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Invitation for Bid
GSA-065-25
Firefighters Personal Protective Equipment

Questions and Concerns received from JMI Healthcare Systems, Inc. on August 20, 2025.

1. We respectfully request your confirmation regarding the delivery timing discrepancy. On page 3, the required delivery date is stated as 180 days, while on page 4, Article II indicates 60 days. Kindly advise which delivery timeline shall prevail.

Response: See Amendment #1.

Questions and Concerns received from Fire Dex on August 22, 2025.

1. Page 3 of 49 Required Delivery Date says within 180 days upon receipt of PO. Page 4 of 49 Article 2, Section 6 Delivery says 60 days upon receipt of PO. Please advise the correct delivery time.

Response: See Amendment #1.

2. Page 42 of 49 under General Construction – Zipper shall be brass. Most of the NFPA 1971 garment makers have moved to Thermoplastic zippers. Is this acceptable?

Response: Yes, as long as the zippers meet or exceed the standard. NFPA 1971 requirements for zippers used in turnout coats ensure rigorous performance standards for durability, thermal resistance, and corrosion.

3. Page 42 of 49 under General Construction – Includes reinforced knees and elbows, drag rescue device (DRD) and radio pocket. Coats shall be equipment with a rescue harness and radio pocket. Please provide more details on the rescue harness.

Response: An NFPA 1971 turnout coat rescue harness is a built-in or integrated safety harness that is part of the protective ensemble (turnout gear) for structural firefighters. The DRD handle is designed to be used with one hand to pull a downed or injured firefighter to safety. The loop is tucked into the back collar which when deployed has an easy grip of the firefighter.

4. Page 43 of 49 under Helmets – We offer both a traditional style helmet that has ridges on top and a modern style, smooth top helmet. Which do you prefer?

Response: The Guam Fire Department (GFD) has over the decade moved towards traditional style helmets.

5. Page 44 of 49 under Hood – We no longer make white 100% Nomex hoods. Will you accept white 80/20 Nomex/Lenzing blend hoods?

Response: Yes. NFPA 1971 specifies performance standards for firefighter hoods, including a minimum Thermal Protective Performance (TPP) rating of 20, and requires hoods to protect against heat, flame, and chemicals. A Nomex blend hood, like one made of 20% Nomex and 80% Lenzing FR, meets these requirements. Newer requirements include better filtration and coverage to include the seams.

Questions and Concerns received from Tap Group on August 22, 2025.

1. I have a question regarding delivery. Page 3 of bid request is showing 180 delivery ARO, then on Page 4, it is indicating 60 days delivery ARO. Due to shipping logistics from the mainland to Guam, then the collection of sizing requirements which will take some time depending on the agency response.

Response: See Amendment #1.

Please Note: Follow-up/Clarification to the Questions and Concerns responses dated 8/26/2025 must be submitted to the General Services Agency via email to gsaprocurement@gsadoa.guam.gov no later than 5:00 PM, Wednesday, August 27, 2025.



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