

Date: August 5, 2009

Ref. No.: R0125861

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
101 EAST 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
CITY HALL  
SUITE G13  
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE  
37402**

**Request for Proposal (RFP) for the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee**

*Proposals will be received at 101 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite G13, Chattanooga, TN 37402 until 4:00 P.M., EST. on August 27, 2009*

**Requisition No.: R0125861**

**Ordering Dept.: Fire**

**Buyer & Phone: Debbie Talley (423) 757-0643**

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**Items Being Purchased: Urban Search & Rescue Work Boots**

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**\*\*\*REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED\*\*\***

**4:00 P.M., EST. on August 27, 2009**

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The City of Chattanooga reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, waive any informalities in the proposals received, and to accept any proposal which in its opinion may be for the best interest of the City.

The City of Chattanooga will be non-discriminatory in the purchase of all goods and services on the basis of race, color or national origin.

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**City of Chattanooga (COC) Terms and Conditions posted on Website are Applicable**

**[http://www.chattanooga.gov/finance66\\_standardtermsandconditions.htm](http://www.chattanooga.gov/finance66_standardtermsandconditions.htm)**

**Note: ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SIGNED**

All proposals received are subject to the terms and conditions contained herein and as listed in the above referenced website. The undersigned Offeror acknowledges having received, reviewed, and agrees to be bound to these terms and conditions, unless specific written exceptions are otherwise stated.

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/Toll Free No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### FOOTWEAR FOR THE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

The Chattanooga Fire Department is accepting proposals for footwear for use by the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team.

This shall be a twelve (12) month indefinite quantity term contract with an option to renew for an additional twelve (12) months.

General Description: The footwear specified in the proposals shall be compliant with the latest edition of NFPA 1951 *Standard on Protective Ensemble for USAR Operations*. The NFPA 1951 standard establishes minimum requirements for garments, head protection, gloves, and footwear, for fire and emergency services personnel operating at technical rescue incidents involving building or structural collapse, vehicle/person extrication, confined space entry, trench/cave-in rescue, rope rescue, and similar incidents. The requirements of the standard address the design, performance, testing, and certification of these ensembles and ensemble elements to protect against physical, environmental, thermal, chemical splash, and blood-borne hazards associated with Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) operations. The footwear shall be available in a wide range of sizes.

Vendor is to submit one (1) pair of compliant work boots for evaluation. Return label must be submitted along with samples if samples are to be returned. Samples with no return label will become property of The City of Chattanooga.

The Chattanooga Fire Department will not guarantee a minimum or maximum of purchase during the lifetime of the contract however, anticipating the purchase of at least 70 pairs of the NFPA 1951 compliant footwear for use by the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team.

**ITEM: NFPA 1951 COMPLIANT USAR WORK BOOTS.**

The USAR work boots specified in the proposals shall be compliant with the latest edition of NFPA 1951 *Standard on Protective Ensemble for USAR Operations*.

The USAR work boots shall be made of heavy-duty materials.

The USAR work boots shall have a cushioned collar around the top of the boot for added comfort and to prevent chafing.

The USAR work boots shall have a moisture barrier that delivers liquid penetration resistance against blood, body fluids and chemicals as well as waterproof, breathable performance.

The USAR work boot liner shall have excellent breathability and moisture wicking capabilities.

All leather on the USAR work boot shall be water resistant and breathable.

The USAR work boot shall have a reinforced, rugged, fire resistant, safety toe and sole design which, allows for protection and good toe traction.

The USAR work boot shall be suitable for use in rugged terrains. The USAR work boots shall be available in a wide range of sizes.

## Product Information:

### Technical Rescue/USAR Leather Boot

- 1.5" Cushion collar encompassing top of boot for added comfort and less chafing.
- CROSSTECH® moisture barrier delivers the best liquid penetration resistance against blood, body fluids and chemicals as well as superior waterproof, breathable performance.
- Omaha® liner for excellent breathability and moisture wicking capabilities.
- Lightweight, rugged PBO fabric provides unsurpassed protection in rugged terrains.
- Thermoplastic backpart molded heel counter ensures superior comfort, fit and durability. Will not lose shape if exposed to moisture.
- Top grade Military AB water-resistant leather for outstanding durability and comfort.
- Corrosion resistant steel ladder shank and stainless steel, puncture resistant bottom plate.
- Goodyear Flexwelt adds support while reducing fatigue and ankle sprains.
- Barcoded with unique ID number for easy adherence to NFPA 1851 recordkeeping responsibilities.
- Removable and replaceable DRYZ fabric liner insert controls odor and keeps feet cool and dry. Absorbs 160 times its weight in moisture.
- Patented PowerToe construction of fire resistant rubber supporting three horizontally extended bars for unsurpassed toe abrasion.
- Composite toe cap eliminates hot and cold conductivity while protecting foot from injury in the toe area.



**All questions should be submitted in writing by end of business on August 14, 2009 to the following:**

Debbie Talley  
101 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Chattanooga, TN 37402

Phone: (423) 757-0643

Fax: (423) 757-0949

E-Mail Address: [talley\\_deb@mail.chattanooga.gov](mailto:talley_deb@mail.chattanooga.gov)

## **Affirmative Action Plan**

The City of Chattanooga is an equal opportunity employer and during the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to abide by the equal opportunity goals of the City of Chattanooga as follows:

1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay, or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, or handicap.
3. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he/she has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. In all construction contracts or subcontracts in excess of \$10,000 to be performed for the City of Chattanooga, any contractor and/or subcontractor is further required to file in duplicate within ten (10) days of being notified that it is the lowest responsible bidder, an affirmative action plan with the EEO Director of the City of Chattanooga. This plan shall state the Contractor's goals for minority and women utilization as a percentage of the work force on this project.
5. This Plan or any attachments thereto shall further provide a list of all employees annotated by job function, race, and sex who are expected to be utilized on this project. This plan or attachment thereto shall further describe the methods by which the Contractor or Subcontractor will utilize to make good faith efforts at providing employment opportunities for minorities and women.

During the term of this contract, the Contractor upon request of the City, will make available for inspection by the City of Chattanooga copies of payroll records, personnel documents and similar records or documents that may be used to verify the Contractor's compliance with these Equal Opportunity provisions.

6. The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph 1 and the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 6 in every subcontract so that such provisions will be requested of each subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to notify the City of Chattanooga of any subcontractor who refuses or fails to comply with these equal opportunity provisions. Any failure or refusal to comply with these provisions the contractor and/or subcontractor shall be a breach of this contract.

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(Signature of Contractor)

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(Title and Name of Company)

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(Date)