



## **RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES**

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Bid/Proposal ID #2812

### **IFB #2812 York County Sheriff's Office Night Vision Goggles**

**The following information is in response to inquiries received regarding this solicitation.  
Any actual amendments to the solicitation will be issued via an Addendum:**

**Q1. What is the minimum FOM requirement for the night vision goggles?**

RESPONSE: The FOM (Figure of Merit) minimum is FOM 1800.

**Q2. Could you please clarify whether you are looking for Monoculars or Binoculars?**

RESPONSE: The Department is seeking Binocular type Night Vision Goggles.

**Q3. Can you please let me know the model number or manufacturer for the ballistic helmet you are using. Usually we sell these units with a Wilcox G24?**

RESPONSE: The department currently utilizes Safriland Delta 5 helmet.

**Q5. Given the current supply chain issue we are at the manufacturer's mercy for delivering goods. Recently we placed an order for 20 PVS-31's and the delivery time was 6-8 months from L3 Harris. Should I add this in my bid packet that delivery timeline is 6-8 months.?**

RESPONSE: Please indicate the delivery time in calendar days in section 6.4 on page 14 of the solicitation.

**Q6. Under General Design, the requirement calls for image intensifiers to be manufactured by L3Harris MX10160 or superior performance tubes. Where Figure of Merit (FOM)  $Is = lp/mm \times signal$  to noise, is there a minimum Figure of Merit (FOM) requirement? The higher the FOM of the image intensifiers the better performance of the system.**

RESPONSE: The FOM (Figure of Merit) minimum is FOM 1800.

**Q7.** *Under Additional Required Features is says: Must include all necessary hardware to mount NVG unit to a standard dovetail ballistic helmet. The system we would be offering is a dovetail mounting platform, but it's not clear if the end user already has the dovetail helmet mount and shrouds or if they are to be included in the price of the systems. To operate any system handsfree in conjunction with a ballistic helmet, the end user must have (or acquire) a helmet mount and the helmet must be equipped (or end user must acquire) a shroud that accepts the helmet mount (system attaches to mount, and mount attaches to helmet shroud).*

RESPONSE: The dovetail mount is already mounted to the helmet. The remainder of the mount to the specific NVG device is required.

**Q8.** *Under section 5.2 Payment and Shipping Terms is says: South Carolina Sales Tax is applicable on goods purchased in South Carolina and on goods shipped to York County from any other State by Bidders possessing a South Carolina Sales Tax number. It seems that only companies that have a South Carolina sales tax number that are in other states are required to collect taxes. We are a company located in Tennessee and have no South Carolina tax number, but per statement in section 6.1 it appears that all bidders must present taxes in the bid proposal regardless of if they have a tax number or not. "York County is not exempt from paying SC sales tax. Bidders outside of SC should provide sales tax pricing in their Bid. If a firm located outside of SC is the successful Bidder, then York County will pay the sales tax directly to the State of South Carolina." Please clarify if out of state companies without a S.C. tax number are still required to enter a tax amount for line item 2, and if yes please indicate if the current rate is 6%. It is understood that York County would pay this amount directly to the state of S.C.*

RESPONSE: All bidders must indicate a 7% sales tax figured into the overall bid price because York County cannot legally acquire the product without paying the sales tax.

**Q9.** *Chassis Material. Will offerors be allowed to provide systems with an alternate to 7075 chassis?*

RESPONSE: Offerors must list in section 6.3 a description of where their product does not meet the specifications listed in the Solicitation section 1 and 2. Reference section 5.1 for details.

**Q10.** *Battery Pack. Will a 3-battery AA battery pack be acceptable?*

RESPONSE: Offerors must list in section 6.3 a description of where their product does not meet the specifications listed in the Solicitation section 1 and 2. Reference section 5.1 for details.

**Q11.** *Does the Sheriff's Office require MILSPEC spot specification?*

RESPONSE: No, MILSPEC is not required.

**Q12.** *What is the minimum signal to noise ratio that is acceptable?*

RESPONSE: FOM 1800 or better.

**Q13.** *Pg. 3, section 2.1 lists "L3Harris MX10160" tubes as a part of the requirement. MX10160 are aviation tubes which have no manual gain (meaning the user cannot adjust the brightness of the system – which is a mission critical capability of night vision systems). MX11769 tubes are designated for ground operations and allow manual gain. Will the Sheriff's office accept bids for*

*systems that have the appropriate MX11769 tube for ground operations? (Please note that auto gating is not the same as manual gain. Manual gain is recommended)?*

RESPONSE: Offerors must list in section 6.3 a description of where their product does not meet the specifications listed in the Solicitation section 1 and 2. Reference section 5.1 for details.

**Q14.** *Are bid preference points given for companies with minority status?*

RESPONSE: York County cannot show preference, but makes every effort to afford minority and disadvantaged businesses equal opportunity to compete for best cost to York County.