

ADDENDUM NO. ONE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
BUNKER GEAR WASH
PROJECT NO. 200-26
CITY OF THORNTON, CO

TO: Prospective Proposing Firms and all others concerned

DATE: June 26, 2026

PURPOSE: To provide additional information and clarification to the solicitation documents for the above-referenced Project

1. The following questions and answers are provided for additional clarification to the RFP. All answers from Thornton in response to Vendor submitted questions have been provided below.

Question No. 1: Was a previous bid done in the past? If so can we have the bid tabulation or award notice?

Answer No. 1: Thornton does not have a previous bid tab for this type of solicitation. Thornton has not performed a bunker gear wash solicitation prior to this RFP posting. The previous award was based on a national cooperative pricing contract for which Thornton only issued purchase orders and had no formal agreement.

Question No. 2: Can you clarify what your department considers routine repairs? The bid sheet requests unit pricing for repairs, so we want to ensure our pricing aligns with your definitions.

Answer No. 2: The Thornton Fire Department (TFD) routine repairs include patching holes, replacing zippers, replacing reflective stripping, and name plates as examples.

Question No. 3: What outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal liner materials are currently used in your department's turnout gear?

Answer No. 3: TFD current gear is Morning Pride Outer: Armor, Liner Titanium, Steadair 400 moisture barrier. TFD is currently demoing several new PFAs free sets including the Innovate moisture barrier Armor AP and Glide Ice.

Question No. 4: What turnaround time does your department require for non-routine or emergent cleanings to be completed and returned?

Answer No. 4: Ideally within a week but we also understand some non-routine items may take more time.

Question No. 5: For annual cleaning and inspection, does your department prefer service at the two listed locations, or would you prefer station-by-station service?

Answer No. 5: Depends on the manner in which services are conducted. If on sight we would only need services at one location (Fire Station No. 4, 1400 East 128th Avenue). If picked up, it would be at the two identified locations in the RFP section B.5 FOB Point.

Question No. 6: Does Thornton require a specific chain-of-custody format (digital signatures, paper forms), or is the vendor's standard process acceptable?

Answer No. 6: Vendor's standard process is acceptable. TFD does require a report to be provided following each regular cleaning service for our records and a list of any condemned gear and the reason for it.

Question No. 7: Please confirm whether there are 4 renewal options as stated in 200-26 Bunker Gear Wash GSA Sample or 5 renewal options as stated in 200-26 RFP Bunker Gear Wash 6.9.26.

Answer No. 7: The GSA represents a sample of Thornton's General Service Agreement. Per the RFP Section B.2 Award Length, "the initial award from this solicitation will be from the date of the final signature of the agreement, until July 31, 2027. After the initial term expires, there will be an opportunity for a mutually agreed upon annual renewal of up to an additional five (5) years for a final expiration date of July 31, 2032. No further extensions or renewals shall pass this date for service from the awarded Vendor, unless otherwise previously authorized in writing by the Thornton Purchasing Division."

Question No. 8: Sections A, B, C, and D reference the prior edition of NFPA 1851. The current edition is NFPA 1850 – 2026 which became effective on September 9, 2025. Should all references to NFPA 1851 throughout this RFP be to the current 2026 edition of NFPA 1850?

Answer No. 8: Yes, use the current standard.

Question No. 9: Section B.3.1 - If vendor opts to utilize an onsite mobile service to provide cleaning, is vendor permitted to discharge the effluent described in this section from washing turnout gear into a storm drain?

Answer No. 9: Per our sewer department, they do not regulate discharge and the Vendor would be allowed to perform this discharge action.

Question No. 10: Section B.3.1 - If vendor opts to utilize an onsite mobile service to provide cleaning, is vendor required to have a permit to discharge?

Answer No. 10: No permits are required.

Question 11: Section B.3.2 – Advanced Inspection - The current edition of NFPA 1850 - 2026, Section 7.4 (Complete Liner Inspection), includes hydrostatic water pressure testing as specified in Section 13.3. This requires a minimum of six test areas per moisture barrier (three at seams and three at body panels), with each test location marked in accordance with Section 13.3.2.1.3. How will TFD audit and validate that these requirements are consistently met?

Answer 11: Audit will be completed by random sampling of returned gear to verify location marked, dated and technicians ID/initials.

Question 12: Section B.3.3 - Annual Service schedule. The current edition of NFPA 1850 requires bi-annual cleaning for all issued PPE – see section 6.3.4. Is the intent of this RFP for annual or bi-annual service for advanced cleaning?

Answer 12: The intent of this RFP is for annual cleaning and inspection. The second cleaning requirement is met within station extractors. It is also intended to allow for post incident inspection and decontamination when needed.

Question 13: Section B.3.5 – “Preference may be given to vendors with onsite capabilities.” Please clarify why onsite capabilities are preferred if a vendor can meet all solicitation requirements, including pick-up, turnaround time, and delivery.

Answer 13: As part of the overall evaluation process, Proposing Vendors are encouraged to provide a thorough explanation as to how their services will best suit Thornton, including but not limited to materials being shipped for off-site cleaning or on-site cleaning, or both. Thornton’s preference, besides quality work and customer service, is for the cleaning to be done in the most efficient and quickest manner.

Question 14: On the bid sheet “Annual Minor Repair” is not a NFPA 1850 term. Please define what “Annual Minor Repair” entails. Please include repair description, quantity, and unit of measure for each item.

Answer 14: Minor repairs would be typical repairs seen by vendor during annual inspections such as small patches, replacing reflective striping, new name plate on back of coat, etc.

Question 15: On the bid sheet, can the city clarify how the ‘Annual Minor Repair’ line item is intended to be used?

Answer 15: Provide normal cost for typically seen repair needs such as small patch, large patch, etc. We understand it is not practical to list costs for all possible repair services. We are looking for comparable pricing on the most often seen repairs by proposing vendors as part of our evaluation process.

Question 16: Section D.4 lists annual cleaning and inspection services, and Section B.4 references ensemble components including helmets, gloves, and boots. Can the City clarify whether pricing in Section D.4 should assume all ensemble components are submitted for service each cycle?

Answer 16: Pricing should be provided for entire ensemble and for individual items. Boots, helmets and gloves are not always sent in for cleaning.

Question 17: Section B.6 – The statement indicates that advanced repairs may require additional time. NFPA 1850 (2026), Section 7.4 defines “advanced repair” broadly, potentially impacting a large number of PPE items. Can the City clarify whether this provision is intended for all advanced repairs, or only for cases involving substantial repair beyond typical expectations?

Answer 17: This refers to substantial repairs beyond typical expectations. Examples might be multiple patch needs, gear alterations, etc.

Question 18: Section B.6 – Please clarify how “timeline for return” and “ability to perform services on-site” will be evaluated in relation to the mandatory turnaround requirements in Section B.3.5. Is the City allowing any flexibility in turnaround time for vendors performing onsite/mobile services, or are all vendors expected to meet the same defined service timelines?

Answer 18: The intent of this consideration is to ensure turnaround time is completed during the four (4) days off for shift personnel and returned prior to the Fire personnel returning to work, which will be considered the standard turnaround time, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Thornton Fire Department.

Question 19: Section C.2.A.2 - Is this requirement for the location that will provide services to TFD?

Answer 19: Per the RFP Section C.2 (Proposal Questions) A.2 (Experience and References) “proposers are required to respond to all the below questions in the order given and to list the item number and restate the question prior to giving an answer.” A.2 requests information regarding your past and current experiences and references.

Question 20: If partial ensembles are submitted for service (e.g., no helmet or boots), should vendors prorate pricing, or will the City pay the full unit price listed in Section D.4?

Answer 20: Pricing for partial services would expected to be prorated.

Question 21: If additional agencies utilize this contract through cooperative purchasing, can the awarded vendor establish capacity limits or service schedules to ensure compliance with turnaround requirements?

Answer 21: Yes, the awarded vendor would be able to establish capacity limits and schedules, upon first being reviewed and approved by the Thornton Fire Department to ensure that there is no negative operational impact.

Question 22: The RFP notes that advanced repairs may require additional time. Can the City clarify whether such repairs are exempt from the three (3) business-day turnaround requirement once communicated?

Answer 22: Yes, these would be exempt from the turnaround requirement.

2. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged except as provided by this Addendum. Proposing firms must acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in their Proposal.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. ONE

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Date