



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Edinburg is soliciting sealed bids to be received by the City Secretary's Office located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541. City of Edinburg normal business days are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and shall be closed on recognized holidays.

Bids will be received until **3:00 p.m. Central Time**, on **Tuesday, January 03, 2011**, shortly thereafter all submitted bids will be gathered and taken to the Edinburg City Hall Community Room, 1st Floor, to be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. It is the responsibility of the bidder to see that any bid submitted shall have sufficient time to be received by the City Secretary's Office prior to the bid opening date and time. The receiving time in the City Secretary's Office will be the governing time for acceptability of the bids. Bids will not be accepted by telephone or facsimile machine. All bids must bear original signatures and figures. The Bid shall be for:

BID NO. 2012-44 PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bidders receiving a "NOTICE TO BIDDERS" and/or "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS" notice in the mail or reading same in the newspaper are advised that the bidding documents can be downloaded from the City of Edinburg web page address: www.cityofedinburg.com, or may obtain copies of same by contacting the office of:

LORENA FUENTES, PURCHASING AGENT, LOCATED AT 415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, Edinburg, TX 78541 by calling (956) 388-8972 or by e-mailing your request to the following e-mail address: lfuentes@cityofedinburg.com

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this bid, please contact Mr. Shawn Snider, Fire Chief, at (956) 383-7691.

If Hand-delivering Bids: 415 West University Drive,
c/o City Secretary Department (1st Floor)

If using Land Courier (i.e., FedEx, UPS): City of Edinburg
c/o City Secretary
415 West University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78541

If Mailing Bids: City of Edinburg
c/o City Secretary
P.O. Box 1079
Edinburg, TX 78540-1079

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City, and hold the bids for a period of **60** days without taking action.

Bids must be submitted in an envelope sealed with tape and prominently marked on the lower left hand corner of the bid envelope with corresponding bid number and title.



**415 W. University Drive • P.O. Box 1079 • Edinburg, Texas 78540
Phone (956) 388-8204 • Fax (956) 383-7111**



CITY OF EDINBURG INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

DEVIATION FROM SPECIFICATION

Please read your specifications/requirements thoroughly and be sure that the SERVICES offered comply with all specifications/requirements. Any variation from the specifications/requirements must be clearly indicated by letter attached to your bid referencing variations on a point-by-point basis. If no exceptions are noted, and you are the successful bidder, it will be required that the SERVICES be provided as specified.

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of these specifications/requirements and bidding documents is for the purchase of PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT for the City of Edinburg.

2. The SERVICES to be furnished under this bid shall be as specified in these bid documents. All specifications/requirements shown are minimum. There is no intention to disqualify any bidder who can meet these specifications/requirements.

SUBMITTAL OF BID

Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank bid form attached hereto. Each bid must be completely filled out and SUBMITTED IN ORIGINAL FORM, complete with all supporting documentation. Bids submitted by facsimile (fax) or electronically will **NOT** be accepted. Submittal of a bid in response to this solicitation for Bids constitutes an offer by the Bidder. Bids which do not comply with these specifications/requirements may be rejected at the option of the City. Bids must be filed with the City of Edinburg, before opening day and hour. No late Bids will be accepted. They will be returned to Bidder unopened (if properly identified).

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PREPARATION OF BID

Bids **MUST** give full firm name and address of bidder, and be manually signed. Failure to do so will disqualify your bid. Person signing bid must show title or AUTHORITY TO BIND HIS/HER FIRM IN A CONTRACT.

Firm name and authorized signature must appear on each page that calls for this information. The legal status of the Respondent/Bidder whether corporation, partnership, or individual, shall also be stated in the bid. A corporation shall execute the bid by its duly authorized officers in accordance with its corporate by-laws and shall also list the state in which it is incorporated. A partnership Respondent/Bidder shall give full names and addresses of all partners. All partners shall execute the bid. Partnership and Individual Respondent/Bidder shall state in the bid the names and addresses of all persons with a vested interest therein. The place of residence of each Respondent/Bidder, or the office address in the case of a firm or company, with county and state and telephone number, shall be given after the signature.

ALTERATIONS/AMENDMENTS TO BID

Bids **CANNOT** be altered or amended after opening time. Alterations made before opening time must be initialed by bidder guaranteeing authenticity. No bid may be withdrawn after opening time without acceptable reason in writing and only after approval by the City of Edinburg.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):

SALES TAX

State sales tax must not be included in the bid.

SUBSTITUTIONS

No substitutions or cancellations will be permitted without written approval of City of Edinburg.

NO BID RESPONSE

If unable to submit a bid, bidder should return inquiry giving reasons.

EXCEPTIONS

Any additions, deletions, or variations from the following specifications/requirements must be noted. The bidder shall attach to his/her bid sheet a list of any exceptions to the specifications/requirements if unable to do so, on specification sheet.

DELIVERY

Number of days required to deliver SERVICES after receiving order must be stated in the bid. Failure to so state will obligate bidder to complete service delivery within ONE day. Delivery time may be considered as basis of award.

DELAY IN SERVICE DELIVERY

When delay can be foreseen, Bidder shall give prior notice to City of Edinburg. Bidder must keep City of Edinburg advised at all times of status of order. Default in promised service delivery (without acceptable reasons) or failure to meet specifications/requirements, authorizes the City of Edinburg to purchase such SERVICES elsewhere and charge increase in cost to defaulting vendor. Acceptable reasons for delayed delivery are as follows: Acts of God (floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.), acts of government, fire, strikes, war; Actions beyond the control of the successful bidder.

SERVICE DELIVERED PRICING

Bids in units of quantity specified - extend and show total. In the event of discrepancies in extension, unit prices will govern. Bids subject to unlimited price increase will not be considered.

VALID BID TIME FRAME

The City may hold bids 60 days after bid opening without taking action. BIDDERS shall be required to hold their Bids firm for the same period of time.

RIGHT TO REJECT/AWARD

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all Bids, and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, and to make such awards of contract as may be deemed to be the best and most advantageous to the City of Edinburg.

MULTIPLE VENDOR CONTRACTS

Bidders are advised that the City of Edinburg may award Service Contracts to multiple vendors based on low bid per item basis. All items specified on the "Bid Form" **must** reflect the individual unit prices. The City of Edinburg reserves the right to award all items individually or in any combination thereof.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):

INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE

The Bidder agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City, from all suits and actions of every nature and description brought against them or any of them, for or on account of the use of patented appliances, products or processes, and he shall pay all royalties and charges which are legal and equitable. Evidence of such payment or satisfaction shall be submitted upon request of the Purchasing Agent, as a necessary requirement in connection with the final estimate for payment in which such patented appliance, products or processes are used.

ADDENDA

Bidder shall carefully examine the bid forms, specifications/requirements, and instructions to Bidders. Should the bidder find discrepancies in, or omissions from bid forms, specifications/requirements, or other documents, or should he/she be in doubt as to their meaning, he/she should at once notify the Purchasing Agent (Edinburg City Hall, 956-388-8972) and obtain clarification by addendum prior to submitting any bid. Explanations, interpretations, and supplemental instructions shall be in the form of written Addenda which shall become a part of the Contract documents. Said Addenda shall be mailed, e-mailed, hand delivered and/or faxed, to all prospective Bidders. All Addenda issued in respect to this project shall be considered official changes to the original bid documents. Verbal statements in response to inquiries and/or requests for explanations shall not be authoritative nor binding. It shall be the Bidder(s) responsibility to ensure that they have received all Addenda in respect to this project. Furthermore, Bidders are advised that they must recognize, comply with, and attach a signed copy of each Addendum which shall be made part of their Bid Submittal. Bidder(s) signature on Addenda shall be interpreted as the bidder's "recognition and compliance to" official changes as outlined by the City of Edinburg and as such are made part of the original solicitation documents. Failure of any bidder to receive any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from its terms and requirements. Addendums are available online at www.cityofedinburg.com.

PAYMENT

The City of Edinburg will execute payment by mail in accordance with the State of Texas Pay Law after SERVICES have been provided and invoiced. No other method of payment will be considered.

SYNONYM

Where in this bid package ITEMS OR SERVICES is used its meaning shall refer to the purchase of PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT as specified.

ASSIGNMENT

Neither the Bidder's contract nor payment due to an awarded vendor may be assigned to a third party without the written approval of the Purchasing Department for the City of Edinburg.

INTERPRETATIONS

Any questions concerning the conditions and/or specifications/requirements with regards to this solicitation for Bids shall be directed to the designated individuals as outlined in the Request for Bids. Such interpretations, which may affect the eventual outcome of this request for Bids, shall be furnished in writing to all prospective Bidders via Addendum. No interpretation shall be considered binding unless provided in writing by the City of Edinburg in accordance with paragraph entitled "Addenda".

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

It shall be the responsibility of the successful Bidder to comply with all applicable State & Federal laws, Executive Orders and Municipal Ordinances, and the Rules and Regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the work to be performed hereunder and such shall apply to the contract throughout, and that they will be deemed to be included in the contract as though written out in full in the contract documents. (To include issues related to health, environmental, and safety to name a few.)

BIDDER'S EMPLOYEES

Neither the Bidder nor his/her employees engaged in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Purchase Contract shall be considered employees of the City. The method and manner of performance of such undertakings shall be under the exclusive control of the vendor on contract. The City shall have the right of inspection of said undertakings at any time.

RIGHT TO WAIVE

City of Edinburg reserves the right to waive or take exception to any part of these specifications/requirements when in the best interest of the City of Edinburg.

COOPERATIVE PRICING

Bidders are advised that in addition to responding to our "local" solicitation for bids/Bids with Dealer pricing, vendors/contractors are encouraged to provide pricing on the below referenced items/products/services based on BuyBoard, TX-MAS, H-GAC and/or any other State of Texas recognized and approved cooperative which has complied with the bidding requirements for the State of Texas. If bidding other than or in addition to "dealer" pricing, kindly duplicate the bid forms for each bid being provided from a cooperative contract. Any and all applicable fees must be included. All cooperative pricing must be submitted on or before bid opening date and hour.

TIME ALLOWED FOR ACTION TAKEN

The City of Edinburg may hold bids **60** days after the opening of Bids without taking action. Bidders are required to hold their Bids firm for same period of time.

PREPARATION OF BID

The City of Edinburg shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by any bidder for work performed in the preparation of and production of a bid or for any work performed prior to execution of contract.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Any information deemed to be confidential by the bidder should be clearly noted on the pages where confidential information is contained; however, the City cannot guarantee that it will not be compelled to disclose all or part of any public record under Texas Public Information Act, since information deemed to be confidential by the bidder may not be considered confidential under Texas Law, or pursuant to a Court order.

VERBAL THREATS

Any threats made to any employee of the City, be it verbal or written, to discontinue the providing of item/material/services for whatever reason and/or reasons shall be considered a breach of contract and the City will immediately sever the contract with the Vendor on contract.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):

MATHEMATICAL ERRORS

In the event that mathematical errors exist in any bid, unit prices/rates -v- totals, unit prices/rates will govern.

AUDIT

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to audit the vendor's books and records relating to the performance of this contract. The City of Edinburg, at its own expense, shall have the right at all reasonable times during normal business hours and upon at least twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice, to audit, to examine, and to make copies of or extracts from the books of account and records maintained by the vendor(s) with respect to the Supply/Service and/or Purchase Contract. If such audit shall disclose overpayment by City to vendor, written notice of such overpayment shall be provided to the vendor and the amount of overpayment shall be promptly reimbursed by vendor to the City. In the event any such overpayment is not paid within ten (10) business days after receipt of such notice, the unpaid amount of such overpayment shall bear interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date of such notice until paid.

PAST PERFORMANCE

Vendor's past performance shall be taken into consideration in the evaluation and award of Service Contract for the Purchase of SERVICES.

JURISDICTION

Contract(s) executed as part of this solicitation shall be subject to and governed under the laws of the State of Texas. Any and all obligations and payments are due and performable and payable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

VENUE

The parties agree that venue for purposes of any and all lawsuits, cause of action, arbitration, and/or any other dispute(s) shall be in Hidalgo County, Texas.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CHAPTER 176 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ, the vendor or person's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. By law, this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the City of Edinburg not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code. A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. For more information or to obtain Questionnaire CIQ go to the Texas Ethics Commission web page at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIQ.pdf.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR OWN LEGAL COUNSEL. COMPLIANCE IS THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PERSON OR AGENT OF A PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE FILING REQUIREMENT. AN OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 176 IS A CLASS "C" MISDEMEANOR.

AWARD

For purposes of this project, award will be contingent on approval of budget.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event that the City of Edinburg has an immediate need for a particular service(s) that is/are on contract and the successful vendor on contract is not able to meet the special service delivery needs of the City of Edinburg, the City of Edinburg reserves the right to purchase such services elsewhere to fulfill its' immediate need.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to terminate the contract if, in the opinion of the City of Edinburg, the successful vendor's performance is not acceptable, if the City is being repeatedly over charged, improperly charged, no funds are available, or if the City wishes, without cause, to discontinue this contract. Termination will be in written form allowing a 30-day notice. The bidder shall be afforded the same right to terminate this contract in the same manner.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

If the contract amount is over twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000) for construction of the project, the successful bidder shall provide a bid guarantee, give a good and sufficient bond in the full amount of the contract price for the faithful performance of such contract, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, in accordance with Article 5160, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, and amendments thereto. A payment bond in the full amount of the contract price to assure payment shall be required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the project provided for in the contract documents.

A bid guarantee equivalent to five percent (5%) of the bid price will be required from each bidder. The "bid guarantee" shall consist of a firm commitment, such as a bid bond, certified check or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will upon acceptance of his/her bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

A performance bond on the part of the contractor for one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required. A "performance bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

A payment bond on the part of the contractor for one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required. A "payment bond" is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment, as required by law, of all persons supplying labor and material in execution of the work provided for in the contract documents.

Bidders are expressly advised to review the contract documents fully and insurance requirements of the proposed contract as to their legal requirements and the causes which may lead to the disqualification of a bidder and/or rejection of a bid proposal. No bid may be withdrawn within a period of sixty (60) days after the dated fixed for opening the bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the Owner will give Notice of Award of Contract to the successful bidder as soon as possible consistent with the time for a thorough analysis of bids submitted. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions which may affect their bid.

A bid guarantee, performance and payment bond will not be required for contracts zero to \$25,000. The City will specify in the contract that no money will be paid to the contractor until the project has been completed and final acceptance has been made by the City.

**CITY OF EDINBURG
REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR
PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BID NO. 2012-44

BID OPENING DATE: January 03, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

It is the intent of this Request for Bids to describe and ultimately make it possible for the City of Edinburg to purchase the below mentioned **PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT or comparable equal.**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND AGREEMENT FOR PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 1. INSTRUCTIONS:** The specifications herein describe the minimum acceptable quantities and product requirements for **PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT** for the City of Edinburg. Bidders are to have thoroughly read and understood these specifications prior to bid submission. Bidders must submit delivery time and date for supplies requested. Bidders which fail to meet specifications will not be considered

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES NOT GUARANTEED: The estimated quantities specified herein are not a guarantee of actual quantities, as the City does not guarantee any particular quantity of **PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT** to be purchased. The quantities may vary depending upon the actual needs of the department. The quantities specified herein are good faith estimates of **PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT** to be purchased upon availability of funds. **(The City of Edinburg reserves the right to purchase any part or all quantities as deemed necessary.)**

- 2. SPECIFICATIONS: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**

**CITY OF EDINBURG
 BID FORM FOR
 PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BID NO. 2012-44

BID OPENING DATE: January 03, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

I/We submit the following bid in ORIGINAL FORM for PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT according to City of Edinburg requirements, less tax:

NOTE: In addition to responding to our "local" solicitation for bids/proposals vendors/contractors are encouraged to provide pricing on the above referenced items/products/services based on Buyboard, H-GAC, TXMAS and/or any other State of Texas recognized and approved cooperative which has complied with the bidding requirements for the State of Texas (any and all applicable fees must be included). All cooperative pricing must be submitted on or before bid/proposal opening date and hour.

CHECK ONE

BUYBOARD
 H-GAC
 TXMAS
 DEALER/LOCAL
 TX DIR
 TFC
 OTHER _____
Specify

CONTRACT NUMBER: _____ COMMODITY NUMBER: _____
(if applicable) (if applicable)

ITEM	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	20	PROTECTIVE JACKETS	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	20	PROTECTIVE TROUSERS	\$ _____	\$ _____
3		TOTAL		\$ _____

BID FORM FOR PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT (Continued):

Note: The City reserves the right to consider each group as a separate bid and award any or all, whichever may be more advantageous to the City. The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities depending on availability of funds.

All Addenda issued in respect to this project shall be considered official changes to the original bidding documents. It shall be the Bidder(s) responsibility to ensure that all Addenda have been received. Furthermore, bidders are advised that they must recognize, comply with, and attach a signed copy of each Addendum which shall be made part of their Bid Submittal. Bidder(s) signature on Addenda shall be interpreted as the vendor's "recognition and compliance to" official changes as outlined by the City of Edinburg and as such are made part of the original bidding documents.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____, 2011.

SIGNATURE: _____

TYPE/PRINT NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____

FAX NO.: _____

EMAIL: _____

"Exhibit A"

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS PROTECTIVE JACKET AND TROUSERS FOR STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, based on what is more favorable to the City of Edinburg. This bid may also be used for any city or community in Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr, Willacy and Zapata counties, if they so desire.

SCOPE

This specification details design and materials criteria to afford protection to the upper and lower body, excluding head, hands, feet, against adverse environmental effects during structural fire fighting. All materials and construction will meet or exceed NFPA Standard #1971 (2007 revision) and OSHA for structural fire fighters protective clothing.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

OUTER SHELL MATERIAL - JACKETS AND TROUSERS

The "PBI® MATRIX" outer shell shall be constructed of PBI®/Kevlar® blend of spun fibers and 400 denier High Strength Filament fibers in a "Matrix Technology" with an approximate weight of 7.5 oz. per square yard. The shell material must be treated with SST™ (SUPER SHELLTITE) which is a durable water-repellent finish that also enhances abrasion resistance. Color of garments to be natural/gold. Bids offering this shell material without the SST™ will not be considered.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

THERMAL INSULATING LINER - JACKET AND TROUSERS

The thermal liner shall be constructed of "QUANTUM® 3D"; a 100% Nomex® spun/filament Goldcheck™ face cloth with Wickwell™ Plus finish quilted to one flat layer and one three dimensional layer of Nomex®/Kevlar® spunlace with a finished weight of approximately 7.7 oz. per square yard. A 7 inch by 9 inch pocket, constructed of self material and lined with moisture barrier material, shall be affixed to the inside of the jacket thermal liner on the left side by means of a lock stitch. The thermal liner shall be bound around its perimeter with Bias-Cut Neoprene jacketed cotton/polyester binding. The thermal liner shall be attached to the moisture barrier. Further mention of "Thermal Liner" in this specification shall refer to this section.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

MOISTURE BARRIER - JACKETS AND TROUSERS

The "CROSSTECH®" TYPE 4A ePTFE (expanded polytetrafluoroethylene, for example Teflon) moisture barrier is engineered using an E-89 substrate and BHA Technologies bicomponent ePTFE membrane. The moisture barrier material shall meet all moisture barrier requirements of NFPA 1971-2007 edition, which includes water penetration resistance, viral penetration resistance, and common chemical penetration resistance. The moisture barrier shall be sewn to the thermal liner at the edges only and bound along the edges with neoprene-jacketed cotton/polyester and secured with double stitching. Further mention of "Specified Moisture Barrier" in this specification shall refer to this section.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

SEALED MOISTURE BARRIER SEAMS

All moisture barrier seams shall be sealed with a minimum 1 inch wide sealing tape. One side of the tape shall be coated with a heat activated glue adhesive. The adhesive side of the tape shall be oriented toward the moisture barrier seam. The adhesive shall be activated by heat and the sealing tape shall be applied to the moisture barrier seams by means of pressure exerted by rollers for that purpose.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

INSPECTION PORT

NFPA 1851 2008 Edition -- The thermal barrier and vapor barrier shall have inspection ports establish on the jacket and pant unit to facilitate inspection of each layer without removal of any stitches. State the type and location of inspection port.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

METHOD OF THERMAL LINER/MOISTURE BARRIER ATTACHMENT FOR JACKETS AND TROUSERS

The thermal liner and moisture barrier shall be completely removable from the jacket shell. Two strips of 5/8 inch wide flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape shall secure the thermal liner/moisture barrier to the outer shell along the length of the neck line under the collar (see Collar section). The remainder of the thermal liner/moisture barrier shall be secured with a minimum of four snap fasteners appropriately spaced on each jacket facing and four snap fasteners at each sleeve end.

The thermal liner and moisture barrier shall be completely removable from the trouser shell. Nine snap fasteners shall be spaced along the waistband to secure the thermal liner/moisture barrier to the shell. The legs of the thermal liner/moisture barrier shall be secured to the shell by means of two snap fasteners per leg.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

THERMAL PROTECTIVE PERFORMANCE

The assembled garment, consisting of an outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal liner, shall exhibit a TPP (Thermal Protective Performance) rating of not less than 35.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

STITCHING

The outer shell shall be assembled using stitch type #301, #401, and #516. The thermal liners and moisture barriers shall be assembled using stitch type #301, #401, #504, #514, and #516. Stitching in all seams shall be continuous. There shall be no joined stitching in midseam. All major A outer shell structural seams, major B structural liner seams, shall have a minimum of 8 to 10 stitches per inch.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

JACKET CONSTRUCTION

BODY

The body of the shell and AXTION liner system shall be constructed of three separate panels consisting of two front panels and one back panel. The body panels shall be shaped so as to provide a tailored fit thereby enhancing body movement and shall be joined together by double stitching with Nomex® thread.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

DRAG RESCUE DEVICE (DRD)

A Firefighter Drag Rescue Device shall be installed in each jacket. The ends of a 1.5 inch wide Kevlar® strap will be sewn together to form a continuous loop. The strap will be installed in the jacket between the liner system and outer shell such that when properly installed will loop around each arm. The strap will be accessed through a portal between the shoulders on the upper back where it is secured in place by a Velcro strap. The access port will be covered by an outside flap with beveled corners designed to fit between the shoulder straps of an SCBA. The flap will have a compliant reflective patch sewn to the outside to clearly identify the feature as the DRD (Drag Rescue Device).

_____ Comply _____ Exception

SEPARATING LINER SYSTEM (JKT)

The thermal liner and moisture barrier shall be completely removable from the jacket shell. Two strips of 5/8 inch wide flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape shall secure the thermal liner/moisture barrier to the outer shell along the length of the neckline under the collar. This opening shall run the full length of the collar for the purpose of inspecting the inner surfaces of the coat liner system. The remainder of the thermal liner/moisture barrier shall be secured with a minimum of four snap fasteners appropriately spaced on each jacket facing and four snap fasteners at each sleeve end. The outside perimeter of the AXTION liner moisture barrier and thermal liner layers shall be bound together along the side and bottom edges with a Bias-Cut Neoprene coated cotton/polyester binding for a finished appearance that prevents fraying and wicking of contaminants.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

AXTION SLEEVES

The sleeves shall be of two piece construction, having an upper and a lower sleeve. The sleeve seams shall be of a double needle seam construction and shall be contoured to follow the natural flex of the arm at rest. Both the under and upper sleeve shall be graded in proportion to the chest size. For unrestricted movement, on the underside of each sleeve there shall be two outward facing pleats located on the front and back portion of the sleeve on the shell. On the moisture barrier and thermal liner, the system will consist of two darts, rather than pleats, to allow added length in the undersleeve. The moisture barrier darts will be seam sealed to assure liquid resistance integrity.

The pleats shall expand in response to upper arm movement, and shall fold in on themselves when the arms are at rest. This expansion shall allow for greater multi-directional mobility and flexibility in the shoulder and arm areas, with little restriction or coat rise.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

LINER ELBOW THERMAL ENHANCEMENT

An additional layer of thermal liner material shall be sewn to the elbow area of the liner system for added protection at contact points and increased thermal insulation. The elbow thermal enhancement layers shall be sandwiched between the thermal liner and moisture barrier layers of the liner system and shall be stitched to the thermal liner layer only.

Comply Exception

SLEEVE CUFF REINFORCEMENTS

The sleeve cuffs shall be reinforced with black suede leather. The cuff reinforcements shall not be less than 2 inches in width and folded in half, approximately one half inside and one half outside the sleeve end for greater strength and abrasion resistance. The cuff reinforcement shall be double stitched to the sleeve end.

Comply Exception

WRISTLETS / ELASTICIZED ADJUSTABLE SLEEVE WELLS

Each jacket shall be equipped with Nomex[®] knit wristlets not less than 4 inches in length and of double thickness. The wristlet shall be sewn to the end of the liner sleeves. FR Neoprene coated cotton/polyester moisture barrier material shall line the inside of the sleeve shell from the cuff to a point approximately 5 inches back, where it is double stitched to the shell and then extending toward the cuff forming the sleeve well. The Neoprene sleeve well shall form a cuff end that shall be elasticized providing a snug fit at the wrist and covering the knit wristlet on the liner sleeve. The elasticized sleeve well shall include an adjustable VELCRO take-up strap. The take-up strap will allow the wearer to maintain a comfortable proper fit and interface at the wrist area.

This sleeve well configuration serves to prevent water and other hazardous elements from entering the sleeves when the arms are raised and reduces the possibility of steam burns around the wrist. Four NOMEX[®] snap tabs will be sewn into the juncture of the sleeve well and wristlet. The tabs will be spaced equidistant from each other and shall be fitted with female snap fasteners to accommodate corresponding male snaps in the liner sleeves. This configuration will ensure there is no interruption in protection between the sleeve liner and wristlet.

Comply Exception

COLLAR & FREE HANGING THROAT TAB

The collar shall consist of four-layer construction and be of two-piece design. The collar shall have a minimum of 3 rows of quilting. The outer layers shall consist of outer shell material, with two layers of specified moisture barrier sandwiched between (see Moisture Barrier section). The rear inside ply of moisture barrier shall be sewn to the collar's back layer of outer shell at the edges only. The forward inside ply of moisture barrier shall be sewn to the inside of the collar at the edges only. The multi-layered configuration shall provide protection from water and other hazardous elements. The collar shall be of two piece design with the left and right halves of all component materials joined in the center by stitching; thereby permitting the collar to retain its proper shape and roll. The collar shall be minimum 3 1/2 inches high and graded to size. The leading edges of the collar shall extend up evenly from the leading edges of the jacket front body panels so that no gap occurs at the throat area. The collar's back layers of outershell and moisture barrier shall be joined to the body panels with two rows of stitching. Inside the collar, above the rear seam where it is joined to the shell shall be a strip of 5/8-inch wide FR hook fastener tape running the full length of the collar. The collar's front layers of moisture barrier and outershell shall have an additional strip of 5/8 inch wide hook fastener tape stitched to the inside lower edge and running the full length of the collar. These two inside

strips of 5/8 inch wide FR hook fastener tape sewn to the underside of the collar shall engage corresponding pieces of flame resistant pile fastener tape at the front and back neck area of the liner system. A self material fabric hanger loop shall be sewn top of collar.

The throat tab shall be a scoop type design and constructed of two plies of outer shell material with two center plies of moisture barrier material. The throat tab shall measure not less than 4 inches wide at the center tapering to 2 inches at each end with a total length of approximately 9 inches. The throat tab will be attached to the right side of the collar by a 1 inch wide by 1.5 inch long piece of Nomex® twill webbing. The throat tab shall be secured in the closed and stowed position with flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape. The flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape shall be oriented to prevent exposure to the environment when the throat tab is in the closed position. Two 2 inch by 3 inch pieces of FR pile fastener tape shall be sewn vertically to the inside of each end of the throat tab. Corresponding pieces of FR hook fastener tape measuring 1 inches by 3 inches shall be sewn horizontally to the leading outside edge of the collar on each side, for attachment and adjustment when in the closed position and wearing a breathing apparatus mask. In order to provide a means of storage for the throat tab when not in use, a 1 inch by 2 inch piece of FR hook fastener tape shall be sewn horizontally to the inside of the throat tab immediately under the 2 inch by 3 inch pieces of FR pile fastener tape. The collar closure strap shall fold in half for storage with the FR pile fastener tape engaging the FR hook fastener tape. A hanger loop constructed of a double layer of outer shell material shall be sewn to the top inside of the collar at the center.

_____ Comply

_____ Exception

LINER SHOULDER AND UPPER BACK THERMAL ENHANCEMENT

An additional layer of thermal liner material shall be used to increase thermal insulation in the upper back, front and shoulder area of the liner system. This thermal enhancement layer shall drape over the top of each shoulder extending from the collar to the sleeve/shoulder seam, down the front approximately 5 inches and from the juncture of the collar down the back to a depth of 7 1/2 inches. The upper back, front and shoulder thermal enhancement layers shall be sandwiched between the thermal liner and moisture barrier layers of the liner system and shall be stitched to the thermal liner layer only.

_____ Comply

_____ Exception

UPPER BACK REINFORCEMENT

An additional layer of outer shell material shall be used to reinforce the upper back area of the coat. The additional shoulder reinforcement layer shall also serve to increase thermal insulation to the upper back area. This reinforcement layer shall extend from shoulder seam to shoulder seam, and from the juncture of the collar and back panel to a depth of 7 1/2 inches. The upper back reinforcement layer will be double stitched to the back body panel with Nomex® thread.

_____ Comply

_____ Exception

AXTION BACK

The jackets shall include inverted pleats to afford enhanced mobility and freedom of movement in addition to that provided by the AXTION sleeves. The outer shell shall have two inverted pleats (one each side) installed on either side of the back body panel. The inverted pleats shall begin at top of each shoulder and extend vertically down the sides of the jacket to the hem. Maximum expansion of the pleats shall occur at the shoulder area and taper toward the hem.

The thermal liner shall have a single inverted pleat located at the upper middle of the back, corresponding to the added length in the shell provided by the AXTION Back pleats. It will be designed to expand with the outer shell pleats to provide maximum expansion.

The moisture barrier shall be designed with darts corresponding to the added length in the shell provided by the AXTION Back pleats. The darts are positioned at the shoulder blades of the moisture barrier, outside of the SCBA straps, and work together with the outer shell and the thermal liner pleats in the AXTION back providing maximum expansion.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

JACKET FRONT

The jacket shall incorporate separate facings to ensure there is no interruption in thermal or moisture protection in the front closure area. The facings shall measure 2 1/2 inches wide, extend from collar to hem, and be double stitched to the underside of the outer shell at the leading edges of the front body panels. A Breathable moisture barrier material shall be sewn to the jacket facings and configured such that it is sandwiched between the jacket facing and the inside of the respective body panel. The breathable film side shall face inward to protect it. The thermal liner and moisture barrier assembly shall be attached to the jacket facings by means of snap fasteners.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

STORM FLAP

A rectangular storm flap measuring 3 1/4 inches wide and 24 inches long shall be centered over the left and right body panels to ensure there is no interruption in thermal or moisture protection in the front of the jacket. The outside storm flap shall be constructed of two plies of outer shell material with a center ply of breathable moisture barrier material. The outside storm flap shall be double stitched to the right side body panel and shall be reinforced at the top and bottom with bartacks.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

STORM FLAP AND JACKET FRONT CLOSURE SYSTEM

The jacket shall be closed by means of (zipper and hook & dee rings) a 22 inch size #10 heavy duty high-temp polymer zipper on the jacket fronts and hook and dee rings on the storm flap. The teeth of the zipper shall be mounted on Nomex® cloth and shall be sewn into the respective jacket facings. The zipper stop shall be "pressed", not molded, insuring the highest quality with increased durability. The storm flap shall close over the left and right jacket body panels and shall be secured by means of four non-ferrous inward facing hook and dee rings. The dee rings shall be secured to the leading edge of the storm flap with two rivets. The rivets shall be reinforced on the underside of the storm flap with leather. The dee rings shall be spaced along the storm flap. Four inward facing hooks shall be attached to the left front body panel with three rivets for each hook. The rivets shall be reinforced on the inside of the body panel with a single circular piece of leather for each hook. The inward facing hooks shall be positioned in such a manner that they engage the dee rings when the storm flap is closed over the front of the jacket.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

CARGO/HANDWARMER EXPANSION (BELLOWS) POCKETS

Each jacket front body panel shall have a 2 inch deep by 8 inch wide by 8 inch high expansion pocket double stitched to it and shall be located such that the bottom of the pockets are at the bottom of the jacket for full functionality when used with an SCBA. Retroreflective trim shall run over the bottom of the pockets so as not to interrupt the trim stripe. Two rust-resistant metal drain eyelets shall be installed in the bottom of each expansion pocket to facilitate drainage of water. The lower half of the pocket shall be reinforced with an extra layer of outer shell material on the inside. The pocket flaps shall be rectangular in shape, constructed of two layers of outer shell material and shall measure 3 inches deeper than the pocket expansion and 1/2 inch wider than the pocket. The upper pocket corners and pocket flaps shall be reinforced with bartacks. The pocket flaps shall be closed by means of flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape. Two pieces of 1 1/2 inch by 3 inch FR hook fastener tape shall be installed vertically on the inside of each pocket flap (one piece on each end). Two corresponding pieces of 1 1/2 inch by 3 inch FR pile fastener tape shall be installed horizontally on the outside of each pocket near the top (one piece on each end) and positioned to engage the hook fastener tape.

Additionally, a separate hand warmer pocket compartment will be provided under the expandable cargo pocket. This compartment will be accessed from the rear of the pocket and shall be lined with Nomex® Fleece for warmth and comfort.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

RADIO POCKET

Each jacket shall have a pocket designed for the storage of a portable radio. This pocket shall be of box type construction, double stitched to the coat and shall have one drainage eyelet in the bottom of the pocket. The pocket flap shall be constructed of two layers of outer shell material measuring approximately 5 inches deep and 1/4 inch wider than the pocket. The pocket flap shall be closed by means of flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape. A 1 1/2 inch by 3 inch piece of FR hook fastener tape shall be installed vertically on the inside of the pocket flap beginning at the center of the bottom of the flap. A 1 1/2 inch by 3 inch piece of FR pile fastener tape shall be installed horizontally on the outside of the pocket near the top center and positioned to engage the hook fastener tape. In addition, the entire inside of the pocket shall be lined with neoprene coated cotton/polyester moisture barrier material to ensure that the radio is protected from the elements. The moisture barrier material shall also be sandwiched between the two layers of outer shell material in the pocket flap for added protection. The radio pocket shall measure approximately 3 inches deep by 3.5 inches wide by 9 inches high and shall be installed on the left chest.

Note: (radio pocket over 6 inch in height requires trim)

_____ Comply _____ Exception

MICROPHONE STRAPS(2)

A strap shall be constructed to hold a microphone for a portable radio. It shall be sewn to the coat at the ends only. One microphone strap shall be mounted above the radio pocket and shall be constructed of double layer outer shell material. An additional microphone strap constructed of double layer outer shell material will be sewn high on the left chest near the shoulder.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

LARGE DETACHABLE BREATHING APPARATUS FACE MASK POUCH

An oval shaped pouch measuring approximately 4 inches deep by 9 inches wide by 15 inches high shall be constructed of outer shell material. Two metal drain eyelets shall be installed in the bottom of the pouch. The pouch closure shall consist of a heavy-duty zipper mounted on the left side of the pocket (as oriented to the wearer). The pouch shall be completely detachable from the coat and shall accommodate a breathing apparatus facemask. A 1-inch loop, constructed of outer shell material, shall be sewn to the top of the pouch. A 1-inch diameter dee ring shall be captured within the loop. An inward facing safety hook shall be riveted to a leather strap approximately 2 inches in length and of double thickness. The strap and safety hook shall be mounted vertically to the front of the coat with the safety hook in the down position, and shall engage the dee ring on the pouch. Flame resistant hook and pile fastener tape shall further secure the pouch to the coat to keep it from swinging. 2 inch by 5-inch FR hook fastener tape shall be sewn horizontally to the back of the pouch. A corresponding piece of 2 inch by 5-inch FR pile fastener tape shall be sewn to the front of the coat and positioned to engage the hook fastener tape. The detachable pouch shall be mounted on the right chest.

Comply Exception

RETROREFLECTIVE FLUORESCENT TRIM

The retroreflective fluorescent trim shall be lime/yellow Triple Trim (L/Y borders with silver center). Each jacket shall have an adequate amount of retroreflective fluorescent trim affixed to the outside of the outer shell to meet the requirements of NFPA #1971 (2007 edition) and OSHA. The trim shall be in the following widths and shall be High Visibility (HV) style; 3 inch wide stripes - around the bottom of the jacket within approximately 1 inch of the hem, horizontally across the chest area approximately 3 inches below the armpit, around each sleeve below the elbow, around each sleeve above the elbow, across the shoulders on the back immediately below the upper back reinforcement layer, two vertical stripes on the back (one on each side) beginning at the bottom of the jacket and extending up to the upper back trim stripe. *(This trim package must be ordered in combination with the "Upper Back Reinforcement" of outer shell material.)*

Comply Exception

REINFORCED TRIM STITCHING

The trim stitching shall be reinforced with a strip of 3/32-inch wide flame resistant cording material. The cording shall be sewn to the top surface of the trim at the edges during installation of the retroreflective fluorescent trim on the garment. The cording provides a bed for the stitching and affords extra protection to the stitching from abrasion. This action will help to significantly reduce trim separation from the garment due to stitching failure from abrasion.

Comply Exception

SEWN ON RETROREFLECTIVE LETTERING

Each jacket shall have 3" lime/yellow Scotchlite lettering on Row A reading: EDINBURG (2" letters acceptable)

Comply Exception

LETTER PATCH

Hanging Letter Patch

Lettering on Row G will be on a Hanging letter Patch. The Hanging letter patch shall be constructed of a double layer of black Matrix shell material. The letter patch will attach to the rear inside hem of the jacket with a combination of snap fasteners and FR hook & loop fastener tape (e.g. Velcro).

_____ Comply _____ Exception

SIZING

The jacket length shall be measured from the juncture of the collar and back panels to the hem of the jacket and shall measure 32 inches long.

The jacket shall be available in male and female patterns in even size chest measurements of two inch increments, and shall range from a small size of 30 to a large size of 60. Generalized sizing, such as small, medium, large, etc., will not be considered acceptable.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

PANT CONSTRUCTION

BODY

The body of the shell shall be constructed of four separate body panels consisting of two front panels and two back panels. The body panels shall be shaped so as to provide a tailored fit, thereby enhancing body movement, and shall be joined together by double stitching with NOMEX thread. The body panels and seam lengths shall be graded to size to assure accurate fit in a broad range of sizes.

The front body panels will be wider than the rear body panels to provide more fullness over the knee area. This is accomplished by rolling the side leg seams (inside and outside) to the rear of the pant leg beginning at the knee. The slight taper will prevent premature wear of the side seams by pushing them back and away from the primary high abrasion areas encountered on the sides of the lower legs.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

LINER SYSTEM (PANT)

The combined moisture barrier and the thermal liner shall be completely removable for the pant. The thermal liner and moisture barrier layers of the ReaXtion liner system shall be stitched together and bound around the top waist and cuffs with Bias-Cut Neoprene coated cotton/polyester binding for a finished appearance that prevents fraying and wicking of contaminants.

The body of the liner system (thermal liner & moisture barrier) shall be of a four piece design to match the cut of the shell to include the rolled back side seams. The design of the liner system will incorporate darts in the knee area providing a contour to the leg and will also have a reverse boot cut at the rear of the liner cuff and a concave cut at the front to keep the liner from hanging below the shell.

The liner system shall have a reinforcement of black NOMEX Twill sewn to the bottom of the fly opening. This reinforcement will serve to prevent the liner from tearing in that area from the constant donning and doffing of the pants.

Comply Exception

LINER ACCESS OPENING - PANT

The liner system of the pant shall incorporate an opening at the top waist of each pant. This opening shall run approximately 10 inches along the front top right perimeter of the waist for the purpose of inspecting the integrity of the pant liner system. When installed into the outer shell the Liner Access Opening will be covered and protected by the overlap of the 2-inch independent waistband of the pant outer shell.

Comply Exception

WAISTBAND

The pant design facilitates the transfer of the weight of the pant to the hips instead of the shoulders and suspenders. The waist area of the pants shall be reinforced on the inside with a separate piece of black NOMEX outer shell material not less than two inches in width. Neoprene coated cotton/polyester shall be sewn to the back of the waistband as a reinforcement. The NOMEX/Neoprene waistband shall be cut on the bias to allow the waistband to stretch for unrestricted movement and increased comfort. The top edge of the waistband reinforcement shall be double stitched to the outer shell at the top of the pants. The lower edge of the waistband shall be serged and unattached to the shell to accept the thermal liner and moisture barrier. The top of the thermal liner and moisture barrier shall be secured to the underside of the waistband reinforcement so as to be sandwiched between the waistband reinforcement and outer shell to reduce the possibility of liner detachment while donning and to avoid pass through of snaps from the outer shell to the inner liner.

Comply Exception

KEVLAR BELT WITH BELT LOOPS

Each pant shall include a 1 3/4" wide belt constructed of KEVLAR webbing material with a zinc-plated steel belt buckle serving as the exterior primary positive locking closure. This buckle shall also provide a quick-release mechanism for donning and doffing.

Comply Exception

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FLY FLAP

The pants will have a vertical outside fly flap constructed of two layers of outer shell material with a layer of moisture barrier material sandwiched between. The fly flap shall be double stitched to the left front body panel and shall measure approximately 2 1/2 inches wide by 10 inches long and reinforced with bartacks at the base. An internal fly flap constructed of one layer of outer shell material, thermal liner and specified moisture barrier, measuring approximately 2 inches wide by 10 inches long, shall be sewn to the leading edge of the right front body panel. The inside of the right front body panel shall be thermally enhanced directly under the outside fly with a layer of moisture barrier and thermal liner material.

The underside of the outside fly flap shall have a 2 inch wide piece of loop VELCRO tape quadruple stitched along the full length and through the shell material only; stitching shall not penetrate the moisture barrier

insert between the two layers to insure greater thermal protection and reduced water penetration. A corresponding strip of 2 inch wide by 9 inch long hook VELCRO tape shall be quadruple stitched to the outside right front body panel securing the fly in a closed position.

Appropriate male and female snap VELCRO halves shall be installed at the leading edge of the waistband for the purpose of further securing the pants in the closed position.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

INTERNAL SEAT HARNESS

The internal harness shall be an NFPA 1983 certified Class II harness system, comprised of a 1 3/4" Kevlar webbing waist belt, with a zinc-plated steel belt buckle that serves as the pants positive closure. Attached to the waist belt are a left and a right 2" Kevlar webbing leg loop, designed to be installed on each separate leg of the liner on the inside of the outer shell. Additionally the harness shall have attachment loops located on either side of the steel buckle, which thread through slots in the outer shell. When not in use, these attachment loops are held in place with hook and loop, but are designed to receive a carabineer when the system is used as a harness.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

PADDED RIP-CORD SUSPENDERS & ATTACHMENT

On the inside waistband shall be attachments for the standard "H" style "Padded Rip-Cord" suspenders. There will be four attachments total; 2 front, 2 back. The suspender attachments shall be constructed of a double layer of black NOMEX measuring approximately 1/2 inch wide by 3-inches long. They shall be sewn in a horizontal position on the ends only to form a loop. The appearance will be much like a horizontal belt loop to capture the suspender ends.

A pair of "H" style "Padded Rip-Cord" suspenders shall be specially configured for use with the pants. The main body of the suspenders shall be constructed of 2 inch wide black strap webbing. The suspenders shall run over each shoulder to a point approximately shoulder blade high on the back, where they shall be joined by a 2 inch wide horizontal piece of webbing measuring approximately 8-inches long, forming the "H". This shall prevent the suspenders from slipping off the shoulders. The shoulder area of the suspenders will be padded for comfort.

The rear ends of the suspenders will be sewn to 2-inch wide elasticized webbing extensions measuring approximately 8-inches in length and terminating with thermoplastic loops. The forward ends of the suspender straps shall be equipped with specially configured non-slip metal slides. Through the metal slides will be the 9 inch lengths of strap webbing "Rip-Cords" terminating with thermoplastic loops on each end. Pulling on the "Rip-Cords" shall allow for quick adjustment of the suspenders.

Threaded through and attached to the thermoplastic loops on the forward and rear ends of the suspenders will be black NOMEX suspender attachments incorporating two snap Fasteners. The NOMEX suspender attachments are to be threaded through the suspender attachment loops on the inside waistband of the pants. The NOMEX suspender attachments will then fold over and attachment to themselves securing the suspender to the pants.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

AXTION SEAT

The rise of the rear pant center back seam, from the top back of the waistband to where it intersects the inside leg seams at the crotch, shall exceed the rise at the front of the pant by 8-inches. The longer rear center back seam provides added fullness to the seat area for extreme mobility without restriction when stepping up or crouching and will be graded to size. This feature in combination with other design elements will maintain alignment of the knee directly over the knee pads when kneeling and crawling.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

EXPANSION (BELLOWS) POCKETS (Left)

One 2" deep x 10" wide x 10" bellows pockets shall be placed over the outer leg seams at thigh level. The pockets shall be sewn to the pant with two rows of lock stitching and shall provide two brass eyelets, installed at the bottom of each pocket, for water drainage. Each pocket shall be reinforced with an additional layer of outer shell material sewn to the inside. The pocket flaps shall be rectangular in shape, constructed of two layers of outer shell material and double stitched to the outer shell. One piece of 1 ½ inch by 3 inch FR hook VELCRO tape on the inside of each pocket flap on each side. One piece of corresponding 1 ½ inch by 3 inch FR pile VELCRO tape shall be installed horizontally on the outside of each side of pocket near the top and positioned to engage the hook VELCRO tape. Each pocket flap shall be reinforced with bartacks at the uppermost corners.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

EXPANSION (BELLOWS) POCKETS (Right)

One 2" deep x 10" wide x 10" bellows pockets shall be placed over the outer leg seams at thigh level. The pockets shall be sewn to the pant with two rows of lock stitching and shall provide two brass eyelets, installed at the bottom of each pocket, for water drainage. Each pocket shall be reinforced with an additional layer of outer shell material sewn to the inside. The pocket flaps shall be rectangular in shape and measure approximately 6.5" by 11.5", constructed of two layers of outer shell material and double stitched to the outer shell. One piece of 1 ½ inch by approximately 4.5 inch FR hook VELCRO tape on the inside of each pocket flap on each side and one in the middle. One continuous piece of corresponding approximately 1 ½ inch by 8.5 inch FR pile VELCRO tape shall be installed horizontally on the outside of the side of pocket near the top and positioned to engage the hook VELCRO tape. Each pocket flap shall be reinforced with bartacks at the uppermost corners. Inside the pocket a strap measuring 1.5-inches by 12 inches shall run the full vertical height of the pocket where it will secure at the top with Velcro. A second strap measuring 1-inch by 4-inches shall run horizontally and attach at one end with Velcro. The straps are specially designed to secure the contents of the pocket and allow for quick release. Divider to be determined.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

AXTION KNEE

The outer shell of the pant legs shall be constructed with horizontal expansion pleats in the knee area with corresponding darts in the liner to provide added fullness for increased freedom of movement and maximum flexibility. Two expansion pleats measuring approximately 1" deep, shall be installed on each sides of the legs along both the inseam and outseam in the knee area. The pleats shall be folded to open outwardly towards the side seams to insure no restriction of movement. The AXTION knee will be installed proportionate to the pant inseam, in such a manner that it falls in an anatomically correct knee location.

The liner system shall be constructed with four darts per leg in the front of the knee. Two will be located above the knee (one on each side) and two will be located below the knee (one on each side). Each dart will be approximately 2 inches long. The darts in the liner provide a natural bend at the knee. The darts in the liner work in conjunction with the expansion panels in the outer shell to increase freedom of movement when kneeling, crawling, climbing stairs or ladders, etc.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

LINER KNEE THERMAL ENHANCEMENT

An additional layer of specified thermal liner and moisture barrier material will be sewn to the knee area of the liner system for added protection and increased thermal insulation at contact points. The knee thermal enhancement layers shall be sandwiched between the thermal liner and moisture barrier layers of the liner system and shall be stitched to the thermal liner layer only.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

KNEE REINFORCEMENTS

The knee area shall be reinforced with black suede leather. The knee reinforcement shall be slightly offset to the inside of the leg to insure proper coverage when bending, kneeling and crawling. The knee reinforcements shall measure 10 inches wide by 12 inches high and shall be double stitched to the outside of the outer shell in the knee area for greater strength and abrasion resistance.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

INTERNAL KNEE PADDING (Silizone™)

The trousers shall have replaceable padding on the inside of the outer shell in the knee area contained in a special pocket. The pocket shall be constructed of black nomex material measuring approximately 8 inches wide by 10 inches high. It shall be sewn to the inside of the outer shell in the knee area on the bottom and two sides. The top of the pocket shall be open to accept the padding material, which will be inserted into the pocket. The padding shall consist of one layer measuring approximately 6.25 inches x 9.25 inches of Silizone™.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

PANT CUFF REINFORCEMENTS

The cuff area of the pants shall be reinforced with grey suede leather. The cuff reinforcements (suede only) shall not be less than 2 inches in width and folded in half, approximately one half inside and one half outside the end for greater strength and abrasion resistance. The cuff reinforcement shall be double stitched to the sleeve end.

_____ Comply _____ Exception

REVERSE BOOT CUT

The outer shell pant leg cuffs will be constructed such that the back of the leg is approximately 1 inch shorter than the front. The liner will also have a reverse boot cut at the rear of the cuff and a concave cut at the front to keep the liner from hanging below the shell. This construction feature will minimize the chance of premature wear of the cuffs and injuries due to falls as a result of "walking" on the pant cuffs.

Comply Exception

PANT LEG WATER DAM

The pant legs shall be equipped with a water dam at the boot interface. FR Neoprene coated cotton/polyester moisture barrier material shall be sewn to the inside of the leg of the outer shell approximately 3 inches from the cuff. The loose end shall be elasticized to provide a snug fit at the boot. The Neoprene moisture barrier material shall also line the inside of the leg of the outer shell from the cuff to a point approximately 3 inches up, where it joins the water dam, and is stitched to the shell. This water dam configuration serves to inhibit water penetration at the boot interface.

Comply Exception

RETROREFLECTIVE FLUORESCENT TRIM

The pants shall have a stripe of retroreflective fluorescent trim encircling each leg below the knee to comply with the requirements of NFPA #1971 (2007 revision) in 3 inch lime/yellow Triple Trim (L/Y borders with silver center).

Comply Exception

REINFORCED TRIM STITCHING

The trim stitching shall be reinforced with a strip of 3/32 inch wide FR cording material. The cording shall be sewn to the top surface of the trim at the edges during installation of the retroreflective fluorescent trim on the garment. The cording provides a bed for the stitching and affords extra protection to the stitching from abrasion. This action will help to significantly reduce trim separation from the garment due to stitching failure from abrasion.

Comply Exception

SIZING

The pants shall be available in even size waist measurements of two inch increments and shall be available in a range of sizes from 24 to 56. The pant inseam measurement shall be available in two inch increments. Generalized sizing, such as small, medium, large, etc., will not be considered acceptable. Sizing specifically for women shall also be available.

Comply Exception

THIRD PARTY TESTING AND LISTING PROGRAM

All components used in the construction of these garments shall be tested for compliance to NFPA Standard #1971 (2007 revision) by Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Underwriters Laboratories shall certify

and list compliance to that standard. Such certification shall be denoted by the Underwriters Laboratories certification label.

Comply Exception

LABELS

Appropriate warning label(s) shall be permanently affixed to each garment. Additionally, the label(s) shall include the following information.

- Compliance to NFPA Standard #1971 - 2007 edition
- Underwriters Laboratories classified mark
- Manufacturer's name
- Manufacturer's address
- Manufacturer's garment identification number
- Date of manufacture
- Size
- Fiber contents

Comply Exception

ISO CERTIFICATION / REGISTRATION

The protective clothing manufacturer shall be certified and registered to ISO Standard 9001 to assure a satisfactory level of quality. Indicate below whether the manufacturer is so certified and registered by checking either "Yes" or "No" in the space provided.

Yes No

THREE YEAR CONTRACT

The Edinburg Fire Department is requesting a contract for three (3) years from the date of purchase order. This contract will allow for single garment or multiple garment throughout the three year period. No more than a potential 5% increase to the contract per calendar year and only after communication with the city.

Yes No

EXCEPTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

Any and all exceptions to the above specifications must be clearly stated for each heading. Use additional pages for exceptions, if necessary.

The Garments shall be manufactured in the United States.