



**NOTICE OF SOLICITATION
INVITATION TO BID**

**Bulloch County Board of Commissioners
115 N Main Street
Statesboro, GA 20458
(912) 764-6245**

The Bulloch County Board of Commissioners (herein after referred to as the County) is accepting **COMPETITIVE (SEALED) BIDS** for:

Material or Service: Purchase of structural firefighting gear for the Bulloch County Fire Department.

Bid Submission Deadline: The deadline for receipt of the Sealed Bid is December 8, 2016 @ 3:00 PM. Prospective vendors shall file all documents necessary to support its Bid. **NO FAXES OR E-MAILS ACCEPTED FOR SEALED BIDS.**

Time and Place for Submission and Opening of Bids: Vendors are responsible for the actual delivery of sealed Bids during normal business hours to the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners Office, 115 North Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458. The original Bid and supporting documents must be submitted in a sealed clearly marked envelope. At the time and date of the Bid deadline, the Bids will be publicly opened and cost components read aloud at the Bulloch County Commissioners North Main Annex, in the Library/Conference Room 102 at the above referenced address.

Obtaining a Bid Copy: A Bid package may be obtained by going to Bulloch County's website (<http://bullochcounty.net/procurement/>) and clicking on the link for this project. Any addenda to this solicitation will be issued through the purchasing office, and it will be the sole responsibility of the vendor to periodically check the County's website for any addenda for this project.

Bid Identification: The outside of the sealed envelope shall include the wording: Firefighting Gear Bid; Bid Opening: December 8, 2016 @ 3:00 PM; Attn: Faye Bragg, Purchasing Manager.

Check List: There is a checklist on page 11 that lists the forms that must be included in the sealed bid package. Failure to return any of the items on the check list will be just cause for non-acceptance of the submitted bid package.

Local Buying Preference: Departments are encouraged to use local vendors whenever possible. However, the County cannot pay a much higher price to do so because there is an obligation to the taxpayers to use the County's financial resources wisely.

A local vendor is considered any offeror who can provide evidence to the Purchasing Department of meeting all of the following criteria in response to a quotation or bid:

- Having a principal business location within the county for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the issuance of a bid solicitation (a principal business location is defined as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship that maintains within Bulloch County its headquarters, a point-of-sale site where goods are sold to customers and a financial transaction is completed, or a locally-owned franchise).
- Having a valid occupational tax certificate by a jurisdiction located in Bulloch County.
- Having all obligations owed to Bulloch County paid in full and not be delinquent, including rents, taxes, fees, and fines.
- A small business is defined as 51% owned by one (1) or more persons whose primary residence is within Bulloch County, or having twenty-five (25) employees or less, with eight (8) or more employees whose primary residence is in Bulloch County.

For all purchases over \$5,000, if the quality, service, price, and other factors are substantially equal, then the local vendor may be given an opportunity to match the lowest cost proposal, if the quotation or bid is within 5% of the lowest price proposal. This policy shall be so stated in all applicable solicitations. This provision does not apply to public works construction projects or road projects pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia.

To request local vendor preference, you must contact the Purchasing Manager for the proper form to complete. The completed form must be included with the submitted package to be considered for the local vendor preference.

Award and Reservations: It is understood and agreed that in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and No/100 (\$1.00) cash in hand paid, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the bidder agrees that this bid shall be an option, which is hereby given to the Purchaser to accept or reject this bid at any time within sixty (60) calendar days from the date on which it is opened and read. It is expressly covenanted and agreed that this proposal is not subject to withdrawal by the bidder during the term of said option. The party submitting the bid is solely responsible for delivering the bid to the exact location and by the time stated. The Purchaser reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities in bids, to accept in whole or in part, such bid or bids that may be deemed in the best interest of the purchaser.

Award will be made to that responsive and responsible bidder with the best offer for Bulloch County, price and other factors considered.

For technical information for this equipment, contact Christopher Ivey, Fire Chief, at (912) 764-0112 or chiefivey@bullochema.com

For procurement information or to receive a complete bid package, contact Faye Bragg, Purchasing Manager, at fbragg@bullochcounty.net

SHIPPING COSTS, IF ANY SHALL BE INCLUDED IN BID PRICES

Sealed bids must be mailed to the following address; no faxed or e-mailed bids are accepted for sealed bids.

Bulloch County Commissioners
Attn: Purchasing Manager
115 N Main Street
Statesboro, GA 30458

**STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING GEAR
BID SPECIFICATIONS**

Bulloch County expects to purchase the quantities of each item stated herein; however, the purchase of specific quantities will be based on available funding and cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, the successful vendor will be required to honor the unit prices quoted regardless of the quantities purchased.

The name brand bid on items should be Vanguard or equal. The determination of whether a particular item is “equal” shall be solely within the discretion of Bulloch County.

ITEM 1:

Structural Coat Style (26 units): Vanguard NFPA 1971 Length: 32

NOTE: Throat Tab-less Collar Design

Yocco Harness

Outer Shell: Pioneer Color: Gold

Moisture Barrier: Stedair 3000 Thermal Barrier: Bravo SL2

Liner: Neo Binding Inspection Port

Closure (Outer/Inner): Hook & Loop/Zipper

Double Row Stitching on Coat Closure and Pocket Hook & Loop

Reflective Trim: 3M Scotchlite Lime Yellow Triple Trim.

Trim Application Style: NFPA Basic, with Double Row Stitching.

Wristlet: Nomex Thumb Thru. Cuff: Black Advance.

Bellows w/Handwarmer Pocket: Qty 2 Full width Velcro on pocket with 3 vertical strips on flap.

Radio Pocket w/T Flap: Qty 1 Neoprene Lined Left Chest

Flashlight Pass Tab/ (Sunlance): Qty 1 Right Chest

Mic Tab: Qty 2 1"x2" (1) above radio pocket/ (1) same location right chest

Decoration: American Flag Nomex Field Left Upper left arm.

Lettering Style: 3" 3M Scotchlite Lime/Yellow Solid. Application Style: Name Direct Lettering

Text: BULLOCH. Top yoke

Lettering Style: 3" 3M Scotchlite Lime/Yellow Solid. Application Style: Name Tail Patch w/ Leader Snaps.

Text: FF Names at hem of coat.

ITEM 2:

Structural Trouser Style (26 units): Vanguard NFPA 1971 Back Style: High without Belt

Outer Shell: Pioneer Color: Gold

Moisture Barrier: Stedair 3000 Thermal Barrier: Bravo SL2

Liner: Neo Binding Inspection Port.

Closure (Outer/Inner): Snap Hook & Dee/Hook & Loop.

Double Row Stitching on Trouser Closure and Pocket Hook & Loop

Reflective Trim: 3M Scotchlite Lime Yellow Triple Trim.

Trim Application Style: NFPA Basic, with Double Row Stitching.

Angled Cuff: Black Advance

Knee: Black Poly Coated Kevlar Reinforced Knee w/Multi-Directional Diamond Flex Padding.

Bellows Pocket: Qty 2 Kevlar Twill Fully Lined Full width Velcro on pocket with 3 vertical strips on flap.

Postman Take Up Straps: Qty 2

Suspender: VV-680H-S-B

ITEM 3

Structural Fire Boot (26 pairs)

Exterior:

- . 2mm Full Grain Silicone Tanned Waterproof and Flame Retardant Leather.
- . Integrated Pull-On Holes Reinforced with an Extra Layer of Leather and Kevlar Thread
- . Flame Retardant and Abrasion Resistant Rubber Reinforced at the Heel and Toe.

SOLE:

- . Fire and Ice Compound to withstand temperatures up to 475° F for 40 minutes
- . Multiple Ribbed Steel Shank

Interior:

- . Tri-Laminate Lunar Liner System
- . Lunar Facecloth Treated with Agion

Insole:

- . Lenzi Puncture Resistant Fabric
- . SMART Foam Insert

Note: All bids must meet or exceed all specifications as listed. The vendor that wins the award shall be responsible for measuring firefighters at various Bulloch County fire stations, to insure proper sizing before the order is filled.

**BULLOCH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATESBORO, GA. 30458
PH: 912-764-6245**

BID FORM

Bulloch County expects to purchase the quantities of each item stated in the bid specifications; however, the purchase of specific quantities will be based on available funding and cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, the successful vendor will be required to honor the unit prices quoted regardless of the quantities purchased.

Structural Firefighting Gear

1. State name brand of Structural Firefighting Coats being bid:

Unit Price for Structural Firefighting Coat \$ _____ **each**

State name brand of Structural Firefighting Trousers being bid:

Unit Price for Structural Firefighting Trousers \$ _____ **each**

State name brand of Structural Firefighting Boots being bid:

Unit Price for Structural Firefighting Boots \$ _____ **each**

2. Does your bid comply with our specifications for Structural Fire Fighting Gear being bid?
(If the answer is no use exceptions form.)

Yes ____ No ____

3. Does you bid include all addendums (if any)

Yes ____ No ____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Company Representative: _____

Title: _____

Signature of Representative: _____

Printed Name of Representative: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date: _____

**BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA
VENDOR DECLARATION**

The vendor understands, agrees and warrants:

That the vendor has carefully read and fully understands the full scope of the specifications.

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

That this bid shall be valid for **60** days.

That this bid may be withdrawn by requesting such withdrawal in writing at any time prior to **December 8, 2016 at 3:00 pm**, but may not be withdrawn after such date and time for a period of **60** days.

That Bulloch 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. Bulloch County reserves the right to waive any technicalities or informalities in the bidding.

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

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 proposal.

VENDOR:

Name	Title
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Name	Title
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AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL (if applicable)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC _____

**BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

The following affidavit is to accompany the bid:

STATE OF:

COUNTY OF:

Owner, Partner or Officer of Firm:

Company Name, Address, County and State:

The undersigned, being of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that he/she is the agent authorized by the vendor to submit the attached proposal. In making such representation, affiant further states for himself/herself and on behalf of vendor, that they have not been a party to any collusion among vendors in restraint of competition by agreement to submit a bid or proposal at a fixed price or to refrain from proposing; or with any office of Bulloch County or any of their employees as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective contract; or any discussion between vendors and any official of Bulloch 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 _____

CHECK LIST

The items listed below must be completed and returned with the sealed bid. Failure to return any of the items listed will be just cause for not accepting the submitted bid.

- 1. Page 6 – Exceptions to Specifications
- 2. Pages 7 & 8 – Bid Form
- 3. Page 9 – Vendor Declaration
- 4. Page 10 – Non-Collusion Affidavit

TO BE COMPLETED BY AWARD WINNER ONLY

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

Bulloch County hereby accepts the undersigned supplier's bid submitted in response to the attached Invitation for Bids for the following items: _____.

By executing this Acceptance of Proposal, Bulloch County and the undersigned supplier acknowledge and agree to be bound by all terms and conditions of the attached Invitation for Bids and all specifications and pricing stated therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Bulloch County and the undersigned supplier have caused their authorized representatives to set their hands and seals this __day of _____, 20__.

BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA

[Name of Bidder]

By: _____
Thomas M. Couch, County Manager

By: _____

Print or type name of signatory

[FORM OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL]

The successful bidder(s) will be required to execute this Acceptance of Proposal.