



CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS
Purchasing Office
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
OFFER SHEET

SOLICITATION NO: EAD0217

COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Tactical Carrier Vests

DATE ISSUED: 9/8/14

BID DUE PRIOR TO: 9/24/14, 2 PM, local time

REQUISITION NO.: 14072800480

BID OPENING TIME AND DATE: 9/24/14, 2:15 PM, local time

COMMODITY CODE: 6800815

**FOR CONTRACTUAL AND TECHNICAL
ISSUES CONTACT THE FOLLOWING
AUTHORIZED CONTACT PERSON:**

LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 124 W 8th STREET
RM 308, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Erin D'Vincent

Senior Buyer Specialist

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LIVE BID OPENING ONLINE:

For information on how to attend the Bid Opening online, please select
this link:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/bid-opening-webinars>

**When submitting a sealed Offer and/or Compliance Plan, use the proper address for the type of service desired,
as shown below:**

Street Address for Hand Delivery or Courier Service
City of Austin, Municipal Building
Purchasing Office-IFB EAD0217
124 W 8 th Street, Rm 310
Austin, Texas 78701
Reception Phone: (512) 974-2500

To ensure prompt delivery, all packages SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE "Purchasing Office-Response Enclosed" along with the offeror's name & address, solicitation number and due date and time. See Section 0200 Solicitation Instructions for more details.

All Offers (including Compliance Plans) that are not submitted in a sealed envelope or container will not be considered.

The Vendor agrees, if this Offer is accepted within 120 calendar days after the Due Date, to fully comply in strict accordance with the Solicitation, specifications and provisions attached thereto for the amounts shown on the accompanying Offer.

SUBMIT 1 ORIGINAL AND 1 ELECTRONIC COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE

*****SIGNATURE FOR SUBMITTAL REQUIRED ON PAGE 3 OF THIS DOCUMENT*****

This solicitation is comprised of the following required sections. Please ensure to carefully read each section including those incorporated by reference. By signing this document, you are agreeing to all the items contained herein and will be bound to all terms.

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*** Documents are hereby incorporated into this Solicitation by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in full text. The full text versions of these Sections are available, on the Internet at the following online address:**

http://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/index.cfm#STANDARDBIDDOCUMENTS

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may obtain a copy of these Sections from the City of Austin Purchasing Office located in the Municipal Building, 124 West 8th Street, Room #308 Austin, Texas 78701; phone (512) 974-2500. Please have the Solicitation number available so that the staff can select the proper documents. These documents can be mailed, expressed mailed, or faxed to you.

I agree to abide by the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program Ordinance and Rules. In cases where the City has established that there are no M/WBE subcontracting goals for a solicitation, I agree that by submitting this offer my firm is completing all the work for the project and not subcontracting any portion. If any service is needed to perform the contract that my firm does not perform with its own workforce or supplies, I agree to contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) at (512) 974-7600 to obtain a list of MBE and WBE firms available to perform the service and am including the completed No Goals Utilization Plan with my submittal. This form can be found Under the Standard Bid Document Tab on the Vendor Connection Website:

http://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/index.cfm#STANDARDBIDDOCUMENTS

If I am awarded the contract I agree to continue complying with the City's MBE/WBE Procurement Program Ordinance and Rules including contacting SMBR if any subcontracting is later identified.

The undersigned, by his/her signature, represents that he/she is submitting a binding offer and is authorized to bind the respondent to fully comply with the solicitation document contained herein. The Respondent, by submitting and signing below, acknowledges that he/she has received and read the entire document packet sections defined above including all documents incorporated by reference, and agrees to be bound by the terms therein.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Federal Tax ID No. _____

Printed Name of Officer or Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____

Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

*** Completed Bid Sheet, section 0600 must be submitted with this Offer Sheet to be considered for award**

Section 0605: Local Business Presence Identification

A firm (Offeror or Subcontractor) is considered to have a Local Business Presence if the firm is headquartered in the Austin Corporate City Limits, or has a branch office located in the Austin Corporate City Limits in operation for the last five (5) years. The City defines headquarters as the administrative center where most of the important functions and full responsibility for managing and coordinating the business activities of the firm are located. The City defines branch office as a smaller, remotely located office that is separate from a firm's headquarters that offers the services requested and required under this solicitation.

OFFEROR MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH LOCAL BUSINESS (INCLUDING THE OFFEROR, IF APPLICABLE) TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL PRESENCE.

NOTE: ALL FIRMS MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON THE MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE PLAN OR NO GOALS UTILIZATION PLAN.

USE ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

OFFEROR:

Name of Local Firm						
Physical Address						
Is Firm located in the Corporate City Limits? (circle one)	Yes			No		
In business at this location for past 5 yrs?	Yes			No		
Location Type:	Headquarters	Yes	No	Branch	Yes	No

SUBCONTRACTOR(S):

Name of Local Firm						
Physical Address						
Is Firm located in the Corporate City Limits? (circle one)	Yes			No		
In business at this location for past 5 yrs?	Yes			No		
Location Type:	Headquarters	Yes	No	Branch	Yes	No

SUBCONTRACTOR(S):

Name of Local Firm						
Physical Address						
Is Firm located in the Corporate City Limits? (circle one)	Yes			No		
In business at this location for past 5 yrs.?	Yes			No		
Location Type:	Headquarters	Yes	No	Branch	Yes	No

Section 0700: Reference Sheet

Please include the following information:

Responding Company Name _____

1. Company's Name _____
Name and Title of Contact _____
Present Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone Number (____)_____ Fax Number (____)_____
Email Address _____

2. Company's Name _____
Name and Title of Contact _____
Present Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone Number (____)_____ Fax Number (____)_____
Email Address _____

3. Company's Name _____
Name and Title of Contact _____
Present Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Telephone Number (____)_____ Fax Number (____)_____
Email Address _____

**CITY OF AUSTIN
 WORKPLACE CONDITIONS AFFIDAVIT
 FOR ALL FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT
 SOLICITATION NO. EAD0217**

**For
 Tactical Carrier Vests**

State of Texas
 County of Travis

I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

1. The following are the names of any country of production and the names, physical addresses and phone numbers of each facility involved in the production of goods or provision of services covered by this code, which I shall update to indicate any changes to this list of subcontractors, or facilities during the term of the contract:

Description of goods or services		
Country of Production		
Name of Facility		
Physical Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
Phone Number		

[List as necessary, attach additional sheet if needed]

2. Attached and incorporated by reference is an initial and current copy of each of the above-referenced facility's standard payroll records, including the minimum base hourly wage of non-supervisory production employees, percent of wage level paid as health benefit, other benefits, regular deductions from paychecks, normal working hours per day and week, actual working hours per day and week, and overtime policy if any. I shall update this attachment to indicate any change to this information and these standards and policies during the term of this contract.

Contractor's Name:

Printed Name:

Title

Signature of Officer or Authorized Representative: _____

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

 Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

Section 0835: Non-Resident Bidder Provisions

Company Name _____

- A. Bidder must answer the following questions in accordance with Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated Government Code 2252.002, as amended:

Is the Bidder that is making and submitting this Bid a "Resident Bidder" or a "non-resident Bidder"?

Answer: _____

- (1) Texas Resident Bidder- A Bidder whose principle place of business is in Texas and includes a Contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in Texas.
- (2) Nonresident Bidder- A Bidder who is not a Texas Resident Bidder.

- B. If the Bidder id a "Nonresident Bidder" does the state, in which the Nonresident Bidder's principal place of business is located, have a law requiring a Nonresident Bidder of that state to bid a certain amount or percentage under the Bid of a Resident Bidder of that state in order for the nonresident Bidder of that state to be awarded a Contract on such bid in said state?

Answer: _____ Which State: _____

- C. If the answer to Question B is "yes", then what amount or percentage must a Texas Resident Bidder bid under the bid price of a Resident Bidder of that state in order to be awarded a Contract on such bid in said state?

Answer: _____

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The following Supplemental Purchasing Provisions apply to this solicitation:

1. **EXPLANATIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS:** (reference paragraph 5 in Section 0200)

All requests for explanations or clarifications must be submitted in writing to erin.dvincent@austintexas.gov by close of business five business days before the bid due date.

2. **INSURANCE:** Insurance is required for this solicitation.

A. **General Requirements:** See Section 0300, Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions, paragraph 32, entitled Insurance, for general insurance requirements.

- i. The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of coverages required below to the City at the below address prior to contract execution and within 14 calendar days after written request from the City. Failure to provide the required Certificate of Insurance may subject the Offer to disqualification from consideration for award
- ii. The Contractor shall not commence work until the required insurance is obtained and until such insurance has been reviewed by the City. Approval of insurance by the City shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder and shall not be construed to be a limitation of liability on the part of the Contractor.
- iii. The Contractor must also forward a Certificate of Insurance to the City whenever a previously identified policy period has expired, or an extension option or holdover period is exercised, as verification of continuing coverage.
- iv. The Certificate of Insurance, and updates, shall be mailed to the following address:

City of Austin Purchasing Office
P. O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

B. **Specific Coverage Requirements:** The Contractor shall at a minimum carry insurance in the types and amounts indicated below for the duration of the Contract, including extension options and hold over periods, and during any warranty period. These insurance coverages are required minimums and are not intended to limit the responsibility or liability of the Contractor.

- i. **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance:** Coverage shall be consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Worker's Compensation Act (Section 401). The minimum policy limits for Employer's Liability are \$100,000 bodily injury each accident, \$500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit and \$100,000 bodily injury by disease each employee.
 - (1) The Contractor's policy shall apply to the State of Texas and include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
 - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Form WC420304, or equivalent coverage
 - (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Form WC420601, or equivalent coverage
- ii. **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** The minimum bodily injury and property damage per occurrence are \$500,000 for coverages A (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and B (Personal and Advertising Injury).
 - (1) The policy shall contain the following provisions:
 - (a) Contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract and all other Contracts related to the project.
 - (b) Contractor/Subcontracted Work.
 - (c) Products/Completed Operations Liability for the duration of the warranty period.
 - (d) If the project involves digging or drilling provisions must be included that provide Explosion, Collapse, and/or Underground Coverage.
 - (2) The policy shall also include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
 - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CG 2404, or equivalent coverage

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- (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CG 0205, or equivalent coverage
 - (c) The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CG 2010, or equivalent coverage
 - iii. **Business Automobile Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Alternate acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident.
 - (1) The policy shall include these endorsements in favor of the City of Austin:
 - (a) Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CA0444, or equivalent coverage
 - (b) Thirty (30) days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CA0244, or equivalent coverage
 - (c) The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CA2048, or equivalent coverage.
- C. **Endorsements:** The specific insurance coverage endorsements specified above, or their equivalents must be provided. In the event that endorsements, which are the equivalent of the required coverage, are proposed to be substituted for the required coverage, copies of the equivalent endorsements must be provided for the City's review and approval.

Note: If delivery is made by common carrier, then the requirements for Workers Compensation and Business Automobile insurance listed in Sections 3.B.i and 3.B.iii do not apply. The selected vendor must submit a statement on the planned method of shipment.

3. **TERM OF CONTRACT:**

- A. The Contract shall be in effect for an initial term of 12 months and may be extended thereafter for up to 3 additional 12 month periods, subject to the approval of the Contractor and the City Purchasing Officer or his designee.
- B. Upon expiration of the initial term or period of extension, the Contractor agrees to hold over under the terms and conditions of this agreement for such a period of time as is reasonably necessary to resolicit and/or complete the project (not to exceed 120 days unless mutually agreed on in writing).
- C. Upon written notice to the Contractor from the City's Purchasing Officer or his designee and acceptance of the Contractor, the term of this contract shall be extended on the same terms and conditions for an additional period as indicated in paragraph A above.
- D. Prices are firm and fixed for the first 12 months. Thereafter, price changes are subject to the Economic Price Adjustment provisions of this Contract.

4. **QUANTITIES:** The quantities listed herein are estimates for the period of the Contract. The City reserves the right to purchase more or less of these quantities as may be required during the Contract term. Quantities will be as needed and specified by the City for each order. Unless specified in the solicitation, there are no minimum order quantities.

5. **DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:**

Location:	Days: M – F 8 AM – 4 PM
APD Headquarters – Property Management	
715 E. 8 th Street	
Austin, TX 78701	

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- A. Delivery is to be made within the time frame specified on Section 0600 Bid Sheet after the order is placed (either verbally or in writing). All orders must be shipped complete unless arrangements for partial shipments are made in advance.
- B. The Contractor shall provide, with each delivery, a Shipping or Delivery Ticket showing the description of each item, quantity, and unit price.
- C. The Contractor shall confirm the quantity to be shipped on all orders within two (2) hours of notification by phone from the City.
- D. Unless requested by the City, deliveries shall not be made on City-recognized legal holidays (see paragraph 51 in Section 0300).

6. INVOICES and PAYMENT: (reference paragraphs 12 and 13 in Section 0300)

- A. Invoices shall contain a unique invoice number and the information required in Section 0300, paragraph 12, entitled "Invoices." Invoices received without all required information cannot be processed and will be returned to the vendor.

Invoices shall be mailed to the below address:

	City of Austin
Department	Austin Police Department
Attn:	Accounts Payable
Address	P.O. Box 1629
City, State Zip Code	Austin, TX 78767-1629

- B. The Contractor agrees to accept payment by either credit card, check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for all goods and/or services provided under the Contract. The Contractor shall factor the cost of processing credit card payments into the Offer. There shall be no additional charges, surcharges, or penalties to the City for payments made by credit card.

7. SAMPLES – EXACT REPLICA:

- A. If requested, the bidder shall submit an exact replica of the goods to be provided per the specification. This sample shall be provided within 10 working days after request by the City.

- B. Send samples to the City at the following address:

City of Austin	
Department	Austin Police Department
Address	715 E. 8 th Street – Property Management
City, State Zip Code	Austin, TX 78701
Attn:	Albert Banda RE: IFB EAD0217

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- C. All products provided to the City under this solicitation will be evaluated or tested and must meet all requirements of the specification, regardless of whether or not all requirements are to be evaluated or tested.
- D. Samples will be provided at no cost to the City, will be retained by the City, and may be used for use in assuring compliance with materials specifications after award. Failure to supply samples when requested shall subject the Offer to disqualification from consideration for award.

8. WORKPLACE CONDITIONS CODE (“CODE”):

- A. The Austin City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20070621-152 on June 21, 2007, enacting the Workplace Conditions Code. The policy defined in this code applies to the procurement and laundering of apparel in City contracts exceeding \$5,000. Procurement includes contracts, purchases, rentals, leases, or allowances and voucher programs. Apparel refers to all garments or items of clothing any part of which is a textile produced by weaving, knitting or felting; and all shoes and other footwear as well as corresponding accessories.
- B. In this code:
 - i. Contract means an agreement to procure equipment, goods, materials or supplies for an amount exceeding \$5,000 to be purchased or provided at the expense of the City, and shall be construed to incorporate the definition of Contract in the City’s Standard Purchase Definitions.
 - ii. Vendor means a person, partnership, corporation, or other entity that has a current procurement relationship, that is entering into a Contract with the City for the performance of all or some of the work included in the scope of services for the City, or is submitting an Offer to provide products or services to the City.
 - iii. Worker means:
 - (1) any employee of a Vendor who contributes to the provisions of goods to the City under a contract, including but not limited to any manufacturing or assembling of goods;
 - (2) any individual who may be required or directed by any employers, in consideration of direct or indirect gain or profit, to engage in any employment, or to go to work or be at any time in any place of employment; and
 - (3) includes individuals whose work is permanent or temporary, on a full-time or part-time basis, as a contractor or payroll employee.
- C. **Prohibition of Sweatshop Conditions:** A vendor who engages in or submits Offers for City contracts shall comply with the requirements in each subsection and may not supply goods or services to fulfill a City Contract except as provided below. These requirements shall be known as the Workplace Conditions Code.
- D. **Compliance with All Laws:** A Vendor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and workplace regulations, including those regarding benefits, workplace health and environmental safety, freedom of association, and the fundamental conventions of the International Labor Organization, including those regarding forced and child labor and freedom of association.
- E. **Harassment and Abuse:** A Vendor shall not engage in behavior that harasses or abuses a worker in a physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal manner. Nor shall a Vendor use corporal punishment in its employment practices.
- F. **Discrimination:** A Vendor shall not engage in discriminatory employment practices, as defined in Title 5 of the City Code, on the basis of gender, race, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, political opinion, or social or ethnic origin in hiring, salary, benefits, advancement, disciplinary action, termination, or retirement. A Vendor shall not require pregnancy tests as a condition of employment nor demand pregnancy tests of employees. Women workers shall receive equal treatment and remuneration, including pay, benefits, and the opportunity to fill a position that is open to a male worker.

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- G. **Exposure to Toxins:** A Vendor shall not expose a worker to toxic chemicals that may endanger a worker's health. A Vendor shall take appropriate measures to safeguard workers when any aspect of work requires exposure to any toxic chemical. If a federal, state, or local occupational safety or health law or regulation applies to the workplace condition, compliance with such a law or regulation is not a violation of this subsection.
- H. **Wages and Benefits:** A Vendor shall pay wages that comply with the Living Wages and Benefits Provision contained in this Solicitation.
- I. **Wage and Hour Records:** Vendors shall maintain verifiable wage and hour records for each production worker, employee or independent contractor.
- J. **Working Hours:** A vendor shall not require hourly and quota-based employees to work more than 48 hours per week or the limits on regular hours allowed by the law of the country of manufacture, whichever is lower. In addition, Vendors shall provide a worker with days off, as provided by applicable labor law.
- K. **Overtime Compensation:** A vendor shall not require a worker to work overtime hours unless the worker is paid at a rate of at least one-and-one-half their regular hourly compensation rate as provided by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.
- L. **Termination:** A vendor shall provide for a mediation or grievance process to resolve workplace disputes if required by federal law.
- M. **Closure to Avoid Compliance:** A vendor may not close or reduce orders for a production facility:
- i. as a punitive measure against workers for exercising their right to freedom of association; or
 - ii. to avoid its responsibility to take corrective action after there has been a determination that there was a violation of the Workplace Conditions Code.
- N. **Vendor Recordkeeping Requirements:**
- i. Each City contract shall include the contractor's agreement to comply with the requirements of this Code and shall incorporate this Code by reference.
 - ii. For every Offer or Contract for production of goods or provision of services covered by this policy, each Offeror or Contractor shall submit to the City the following:
 - (1) An affidavit setting forth the following information (**see the Workplace Conditions Affidavit included in the Solicitation**):
 - (a) The country of production and names, physical addresses and phone numbers of each facility involved in the production of goods or provision of services covered by this policy, which shall be updated to show any changes in Subcontractors or facilities during the term of the Contract; and
 - (b) An initial copy of each facility's standard payroll records, including the minimum base hourly wage of non-supervisory production employees, percent of wage level paid as health benefit, other benefits, regular deductions from paychecks, normal working hours per day and week, actual working hours per day and week, and overtime policy if any.
 - (2) An agreement in which the Contractor commits to the following:
 - (a) That the Contractor and each proposed supplier or Subcontractor will adhere to the Workplace Conditions Code;
 - (b) That a copy of this Code has been furnished to each of the Contractor's suppliers or Subcontractors; and
 - (c) That the Contractor has required each supplier to post a copy of this Code, including a procedure for filing complaints, in a location that is visible, obvious, and

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- accessible in the workplace and translated into the each worker's first language;
and
- (3) A description of any claims or legal actions related to discrimination or worker wages, hours, or working conditions filed against the Contractor in any local, state, or federal administrative agency or court in the preceding five years; and
 - (4) Any other information deemed necessary by the City for the administration and enforcement of this policy.
- iii. Each Contractor shall retain the documents described in Subsection (N) for a period of three (3) years after the date that the City contract is terminated.
 - iv. Each Contractor shall maintain regular payroll records and make such records available to the City or its agents upon the City's request. If the City makes a request under this subsection for the Contractor's payroll records, the Contractor shall also produce the payroll records of its Subcontractors or suppliers to the City or its agents. The City may make such a request directly to a Subcontractor who shall be required to submit such records directly to the City or its agents on request. If requested by the City or its agents, all payroll records shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the Contractor, stating that the records are complete and accurate.
 - v. During each year of the term of a Contract, the City or its agents may request a written assurance from the Contractor and each of its Subcontractors that the Contractor and its Subcontractors and suppliers are in compliance with this Code. The Contractor shall provide the written assurance within the time period specified by the City or its agents, which shall not be less than fourteen (14) calendar days from the receipt of the request. A written assurance containing false or inaccurate information constitutes a breach of Contract.
 - vi. All records required to be maintained by this Code shall at all times be open to inspection and examination of the duly authorized officers and agents of the City.
- O. **Compliance; Verification:** Each Contractor shall cooperate fully with an investigation by the City or its agents. An investigation may include random site inspections of any worksite on which all or a portion of the Contract is performed, access to workers to discuss compliance with this Code, and access to any record required to be maintained by this Code.
- P. **Enforcement; Penalties:**
- i. **Complaints:** Any person may complain of a violation of this Code. The City, including its agent designated for this purpose, shall receive and investigate complaints.
 - ii. **Requests for Information:** Upon receiving a complaint alleging noncompliance with this Code, the City shall contact the Contractor in a timely manner, by certified letter, that the Contractor or its Subcontractor is the subject of the complaint. The City shall describe the alleged violation and the requirements for responding to the notice. The Contractor must respond in a timely manner with evidence that the violation did not occur, or if it did, a detailed plan for corrective action.
 - iii. **Access to Production and Distribution Facilities:** For administration and enforcement purposes, a City Contractor shall provide the City with immediate access to a facility or operation that is the subject of a complaint in order to inspect the facility or its operations and records, or to interview workers.
 - iv. **Independent Audit:** If the City is unable to verify compliance, it may require an independent audit at the expense of the Contractor, followed by a public report verifying either that the violation did not occur, or in the event that a violation did occur, that corrective action has or has not been effective.
 - v. **Remediation:** On a finding that a violation of this Code has occurred at a Contractor's production facility, the City and the Contractor shall meet to consult to develop to a remediation plan, of which the City shall have right of approval as set forth in the City's Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions. Corrective action shall include all steps necessary to correct the violations, including:
 - (1) providing prompt notice to workers in the first language of each worker of the remediation plan and the prescribed corrective actions;

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- (2) paying back wages to workers who worked to manufacture products or services supplied to the City; or
- (3) re-instating a worker who has been dismissed in violation of the law.
- vi. **Training On Workplace Conditions:** At a facility or operation of a Contractor determined to be in violation of this Code, the Contractor shall provide workplace rights training for workers and best practices training for supervisory and management staff. The Contractor shall bear the expense of the training. Upon the City's request, the Contractor shall submit its training materials to the City for its review and approval before distribution to supervisors, managers, and employees.
- vii. **Summary of Corrective Actions:** The City may require that a Contractor provide a written summary of the steps taken to remedy noncompliance with this code. The summary may include any difficulties encountered in attempting to correct noncompliance. The Contractor shall provide the written summary within the time period specified by the City.
- viii. **Sanctions:** The City may impose sanctions if a Contractor knowingly provides misinformation or falsified information to the City or if a Contractor refuses to remedy a violation of this Code in a timely manner. Sanctions may include termination of the Contract for cause due to breach of contract, termination of a Contract without notice, financial penalties, debarment from eligibility to submit Offers on City Contracts, or suspending the Contractor's ability to submit Offers on City Contracts for a period to be determined by the City Manager.
- ix. **Debarment and Suspension:** In the event that a Contractor is debarred, the City Purchasing Officer will remove the Contractor from the City's Vendor List. In the event of suspension, the Purchasing Officer will remove the Contractor from the list for the period specified in the non-compliance sanction.
- x. **Protest:** A Contractor may protest findings, sanctions, penalties, suspension or debarment under this Code as prescribed in the City's Solicitation (see Protest Procedures in Section 0200 of the Solicitation).

9. NON-COLLUSION, NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING:

- A. On November 10, 2011, the Austin City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20111110-052 amending Chapter 2.7, Article 6 of the City Code relating to Anti-Lobbying and Procurement. The policy defined in this Code applies to Solicitations for goods and/or services requiring City Council approval under City Charter Article VII, Section 15 (Purchase Procedures). During the No-Contact Period, Offerors or potential Offerors are prohibited from making a representation to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person in the Solicitation as the contact for questions and comments regarding the Solicitation.
- B. If during the No-Contact Period an Offeror makes a representation to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person for the Solicitation, the Offeror's Offer is disqualified from further consideration except as permitted in the Ordinance.
- C. If an Offeror has been disqualified under this article more than two times in a sixty (60) month period, the Purchasing Officer shall debar the Offeror from doing business with the City for a period not to exceed three (3) years, provided the Offeror is given written notice and a hearing in advance of the debarment.
- D. The City requires Offerors submitting Offers on this Solicitation to provide a signed Section 0810, Non-Collusion, Non-Conflict of Interest, and Anti-Lobbying Affidavit, certifying that the Offeror has not in any way directly or indirectly made representations to anyone other than the Authorized Contact Person during the No-Contact Period as defined in the Ordinance. The text of the City Ordinance is posted on the Internet at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=161145>

10. ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT:

- A. **Price Adjustments:** Prices shown in this Contract shall remain firm for the first 12 months of the Contract. After that, in recognition of the potential for fluctuation of the Contractor's cost, a price

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adjustment (increase or decrease) may be requested by either the City or the Contractor on the anniversary date of the Contract or as may otherwise be specified herein. The percentage change between the contract price and the requested price shall not exceed the percentage change between the specified index in effect on the date the solicitation closed and the most recent, non-preliminary data at the time the price adjustment is requested. Prices for products or services unaffected by verifiable cost trends shall not be subject to adjustment.

- B. **Effective Date:** Approved price adjustments will go into effect on the first day of the upcoming renewal period or anniversary date of contract award and remain in effect until contract expiration unless changed by subsequent amendment.
- C. **Adjustments:** A request for price adjustment must be made in writing and submitted to the other Party prior to the yearly anniversary date of the Contract; adjustments may only be considered at that time unless otherwise specified herein. Requested adjustments must be solely for the purpose of accommodating changes in the Contractor's direct costs. Contractor shall provide an updated price listing once agreed to adjustment(s) have been approved by the parties.
- D. **Indexes:** In most cases an index from the Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) will be utilized; however, if there is more appropriate, industry recognized standard then that index may be selected.
 - i. The following definitions apply:
 - (1) **Base Period:** Month and year of the original contracted price (the solicitation close date).
 - (2) **Base Price:** Initial price quoted, proposed and/or contracted per unit of measure.
 - (3) **Adjusted Price:** Base Price after it has been adjusted in accordance with the applicable index change and instructions provided.
 - (4) **Change Factor:** The multiplier utilized to adjust the Base Price to the Adjusted Price.
 - (5) **Weight %:** The percent of the Base Price subject to adjustment based on an index change.
 - ii. **Adjustment-Request Review:** Each adjustment-request received will be reviewed and compared to changes in the index(es) identified below. Where applicable:
 - (1) Utilize final Compilation data instead of Preliminary data
 - (2) If the referenced index is no longer available shift up to the next higher category index.
 - iii. **Index Identification:** Complete table as they may apply.

Weight % or \$ of Base Price: 100%	
Database Name: Producer Price Index-Commodities	
Series ID: WPU031	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Seasonally Adjusted	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally Adjusted
Geographical Area: All	
Description of Series ID: Group: Textile products and apparel Item: Synthetic fibers	
This Index shall apply to the following items of the Bid Sheet / Cost Proposal: All	

- E. **Calculation:** Price adjustment will be calculated as follows:

Single Index: Adjust the Base Price by the same factor calculated for the index change.

Index at time of calculation
Divided by index on solicitation close date
Equals Change Factor

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Multiplied by the Base Rate
Equals the Adjusted Price

- F. If the requested adjustment is not supported by the referenced index, the City, as its sole discretion, may consider approving an adjustment on fully documented market increases.
11. **INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENTS:** (applicable to competitively procured goods/services contracts).
- A. The City has entered into Interlocal Purchasing Agreements with other governmental entities, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Contractor agrees to offer the same prices and terms and conditions to other eligible governmental agencies that have an interlocal agreement with the City.
- B. The City does not accept any responsibility or liability for the purchases by other governmental agencies through an interlocal cooperative agreement.
12. **CONTRACT MANAGER:** The following person is designated as Contract Manager, and will act as the contact point between the City and the Contractor during the term of the Contract:

Albert Banda

Alberto.Banda@austintexas.gov

512-974-5273

*Note: The above listed Contract Manager is not the authorized Contact Person for purposes of the **NON-COLLUSION, NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING Provision** of this Section; and therefore, contact with the Contract Manager is prohibited during the no contact period.

Specifications

SOLICITATION NO. EAD0217

Description: Tactical Carrier Vests

1.0 **Purpose**

This contract is for the purchase of one hundred seventy-five (175) TYR Tactical™ Plate Carriers and accessories for the Austin Police Department (APD). These tactical carrier vests have a multi-platform modular design which allows the officers to change and adapt their vest with minimal effort and maximum efficiency. The officer can configure their vest depending on their environment, threat, and operational requirement. This vest has antimicrobial spacer mesh and padding which makes the vest breathable and much more comfortable during the summer months while still having bicep, neck, groin, and torso coverage and can also be scaled down to just the plate carrier if required. Approximately 30 vests will replace existing vests that will expire in November, 2014. The remaining quantity will be purchased from 2015 through 2018.

2.0 **Background**

Currently, APD wears two different styles of ballistic vests. The first style is a very heavy, large vest that provides bicep, neck, groin, and torso coverage. This vest is primarily used for warrant and unscheduled SWAT calls. Although this vest provides maximum ballistic coverage, it is restrictive and retains heat during the summer months. The second style of vest has a plate carrier that holds ceramic plates in place and is designed to stop rifle rounds. This vest provides less protection but allows for more mobility.

3.0 **Vendor and Vest Requirements**

3.1 Vest Compliance - Bids received without a copy of Notice of Compliance with National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standard–0101.06 may be rejected.

- 3.1.1 Vests shall meet NIJ Standard 0101.06 dated July 2008, or latest revision for Threat Level Type IIIA ballistic performance, and Vendor should provide Notice of Compliance with NIJ Standard–0101.06 with their bid.
- 3.1.2 Vests shall meet Military Standard (MIL)-STD-662F, V50 Ballistic Test for Armor dated December 1997, or latest revision.
- 3.1.3 Vests shall meet US Federal Standard No. 751a, Seams & Stitching or latest revision.
- 3.1.4 Vests shall be accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Society for Quality (ASQC) Standards.

3.2 Vest Design

- 3.2.1 The tactical body armor shall provide coverage in the front, back, sides, shoulder (bicep), neck/throat area, groin area and be of the side closure style.

- 3.2.2 The vest shall be a front to back wrap-around design.
- 3.2.3 The side closures shall be eight inch (8") elastic secured with Velcro® allowing for a wide range of vest adjustments.
- 3.2.4 The front and back ballistic panels shall extend up over the shoulder creating a maximum four-inch (4") overlap to allow for adjustability and offer total ballistic protection.
- 3.2.5 A panel shall provide ballistic protection to the neck area, and shall be removable.
- 3.2.6 Side panels shall be secured by hook and pile closure system that runs the entire length of the side opening.
- 3.2.7 Each vest shall have a 6 pouch set as specified by the Austin Police Department upon award of contract.
- 3.2.8 Pockets shall be modular in design and held securely in place by a Velcro® system.
- 3.2.9 Vest shall have front and back hard armor plate pockets (10" x 12").
- 3.2.10 Vest shall have two removable ID patches 1 front, 1 rear.
- 3.2.11 Vest shall have an Officer-down drag strap.
- 3.2.12 Ballistic resistant body armor shall have the ability to: supply maximum protection against bullet penetration and blunt trauma while allowing the wearer maximum flexibility and comfort while performing in high-risk situations.
- 3.2.13 Vests shall be flexible, durable, and comfortable.
- 3.2.14 Vests shall be available in various sizes from small to extra-large.
- 3.2.15 Vests shall have removable parts for various call outs by SWAT Team and still provide the Highest Ballistic Protection and Movability.
- 3.2.16 Vests shall be black in color.

3.3 Vendor Requirements

- 3.3.1 Awarded vendor shall work with APD to properly size Officers using these vests.
- 3.3.2 Vendor will be given a list of current vests and their expiration dates. Vendor shall notify APD ninety days in advance of any expiring vests.