

Questions & Answers

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1. Are you able to confirm the ounce weight you are looking for on the inmate uniform tops and bottoms?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) did not specify ounce weight in the specifications in the bid. Please reference pages 19 and 20 Part-C specifications of the bid document for the requirements for the uniform shirts and pants.

2. Inmate disposable shirt and pants are listed twice on the Usage report. Once sort of at the top and again at the bottom. They have different item numbers and different usage quantities. Would the annual usage be those quantities combined?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) inmate disposable shirts and pants are listed in sequence by item number. The items have two different item numbers because they are different size disposable items. The annual usage should not be combined.

3. Can you provide the current or most recent contract prices?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) is unable to provide the current or most recent contract prices because this is first time, we are soliciting these items.

4. Can you provide the last bid tab?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) is unable to provide the last bid tab sheet because this is first time, we are soliciting these items.

5. Do the uniforms fabric need to be woven or knitted?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) referenced the requirements for the uniform shirts and pants on pages 19 and 20 Part-C specifications of the bid document. The fabric needs to be 65% Polyester / 35% Cotton.

6. Subcontracting Restrictions:

The bid solicitation states that the awarded supplier may not sublet or subcontract any contractual obligations concerning this bid matter except as provided for in the written contract between the HCSO and the awarded supplier. As a wholesaler that sources products from various manufacturers and outsources freight and transportation services, I seek clarification on whether these activities are considered subcontracting according to the requirements outlined in the bid document.

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) does not consider a supplier that sources products from various manufacturers and outsources freight to third-party logistics companies, as subcontracting the contractual obligations.

In the contractual agreement, specifying that the supplier cannot subcontract means that the supplier is solely responsible for fulfilling the obligations outlined in the contract and cannot delegate or transfer these responsibilities to any third-party subcontractors.

7. The bid outlines several insurance requirements that the awarded supplier and any subcontractors must meet. While my company can provide General Liability, Professional Liability, and Worker's Compensation Insurance for our company and employees, we rely on third-party transportation companies to provide their Certificate of Insurance (COI) adding us as additionally insured. I would like to confirm whether this arrangement fulfills the bid's insurance requirements.

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) confirms that this insurance arrangement fulfills the bid's insurance requirements. As stated in the bid document on page 12-A **Worker's Compensation Insurance** the Awarded Supplier shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Awarded Supplier.

8. Could you please clarify whether the government intends to establish a predetermined delivery schedule for these annual quantities, or if deliveries will be based solely on order requests?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) does not intend to establish a predetermined delivery schedule; deliveries will be based solely on orders as needed.

9. The timeframe from placing an order to the actual delivery of goods, within their acceptable timeframe. Could you please provide insights into whether this timeframe expectation is outlined elsewhere in the documentation or if it is contingent upon the awarded contractor?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) did not outline a delivery timeframe elsewhere in the bid document reference page 16-20. It is up to the supplier to list in the bid response an estimated time for delivery. Based on the supplier's response HCSO will factor time of delivery in to ensure we are getting the best value.

10. Clarification on whether the government intends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for this requirement, given that the annual quantities listed are estimates?

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) does not intend to award a blanket purchase agreement to the awardee. All items will be purchased on an as-needed basis. Please refer to page 19-2 specifications and scope of work in the bid document.

11. Can you please clarify the difference in the terms regarding the contract period found in the following clause:

- Page 15, Paragraph 13 provides, "*Contract Period: The Contract shall be effective for one (1) year from the date of award. By written mutual consent between the HCSO and the Supplier, the Contract may be extended on an annual basis for up to three (3) additional one (1) year periods.*"

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) contract shall be effective for one year from the award date as stated in the bid document on page 15-13.

12. Can you please clarify the difference in the terms regarding the contract period found in the following clause:

- Page 45, draft Contract, paragraph 2 provides, "*Term of the Agreement. The Contract shall be effective for two (2) years from the date of award with optional renewals for up to three (3) additional one (1) year periods.*"

Answer: The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) draft contract is provided as an example of what an awarded supplier can expect. Once awarded the terms of the finalized contract will match the terms in the bid document on page 15-13.