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Solicitation Type	RFP	Solicitation Number	032620
Solicitation Name	Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel, and Accessories, with Related Cleaning and Maintenance Equipment	Procurement Type	Goods
Country & Province/State	Canada / Ontario	Published By	Sourcewell
Accept Questions	Not Applicable		

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Procurement Title/Project Name	032620 Firefighting PPE
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Publish Date	01/23/2020	Closing Date & Time	03/26/2020 16:30:00 CT
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Selected Categories

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First Aid training/supplies, Safety gears-boots, belts, helmet, Health and safety inspections (Fire Sprinkler systems), lifeline systems, fall arrest, fire extinguishers services and supply, Asbestos Management Plan, crowd control / portable gates etc.
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Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel, and Accessories, with Related Cleaning and Maintenance Equipment

032620

Closing Date: 03/26/2020 04:30:00 PM CT

Detail:

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Case Number: NOT PROVIDED
FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
Sourcewell; Bid Location Staples, MN, Todd County; Due 03/26/2020 at 04:30 PM

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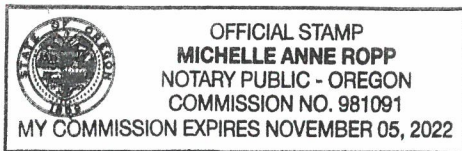
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SOURCEWELL
FIREFIGHTING PERSONAL
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, APPAREL,
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Proposals Due 4:30 pm,
March 26, 2020
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Carol Jackson
Sourcewell
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Basic Information

Estimated Contract Value (CAD)	\$140,000,000.00 (Not shown to suppliers)
Reference Number	0000168897
Issuing Organization	Sourcewell
Owner Organization	
Solicitation Type	RFP - Request for Proposal (Formal)
Solicitation Number	032620
Title	Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel, & Accessories, with Related
Source ID	PP.CO.USA.868485

Details

Location	All of Canada, All of Canada
Purchase Type	Term: 2020/05/18 01:00:00 AM EDT - 2024/05/17 01:00:00 AM EDT
Description	Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel, and Accessories, with Related Cleaning and Maintenance Equipment to result in a contracting solution for use by its members. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than March 26, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

Dates

Publication	Manual publication
Question Acceptance Deadline	2020/03/18 05:30:00 PM EDT
Questions are submitted online	No
Bid Intent	Not Available
Closing Date	2020/03/26 05:30:00 PM EDT

Prebid Conference 2020/02/06 12:00:00 PM EST

Contact Information

Procurement Department
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rfp@sourcewell-mn.gov

Pre-Bidding Events

Event Type	Prebid Conference
Attendance	Recommended
Event date	2020/02/06 12:00:00 PM EST
Location	Online WebEx
Event Note	Pre-Proposal login information will be emailed 2 days prior.

Bid Submission Process

Bid Submission Type	Electronic Bid Submission
Pricing	In attached document
Pricing	In attached document
Bid Documents List	

Item Name	Description	Mandatory
Bid Documents	Documents defining the proposal	Yes

Documents

Documents

Document	Size	Uploaded Date	Language
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Categories

Selected Categories

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Title: Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel, and Accessories, with Related Cleaning and Maintenance Equipment

Agency: Sourcewell

Division: Procurement Department

Contract Number: 032620

Contract Term: 4 years, with potential 1 year extension

Date of Issue: 01/23/2020

Due Date/Time: 03/26/2020 4:30 PM
Central Time

County(ies): All NYS counties

Classification: Miscellaneous - *Commodities*

Opportunity Type: General

Entered By: Chris Robinson

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Contact Information

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Bid RFP #032620 - Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel, and Accessories, with Related Cleaning and Maintenance Equipment

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Bid Type **RFP**Bid Number **032620**

Title **Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel, and Accessories, with Related Cleaning and Maintenance Equipment**

Start Date **Jan 23, 2020 8:33:43 AM CST**End Date **Mar 26, 2020 4:30:00 PM CDT**Agency **Sourcewell**

Bid Contact **Chris Robinson**
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Pre-Bid Conference

Date **Feb 6, 2020 11:00:00 AM CST**

Location **Online WebEx**

Notes **Pre-Proposal login information will be emailed two days prior.**

Documents

No Documents for this bid

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Opportunity Notice

Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Apparel and Accessories, with Related Cleaning and Maintenance Equipment

Category: Goods

Potential vendors (bidders) may view the bid package here.



Opportunity Information

Organization:	Rural Municipalities of Alberta
Organization Address:	2510 Sparrow Drive
Reference Number:	AB-2020-00646
Solicitation Number:	AB-2020-00646
Solicitation Type:	Request for Proposal
Posting (MM/dd/yyyy):	01/23/2020 04:00:00 PM Alberta Time
Closing (MM/dd/yyyy):	03/26/2020 03:00:59 PM Alberta Time
Last Update (MM/dd/yyyy):	01/23/2020 03:18:21 PM Alberta Time
Agreement Type:	NWPTA/TILMA & CFTA & CETA
Region of Opportunity:	Open
Region of Delivery:	Alberta
Opportunity Type:	Open & Competitive

Interested vendors (bidders) who wish to submit a response to this opportunity should register their interest by downloading the document (s) from the bid package.



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 N4240AD: Canister, Gas Mask (CW)
 N8415QBA: JACKET/TROUSERS, FIREMAN, PROTECTIVE, FIRE RETARDANT, INCLUDING NOMEX
 N3510A: Washing Machines and Dryers, Laundry, Domestic, All Types
 N4235J: Oil Dispersant and Absorbent Systems
 N4220B: Compressors, Underwater Breathing Apparatus
 N4940K: Cleaning Machines, Ultrasonic
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Response Submission:

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Procurement Manager
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Nisku, Alberta T9E 8N5
Tel: 1-800-807-3750 
Email: rfp@sourcewell-mn.gov

Response Specifics:

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Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. Only complete proposals that are timely submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Late proposals will not be considered. It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

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Opportunity Description:

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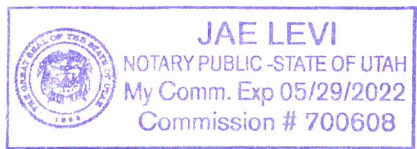
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Important Dates

Pre-Proposal Conference:

February 6, 2020 at 11:00 am CST

Proposals Due:

March 26, 2020 at 4:30 pm CDT

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Jeter not hung up on vote that got away



Bob Nightengale
Columnist
USA TODAY

OK, so who's going to step up and be the whistle-blower in baseball's latest controversy?

Who left Derek Jeter off the Baseball Hall of Fame ballot, making sure he didn't join Yankees teammate Mariano Rivera as baseball's only unanimous electees?

Jeter received 396 of the 397 votes, obtaining the highest voting percentage, 99.7, of any position player in election history.

Still, it was not 100%. So let the witch hunt begin.

Yet just as Jeter did throughout his 20-year major league career, he deftly sidestepped the storm the anonymous voter created, refusing to let it tarnish his glorious moment.

"Well, I look at all the votes I got," Jeter said. "Do you know how hard it is to get that many people to agree on anything? It takes a lot of votes to get elected into the Hall of Fame."

The fact that someone didn't vote for him?

Sorry, let everyone else worry about it.

"That's not something on my mind," he said. "I'm just extremely excited and honored to be elected."

Still, the idea that someone purposefully left Jeter off the ballot, or perhaps turned in a blank ballot, won't suddenly be forgotten.

He was asked about it Wednesday at the Hall of Fame news conference. He'll be asked about it in South Florida as the CEO of the Marlins. He'll be asked about it until the July 26 induction ceremony in Cooperstown, New York.

Jeter won't touch it. Not now. Not at the Hall of Fame. Not ever.

Ken Griffey Jr., who was three votes shy of being a unanimous selection in



Derek Jeter will be joined by Larry Walker in the 2020 Baseball Hall of Fame class.
GREG M. COOPER/USA TODAY SPORTS

2016, remembers the same furor during his election. Sure, he would have loved to have been the first unanimous selection, but nowadays does anyone even remember?

"I don't even think about it," Griffey told USA TODAY Sports. "It doesn't bother me. I just think it's harder for voters to leave guys off nowadays because you have to reveal your ballot. So if you vote a little different, the scrutiny comes. It makes you more accountable."

Still, while most active voters in the Baseball Writers' Association of America publicly reveal their votes, it's not a requirement. So the lone soldier might never be exposed.

Besides, not being unanimous, Jeter can be just one of the guys in baseball's greatest fraternity.

"He's got 12 minutes to make a speech," Griffey said, "and then we'll start throwing stuff at him. We'll treat him like a visiting player at Yankee Stadium, throwing batteries and apples at him. We'll say, 'This is what it's like play-

ing at your house.'"

Jeter, just like Griffey, was an icon of his sport. He epitomized class and grace on and off the field. He represented baseball as well as anyone who wore the uniform.

He played through baseball's steroid era, the BALCO investigation that severely tarnished Barry Bonds' career, and the Biogenesis scandal that resulted in 13 players being suspended, including teammate Alex Rodriguez.

Now, at a time the Astros were caught cheating using electronic equipment, and with the Red Sox under investigation, Jeter again provides a shining light with his election.

"Look, there are situations the sport has gone through throughout its history," Jeter said, "and at times it can seem pretty ugly. I also understand people make mistakes and fortunately people have to pay for those mistakes."

"I think the game is going to move on obviously, and it's going to be in a better place for it."

And if anyone is looking for a role model, look no further than Jeter, who played the game the way it was meant to be, overcoming early struggles to become one of the greatest shortstops in history. He remembers being so overwhelmed after signing with the Yankees out of high school in 1992 that he sat on his hotel balcony every night and sobbed. He made 56 errors his first season in the minors, still a South Atlantic League record.

"Man, that first summer in '92 in Tampa," Jeter said, "I was just trying to make it to '93. I thought I was completely overmatched and thinking I made a mistake signing a professional contract. "To think of the Hall of Fame never crossed my mind."

Why, even with everyone telling him he was a slam-dunk, telling him years ago he better start preparing his speech, he refused to listen.

"Everyone kept saying it was a foregone conclusion," Jeter said, "but I never looked at (it) this way. I tried to stay away from that conversation."

"I had a great relationship with Reggie (Jackson), and he would constantly remind (me) when I came to the park, 'You're not a Hall of Famer yet.'"

Well, now he joins Jackson and will be part of perhaps the most celebrated induction ceremony in history, joining Canadian outfielder Larry Walker. Hall of Fame officials are anticipating record crowds, exceeding the 82,000 in 2007 that saw Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. feted.

"This means a little more to me," Jeter said. "I grew up a Yankee fan. It's the only organization I wanted to play for. I was fortunate to play 20 years in New York with a lot of thanks to the (George) Steinbrenner family. That's one thing I always want to be remembered as: remembered as a Yankee."

What won't be remembered is the unknown voter.

Jeter doesn't care.
So why should we?

Bonds, Clemens trail

Gabe Lacques
USA TODAY

Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens are down to their last two strikes to make baseball's Hall of Fame, and this time they'll carry virtually no momentum into their next crack at Cooperstown.

Bonds, the seven-time MVP, and Clemens, the seven-time Cy Young Award winner, barely got a bump in their eighth appearances on the ballot, and now the specter of their links to performance-enhancing drugs keeping them out of the Hall seems very real.

In results released Tuesday, Clemens was named on 242 of 397 ballots and Bonds on 241, their 61% and 60.7% marks hardly a leap from 2019's haul of 59.5% (Clemens) and 59.1% (Bonds).

Two factors might work in their favor in their final two years on the writers' ballot:

■ There won't be any slam-dunk, first-time candidates such as Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera.

■ The elections of Edgar Martinez and Larry Walker in the past two years indicates plenty of voters can have 10th-

year changes of heart, though neither of those last-ditch electees were tied to PED use.

Contributing: The Associated Press

2020 voting results

397 votes cast, 298 needed
x-Derek Jeter 396 (99.7%), Larry Walker 304 (76.6), Curt Schilling 278 (70.0), Roger Clemens 242 (61.0), Barry Bonds 241 (60.7), Omar Vizquel 209 (52.6), Scott Rolen 140 (35.3), Billy Wagner 126 (31.7), Gary Sheffield 121 (30.5), Todd Helton 116 (29.2), Manny Ramirez 112 (28.2), Jeff Kent 109 (27.5), Andruw Jones 77 (19.4), Sammy Sosa 55 (13.9), Andy Pettitte 45 (11.3), x-Bobby Abreu 22 (5.5).

Received fewer than 20 votes (less than 5%): x-Paul Konerko 10 (2.5), x-Jason Giambi 6 (1.5), x-Alfonso Soriano 6 (1.5), x-Eric Chavez 2 (0.5), x-Cliff Lee 2 (0.5), x-Adam Dunn 1, Brad Penny 1 (0.3), x-Raúl Ibañez 1 (0.3), x-J.J. Putz 1 (0.3), x-Josh Beckett 0, x-Heath Bell 0, x-Chone Figgins 0, x-Rafael Furcal 0, x-Carlos Peña 0, x-Brian Roberts 0, x-José Valverde 0.

x-first year on ballot

Buehrle, Hudson and Hunter join ballot for '21

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After back-to-back years with a slam-dunk nominee, the 2021 debutants on the Baseball Hall of Fame ballot are unlikely to draw much support.

Mark Buehrle, Tim Hudson and Torii Hunter are among the top players who will debut on the ballot next year and, despite excellent careers, it's hard to imagine anybody from this group will ever receive the 75% of the vote necessary to get in.

Holdovers include Curt Schilling (70%), Roger Clemens (61%) and Barry Bonds (60.7%), all of whom will be making their ninth, and penultimate, appearances on the ballot in 2021. Omar Vizquel (52.6%), Scott Rolen (35.3%) and Billy Wagner (31.7%) are among the other 2020 top vote-getters who will return to the ballot.

Here are the top newcomers on next year's ballot ranked by career Wins Against Replacement:

Mark Buehrle (59.2 WAR) – 214 wins, 5-time All-Star, 4-time Gold Glove winner, career 3.81 ERA

Tim Hudson (58.1 WAR) – 222 wins, 4-time All-Star, career 3.49 ERA

Torii Hunter (50.1 WAR) – 9-time Gold Glove winner, 5-time All-Star, 2-time Silver Slugger

Dan Haren (35 WAR) – 3-time All-Star, 4.03 K/BB (15th all-time), career 3.75 ERA

Aramis Ramirez (32.6 WAR) – 3-time All-Star, 7 100+ RBI seasons

Barry Zito (31.9 WAR) – 2002 AL Cy Young winner, 3-time All-Star

Shane Victorino (31.6 WAR) – 4-time Gold Glove winner, 2-time All-Star
A.J. Burnett (29.1 WAR) – career 3.99 ERA

Alex Rios (27.4 WAR) – 2-time All-Star

Grady Sizemore (27.3 WAR) – 3-time All-Star, 2-time Gold Glove winner, Silver Slugger

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