

**CITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
INVITATION TO BID**

The City of Rochester, New Hampshire, is accepting sealed bids for a **Ballistic Vest**. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked:

“Sealed Bid, Ballistic Vest”
“**Bid 12-41**”
City of Rochester, New Hampshire
31 Wakefield St
Rochester, NH 03867
Attn: Purchasing Agent

All bids must be received no later than “**May 24, 2012**” at “**2:15**” p.m. No late bids, faxed, e-mailed or telephone bids will be accepted. Actual bid opening will begin at 2:30 p.m. Bid proposals and specifications may be obtained from the City of Rochester’s website, www.rochesternh.net, contacting the purchasing agent via email at purchasing@rochesternh.net, calling the Purchasing Agent at 603-335-7602, or visiting the City Hall Business Office, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867. All bids must be made on the bid form(s) supplied, and the bid form(s) must be fully completed when submitted.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

The Rochester Police Department is seeking to obtain proposals for the purchase of a new ballistic vest. The vest must meet or exceed the below listed specifications and descriptions:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
a	must be a minimum of a level II
b	vest must provide for 360 degree coverage
c	vest will come with semi-rigid trauma plate
d	vest carrier will be EMD resisitant
e	bid will include one (1) extra EMD resistant carrier
f	vendor will be able to measure and fit consumer
g	vests will meet DOJ bullet proof vest partnership program
h	award will be contingent upon testing and evaluating

NOTE: The contract shall include all shipping and handling charges directly associated with the items covered by this agreement which is charged by the vendor for the purpose of conveying the article from the vendor to the police department.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**I. Preparation of Bid Proposal**

- A. The Bidder shall submit her/his proposal upon the forms furnished by the City (attached). The Bidder shall specify the unit price or lump sum bid, both in words and figures for each pay item listed. All words and figures shall be in ink or typed.
- B. If an amount entered by the bidder on the proposal form is to be altered it should be crossed out with ink, the new unit price or lump sum bid entered above or below it, and initialed by the bidder, also with ink. In a case of

discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written in figures, the prices written in words shall govern.

- C. The Bidder's proposal must be signed with ink by the individual, by one or more members of the partnership, by one or more members or officers of each firm representing a joint venture, by one or more officers of a corporation, or by an agent of the contractor legally qualified and acceptable to the owner. If the proposal is made by an individual, his name and post office address must be shown; as a joint venture, the name and post office address of each must be shown; by a corporation, the name of the corporation and its business address must be shown, together with the name of the state in which it is incorporated, and the names, titles, and business address of the President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- D. All questions shall be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Agent, no less than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date. The Purchasing Agent will then forward both the question and the City's response to the question to all prospective bidders.

II. Irregular Proposals

Bid proposals will be considered irregular and may be rejected for any of the following reasons:

- A. If the proposal is on a form other than furnished by the Owner, or if the form is altered or any thereof is detached.
- B. If there are unauthorized additions, conditional or alternated bids, or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.
- C. If the bidder adds any provisions reserving the right to accept or reject an award, or to enter into a contract pursuant to an award.
- D. If the proposal does not contain a unit price for each pay item listed, except in the case of authorized alter pay items.

III. Interpretations

No oral interpretations will be made to any vendor as to the meaning of the specifications or terms and conditions of this sealed proposal invitation.

IV. Withdrawal of Bid Proposals

A bidder will be permitted to withdraw his proposal unopened after it has been deposited if such request is received in writing prior to the time specified for opening the proposals.

No bid may be withdrawn, for a period of (60) sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids, without express written consent of the City of Rochester, NH.

V. Public Opening of Proposals

Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place indicated in the invitation for bids. Bidders, their authorized agents, and other interested parties are invited to be present.

VI. Disqualification of Bidders

Either of the following reason may be considered as being sufficient for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of his proposal of proposals:

- A. Evidence of collusion among bidders.
- B. Failure to supply complete information as requested by bid specifications.

AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

I. Consideration of Proposals

- A. Bids will be made public at the time of opening and may be reviewed only after they have been properly recorded. In case of discrepancy between the prices written in words and those written figures, the written in words shall govern. In case of discrepancy between the total shown in the proposal and that obtained by adding the products of the quantities of items and bid prices, the latter shall govern.
- B. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities or to advertise for new proposals, if in the judgment of the City, the best interest of the City of Rochester will be promoted thereby.

II. Award of Contract

If a contract is to be awarded, the award will be made to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed as soon as practical after the bid opening. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of (60) sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids, without the consent of the city of Rochester. The successful bidder will be notified, by the form being mailed to the address on his proposal, that his bid has been accepted and that he has been awarded the contract.

III. Cancellation of Award

The City reserves the right to cancel the award of any contract at any time before the execution of such contract by all parties without any liability against the City.

BID EVALUATION

In addition to the bid amount, additional factors will be considered as an integral part of the bid evaluation process including, but not limited to:

- A. The bidder's ability, capacity, and skill to perform within specified time limits.
- B. The bidder's experience, reputation, efficiency, judgment, and integrity.
- C. The quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies and materials sold.
- D. Bidder's last performance.
- E. Sufficiency of bidder's financial resources to fulfill the contract.
- F. Bidder's ability to provide future maintenance and/or services.
- G. Other applicable factors as the City determines necessary or appropriate (such as compatibility with existing equipment).

BALLISTIC VEST BID

Vendor Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

BID PRICE PER FOR VEST _____
(in figures) (in words)

All Bids are to be submitted on this form and in a sealed envelope, plainly marked on the outside with the Bidder's name and address and the Project name as it appears at the top of the Proposal Form