

Boone County Purchasing

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NOTICE OF AWARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Melinda Bobbitt, Director and File
FROM: Liz Palazzolo, CPPO, C.P.M.
DATE: January 04, 2024
RE: Award Contract C000714 from RFB 36-05DEC23 – Ballistic & Stab Combo Body Armor, Term and Supply for the Boone County Sheriff's Office

Request for Bid 36-05DEC23 solicited bids for Ballistic & Stab Combo Body Armor for the Boone County Sheriff's Office. Three bids were received:

- 1) Southern Uniform & Tactical of Carthage, Missouri
- 2) Galls Uniforms of Lexington, Kentucky
- 3) Princip Defense of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

All bids have been reviewed for responsiveness to the mandatory terms and conditions of the RFB. The following bids have failed to meet the requirement stated in RFB paragraph 2.1.1 that requires the vest bid meet NIJ certification requirements:

“2.1.1 The contractor shall provide Ballistic/Stab Combo Resistant Body Armor that meets NIJ Standard 0101.06 Level IIIA ballistics and NIJ 0115.00 Spike Class 3 to include the vest and two (2) carriers on an as needed, if needed basis as ordered by the Boone County Sheriff's Office in accordance with the terms and specifications stated herein.”

Princip Defense bid two vests, the RPMLG-1003 and the Princip Defense 1003-FZV. I was not able to locate either on the NIJ certification website (<https://cjtec.org/compliance-testing-program/compliant-product-lists/>). I requested that Princip Defense's identified representative, Nick Blesich provide certification corroboration, but he did not respond to my requests. As such and as communicated to Mr. Blesich, the County concludes that the vests are not on the current NIJ certification list and therefore fail to meet RFB requirement 2.1.1. The vest, not meeting RFB requirements, was removed from further consideration.

Galls Uniforms bid an SD6S2ABV0P, Spike II, Level II Ballistics vest. Not only was this vest not found on the NIJ certification website, but it failed to meet the requirement stated in RFB paragraph 2.1.1 that the vest be NIJ Level IIIA threat level. The vest not meeting RFB requirements was removed from further consideration.

The bid from Southern Uniform & Equipment for the Point Blank CB-S3-BIII A-3 vest is the “lowest and best” bid. The vest is found on NIJ’s certification website for Level III protection.

All bids have been shared with the Captain Jenny Atwill, Captain Keith Hoskins, and Fiscal Officer Leasa Quick of the Sheriff’s Department. The results of the bid evaluation have been discussed and the award to Southern Uniform & Equipment for the Point Blank CB-S3-BIII A-3 vest is acceptable to the Sheriff’s Office.

Award of the contract to Southern Uniform & Equipment for the Point Blank CB-S3-BIII A-3 vest of Carthage, Missouri meets requirements of awarding to the “lowest and best” proposal, meeting requirements of Chapter 34 RSMo. which the County of Boone follows.

This is a Term & Supply contract for the Sheriff’s Office. Payments will reference this coding:

- 1255 – General Fund Detention Operations/92300 – Replacement Machinery & Equipment: \$17,400.00 budgeted
- 2902 – LEST Detention Operations/92300 – Replacement Machinery & Equipment: \$3,000.00 budgeted

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attachments