

Water Rescue Equipment and Supplies, Personal Water Protective Gear and Flotation Devices

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Open	6/12/2026 12:00 AM CDT	Type	RFB - Request for Bids
Close	7/10/2026 12:00 AM CDT	Number	005-RFB-2832-2026
		Currency	US Dollar
Sealed Until	7/10/2026 12:00 AM CDT	Payment Terms	0% 0, Net 60

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Commodity Codes

Commodity Code	Description
34590	Vests, Life
12096	Water Safety Equipment and Supplies: Rope, Float Lines, etc. (Not Otherwise Classified)
34574	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Blood Borne Pathogen Protection, (Not Otherwise Classified)

Description
The purpose of this Request for Bids (RFB) is to solicit bids from qualified providers to provide the goods and/or services described further in this RFB to the Lead Agency and any Participating Agencies. The Lead Agency intends to award a contract(s) beginning and ending on the dates listed in the solicitation, and the Lead Agency may extend the contract(s) for up to the number of annual extensions identified in the solicitation at the sole discretion of the Lead Agency. Any contract(s) resulting from the RFB shall not be an exclusive contract.

This RFB is designed to provide Bidders with the information necessary for the preparation of competitive Bids. The RFB process is for the Lead Agency's and Participating Agencies' benefit and is intended to provide the Lead Agency with competitive information to assist in the selection process. It is not intended to be comprehensive. Each Bidder is responsible for determining all factors necessary for the submission of a comprehensive Bid.

It is advised to "Save Progress" often and especially after uploading documents.

NOTE: Anytime the Bidder opens their bid after the initial submission, they MUST certify and resubmit. No information will be lost from the initial submission.

NOTE: Bidder must approve and resubmit their bid after an amendment has been posted by the Issuing Officer. If the bid was submitted before the amendment, all information will be saved. The Bidder only needs to read and acknowledge the amendment.

Instructions for Amendments: Answer the newly posted question in the Questions Section, and CERTIFY and SUBMIT your bid again (if previously submitted).

See document under Buyer Attachments for Mandatory Specifications and Requirements

Contract Term

The term of the contract will begin July 28, 2026 and end on July 27, 2026.

The Agency shall have the sole option to renew the contract upon the same or more favorable terms and conditions for up to five (5) annual extensions. The resulting contract will be available to all State Agencies.

The State of Iowa is seeking eligible bidders for supply of Water Rescue Equipment and Supplies, Personal Water Protective Gear and Flotation Devices for use in marine law enforcement, water training and rescue events. The resulting contract(s) will be available for all State Agencies and Political Subdivisions.

Background Usage Information

Estimated usage, by the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources only, based on Calendar 2025

- Inflatable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) – 125
- High-Buoyancy Inherently-Buoyant Personal Flotation Device (PFD) – 10
- Kayak-Style Inherently-Buoyant Personal Flotation Device (PFD) – 125
- Float Coat/Bomber Jacket Personal Flotation Device (PFD) – 100
- Flotation Bids – 12
- Ice-Rescue Suits – 3
- Emergency Throw-bags - 25

Prerequisites

- ★1. Bidder shall read and make certifications of the their Bid.
- ★2. Bidder shall read and authorize to release information for their Bid.

Buyer Attachments

1. [MANDATORY SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.docx](#)

Questions

★ Required Questions

Group 1: Form of Bid

Instructions: Bidder shall read and answer the following questions. If you have exceptions to the Terms and Conditions, submit an question(s) in the Question and Answer Section with your exception(s).

- 1.1 Enter the Bidder's contact name, telephone number, email address, and shipping address for questions regarding this solicitation. ★
- 1.2 Enter the Bidder's State or Foreign Country of Residence. ★
- 1.3 Bidder shall enter the Resident Preference given by the State or Foreign Country of the Bidder's residence. Enter the resident preference in the text box or indicate "no preference". ★
- 1.4 Enter the number of years the Bidder has been in business in the text box. ★
- 1.5 Enter the number of years of experience the Bidder has with providing the types of goods and/or services sought by the solicitation. ★
- 1.6 Describe the level of technical experience in providing the types of goods and/or services sought by the solicitation. Enter the information in the the text box or upload a document to the Vendor Attachments Section and enter "see attached" in the text box. ★
- 1.7 List all goods and/or services similar to those sought by this solicitation that the Bidder has provided to business or government entities. Fill out the text box or upload a document to the Vendor Attachments Section and enter "see attached" in the text box. ★
- 1.8 The Bidder shall provide references from three (3) previous customers or clients knowledgeable of the Bidder's performance in providing goods and/or services similar to the goods and/or services described in this solicitation. Enter a contact person, telephone number and email address for each reference. Fill out the text box. If the Bidder wants to upload reference letters to the Vendor Attachments Section, enter "see attached" in the text box. ★
- 1.9 Bidder shall read, fill-out and upload the Terminations, Litigation and Debarment document. ★
- 1.10 Is the Bidder requesting confidential treatment of specific information? ★
- 1.11 A Bidder requesting confidential treatment of specific information shall fully complete the form attached. In the Items Section, mark each good or service upon which the Bidder believes confidential information appears. ★
- 1.12 The State of Iowa requires shipping to be FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid. Does the Bidder agree to the terms? ★

Group 2: Terms and Conditions

Instructions: Bidder shall read and answer the following questions. If you have exceptions to the Terms and Conditions, submit an question(s) in the Question and Answer Section with your exception(s).

- 2.1 Bidder shall read the RFB Definitions and enter a response. ★
- 2.2 Bidder shall read the Administrative Terms and enter a response. ★
- 2.3 Bidder shall read the Contract Terms & Conditions and enter a response. ★
- 2.4 Bidder shall read the Specification Terms and enter a response. ★
- 2.5 Bidder shall read the Terms and Conditions for GOODS and enter a response. ★
- 2.6 Bidder shall read the Federal Terms and Conditions and enter a response. ★
- 2.7 Bidder shall read the Insurance Requirements and enter a response. ★
- 2.8 The Bidder hereby explicitly authorizes the Agency to conduct criminal history and/or other background investigation(s) of the Bidder, its officers, directors, shareholders, or partners and managerial and supervisory personnel retained by the Bidder for the performance of the resulting Contract. Bidder shall enter a response. ★
- 2.9 Public Entities (Political Subdivisions) - The resulting Contract will be made available to Political Entities, i.e. cities, counties, and schools. Bidder shall enter a response. ★
- 2.10 Nonprofit Entities - The resulting Contract will be made available to nonprofit entities that qualify under I.R.S. § 501 (c) provisions. Bidder shall enter a response. ★
- 2.11 Quarterly Sales Report - The Bidder shall provide a detailed quarterly report in Microsoft Excel on ALL sales made under the resulting Contract via e-mail to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Bidder shall enter a response. ★
- 2.12 Administrative Fee - In addition to the approved discounts or prices specified in the solicitation herein, the Bidder shall pay to the Agency a 1.00% Administrative Fee on all sales made against the resulting Contract. The fee shall be paid quarterly to the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Bidder shall enter a response. ★

- 2.13 The State reserves the right to add additional like-items or manufacturers to the Contract during the life of the Contract if it is to the best advantage of the State to do so. Items or manufacturers may only be added upon the agreement of the Department of Administrative Services, Procurement and the Contracted Supplier. ★

Group 3: Payment Terms

Instructions: Bidder shall read and answer the following questions. If you have exceptions to the Terms and Conditions, submit an question(s) in the Question and Answer Section with your exception(s).

- 3.1 Payment Terms - Per Iowa Code § 8A.514 the State of Iowa is allowed sixty (60) days to pay an invoice submitted by a Bidder. Does the Bidder agree to the terms? ★
- 3.2 What discount will the Bidder give for payment in 30 days? Enter the discount in the text box. If none, enter zero. ★
- 3.3 Terms of Pcard Acceptance - The State of Iowa prefers to pay Bidders using its Purchasing Card Program (Pcard) whenever possible. Bidders accepting Pcard payments shall comply with the Terms of Pcard Acceptance. ★

1 Bid Specifications. Bidder must satisfy all the specifications to be deemed a Responsible Bidder

#	Item Name, Commodity Code, Description	Allow Alternates	Qty.	UOM	Requested Delivery
P1	Inflatable Personal Floating Device (PFD) oMinimum USCG Type II rated. oRated for minimum 40 lb buoyancy. oShall be designed to be worn over law enforcement body armor. oShall include an Automatic Inflator. oShall include molle attachment points, microphone loops, accessory-type pocket and front badge/ID pocket and rear identification pocket with Velcro panels. oDevice shall be body-camera compatible. oColor: Black or Green oSizes: Universal sizing OR Minimum of M-2XL	★	1	EA - Each	
P2	High-Buoyancy Inherently-Buoyant Personal Floatation Device (PFD) oMinimum USCG approved. oShall be designed to be worn over law enforcement body armor and with duty belt and to support minimum 20 lb of additional law enforcement gear. oShall include molle attachment points, microphone loops, accessory-type pocket and front badge/ID pocket and rear identification pocket with Velcro panels. oDevice shall be body-camera compatible. oColor: Black or Green oSizes: Minimum M-2XL	★	1	EA - Each	
P3	Kayak-style Inherently-Buoyant Personal Flotation Device (PFD) oMinimum USCG approved. oDesigned to be worn by law enforcement officers who may be swimming or immersed in water (paddling operations). oShall include molle attachment points, microphone loops, accessory-type pocket and front badge/ID pocket and rear identification pocket with Velcro panels. oDevice shall be body-camera compatible. oColor: Black or Green oSizes: Minimum M-2XL	★	1	EA - Each	
P4	Float Coat/Bomber Jacket Personal Flotation Device (PFD) oMinimum USCG approved for use in the following settings: ☐ Marine patrol. ☐ Snowmobile patrol. ☐ ATV settings. ☐ Law enforcement on frozen lakes or on ice. oShall include molle attachment points, microphone loops, accessory-type pocket and front badge/ID pocket and rear identification pocket with Velcro panels. oDevice shall be body-camera compatible. oColor: Black or Green oSizes: Minimum M-2XL	★	1	EA - Each	
P5	Flotation Bibs oDesigned for use by law enforcement officers in the following settings: ☐ Marine patrol. ☐ Snowmobile patrol. oATV settings. oColor: Black or Green. oSizes: Minimum M-2XL	★	1	EA - Each	
P6	Ice-Rescue Suit oNylon construction. oDesigned for cold water and immersion settings. oColor: Bright Yellow (preferred) or Bright Orange. oSizes: Minimum M-2XL	★	1	EA - Each	
P7	Emergency Throw-Bags oPolypropylene rope: minimum 50 ft - maximum 75 ft long, in bag. oBag constructed of Quick-drying mesh. oColor: Bright Yellow or Bright Orange	★	1	EA - Each	
P8	Alternative Rescue-Related Items Discount offered on purchase of alternative Water Rescue Equipment and Supplies, Personal Water Protective Gear and Flotation Devices		1	EA - Each	

There are no Items added to this event.