



CITY OF HOUSTON
ADMINISTRATION & REGULATORY
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
S10-Q23770
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Houston, Texas 77002
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PORTABLE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS

The Houston Fire Department (HFD) is soliciting information from Contractors specializing in Portable Thermal Imaging Cameras and Services. A key objective is to receive from the Contractors their most recent technology available for portable thermal imaging cameras. The portable thermal imaging camera is a tool for search and rescue support for HFD Classified personnel. The basis for development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be derived from (in whole, or in part) the technical information received through this Request for Information (RFI) process.

Please review the "Overview" of this RFI (next page); and, if you believe that your firm can provide recommendations to enhance the overall RFP development, submit your information by: e-mail or mail. All information provided and expenses incurred shall be at "NO COST" to the City.

Additionally, if you are interested in receiving a copy of an upcoming RFP, please provide the required contact information: Firm's Legal Business Name, Contact Person, Address, Telephone Number, and an E-mail Address.

Please submit your information to Carmen Gordon by one of the methods below, and by the deadline time and date of **4:00 p.m. CST, October 22, 2010:**

E-mail (Preferred Method): carmen.gordon@houstontx.gov

Mail: Carmen Gordon, Sr. Procurement Specialist
Houston Fire Department
Procurement Division
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AN OVERVIEW

HFD is requesting information from Contractors that specialize in Portable Thermal Imaging Cameras and Services. HFD is actively pursuing the research and testing of the latest thermal imaging camera products.

Once the RFI responses have been received and reviewed by HFD, Contractors may be requested to present their product to HFD Planning and Research Division. Five (5) printed copies and five (5) electronic copies on DVD-ROM will be required. Contractors are encouraged to submit literature that is detailed in technical specifications, which will be reviewed to determine if is applicable to the HFD fire service environment.

If a presentation is requested, Contractors will be required to present their information in a Microsoft PowerPoint format at the time of the presentation. Furthermore, Contractors may have a maximum of five (5) representatives in attendance at the presentation session. The time allotted for the presentation will be approximately one hour, depending upon the overall number of scheduled Contractor presentations.

The goal of this effort is to research the latest technology of portable thermal imaging cameras available in the market, as it applies to the fire service for search and rescue.

The HFD may choose to utilize information obtained from Contractors during this RFI process, in an effort to develop an RFP for modernized portable thermal imaging cameras for the HFD.

All Contractor recommendations and comments shall be reviewed and considered. Recommendations of good merit and clear business logic and methodologies may be used, and be incorporated into any future and final RFP solicitation document.

Sincerely,

Calvin D. Wells, Deputy Director
City Purchasing Agent

10/1/10
Date