



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

**SOLICITATION # 33501-222518
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT
AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM**

DATE: February 8, 2022

SOLICITATION # 33501-222518 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Solicitation Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled Solicitation dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE
1. Solicitation Issued		January 18, 2022
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 21, 2022
3. Information Event		January 25, 2022
4. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 1, 2022
5. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		February 8, 2022
6. Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 28, 2022
7. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations		March 21, 2022
8. State Notice of Intent to Award Released <u>and</u> Solicitation Files Opened for Public Inspection	2:00 p.m.	March 22, 2022
9. End of Open File Period		March 29, 2022
10. State sends contract to Contractor for signature		April 4, 2022
11. Contractor Signature Deadline	2:00 p.m.	May 9, 2022

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFP.

Any restatement of RFP text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFP document.

Solicitation Section	Page #	Question	Response
5.4	6	Where should applications be submitted?	Applications must be delivered to either: Greg.Adams@tn.gov or Greg Adams Department of Commerce and Insurance 500 James Robertson Parkway Davy Crockett Tower, 9th Floor Nashville, TN 37243
5.1	6	Where can fire departments find copies of the application?	https://www.tn.gov/commerce/fire/departments/grant-opportunities.html
		How does a fire department register as a supplier in Edison?	Instructions on how to register as a supplier with the State of Tennessee are available at: https://hub.edison.tn.gov/psp/paprd/SUPPLIER/SUPP/h/?tab=PAPP_GUEST
		Is there a local cost share required for the VFEAT grant program?	No, there is no local cost share or match.
		What equipment is eligible for funding?	Equipment used by a firefighter to contain or extinguish fires and to protect the life of the firefighter, other than fire trucks or vehicles.
		What is a PSID?	The Public Safety Identification (PSID) is a unique identifying number used by the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) and the Firefighting Commission to track firefighter/student training.
		What amounts should be used for the budget information?	The amount of money expended to operate your fire department (excluding station construction and vehicle/apparatus acquisition) during a fiscal year.
		Can fire departments request funds in addition to the cost share for federal grants?	Yes
		Is the same application used when applying for federal cost shares?	Yes

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		Which firefighters are considered to comply with the minimum training standard?	Firefighters that have completed both the 16-hour and 64-hour training courses. Firefighters that were hired or joined the department less than 36 months ago. Firefighters who entered the fire service before June 30, 2004.
		Is there a maximum amount of funding available to a fire department?	\$1,000,000 of funding is available to volunteer fire departments. The maximum amount award for a single applicant will not exceed \$333,333.33.
		Is funding available for training?	Yes, if it is for a local cost share for federal grant.

3. **Solicitation Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this solicitation not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.