

**HIGHLAND HOME FIRE / RESCUE**  
**Requests for Proposals**  
**For the Purchase of SCBA and Related Components**



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**1. Statement of Purpose**

The Highland Home Fire / Rescue Department is seeking proposals for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA's) and related components. The SCBA and related components shall meet the minimum specifications listed in this request for proposal. Options are listed immediately following the minimum specifications. Proposals on the options are at the discretion of the vendor. All vendors must comply with the Vendor Responsibility and Minimum Qualification section of this RFP. All proposals must conform to the minimum specifications and be presented in the proposal. This procurement action shall be conducted in accordance with Highland Home Fire / Rescue Department procurement policy.

**2. Background Information**

The Highland Home Fire / Rescue Department is a fire department that provides structural fire suppression, wildland fire suppression, basic life support, and rescue services.

This proposal is for the purchase of fourteen (14) complete SCBA units. These SCBA units shall be in accordance with NFPA 1981 current edition.

**3. Request for Proposals Timeline**

October 7, 2024 – November 6, 2024, by 4:00 pm: Request for Proposal (RFP) Advertised

Mailed to:

Highland Home Fire / Rescue  
P. O Box 99  
Highland Home, AL 36041

November 7, 2024, at 12:00 pm: Opening Request for Proposal (RFP) at the fire station located:

Highland Home Fire / Rescue  
16326 Montgomery Hwy  
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**4. Minimum Specifications of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus**

It is the intent of these minimum specifications to describe certain equipment in sufficient detail to obtain competitive proposals from qualified vendors for the furnishing and delivery of said equipment to be used by Highland Home Fire / Rescue. All parts not specifically mentioned which are necessary to provide the equipment described shall be included in the proposal and shall conform in strength and quality or material and workmanship to what is usually provided for the trade in general. Any omissions of components in these specifications are inadvertent and should be included in the proposed SCBA. The SCBA shall meet NFPA 1981 "Standard in Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire and Emergency Services" current edition, NFPA 1982 "Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems" current edition, and NFPA 1500 "Standards in Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Protection" current edition. The SCBA shall be NIOSH CBRN certified and NIOSH title 42. The vendor shall supply documentation of CBRN certification. SCBA's shall be of an existing brand or model currently in production.

SCBA shall have the following components:

- Minimum 4500-psi air supply system
- 45-minute carbon bottle or comparable (with pressure gauge), minimum 4500-psi
- Second stage regulator
- Heads-up display
- Integrated PASS device
- Adjustable, padded shoulder straps and adjustable waist straps
- Ability for integrated Electronics (amplification, radio interface, wireless, etc.)
- Rapid Intervention Universal Air Connection
- Analog and/or digital display
- Audible and Visible low air alarms

Facepiece shall include:

- Nose cup with each mask
- Standard speaking diaphragm or comparable
- Head net harness constructed of Kevlar

Spare Air Cylinder:

- 45-minute carbon bottle or comparable (with pressure gauge), minimum 4500-psi

A list of available options and add-on components and/or accessories with proposed pricing must be included with the proposal.

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Alternative pricing for the following options and/or features. These features are not intended to be brand specific. If other options not mentioned are available, submittal of those options in the RFP are allowed.

- Additional Facepieces
- Rechargeable battery system
- Battery Charger
- Spare Battery
- Chest Straps
- Snap/Quick change connection on the cylinders
- Additional 45-minute carbon bottle or comparable (with pressure gauge), 4500-psi
- Buddy Breather System with quick connect hose
- Transfill hose
- Thermal imaging camera included with SCBA
- Communications Capability

## **5. Exceptions to Specifications**

Any exceptions to the specifications above must be outlined in writing with the proposal. The Highland Home Fire / Rescue Department may choose to reject proposals based on exceptions. Any exception that makes the SCBA non-compliant with NFPA 1981, NFPA 1982, NFPA 1500 or will not allow the SCBA to be NIOSH CBRN certified or NIOSH title 42 will result in the proposal being rejected.

## **6. Number of Items to be Purchased**

The Highland Home Fire / Rescue Department intends to purchase fourteen (14) complete SCBA units with fourteen (14) spare 4500-psi 45-minute bottles.

## **7. Vendor Responsibility and Minimum Qualification Process**

Each vendor interested in submitting a proposal shall submit a minimum qualifications page. The minimum qualification page shall include and will be graded on the following:

- A. Cost of additional parts, services, testing equipment, training, and annual cost of operation.
- B. Vendor's past performance with Highland Home Fire / Rescue
- C. Vendor performance with other customers.
- D. Manufacturer's history of performance within the industry.

Providing references of departments who have purchased this type of equipment from your company will be beneficial.

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**8. Evaluation Process**

- A. Unit Price
- B. Vendor's answers to Responsibility and Minimum Qualification Process
- C. Additional Options (functionality, availability, and pricing)
- D. Annual cost of Operations (required maintenance, parts, testing, cleaning, etc.)
- E. On-site service response capabilities
- F. Terms and conditions of warranty

**9. Pricing**

Pricing on sales proposal shall denote unit price for fourteen (14) complete SCBA units as specified in the Minimum Specifications section with fourteen (14) spare 4500-psi 45-minute bottles. Any additional options or feature costs will be listed separately in the proposal, and not included in the unit cost of the complete SCBA. The vendor shall provide a guaranteed purchase price on the items for the number of the items to be purchased for a period of ninety (90) days from the award of the contract.

**10. Training**

Vendor shall supply facepiece fit testing for proper sizing prior to the delivery of SCBA and related items. This includes sizing for proper facepiece and nose cup fit.

The vendor shall supply initial training for field use of SCBA after delivery of all breathing apparatus and related components. Training shall include but not be limited to:

- A. Donning and Doffing
- B. Equipment Use and Operation
- C. Cleaning and Decontamination
- D. Repair and Replacement of Components
- E. Inspection and Evaluation
- F. Warranty and Return

Training will be scheduled in cooperation with successful vendor, but at the convenience of Highland Home Fire / Rescue operations staff. The successful vendor shall train three (3) Highland Home Fire / Rescue employees to perform field level maintenance.

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**11. Delivery**

Complete delivery of all SCBA and related components shall not be longer than 90 calendar days from the award and contract and shall be delivered at the vendor's expense to the fire station located at:

Highland Home Fire / Rescue  
16326 Montgomery Hwy  
Highland Home, AL 36041

**12. Terms and Conditions**

The vendor shall submit to the department one signed, original and one (1) copy of: 1) Vendor Responsibility and Minimum Qualification Statement (reference to #7); 2) Price Sheet; and 3) any other documents or proposal information deemed pertinent by the vendor. All documents shall be sealed in an envelope addressed to Stephen Wilson, Highland Home Fire / Rescue, showing on the outside of the envelope the name of the firm and the words "SCBA-RFP."

Mail Proposal to:

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P. O. Box 99  
Highland Home, AL 36041

Failure to perform the scope of work identified in the awarded contract or failure to meet established performance standards may result in, but are not limited to, the following consequences:

- A. Reducing or withholding payment.
- B. Requiring the vendor to perform, at the vendor's expense, additional work necessary to perform the identified scope of work or meet the established performance standards; or
- C. Declaring a default, terminating the contract, and seeking damages and other relief available under terms of the public contract or other applicable law(s).

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### 13. Conflict of Interest Statement

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Does any member, employee, or volunteer of the department have a financial interest, either directly or indirectly with the Dealer or Manufacturer of the items in this RFP? If yes, explain how the Dealer Manufacturer will be avoiding a Conflict of Interest.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Does any member, employee, or volunteer of the department solicit, directly or indirectly, any type of rebate, gifts, or any money or item of value or any promise, obligation, or contract for future rewards or compensation? If yes, please explain.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Bidder does certify that the pricing submitted have not been disclosed or discussed with the purchasing department or any other Dealer or Manufacturer prior to this RFP request. If this has occurred, the Dealer is excluded from competing for this procurement.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

In compliance with the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program Funding Opportunity policies, I certify:

- Any product information which may have been provided was for product knowledge only.
- Any product or technical information provided was for department consideration purposes only.
- Dealer or Manufacturer submitting an RFP understands they or their representative did not draft or develop any specifications, statements of work, or invitations for bids or proposals. If done it is an understood violation of procurement integrity and the Dealer or

Manufacturer must be excluded from competing in the procurement process.

Company Name submitting RFP: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Company Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Company Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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**14. Contacts**

For any questions, clarifications, or comments contact may be made with any or all the following individuals:

Stephen Wilson, Asst. Chief (334) 304-0407 [swilson@highlandhomefirerescue.org](mailto:swilson@highlandhomefirerescue.org)