

Sources Sought/Request for Information (RFI) Notice FY23 Body Armor for ICE/OFTP

BACKGROUND: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest federal law enforcement agency whose missions include preventing terrorism and enhancing security, managing our borders, administering immigration and customs laws, and securing cyberspace. A significant part of ICE's mission is supplying the agents in the field with high quality body armor that allows him/her to perform their law enforcement duties.

REQUIREMENT: This is a SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE/REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) to gain knowledge of vendors that can **produce and deliver up to 3,500 sets of Level IIIA approved Soft Body Armor Kits per calendar year** to support the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Office of Firearms and Tactical Programs (OFTP). The body armor will directly support the law enforcement agents in the field and ongoing training classes. The body armor must meet the Certified National Institute of Justice concealable threat level IIIA body armor requirements and shall have the following enhanced ballistic resistance features: Soft Armor kits shall include an internal removal vein behind the soft armor panel to help reduce a push of the soft armor into the area between the breasts and a ballistic resistant fold sewn into an elastic pouch that encapsulates the front panel. The ballistic fold should be positioned so as to rest along the top ridge of the front panel to catch any upward moving stray projectiles. The elastic pouch is required to prevent separation of the fold from the soft armor panel when struck by projectiles w/angle of attacks from 32 degrees to 43 degrees in an upward direction and to reduce bulkiness of armor. See "Attachment 1" for what makes up an approved Level IIIA Body Armor Kit and "Attachment 2" for instructions on how offerors may submit their body armor samples to OFTP for evaluation.

- **Projected Type of Contract:** Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) vehicle.
- **Estimated IDIQ Period of Performance:** 60 months.
- **Projected NAICS Code:** 315990, Apparel Accessories and Other Apparel Manufacturing
- **Projected Product Service Code:** 8470 (Armor Personal)
- **Delivery Requirement:** Vendors shall have the ability to fulfill delivery orders within 45-60 days after receipt of award to various locations across the US
- **Ordering System:** Vendors must possess a Web-Based Ordering System capable of uploading multiple workbooks to track delivery orders, etc.
- **Sizing Requirement:** Vendors shall be capable of traveling to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick, Georgia to size various academy students on a regular basis.
- **Color:** Vendors must have the ability to provide the body armor outer wear in RANGER GREEN color

RFI DUE DATE: The Capabilities Statements should be not more than five (5) pages, excluding a Coversheet, and be submitted by **1:00 PM ET NLT Thursday, March 23, 2023**. E-mail submissions should be submitted to Tony Ross at Tony.Ross@ice.dhs.gov . The subject line of your e-mail should read: **"FY23 ICE BODY ARMOR IDIQ"** No hard copy or Facsimile submissions will be accepted and extraneous materials (brochures, etc.) will not be considered.

SAMPLES DUE DATE: Interested vendors shall send one (1) size Adult Male Large Level IIIA *and* one (1) Adult Female Large Soft Body Armor Kit with enhanced ballistic resistance features along with hardcopy of armor test data proving armor meets or exceeds NIJ standards to the following address and received by **1:00 PM ET NLT Thursday, March 23, 2023**, to the specific OFTP address identified in Attachment 2.

DISCLAIMER: This Sources Sought Notice is not a Request for Quote (RFQ), Request for Proposal (RFP), or Invitation for Bid (IFB), nor does it restrict the Government to any acquisition approach. The Government will not reimburse interested sources for any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this notice, and submittals will not be returned to the sender. No award will be made from this Sources Sought Notice. Interested parties are invited to provide a Capabilities Statement along with product language.

In addition to information provided as to technical capabilities, interested parties shall provide their Point of Contact (including e-mail, regular mail address, and telephone number(s), DUNS Number or Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), Small Business Classification, pertinent Contract Numbers (past performance), and the applicable NAICS and Product Service Codes.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Attachment 1 (Level IIIA BA Kit Requirements)**
- **Attachment 2 (Instructions for Samples)**
- **Attachment 3 (DRAFT SOW)**

End of RFI Cover Sheet