



**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**TO:** All Planholders

**FROM:** Maryland Transit Administration  
Procurement Division, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
6 Saint Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-1614

**SUBJECT:** **Questions and Answers**  
**Contract No. MTA-1459**  
**Uniform Rental and Maintenance Services**

**DATE:** October 23, 2014

**Question:** In light of the above concern over the garment specs for non-FR shirts and pants, is it OK to use garments whose fabric weights are not exactly as requested, but within some range (say an ounce?) of what is requested?

**Response:** **The MTA understands than precise fabric weights are too exacting for competitive bidding purposes therefore the fabric weight for non-FR Shirts will be expanded to cover fabric weights between 4-5oz. and 7-8oz. for non –FR Pants.**

**Question:** If MTA, as we suspect, does not wish to use “custom-made” 100% cotton FR cargo pants, please advise as to which readily available alternative is acceptable to use?

**Response:** **The MTA understands that there are other FR fabric blends such as HT nylon, Modacrylic, Lyocell, Polyamide and several others; all substitutions would be acceptable by the MTA as long as they are in compliance with NFPA 2112 /NFPA70E standards and are HRC 2 Level compliant at the minimum.**

**Question:** What guarantees or affirmations can the State of Maryland and MTA make concerning their commitment to using these garments (same style and type) for the entire stated period of the contract (3 years with one 2-year option for a total of 5 years)?

**Response:** **The MTA feels that the contract provides the guarantee for uniform use up to 3 years; dependent upon successful contract compliance by the awardee. However, the length of the contract beyond 3 years is at the discretion of the MTA.**

**Question:** Can you commit that the garments selected will not have to be replaced with other types or styles of garments for safety or regulation concerns for the life of the resulting contract from this solicitation?

**Response:** **The MTA cannot commit to stating that the garments selected will not be replaced or changed to any other style of garments for safety or regulation concerns. However, the contract's garments are very descriptive and any major changes in the state's practices and safety requirements that would cause substitutions or major alterations to the garments listed would be outside the scope of the original contract and would require a change order.**

All Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of the above Questions and Answers by completing and returning this form with the bid package.

All other terms and conditions remain the same. If you require clarification of the information provided in this Amendment, please contact me via email at [gflaming@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:gflaming@mta.maryland.gov) or by telephone at (410) 767-3353.

Sincerely,



Garry L. Fleming  
Procurement Officer

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Acknowledgement of receipt of this document to Solicitation MTA-1459

Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Representative's Signature

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Date