Request for Proposals
Homer Volunteer Fire Department
Structural Firefighting Turnout Coats, Pants, Gloves and Hoods

Date Issued: May 13, 2019

Submittal Date and Time:
Friday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Submit Responses To:
City of Homer
City Clerk's Office
491 East Pioneer Ave
Homer, AK 99603

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
by the City of Homer, Alaska, for
Structural Firefighting Turnout Coats, Pants, Gloves and Hoods

The City of Homer is requesting proposals for the purchase of 15 sets of fire fighter structural protective turnout coats, pants, gloves and hoods as an initial order, and then continuing on an 'as-needed' basis as outlined in the proposal packet.

Sealed proposals shall be received by the City Clerk **no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2019**. The time of receipt will be determined by the City Clerk's time stamp. Proposals received after the time fixed for the receipt of the proposals shall not be considered. All proposers must submit a City of Homer Plan Holders Registration form to be on the Plan Holders List and to be considered responsive. Plan Holder Registration forms and Request for Proposal Specifications are available online at http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/rfps

Technical questions concerning this RFP should be directed in writing to Robert Purcell rpurcell@ci.homer.ak.us or Dan Miotke dmiotke@ci.homer.ak.us . General RFP submission questions may be directed to the City Clerk's office at clerk@ci.homer.ak.us or 907-235-3130.

Proposals must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2019, and must contain one (1) original and two (2) printed copies with supporting materials. Electronic and faxed proposals are not accepted. The proposal must be sent to:

City of Homer – City Clerk's Office
ATTN: HVFD Firefighting Turnout Gear
491 East Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603
Telephone: 907-235-3130

An electronic copy of the Request for Proposals is available on the City's website http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/rfps. Paper copies of the Proposal Documents may be purchased at the Office of the City Clerk upon payment of $10 per set ($15 for overnight delivery). All fees are non-refundable.

The City of Homer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities or informalities in the proposals, and to award the contract to the respondent that best meets the selection criteria and the City of Homer's needs.

DATED this 10th day of May, 2019

CITY OF HOMER

Katie Koester, City Manager

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Request for Proposal (RFP)
Homer Volunteer Fire Department

HVFD Specifications
Structural Firefighting Turnout Jacket, Pants Gloves and Hoods

1. BACKGROUND

The Homer Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) is soliciting vendor Requests for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of 15 sets of fire fighter structural protective turnout coats and pants as an initial order, and then continuing on an 'as-needed' basis.

Each turnout order will be accompanied by 2 each firefighter protective hoods and 2 sets of firefighter protective gauntlet style gloves.

Orders will be sized to the individual for each order.

The eventual goal is that all 40 HVFD firefighting personnel will have two sets of gear.

The HVFD currently uses Globe X-Treme turnouts.

Homer Volunteer Fire Department, 604 E. Pioneer Ave, Homer, AK 99603, is the designated location for turnout order deliveries, inspections, vendor trainings and related technical management of this PPE gear.

After the initial order, future gear orders under this RFP may be for full sets (coat and pants), some combination of coats and pants, or a single coat or pant, as well as name patches as needed; no minimum order sizes will be required by vendor. In addition to provision of turnout gear there are other requirements that will support the department including vendor sizing of turnout gear, on-site trainings and gear repair and maintenance support, etc.

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2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This specification details design and materials criteria to afford protection to the upper and lower body, excluding head, hands and feet, against adverse environmental effects found during structural firefighting. In the absence of comment on particular points, industry standard practice should be presumed to prevail. Workmanship and material are to be first quality throughout. The safety of firefighters is critical to our assessment of the fire gear selection.

Any proposed change or substitution to the RFP specifications must be clearly defined and **explained in the vendor's response**. Submitting a blanket substitution shall not be acceptable. Changes or substitutions must be equal to or superior to the specifications with acceptability solely determined by the HVFD.

Vendor must provide the manufacturer's detailed specifications that will be employed in the construction of the fire gear. These detailed specifications will be used to judge the responsiveness of the **vendor's** proposal. Supplemental materials that would assist in assessing the proposed fire gear are welcome and encouraged.

Vendors are welcome to provide a separate proposal for options or changes that they would recommend but are not part of their base proposal. The cost for these options or changes must be included.

3. CERTIFICATION, TESTING, AND WARRANTY

All materials and construction will meet or exceed NFPA Standard #1971 (2018 Edition) and OSHA for structural fire fighters protective clothing.

All components used in the construction of these garments shall be tested for compliance to NFPA Standard #1971 by Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Underwriters Laboratories shall certify and list compliance to that standard. Such certification shall be denoted by the Underwriters Laboratories certification label.

Certification that the garments being offered meet or exceed all requirements of NFPA 1971 must be provided with the Vendor's response to this RFP. Particular attention shall be paid to Chapter 7 Performance Requirements of NFPA 1971. The manufacturer of the turnouts shall comply with all parts of NFPA 1971 that deal with certification, inspection and testing, recertification, manufacturer's quality assurance program, and ISO registration for manufacturers.

Warranty: Vendor must provide a written statement of warranty terms and conditions in the response to this RFP.

4. LABELING REQUIREMENTS AND USER INFORMATION

The manufacturer of the turnouts shall comply with all parts of NFPA 1971 with regard to product label requirements and user information. This shall include compliance with NFPA 1971 which obligates the manufacturer to supply complete testing and compliance information to the end user on request. Labels shall be tested for flame resistance and shall comply with NFPA 1971 flammability testing.

The bar coding labels shall be required to survive normal expected washing of garments. Appropriate warning label(s) shall be permanently affixed to each garment. Additionally, the label(s) shall include the following information.

- Compliance to NFPA Standard #1971
- Underwriters Laboratories classified mark
- Manufacturer's name
- Manufacturer's address
- Manufacturer's garment identification number

- Date of manufacture
- Size

5. PRODUCT MATERIALS JACKETS AND PANTS

Jacket and pants are to be constructed of the following materials:

5.1 OUTER SHELL

The outer shell shall be constructed of TENCATE "AGILITY™ with ENFORCE™ technology" Kevlar®/PBO/ Nomex® blend material with an approximate weight of 6.6 oz. per square yard in a twill weave. The shell material must be treated with a durable water-repellent finish that also enhances abrasion resistance. Color of the garments shall be light gold.

5.2 MOISTURE BARRIER

The moisture barrier material shall be W.L. GORE CROSSTECH® black moisture barrier - Type 2F, which is comprised of a CROSSTECH® membrane laminated to a Nomex® IIIA woven pajama check substrate. CROSSTECH® moisture barrier seams shall be sealed with GORE-SEAM® tape using a Series 6000 (or higher) GORE-SEAM™ sealing machine to afford comparable bacteriophage penetration resistance performance. Further mention of "Specified Moisture Barrier" in this specification shall refer to this section.

5.3 THERMAL BARRIER

The thermal liner shall be constructed of TENCATE "CALDURA® ELITE SL2i"; with an approximate weight of 7.7 oz. per square yard. This thermal liner consists of one layer of 1.5 oz. and one layer of 2.3 oz. per square yard Nomex® E-89™ spunlaced Nomex®/Kevlar® aramid blend, quilt stitched to a Kevlar® filament and FR rayon/para-aramid/nylon inherently wicking Caldura® face cloth. The thermal liner shall be attached to the moisture barrier and bound together by bias-cut neoprene coated cotton/polyester around the perimeter. An approximate 8 inch by 10 ½ inch pocket, constructed of thermal liner over-edged to a layer of moisture barrier material, shall be affixed to the inside of the jacket thermal liner on the left side. Further mention of "Thermal Liner" in this specification shall refer to this section.

6. THERMAL PROTECTIVE PERFORMANCE

The assembled garment, consisting of an outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal barrier, shall exhibit a TPP (Thermal Protective Performance) rating of not less than 40.

7. TOTAL HEAT LOSS

The assembled garment, consisting of an outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal barrier, shall pass the Total Heat Loss Test specified in NFPA 1971 The successful bidder shall provide an assembled garment with a total heat loss (THL) rating of not less than 250 W/m^2.

8. CONDUCTIVE AND COMPRESSIVE HEAT RESISTANCE

The garment composite from the shoulder area shall meet the standard for Conductive and Compressive Heat Resistance (CCHR) as specified in NFPA 1971. The garment composite from the knee area shall attain a minimum CCHR rating of 65 without compromising ergonomic fit and flexibility in the knee area.

9. RETRO REFLECTIVE FLOURESCENT TRIM

The retro-reflective fluorescent trim shall be 3-inch wide lime/yellow triple trim (lime/yellow borders with silver center). Trim shall be affixed to the jacket and pants in what is commonly referred to as the "New York" style. Retro reflective trim shall be attached (i.e. double stitched or equivalent) to the garment by sufficient means to withstand the abrasion of garments commonly occurring during structural firefighting. Such means as locking stitching or heavy thread shall be used to make this attachment. Each jacket shall have an adequate amount of retro reflective fluorescent trim affixed to the outside of the outer shell to meet the requirements of NFPA 1971 and OSHA.

10. REINFORCED TRIM STITCHING

All reflective trim is secured to the outer shell with Nomex® thread, using a locking stitch, preferably protected by a fire resistive backing material. This strip of 3/32-inch strong, durable, flame resistant black Kevlar® cording provides a bed for the stitching along each edge of the retro reflective fluorescent trim surface and affords extra protection for the thread from abrasion. All trim ends shall be securely sewn into a seam for a clean finished appearance.

11. SEWN ON RETRO REFLECTIVE LETTERING

In 3" letters "HOMER" shall be sewn to the middle back of the jacket approximately one inch above the upper retro reflective trim stripe. The HVFD lettering shall be four (4) inches in height and the color shall match the lime/yellow of the triple trim retro reflective stripe.

12. DESIGN CONCEPT

12.1 JACKET

Jacket style shall be of intermediate length. Jackets shall be available in more than one torso length to allow for differences in the size of personnel. Jackets and pants shall interface appropriately with each other to provide full protection to the wearer in all positions of function. Design concept must incorporate a drag rescue device approved by NFPA 1971.

Jackets shall feature a tailored body construction throughout the outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal barrier. The jackets shall include design features to afford enhanced mobility and freedom of movement and to discourage the jacket rising up when the wearer is working with their arms raised. One-piece garments (either all layers or some layers) shall not be allowed. Similarly, garments with seams in mid-back shall not be considered acceptable because of the backbone irritation that can be caused with the wearing of SCBA. The jacket sleeve lengths shall be appropriately sized in reference to the torso size and shall be available in optional shorter and longer lengths.

The construction of the sleeve/body interface shall provide for a high degree of uninhibited arm and shoulder movement. The sleeve construction shall also inhibit the rise of the main body of the jacket when the firefighter's arms are being used in the overhead position. These features shall prevent the jacket from "riding up" unnecessarily and exposing any portion of the wearer's back during firefighting operations. Design features shall be incorporated that discourage cuff shell/liner retraction when arms are raised in the overhead position.

12.2 PANTS

Pants shall be of a traditional waist high design to facilitate full torso ventilation for maximum body cooling effect to help minimize firefighter heat stress. Pants with a raised waist in the rear or high back shall be considered acceptable. Pants with a front bib or wrap-around high-waist pants shall not be considered acceptable. The body panels shall be shaped so as to provide a tailored fit, thereby enhancing body movement. The pants shall incorporate features to allow enhanced freedom of movement. The pants shall be configured to provide padding to the lumbar area of the wearer as an added measure of comfort from breathing apparatus harness straps and back pack.

13. METHOD OF THERMAL BARRIER / MOISTURE BARRIER ATTACHMENT FOR JACKETS & PANTS

The thermal barrier and moisture barrier shall be completely removable from the jacket shell. The thermal/moisture barrier shall be secured by means whose construction shall comply with all applicable portions of NFPA 1971. Attachment of the thermal/moisture barrier to the outer shell by zipper assemblies is preferred.

The thermal barrier and moisture barrier shall be completely removable from the pant shell. The thermal/moisture barrier shall be secured by means whose construction shall comply with all applicable portions of NFPA 1971. Methods of attachment that allow the barrier assembly to separate from the shell during normal use shall not be permitted. The attachment of the shell at the legs shall permit the barrier to be separated so that cleaning, inspection and repair are facilitated. The legs of the thermal/moisture barrier shall be secured to the shell by means of a minimum of two snap fasteners per leg placed in a location so as not to incur premature wear.

14. JACKET CONSTRUCTION

14.1 SLEEVE CUFF REINFORCEMENTS

The sleeve cuffs shall be reinforced with black Ara-Shield material. The cuff reinforcements shall not be less than 2 inch in width and shall be folded in half, approximately one half inside and one half outside the sleeve end for greater strength and abrasion resistance. The cuff reinforcement shall be double stitched to the sleeve end; a single row of stitching shall be considered unacceptable.

14.2 WRISTLETS

Each jacket shall be equipped with Nomex® hand and wrist guards (over the hand) not less than 7 inches in length and of double thickness. A separate thumbhole with an approximate diameter of 2 inches shall be recessed approximately 1 inch from the leading edge. Nomex® knit is constructed of 96% Nomex®

and 4% Spandex for shape retention.

14.3 COLLAR

Collar height must meet NFPA 1971 and be a simple overlapping integrated collar and throat design, preferably one piece and not the "floating collar" type. Closure system must be of flame resistant hook and pile (e.g. Velcro) fastener tape.

14.4 REINFORCED AREAS

Ara-Shield material shall be used to reinforce the Side Pocket Cuffs, Elbows, and Shoulders with Padding.

14.5 COMBINATION CARGO/HAND WARMER POCKETS

Each jacket will be equipped with two combination pockets: one on the left side and one on the right side. The pockets shall be located at the bottom of the jacket near the storm flap and be double stitched to the respective body panels. The pockets shall measure 8 inches wide by 8 inches high and be accessed from the top. Two rust resistant metal drain eyelets shall be installed in the bottom of each expansion pocket to facilitate drainage of water. Each pocket will be constructed with two pleats installed vertically for the full height of the pocket to provide expansion capability. The pocket flaps shall be rectangular in shape, constructed of two layers of outer shell material, and shall measure a minimum of 3 inches deep and 1/2 inch wider than the pocket. A piece of 1 1/2 inch by 3-inch flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape (e.g. Velcro) shall secure each flap in the closed position. The upper pocket corners and pocket flaps shall be reinforced with bar tacks. Additionally, a separate hand warmer pocket compartment lined with fleece will be provided under the expandable cargo pocket. This compartment will be accessed from the rear of the pocket.

14.6 RADIO POCKET

Each jacket shall have a pocket designed for the storage of a portable radio. This pocket shall be of box type construction, double stitched to the coat, and shall have one drainage eyelet in the bottom of the pocket. Closure flap shall have antenna notches on the left side. The pocket shall be sized appropriately for the Motorola Apx 6000 radios with the standard battery used by the HVFD.

14.7 MICROPHONE STRAPS

One strap shall be constructed to hold a microphone for a portable radio. It shall be sewn to the coat at the ends only. It shall be mounted 3" above the radio pocket and shall be constructed of double layer outer shell material.

14.8 NAME PATCH

A Hanging Name Patch shall be constructed of a double layer of outer shell material. The name patch will attach to the rear inside hem of the jacket with a combination of snap fasteners and FR hook & loop fastener tape. The hanging name patch shall have the firefighter name, as designated by the department, in 3" Red/Orange 3M Scotchlite sewn-on letters (2" letters permitted for longer names).

14.9 FLASHLIGHT HOLDER

A flat D-ring reinforced with double layer shell material shall be mounted on the right chest with a flashlight loop mounted 3" below. Loop closure system shall be flame resistant hook and pile (e.g. Velcro) fastener tape and will be bar tacked to the coat in two locations 1.5" apart to restrict flashlight movement.

14.10 STORM FLAP AND JACKET FRONT CLOSURE SYSTEM

The jacket shall be closed by means of a minimum 22 inch heavy duty nylon zipper on the jacket fronts and flame resistant hook and pile (e.g. Velcro) fastener tape on the storm flap. The teeth of the zipper shall be mounted on Nomex cloth and shall be sewn into the respective jacket facings. The zipper stop shall be "pressed", not molded, insuring the highest quality with increased durability. The storm flap shall close over the left and right jacket body panels and shall be secured with flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape. A 1.5 inch piece of FR pile fastener tape shall be installed along the leading edge of the storm flap on the underside with four rows of stitching. A corresponding 1.5 inch piece of FR hook fastener tape shall be sewn with four rows of stitching to the front body panel and positioned to engage the pile fastener tape when the storm flap is closed over the front of the jacket.

14.11 EMBROIDERED AMERICAN FLAG – Left Sleeve

Each jacket shall have a Nomex® embroidered American flag that measures approximately 2½ inches high by 3½ inches wide. Flags made of fabric other than Nomex® shall be considered unacceptable.

14.12 COAT INTERFACE GUARD

The jackets shall be equipped with a coat interface guard at the hemline to reduce the introduction of foreign matter onto the wearer. The interface guard shall be "Passive Design" that does not require the wearer to perform and additional actions when donning the jacket. The interface guard shall be constructed of a neoprene coated material and shall be double stitched to the liner system. The interface guard shall measure approximately 3 inches wide at the center rear of the hem. The bottom of the interface guard shall encase a continuous band of an elasticized material extending the entire length of the guard.

15. PANT CONSTRUCTION

15.1 SUSPENDERS

Suspenders shall be provided with each pair of pants supplied. Successful bidder shall supply H-style padded suspenders approximately 2" wide with slides that allow for easy adjustment each time the wearer dons the garment. There shall be no metal buttons or fasteners on the pants. A supply of various size suspenders shall be available for adequate fit.

15.2 BELT

The pant will include an attached aramid belt approximately 2" wide with a quick release high temperature thermoplastic buckle. A belt loop will be provide for the storage of the belt tab.

15.3 TROUSER CLOSURE SYSTEM

The fly closure will consist of an internal fly flap and flame resistant hook and pile (e.g. Velcro) fastener tape on the external fly flap closure that is secured by a snap and by the overlay of the belt.

15.4 EXPANSION (BELLOWS) POCKETS

An expansion pocket, measuring approximately 2 inches deep by 10 inches wide by 10 inches high shall be double stitched to the side of each leg straddling the outseam above the knee and positioned to provide accessibility. One expansion pocket shall be undivided (right leg) the other shall be divided vertically in half with a split pocket flap (left leg). The undivided pocket shall incorporate a tool pouch/sleeve made of durable fabric to prevent premature wear, holes, tears, etc. The lower half of each expansion pocket shall be reinforced with a layer of Arashield Black material. Two rust resistant metal drain eyelets shall be installed on the underside of each expansion pocket to facilitate drainage of water. The pocket flaps shall be closed by means of flame resistant hook and pile (e.g. Velcro) fastener tape.

15.5 PANT LEG WATER DAM

The pant legs shall be equipped with a water dam at the boot interface. Flame resistant neoprene coated cotton/polyester moisture barrier material shall be sewn to the inside of the leg of the outer shell approximately 3 inches from the cuff. The loose end shall be elasticized to provide a snug fit at the boot. The neoprene moisture barrier material shall also line the inside of the leg of the outer shell from the cuff to a point approximately 3 inches up, where it joins the water dam, and is stitched to the shell. This water dam configuration serves to inhibit water penetration at the boot interface.

15.6 TROUSER CUFF REINFORCEMENTS

The cuff area of the pants shall be reinforced with black Ara-Shield® material. The cuff reinforcements shall not be less than 2 inch in width and shall be folded in half, approximately one half inside and one half outside the leg cuff for greater strength and abrasion resistance. The cuff reinforcement shall be double stitched to the end of the leg for a minimum of two rows of stitching. This independent cuff provides an additional layer of protection over a hemmed cuff

15.7 PADDED KNEES

The pant shall have a padded and reinforced knee that attains a minimum CCHR rating of 65. The outer knee fabric reinforcement shall be black Ara-shield material. The knee design shall incorporate such features as cutouts, darts or shaped pieces to ensure maximum flexibility, ergonomic fit and athletic design in the knee area. All knees shall be double stitched to prevent premature wear.

15.8 PADDING UNDER KNEE REINFORCEMENTS

Padding for the knees shall be accomplished with one layer of Silizone® foam, sandwiched between the thermal liner and moisture barrier. The placement of Silizone® padding on the thermal versus the shell reduces bulk in the shell and also serves to protect the padding from abrasion and other wear issues that the outer shell is subject to. Pants with Silizone® knee padding on the shell as opposed to on the liner, do not provide the same level of bulk reduction and abrasion resistance and are not recommended

15.9 PANT INTERFACE GUARD

The pants shall be equipped with a pant interface guard at the pant cuff and at the base of the fly to reduce the introduction of foreign matter onto the wearer. This interface guard shall be constructed of a neoprene coated material and shall be double stitched to the liner at the hemlines and at the base of the crotch. The hemline interface guard shall measure approximately 4 inches wide and run the full circumference of the liner cuff. The bottom of the interface guard shall encase a continuous band of an elasticized material extending the full length of the interface guard. The interface guard at the crotch opening shall be an elliptical shape, measuring approximately 3 inches high and 3 ½ inches wide, and secured to the binding by two rows of stitching.

16. TURNOUT GEAR - PROPER SIZING

The successful bidder shall supply HVFD with turnout clothing in the full range of sizes as specified in NFPA 1971, including women's sizing.

HVFD considers properly fitting turnout gear of paramount importance in safety and comfort; ill-fitting or improperly fit gear may be returned and / or not reimbursed by HVFD.

The vendor shall be available to perform all initial sizing requirements. Vendor shall provide training upon for HVFD personnel in the correct sizing of turnout gear for future turnout gear orders. Training shall occur at HVFD and will be coordinated with the department.

17. GLOVES AND HOODS

Each turnout order will be accompanied by 2 each firefighter protective hoods and 2 sets of firefighter protective gauntlet style gloves. Gloves will be sized to the firefighter at the time the fire gear is sized.

The vendor shall include at a minimum of 3 options for 2 sets of NFPA 1971 compliant FF gloves per set of gear. These gloves shall be made with gauntlet style cuffs to be compatible with proposed turnout jacket. The price for each option shall be included in the response to this RFP.

The vendor shall also include 2 hoods per set of gear meeting the requirements of NFPA 1971 Particulate Protection. Hood shall be made to provide coverage beyond critical areas as identified by NFPA. The vendor may include more than one option that meet this requirement. The price for each option shall be included in the response to this RFP.

18. SUPPORT PROGRAM

NOMAR at 104 E. Pioneer Ave., Homer Alaska 99603 (907) 235-8363 is currently authorized to make minor repairs to the existing Globe fire gear. The successful vendor shall provide NOMAR with the appropriate directions, manuals and/or training as required to continue to perform minor repairs to the fire gear supplied by the vendor. This would include at a minimum, repairing stitching, repairing or replacing sewn-on pockets and similar accessory components, replacing Velcro, etc. NOMAR will perform all work with in-kind materials following industry standards.

The vendor will provide a written description that specifies the support they and/or the manufacturer will provide for their proposed fire gear.

19. ORDERS

Detailed order forms will be completed by HVFD for placement of all orders; the vendor will coordinate with HVFD on order verification and processing, and may provide an order form to facilitate accurate ordering. HVFD may place orders in person, via fax or e-mail using the order form.

Vendor must provide order (receipt) confirmation to HVFD within 2 business days of order placement. No minimum order quantity is required.

Upon contract award, the initial order for HVFD personnel will be sized by the vendor, manufactured, delivered, inspected and approved by HVFD before any future orders will be placed. The vendor will train HVFD in the proper method for sizing gear and future orders will be sized by the HVFD utilizing the manufacturer's approved method of sizing.

20. PRODUCT DELIVERY AND INVOICING

Delivery time for HVFD turnout gear orders will be within sixty (60) calendar days of the receipt confirmation date unless otherwise agreed at the time of order. Turnout gear orders will be delivered to HVFD 604 E. Pioneer Ave, Homer, AK 99603. Pricing of gear will include all shipping.

21. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

The City of Homer reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted and shall not be liable for any costs incurred by any proposer in response to this solicitation or for any work done prior to the issuance of a notice to proceed.

A selection committee will evaluate the proposals and make a recommendation to the City Council. Evaluators may discuss factual knowledge of and may investigate proposer's prior work experience and performance, including projects referenced in the proposal, available written evaluations and may contact listed references or other persons knowledgeable of a proposer's past performance. Factors such as overall experience relative to the proposed contract, quality of work, cost control, and the ability to meet schedules may be address during the evaluation.

Submittals will be evaluated and scored in accordance with the following criteria: This RFP shall be judged in accordance with the following criteria to determine the most responsive proposal:

1. Cost – Percentage difference in cost between proposals - 25 points
2. Design, Fit and Ergonomic Comfort – 25 points
3. Design features or construction that exceed minimum NFPA standards or these specifications that are deemed by the HVFD to improve or enhance the safety or performance of the fire gear – 25 points
4. Ability to mix and match coats and pants to fit new male and/or female firefighters as gear is reissued to new personnel in the future – 10 points
5. Compatibility to mix and match with existing fire gear – 3 points
6. Service and Support – 12 points

Vendors must specifically address Judging Criteria 2-6 in their proposals.

22. PROPOSED TERM CONTRACT AWARD SCHEDULE

Proposals Due	May 31, 2019 no later than 4:00 p.m.
Selection Committee Recommends Consultant Selection	June 6, 2019
City Council Award	June 10, 2019

23. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The successful proposer(s) will be required to have the following insurance coverages at the time the term contract is signed:

1) General liability policy with $1,000,000 combined single limits (with the City of Homer, Alaska as an additionally insured).

2) Workman's Compensation coverage in compliance with the laws of the State of Alaska.

3) Auto liability insurance with limits of at least $1,000,000.

4) Professional Liability insurance with the limit of at least $1,000,000.