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Attention: Mellissa Anderson.

CC: Quentin Collin Faust, Faust Law Group

Re: Protest of Intent to Award Bid BD21-00015972

Gear Cleaning Solutions, (GCS) formally protests the intent to award bid BD21-00015972, Advanced Inspection, Cleaning and Repair of Structural and Protective Firefighting Gear (the "Bid"). We object to your intent to award the project to any vendor who is not in compliance with the requirements of the Bid. To date, three months post closure of the bidding process, GCS remains the only authorized and certified warranty facility for Globe Manufacturing in Pittsfield, NH.

The requirements of the bid included the following safety specification:

Manufacturer Certified ISP Documentation stating that the bidder is certified by the respective manufacturers to complete warranty repairs. The ISP shall be listed, and the listing shall contain the repair categories that the ISP is verified to conduct by the manufacturer. Repair categories shall be garment outer shell repairs, garment moisture barrier repairs, and garment thermal liner repairs. Verification of ISP certification shall not apply to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) ensembles. Certification submittal is required.

GCS has confirmed with Globe manufacturing, the manufacture of Dallas Fire Rescues fire fighter turnout gear, which is proprietary to Globe Manufacturing, that as of the date of this protest, no other Texas vendor meets the requirements or is authorized to perform warranty services on Globe gear. GCS solely meets this bid specification and provided supporting documentation from Globe Manufacturing reflecting this with its submittal for the Bid.

As an award to a vendor not meeting the requirements of the BID would likely result in a claim of misappropriation of City of Dallas funds, we suggest the following potential avenues for remediation of this flawed intent to award:

- 1) The City retracts the intent to award the contract to the unqualified vendor.
- 2) The City provides an intent to award the contract to GCS as the sole vender meeting full specifications of the bid requirements upon the due date of the bid.
- 3) The City permits for vendors to reconsider exceptions to bid requirements affording vendors the opportunity to clarify unique potential advantages of their services to the City and for the City to require specific proof, accurately reflecting any vendor considered for the intent to award bid to has met all of the qualifications of the Bid requirements.

In transparency,



Tim Tomlinson

Gear Cleaning Solutions, Owner



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