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## ***ADDENDUM ONE***

Solicitation Number: 2019-053  
Solicitation Name: Structural Firefighting Gloves  
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The County would like to clarify specifications and process for the selection of Structural Firefighting Gloves.

**THE PROCESS:** Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services is conducting a two phase procurement process that will lead to a potential award of business. **This is Phase One**, the Request for Information and Initial Qualification (RFI/Q). You must be successful in providing information on how and why your gloves meet and exceed the NFPA 1971-2018 edition standard for firefighting gloves in order to be selected for Phase Two. The County requests information to allow the evaluation of potential solutions that exist in the current market place. The organization responding to this RFI/Q will offer specific products from their portfolio that they believe will be meet the specification and evaluation criteria herein. Supporting information regarding the design parameters, selected materials, testing, manufacturing process and quality processes that ensure that the gloves consistently meet the defined design objectives is to also be provided. This information along with that identified in the RFI/Q will be used by the County evaluators to understand, access, determine scoring for each make/model submitted and develop a short-list of manufacturers to participate in Phase Two.

**THE SPECIFICATION:** The specification at this point in the process is the NFPA 1971-2018 edition standards for firefighting gloves. This will be defined further based on the evaluation of the proposed glove. Of specific interest for the participation organization to describe are the following: (1) level of dexterity, (2) materials used, (3) durability, (4) longevity, (5) construction methods, (6) maintenance and cleaning, and (7) comfort. Supporting information can be test reports, material data sheets or descriptions of physical properties, manufacturing processes that ensure compliance and the quality program used to ensure only conforming products ship to customers.

**PHASE TWO:** Organizations making the short list will receive a Requisition for Proposal outlining the requirements for successfully participation in Phase Two, to include a practical trial period using samples provided by those considered initially qualified (short-listed).

**ATTACHEMENT A:** Please see flow charge attached hereto that defines this process.

# Two Step Procurement Process

## Phase I – Understand Industry Capabilities, and Identify Promising Products & Companies



Define:

- Process
- Basic Requirements
- Eval. Criteria

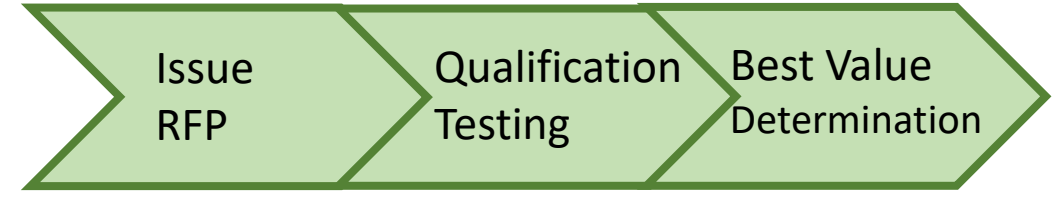
Industry Data Provided

- Processes
- Materials
- Constraints
- Flexibility
- Service

Evaluation Result

- Determine Scoring
- ID Best Fit Products

## Phase II – Detailed Request for Proposals Issued, and Practical Testing/Qualified Products Formalized



Define:

- Process
- Specific Requirements
- Eval. Criteria
- Short List Co.s Only

Proposals Received

Samples Used

Evaluate

ID Qualified Make/Models

Best Value Determination

Award