



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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Mayor

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FOR: Jim Gray, Mayor

FROM: Brian Marcum, Director
Division of Central Purchasing

DATE: December 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Bid #77-2011 – Police Recruit Equipment

Bids were received in the Division of Central Purchasing on September 13, 2011 to establish a price contract for Police Recruit Equipment.

Economic Engine notified three hundred and seventy-two (372) vendors with seventy-one (71) vendors viewing the document. Seven (7) bids were received. Low bids were received from Helgen Industries dba DeSantis Holster, US Calvary, Kiesler Police Supply, Inc., Buds Police Supply, Kentucky Uniforms, Gall's, Inc., and Bluegrass Uniforms.

For the following items, I recommend these bidders:

Helgen Industries dba DeSantis Holster	Items # 29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 38, & 47
US Calvary	Items # 57, 64, 65, 66, 81, 82, & 86
Kiesler Police Supply, Inc.	Items # 25, 26, 27, 28, 35, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58, 71, 72, 73, & 74
Kentucky Uniforms	Items # 89, 90, 93 & 94
Gall's, Inc.	Items # 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21a, 22, 33, 34, 59, 60, 62, 63, 68, 69, 70, 79, 80, 83, 84, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97, & 98
Bluegrass Uniforms	Items #10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15; 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21b, 23, 24, 46, 47, 52, 56, 61, 67, 87, & 88

These bids meet the specifications and are within budgetary restraints. Therefore, I recommend the bids by Helgen Industries dba DeSantis Holster, US Calvary, Kiesler Police Supply, Inc., Kentucky Uniforms, Gall's, Inc., and Bluegrass Uniforms be accepted to establish price contracts for the above listed items.

The lowest bids were accepted above for all items except those listed below, which meet specifications and are within budgetary restraints, or were not awarded:

- Item #4 is not awarded, due to low bidder Kentucky Uniforms' requirement that item #4 would only be provided if bids for Items #1, #2, #3, and #5 were accepted from this vendor. Kentucky Uniforms did not provide the lowest acceptable bid for items #1, #2, #3, and #5. They were the only bidder for item #4, so this item was not awarded.
- For Item #10, a sample was requested from low bidder Gall's, Inc. on October 4, 2011, and that sample's model from Gall's Inc. was different from the one specified. Bluegrass Uniforms was the second low bidder, and provided a sample that matched specifications. I recommend that the bid from Bluegrass Uniforms be accepted for this item to establish a price contract.
- For Item #20, a sample was requested from equally low bidders Bluegrass Uniforms and Gall's, Inc. on October 4, 2011. Bluegrass Uniforms was the only vendor to forward a sample. This sample met specifications. Bluegrass Uniforms' low bid was equal to the low bid from Gall's, Inc., but because no sample was received from Gall's Inc. upon request, I recommend that the bid from Bluegrass Uniforms be accepted for this item to establish a price contract.
- For Items #17, #18, #19, 21b, and #22, samples were requested from the two lowest bidders on October 4, 2011. Low bid from Gall's Inc. was for the Flying Cross brand items instead of the Blauer brand specified. These items did not meet standards, color, or compatibility with the current uniforms of the Division of Police and are not acceptable for departmental standardization. Second low bidder Bluegrass Uniforms provided samples of the items as requested and those samples met specifications. I recommend that the bid from Bluegrass Uniforms for these items be accepted to establish a price contract.
- For Item #35, samples were requested from the two low vendors on October 4, 2011. Sample provided by Helgen Industries dba DeSantis Holster was not acceptable as it had no snaps as specified. Kiesler Police Supply, Inc. was the second low bid and the vendor provided a sample of the specified model. I recommend that the bid from Kiesler Policy Supply Inc. for this item be accepted to establish a price contract.
- For Items #36 and #38, samples were requested from the two low vendors on October 4, 2011. Low bidder Buds Police Supply did not respond or send samples, nor did they respond to repeated attempts to contact them. Second low bidder Helgen Industries dba DeSantis Holster was provided samples and they met specifications. I recommend that the bid from Helgen Industries dba DeSantis Holster be accepted for these items to establish a price contract.
- Items #39, #40, #41, #42, and #48 are not awarded. Samples were requested from vendors on October 4, 2011. Helgen Industries dba DeSantis Holster forwarded samples that were did not meet specifications because they did not have a subdued snap as per the specified model. Bud's Police Supply was the only other vendor that bid. They did not provide samples or any model numbers to correspond with the requested items, nor did they respond to repeated attempts to contact them. Due to neither vendor meeting requirements, the bid for these items is not awarded.
- For Item #57, samples were requested from the two low vendors on October 4, 2011. Second low bidder US Calvary provided a sample while low bidder Gall's, Inc. did not. Also, the model number supplied by Gall's Inc. on the bid response did not match the model number specified.

The US Calvary sample met specifications. I recommend that the bid from US Calvary for this item be accepted to establish a price contract.

- For Item #62, the low bidder was Bluegrass Uniforms, but it could not be determined if it the item (Riot Face Shield) was safely compatible with the Item #63 (the Ballistic Kevlar Helmet), low bid from Gall's, Inc. Since Gall's Inc. was the low bidder for the combined total of both items #62 & #63, I recommend that the bid from Gall's Inc. be accepted to establish a price contract for these items.
- Items #32, #75, #76, #77, #78, #85, and #99 are not awarded, since no bids were received for these items.

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