



**CITY OF CORONADO REQUEST
FOR BIDS (RFB) #18-FS-001-1118
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
BODY ARMOR & BALLISTICS EQUIPMENT
FOR PREPARDNESS & PERSONAL SAFETY**

- Question #1:** Item #1: Is this vest meant to be worn under a standard uniform?
- Answer #1:** No, soft vest to be worn over duty uniform, under medical aid jacket. Plate carrier to be over soft armor.
- Question #2:** Item #1: Does the Soft Armor minimum Level IIIA have to be NIJ Certified?
- Answer #2:** Yes.
- Question #3:** Item #1: Does the Soft Armor minimum Level IIIA have to be on the NIJ CPL “Compliant Products List”?
- Answer #3:** Yes.
- Question #4:** Item #1: Will the vest be used for an integrated Response Team?
- Answer #4:** It is possible that the vest will be used for that application.
- Question #5:** Item #1 – If the vest is to be used for an integrated Response Team, will the NFPA 3000 recommendation for Specification and type apply? Minimum IIIA body armor tested to NIJ, FBI and DEA “Drug Enforcement Agency for additional safety”?
- Answer #5:** Please supply the certifications specific to the equipment you determine best meets the City’s needs.
- Question #6:** Item #2: Does the Plate Carrier have to accept the soft armor panels?
- Answer #6:** No.
- Question #7:** Will there be any type of “Scoring” of proposals? If so, what criteria will be scored?
- Answer #7:** Pursuant to Coronado Municipal Code 8.04, cost will be the primary factor in determining the winning bid. However, because vendor reliability, experience, availability and expertise are components of meeting the needs of the City, the contract may not necessarily be awarded to the vendor proposing the lowest price.

- Question #8:** Item #3: If Steel is available and is a minimum Level III, will this be acceptable?
- Answer #8:** Non-spalling steel may be considered. Bid should include prices with both types of plates.
- Question #9:** Item #4: What shape of rifle plates are requested for front and back?
- Answer #9:** Shape of plates to be vendor model.
- Question #10:** Item #2: With this being a plate carrier, the 10x12 plate coverage size is fixed so there is no ability to provide wider chest coverage or longer torso coverage. Since this is not meant to fit soft panels, is a one size fits all plate carrier acceptable as long as it can fit on a torso that is 52" wide? Or are you looking for a plate carrier that will also accommodate the custom soft panels?
- Answer #10:** Soft vest will be worn beneath plate carrier with plates in the plate carrier.
- Question #11:** Item #4: Is the internal padding referring to a 7 pad system or is a suspension system with padding on the harness acceptable?
- Answer #11:** Please submit your standard padding information.
- Question #12:** Item #6-Is there a minimum required warranty that you are looking for each item?
- Answer #12:** Please submit your warranty information
- Question #13:** The specifications are very generic. No weights are listed. Are you interested in steel or composite?
- Answer #13:** Please provide costs options for composite and steel.
- Question #14:** You list pockets or molles, what is your preference?
- Answer #14:** Either is acceptable. If your quote includes molles, it is your responsibility to provide loops/attachments for gadgets-i.e., tourniquet, radio, etc.
- Question #15:** Can the City of Coronado utilize piggybacking of other municipalities' contracts?
- Answer #15:** Yes, as long as the original contract was competitively let, Coronado Municipal Code allows for piggybacking of other Cities' contracts. Please provide that City's pricing as part of your submittal package.
- Question #16:** Can we place a partial bid on the Ballistic plates and Ballistic Helmets?
- Answer #16:** Yes, you can.
- Question #17:** In regards to the helmets; what does full cut mean? (Low-cut, mid-cut, high-cut)?
- Answer #17:** Full cut means the model that provides the best, or fullest coverage.