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Subject: Letter of Clarification No. 13
Apparel, Uniforms for the Houston Police Department

Reference: Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.: S32-S23613

To All Prospective Bidders:

This Letter of Clarification is issued for the following reasons:

- To revise the referenced solicitation as follows:

1. To **change** the bid opening date from March 6, 2014 to March 13, 2014.
2. Pages 68-71 of the Uniform Supply E-Bid Spec Manual have been **revised**.
3. To **replace** Item No. 11.0 in the Specifications/Scope of Work with the following:

11.0 Payment

11.1 The City of Houston's standard payment term is to pay 30 days after receipt of invoice or receipt of goods or services, whichever is later, according to the requirements of the Texas Prompt Payment Act (Tx. Gov't Code, Ch. 2251). However, the City will pay in less than 30 days in return for an early payment discount from vendor as follows:

- Payment Time - 10 Days: 2% Discount
- Payment Time - 20 Days: 1% Discount

11.2 A vendor may elect not to offer a discount for early payment and the City will make payment net 30 days. Discounts will not be considered in the award evaluation.

11.3 If the City fails to make a payment according to the early payment schedule above, but does make the payment within the time specified by the Prompt Payment Act, the City shall not receive the discount, but shall pay no other penalty. When the payment date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official holiday when City offices are closed and City business is not expected to be conducted, payment may be made on the following business day.

- To answer the following questions:

4. **Question:** "I would like a sample of a pant and a shirt to review with our manufacturing partners, whom shall I contact?"

Answer: "Please contact Lt. Michael Barrow at 713-308-3098."

5. **Question:** *"The web based ordering system that is requested in the bid is not able to be compared evenly in the current format. I would like to request interviews be conducted with bidders allowing all parties to fully demonstrate our capabilities and the functionality of our web based platform."*

Answer: *"The City, at its option at a date after bids are due, will determine whether or not to allow demonstrations of bidders online ordering capabilities."*

6. **Question:** *"The shirt specifications appear to be the standard shirt specifications for one manufacturer's normal stock shirt. Specifically, I am referring to the first paragraph on page 69 (L/S shirts) and last paragraph on page 70 (S/S shirts) that read, "Axon integration system, and hidden reflective pull downs. Axon pockets and electronic wire pass-through under pockets, in fronts, behind collar, and on side panels above radio."*

Answer: *"In the Uniform Supply E-bid Spec Manual, replace pages 68-71 with attached pages 68-71 marked revised 2-18-14."*

7. **Question:** *"In reviewing the latest clarification of bid specs for solicitation #S23613 for the Houston Police Department, I noticed that a few of the construction details on the Blauer 8461HPD, 8451HPD, and 8561HPD are not up to date. Can you please have the most updated uniform specs from Blauer posted for this bid in a clarification prior to bid opening?"*

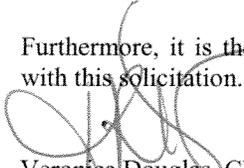
Answer: *"See answer to question No. 6."*

8. **Question:** *"Regarding the specifications on the shirts and pants, there is no detailed spec on the fabric or color other than fabric content and color, LAPD Blue. The specifications should call out not only the manufacturer of the garment but also include fabric style number, mill name and color number. This information is readily available by the mill and I'm sure they will be more than happy to provide immediately. Please forward this information immediately so we can provide the exact fabric and shade required for this bid opportunity."*

Answer: *"See answer to question No. 6."*

This Letter of Clarification will be considered part of the solicitation referenced on the first page of this document. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Letter(s) of Clarification are collaboratively from both the Strategic Purchasing Division and the applicable City Department(s).

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each BIDDER to obtain any previous Letter(s) of Clarification associated with this solicitation.


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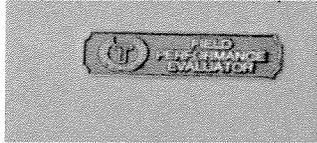

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**UNIFORM SUPPLY E-BID SPEC MANUAL
(REVISED 2-18-14)**

DESIGN

The insignia will have two (2) posts 5/16" in length fused in the horizontal centerline of the outside edges of the H and D letters. Each post shall come with a clutch. The bar between the letters will be reduced .030 below the surface of the letters. The area between the individual letters is pierced. Size: The insignia will be 7/16" high and 1 3/16" long. Gilding metal .090 thickness. Polished, nickel plated or polished, 24KT gold plated.

Field Performance Evaluator (MATERIAL #1044993)



BLAUER ZIPPER STYLE LONG SLEEVE SUPERSHIRT™ FOR CLASSIFIED MALE AND FEMALE (STYLE 8451HPD) (MATERIAL #10014155)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Garments will have a warranty covering (at minimum) defects in materials and workmanship for one (1) year.

SHELL FABRIC

9.75-10.25 oz/linear yard 75/25 plain weave, tropical, Burlington Raeford poly/wool. Machine washable and dry cleanable wool blend provides user comfort, uniform appearance, durability, and easy care.

Fabric must have Raeford commugraph stamp

Single ply warp and filing

Tensile Strength 7.5 lbs warp 5.2 lbs filing

54 ends per inch 47 pick per inch

Piling 3.0 minimum

Wash shrinkage 3.0 maximum either direction

Abrasion 4.0 minimum

KNIT SIDE PANELS

Breathable, 4 way stretch, 6 oz. Sq yd 92/8 Nylon with Lycra mesh technical knit with high abrasion and pill resistance finish.

Piling face 5.0 minimum

Color fastness washing 4.0 minimum

Burst strength 100 minimum

Stretch 105 x 170 minimum

Dimensional change after 3 washes maximum 5 x 5

SATIN

Lining: 100% Polyester Satin 6.5 oz. per linear yd.

Construction 216 x 68

75 bright tri-lobal x 170 semi dull textured poly

INTERLINING

100% Cotton, 64 x 56 woven, 3.20 oz. sq. yd.

Charcoal color

High density polyethylene dot adhesive

TRIM

Hook and loop: Woven Nylon base
Buttons: high density melamine, 20 ligne, matching shell fabric
Zipper self-healing YKK coil size 4.5

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Long sleeve uniform shirt with shaped stretch side panels continuing under arms for improved fit, with a port opening for radio wires on the side panel, just below seam of napoleon pocket.
5 military style creases stitched in fronts and back
Banded dress collar and collar stand reinforced with woven interlining, pencil opening and sleeve in left pocket, hoop and loop closure.
(2) Napoleon style pocket openings beneath the upper pleated pockets with inner pockets to hold sunglasses and other articles.
Yoke and collar stand lined with polyester satin
Center positioned mic tab
Full zipper closure in front with working top and bottom buttons, and front placket reinforce with woven, interlining must be fused to shell.
Epaulets, reinforced with woven interlining, tacked at corners of points for security.
On demand Scotchlite reflective in a crosswalk pattern 7/16 " wide heat applied on top edge of front pockets and under rear collar and cuffs.
Badge eyelets with internal support strap
Extra long shirt tails
Shirt cuffs are reinforced with woven interlining must be fused to top cuff.
Garment is top stitched on pocket flaps, pockets, napoleon pocket, cuffs, back yoke, epaulets, collar stand and side knit panels to 1/16" gauge. Collar topstitched 1/4" gauge.
"PROPERTY OF HOUSTON" label must be sewn into the shirt.

CUSTOMIZATION

Each shirt shall have the Houston Police Department shoulder emblem sewn to each sleeve 1/2" down from the shoulder seam. Emblem cost should be included in the cost of the shirt along with Name tab, Buttons on fronts, epaulets and pocket flaps.

STANDARD SIZE RANGE

Men's:
Sizes 14-22.5, lengths 31, 33, 35, 37
Womens:
Sizes 30-48, lengths 29, 31, 33, 35

MEASUREMENTS

Men's Size: 16.5, length 35
Neck 17.75 (plus or minus 0.5 inches)
1/2 Chest: 25 (plus or minus 0.75 inches)
Back Length: 32.5 (plus or minus 0.5 inches)

Women's: size 36, length 33
Neck 16.5 (plus or minus 0.5 inches)
1/2 Chest: 20.5 (plus or minus 0.75 inches)
Back Length: 29.5 (plus or minus 0.5 inches)

Shoulder Emblem



BLAUER ZIPPER STYLE SHORT SLEEVE SUPERSHIRT™ FOR CLASSIFIED MALE AND FEMALE (STYLE 8461HPD) (MATERIAL #10014093)

COLOR

Dark Navy (Style 8446)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Garments will have a warranty covering (at minimum) defects in materials and workmanship for one (1) year.

SHELL FABRIC

9.75-10.25 oz./linear yard 75/25 plain weave, tropical, Burlington Raeford poly/wool. Machine washable and dry cleanable wool blend provides user comfort, uniform appearance, durability, and easy care.

Fabric must have Raeford commugraph stamp.
Single ply warp and filing.
Tensile strength 100 lbs. warp 80 lbs. filing
Tear Strength 7.6 lbs. warp 5.2 lbs. filing
54 ends per inch 47 pick per inch
Piling 3.0 minimum
Wash shrinkage 3.0 maximum either direction
Abrasion 4.0 minimum

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Breathable, 4 way stretch, 6 oz. sq. yd 92/8 Nylon with Lycra mesh technical knit with high abrasion and pill resistance finish.
Piling face 5.0 minimum
Burst strength 100 minimum
Stretch 105 x 170 minimum
Dimensional change after 3 washes 5 x 5

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Lining: 100% Polyester Satin 6.5 oz. per linear yd.
Construction 216 x 68
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INTERLINING

100% Cotton 64 x 56 woven 3.20 oz. sq. yd.
Charcoal color
High density polyethylene dot adhesive

TRIM

Hook and loo: Woven Nylon base.
Buttons: high density melamine, 20 ligne matching shell fabric
Zipper self-healing YKK coil size 4.5

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Short sleeved uniform shirt with shaped stretch side panels continuing under arms for improved fit, with a port opening for radio wires on the side panel, just below seam of napoleon pocket.

5 military style creases stitched in fronts and back

Marine type sport collar reinforced with woven interlining fused to top of collar.

Mitered pleated pockets with scalloped flaps, reinforced with woven interlining, pencil opening and sleeve in left pocket, hook and loop closure.

(2) Napoleon style pocket openings beneath the upper pleated pockets with inner pockets to hold sunglasses and other articles.

Yoke with polyester satin

Center positioned mic tab.

Full zipper closure in front with working top and bottom buttons, and front placket reinforced with woven, interlining must be fused to shell. Opposite side front of placket will have a fused reinforcement piece at the top lapel.

Epaulets, reinforced with woven interlining, tacked at corners of points for security.

On demand Scotchlite reflective in a crosswalk pattern 7/16" wide heat applied on top edge of front pockets and under rear collar and under sleeve hems.

Badge eyelets with internal support strap.

Extra long shirt tails.

Shirt hems must be clean finish the entire circumference bartack closure not acceptable.

Garment is top stitched on pocket flaps, pockets, napoleon pocket, cuffs, back yoke, epaulets, sleeve hem and side knit panels to 1/16" gauge. Collar topstitched 1/4" gauge.

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CUSTOMIZATION

Each shirt shall have the Houston Police Department shoulder emblem sewn to each 1/2" down from the shoulder seam. Emblem cost should be included in the cost of the shirt along with Name tab, Buttons on fronts, epaulets and pocket flaps.

STANDARD SIZE RANGE

Men	XS-3XL	Regular and Tall Lengths
Women	XS-2XL	Regular Length

MEASUREMENTS

Men's Size: Large, regular

Neck	17.75	(plus or minus 0.5 inches)
1/2 Chest:	25.375	(plus or minus 0.75 inches)
Back Length:	32.5	(plus or minus 0.5 inches)

Women's Size: Large, regular

Neck	16.25	(plus or minus 0.5 inches)
1/2 Chest:	20.5	(plus or minus 0.75 inches)
Back Length:	28.5	(plus or minus 0.5 inches)

