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ADDENDUM NO. 1

RFP 2026-01 — Ballistic Protective Equipment (BPE)

Solicitation	RFP 2026-01, Ballistic Protective Equipment (BPE)
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This Addendum is issued to answer questions received during the question period. It does not change any mandatory requirement, quantity, or date. **Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on the Proposal Certification page. Failure to acknowledge receipt may render a proposal non-responsive.**

This Addendum is part of the Request for Proposals. Where it conflicts with the original solicitation, this Addendum governs.

Questions and Answers

Question 1.

Section 7 identifies Item 7, "Ballistic Helmet," as an additive alternate and directs vendors to price every line item. However, Mandatory Requirement M-10 begins with "If ballistic helmets are proposed." Please confirm whether a vendor is required to bid on ballistic helmets, and if not, how vendors should respond on that pricing line item.

Answer 1.

Vendors are not required to propose ballistic helmets. Mandatory Requirement M-10 applies only "if ballistic helmets are proposed," and Section 7, Item 7 is an additive alternate. More generally, every additive alternate line item in Section 7 is optional: a vendor that does not offer an additive alternate shall enter "N/A" on that line, and an alternate marked "N/A" will be treated as not offered, will not be evaluated, and will not render a proposal non-responsive. The instruction in Section 7 that vendors shall price every line item applies to Base Bid items.

Question 2.

Section 7, Item 9 states that a multi-threat (stab-resistant) panel upgrade is an additive alternate. With Level IIIA soft ballistic panels not carrying a stab-resistant rating, would a vendor need to pivot to hard ballistic plates as the additive alternate? Hard plates are already addressed in Section 7, Item 2.

Answer 2.

No. Section 7, Item 9 is reserved for soft armor panels certified to both a ballistic standard and NIJ Standard-0115.00. It is not a substitute for, and should not be replaced by, hard armor plates. A vendor

that does not offer multi-threat soft armor shall enter "N/A" on Item 9. Rifle plates remain priced under Items 2 and 3, and the District recognizes that rifle plates may provide incidental stab or spike protection.

Question 3.

Mandatory Requirement M-5 states that the carrier shall incorporate retroreflective striping. Would placards featuring retroreflective lettering satisfy this requirement, or must retroreflective striping be permanently sewn onto the carrier?

Answer 3.

Retroreflective identification placards satisfy this requirement. Retroreflective material need not be permanently affixed to the carrier. A vendor meeting the requirement by means of placards shall state that method in its response to M-5.

Question 4.

Confirm that the soft armor priced under Section 7, Item 1 is ballistic-only, at Level IIIA or HG2, and that multi-threat soft armor carrying both a ballistic rating and a stab rating is priced under Item 9.

Answer 4.

Confirmed. Section 7, Item 1 is soft armor certified to NIJ Standard-0101.06 at Level IIIA or NIJ Standard-0101.07 at Level HG2, as required by M-1. Item 9 is the upgrade to soft armor panels that additionally carry NIJ Standard-0115.00 stab certification. Item 9 shall be quoted as the incremental amount added to the Item 1 unit price, not as the full price of a multi-threat rig.

Question 5.

Regarding Section 7, Items 2 and 3: is the stated quantity of 15 a total of 30 rifle plates for each line item?

Answer 5.

Yes. The quantity of 15 refers to 15 plate pairs — one front plate and one rear plate for each of 15 personnel — or 30 individual plates per line item. Unit price shall be quoted per pair, not per plate. Items 2 and 3 are mutually exclusive: the District will purchase one rifle plate configuration, not both.

Question 6.

Regarding Section 7, Item 4: is the identification placard quantity of 24 a front and rear placard for each of the 24 vests, or 48 placards total?

Answer 6.

Yes. The quantity of 24 refers to 24 placard sets, each set consisting of one front placard and one rear placard, matching the 24 complete rigs in Item 1 — 48 individual placards in total. Unit price shall be quoted per set.

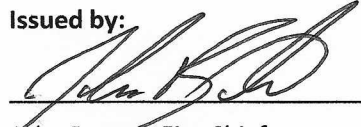
No other changes. All terms, conditions, specifications, quantities, and dates of the Request for Proposals remain unchanged. The proposal due date is not extended by this Addendum.

Acknowledgment

Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by listing it on the Proposal Certification page (Section 11) of the Request for Proposals. A vendor that has already submitted a proposal may acknowledge this Addendum by written notice to rfp@highridgefire.com prior to the proposal due date.

This Addendum has been posted on the District website at www.highridgefire.com and provided by electronic mail to each vendor that has requested a copy of this solicitation.

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