for Above Special Instruction: BL031 REPLACES STD BL007.

Take Up Straps TUP700v1 pair 1x8.5" self-fabric take up straps w/ 1" x 3" hook on end & 1" x 4.5" loop on opposite end, 1" x 2.5" strap w/one 1" nickel loop, take-ups bar tacked to shell. Instructions for Above SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TUP700 REPLACES STD BHS013. Leg Tabs LGT000-BLK (Std) 2 Black Leather leg tabs per leg with non-logo female snaps.

### Pant Knee Reinforcement

Black Poly coated aramid contoured knees with GIC E-88 foam padding. V-fit Pant Cuff Reinforcement PC504-BLK Black Poly-coated aramid pant cuffs and 3x3.5" kick shield.

MISC. Pant Options PM0542 "Boot cut" pant legs.

Turn-Out Pockets FBP651 10x10x2" Full bellow pocket w/ KEVLAR® twill fully lined all 4 sides, 1 pc. 1x10" loop on pocket & 3 pcs. 1x3" hook on flap. --- USE FBP654 ON SMALLER PANTS ---Item Location for Above PKTLOC-TL Thigh Left

Turn-Out Pockets FBP1002

9x10x2" Full Bellow Pockets w/ KEVLAR® lined all 4 sides, (2) add layer of outer shell fabric lined with KEVLAR® on shell inside pocket, first layer 6.5" high, second layer 4.5" high, both layers stitched in 3" increments to create 6 comp, 1 pc. 2x9" loop on pocket, 3 pcs 1.5x3" hook on shell. --- USE FBP1042 ON SMALLER PANTS --- Item Location for Above PKTLOC-TR Thigh Right

Reflective Trim PTC4PT3Y

3" Lime/Yellow Ventilated Triple Trim Reflective trim around leg bottoms- 4 rows lockstitch. Suspender Tabs PM0210 Four 2" wide self material suspender tabs with 1.75x3" leather reinforcement. 2 male and 2 female logo snaps, attached to waist with 2 on the front and 2 on the back. Reinforced with 2 bar tacks on each tab. Suspenders SR842X 42" V-BACK quick adjust padded suspenders, 2"Metal Loops Only - Red; APPLIES TO ALL AVAILABLE LENGTHS.

- m. Additional features not listed in the requirements that are deemed beneficial to the Department or personnel. Such benefits include but are not limited to features that improve physiology performance to

the wearer, cancer prevention features, care and maintenance programs or additional warranty. Documentation explaining features in detail must be provided.

2. Certifications/Affidavits

The Suppliers' Proposal shall be responsive to the specific range of issues described in this Request for Proposal. Suppliers are asked to read the Request for Proposal carefully to ensure that they address the specific requirements of this Request and submit all requested information.

Proposals shall address the following informational requests.

- A. Include your company's understanding of the NFPA 1971, Standard for Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting, 2018 Edition for coats and pants.
- B. All material and construction shall meet or exceed NFPA 1971, Standard for Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting, 2018 Edition. All materials used in construction of the garments shall be tested by Underwriters Laboratories and proof of certification shall be denoted by the Underwriters Laboratories certification level.
- C. The following standards in their active versions on the day of invitation for the bid should form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein.

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Title</b>
ASTM D 6193-97 Seams	Standard Practice for Stitches and
NFPA1500, 2018 Edition	Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program
NFPA 1851, 2014 Edition	Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Structural Fire Fighting Protective Ensembles
NFPA 1971, 2018 Edition	Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting



- D. The manufacturer must certify that the garments proposed meet or exceed all requirements of NFPA 1971. The manufacturer must also list and label this product with Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
- E. (UL) or Safety Equipment Institute (SEI), as the third-party certification organization prescribed in NFPA 1971. All certification testing and test preconditioning must have been performed by an ISO 17025-certified laboratory. UL, SEI, or a UL Authorized Client Test Data Program laboratory will fulfill this requirement.
- F. Certification shall include, by definition, the scope of protection as follows: Coat shall provide limited protection resistance to bloodborne pathogens to the upper torso including the arms but excluding the head and neck interface area and the hand and wrist interface area. The pant shall provide limited protection resistance to the lower torso including the legs but excluding the foot and ankle interface area. The coat and pant overlap shall provide limited protection resistance to the coat/pant interface area.
- G. Manufacturer must provide, on request, third party certification of the required interface bloodborne pathogen resistant capability.
- H. The manufacturer must include evidence that they are registered to the current ISO 9001, Quality Management Systems – Requirements, to assure a satisfactory level of quality.
- I. The manufacturer should provide a lifetime warranty against defects in materials and workmanship and submit with the proposal package. Include warranty policies.

### **Questions and Interpretations**

No inquiries or interpretation of meaning concerning this Request for Proposal will be made to any interested party orally. Every inquiry or request for interpretation should be made in writing via e-mail. All inquiries and requests for interpretation should be sent via e-mail to [purchasing@habershamga.com](mailto:purchasing@habershamga.com). All questions and all answers will be posted on the website [www.habershamga.com](http://www.habershamga.com). It will be the responsibility of interested parties to periodically check the website for any new information.

## References

Proposers should include list of references as part of their proposal submission. Proposers are required to demonstrate successful performance of the proposed turnout gear and customer service level by submitting references from three (3) user departments during the past three (3) years.

1. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*If there is anything else you would like to explain, please leave your comments below:

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**BIDDERS DECLARATION**

The bidder understands, agrees and warrants:

That the bidder has carefully read and fully understands the full scope of the requirements.

That the bidder has the capability to successfully undertake and complete the responsibilities and obligations in said specifications.

That the bidder has liability insurance and a declaration of insurance form will be provided before the commencement of any work.

That this bid may be withdrawn by requesting such withdrawal in writing at any time prior to **May 8th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** but may not be withdrawn after such date and time.

That Habersham County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept that bid which will, in its opinion, best serve the public interest. Habersham County reserves the right to waive any technicalities and formalities in the bidding.

That by submission of this bid the bidder acknowledges that Habersham County has the right to make any inquiry or investigation it deems appropriate to substantiate or supplement information supplied by the bidder.

If a partnership, a general partner must sign.

If a corporation, the authorized corporate officer(s) must sign and the corporate seal must be affixed to this bid.

**BIDDER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title

**AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL (If Applicable)**

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

The following affidavit is to accompany the bid:

**STATE OF** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner, Partner or Officer of Firm, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Company Name, Address, City and State**

Being of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he/she is the agent authorized by the bidder to submit the attached bid. Affidavit further states as bidder, that they have not been a party to any collusion among bidders in restraint of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding; or with any office of Habersham County or any of their employees as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract; or any discussion between bidders and any official of Habersham County or any of their employees concerning exchange of money or other things of value for special consideration in submitting a sealed bid for:

**FIRM NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**

**CERTIFICATE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the bidder agrees as follows:

The bidder agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. The vendor shall take affirmative action to insure that employees are treated without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry or disability. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruiting or recruitment, advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

In the event of the bidder's non-compliance with this non-discrimination clause, the contract may be canceled or terminated by Habersham County. The bidders may be declared, by Habersham County, ineligible for further contracts with Habersham County until satisfactory proof of intent to comply shall be made by the vendor. The bidder agrees to include this non-discrimination clause in any sub-contracts connected with the performance of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**BIDDER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**TITLE**

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.**

<b>Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.</b>	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate  <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	Exemptions (see instructions):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at [www.irs.gov/w9](http://www.irs.gov/w9). Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

#### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the

withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

**Note.** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.



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**STATE OF GEORGIA  PROGRAM VENDOR/CONTRACTOR  
AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT**

**COMES NOW** before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned contractor, who, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies it's compliance with O.C.G.A 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of Habersham County has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. 13-10-91 (b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EEV / Basic Pilot Program User ID Number (E-Verify)

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Authorized Officer or Agent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Officer or Agent of Contractor Above

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company / Contractor Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Contract between Contractor and Habersham County

**Sworn to and subscribed before me**

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Any of the electronic verification of work authorization programs operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or any equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603. As of the effective date of O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, the applicable federal work authorization program is the "EEV I Basic Pilot Program" operated by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with the Social Security Administration (SSA).