



City of Mobile  
Request for Proposals  
**Addendum 1 to RFP 5870**

**Rapid Response Rescue Boat**  
**Mobile, Alabama Fire Rescue Department**

The City of Mobile is seeking proposals for design, construction, delivery and warranty support of a rapid-response rescue boat. The City is providing this Addendum 1 to clarify some specifications and respond to questions received regarding the original RFP.

The due date for written proposals remains 5:00 pm, February 22, 2024.

The full contents of the original Request for Proposals (RFP), and any subsequent Addenda to this RFP may be found on the City Bid page at <https://www.cityofmobile.org/bids>.

A. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**: The following are questions that have been received and City responses to those questions. The questions are included generally verbatim as received relating to the overall RFP requirements where the City determined that an answer to all potential proposers was merited. Where proposers remain unclear or uncertain of the City's requirements, proposers are to use judgment as to the City's intent, and state any questions or assumptions made in interpreting the City's RFP. All timely submitted RFPs will be fully considered and scored by the City.

1. The RFP required that this procurement be purchased off GSA or an approved purchasing cooperative. If a proposer is waiting on GSA contract number which could take a couple of months to complete, will the City accept such a proposal without having a GSA contract?

*Answer: The City will not consider proposals that do not have a GSA or approved cooperative contract at the time of proposal submission unless the proposal documents an expectation of such an award in the near future. Such documentation in the proposal should provide their best estimate as to their GSA or cooperative award timing. That said, an active GSA or approved cooperative contract will be required at the time of purchase, and that timing will be factored into the City's evaluation and scoring. The City may reject, or provide a lower score to, in its sole discretion, a proposal without reasonable, reliable assurance of timely compliance with this specification.*

2. Given the relative openness of the specification, some vendors may have a number of vessel variants that will meet the specification as written. This

includes more than one model, as well as multiple lengths. Are bidders allowed to submit more than one separate proposal? It would be our intent to offer each proposal as a standalone submission and not submit only a single submission with multiple options priced in order to avoid any confusion.

*Answer: Proposers can submit a single proposal with options or multiple proposals.*

3. Paragraph 2.1.5 requires Fire Pump Capacity: 250 gallons per minute at 100 psi. Is 250 gallons per minute at 85-90 psi acceptable?

*Answer: The City prefers proposed vessels to meet or exceed the specification as written. Proposals with a lower psi specification will be considered if adequately documented as to its performance equivalence in the proposal.*

4. Paragraph 2.2.3 requires One detachable manual master stream turret at bow, one gated 2-1/2" discharge for firefighting and dewatering: Can you clarify the location of the gated 2-1/2" discharge?

*Answer: The 2 1/2" gated discharge shall be located at or forward of the front of the center console.*

5. Paragraph 2.3.8 requires Inside storage for one non-collapsible de-watering hose (vendor supplied). Is the vendor responsible for supplying the storage and dewatering hose or just storage for dewatering hose?

*Answer: Vendor will supply both the inside storage and the dewatering hose.*

6. Paragraph 2.3.10 requires Zip Wake automated trim tabs, or equivalent: Are electric linear actuated tabs with auto leveling control acceptable if vessel design does not allow for sufficient sized Zipwake tabs?

*Answer: The City may accept alternative equivalent trim tab designs, which may include electric linear actuated tabs with auto-leveling control, if the proposal demonstrates the performance equivalence required.*

7. Paragraph 2.3.17 requires Sandblasted zero maintenance non-skid on main deck. Is roll on non-skid or diamond plate flooring an acceptable alternative to sand blasted non-skid decks?

*Answer: The City may accept alternative equivalent non-skid decks, if the proposal demonstrates the performance equivalence required.*