Request for Proposal (RFP) ARFF EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION CLEANING





Birmingham Airport Authority Closing Date August 1, 2025

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I. Introduction

A. Project Description

The Birmingham Airport Authority ("BAA" or "Authority") is requesting proposals (RFP) for the decontamination cleaning of two ARFF trucks at the Birmingham Shuttleworth International Airport.

The goal of this procurement effort is to enter into a contract with the best-valued Contractor to perform the work described in this RFP.

B. Proposed Scope of Work

PURPOSE OF THE RFP: The Birmingham Airport Authority is soliciting proposals for cleaning aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) containing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) from airport owned Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicles on Part 139 certified airports. This contract will provide any and all services related to PFAS contamination cleaning of ARFF vehicles, including but not limited to cleaning vehicles to pre-determined action level based on state and federal regulations. Generalized tasks to be performed under this contract include mobilization and demobilization activities; cleaning ARFF vehicles to determine base contamination level; using a cleaning process to decontaminate vehicle; replacing hoses and equipment as necessary if unable to clean; generation of site reports and project milestone tracking; coordination of pre- and post-sampling of ARFF vehicles with BAA representatives to determine when clean status is achieved; coordination of collection of AFFF and scheduling with BAA and/or representatives for proper disposal of AFFF and PFAS contaminated fluids and material generated through the cleaning process. The airport will require a contractor method of chemical cleaning to meet EPA pfas tolerances, cleaning requirements, and any other applicable part 139 requirements. The contractor will need to provide, and put all AFFF and water contamination in totes for disposal.

ARFF Truck Specifications:

The 2020 Rosenbauer Panther 6x6 ARFF truck currently holds 3000 gallons of water and 400 gal AFFF, and the 2020 Rosenbauer 4x4 ARFF truck currently holds 1598 gallons of water and 210 gallons of AFFF.

Quote Separate) Add Alternate 1:

The airport will require a contractor for a method of chemical cleaning to meet EPA pfas tolerances, cleaning requirements, and any other applicable part 139 requirements.

Truck Specifications:

2006 Blaze 27 FORD-550 RIV: 300 gallons water and 40 gal AFFF.

C. Term of Agreement

The term of the agreement resulting from this solicitation is one month.

General Conditions

- i. **Terms and Conditions:** Contractor agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions contained in this RFP. Any exceptions to the requirements of this RFP, or the BAA's terms and conditions of this RFP, shall be noted in writing, with detailed explanation, and included with the RFP submittal. The Contractor acknowledges that taking exceptions to this RFP may subject the response submittal to be rejected.
- ii. **Discussions and Questions:** All questions must be submitted in writing and directed to the Birmingham Airport Authority (BAA) Purchasing Department at eseoane@flybhm.com in order to be considered. The Contractor shall not attempt to discuss any aspects of the request with any other party except for the email address described in this RFP. No verbal agreements will be considered during the proposal process. BAA reserves the right to reject the proposal of any Contractor violating this provision.
- iii. **Completeness:** All requested information and required forms must be completed, signed, and submitted with this document to constitute a proper proposal. The entire package must be complete with all required forms, signature, and information. Failure to complete or comply with any part of the specifications or requirements in this RFP may constitute a basis of rejection. It is within the right of the BAA to reject any RFP submittal in this solicitation document.
- iv. **Errors:** Contractors or their authorized representatives are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting proposals. Contractors are cautioned not to obliterate, erase, or strike-over any printed material as set forth in this RFP. In quoting prices, wherever Contractor has made an error and has corrected, all such corrections should be initialed by the person signing this RFP. If errors occur in the extension of prices in the RFP, the unit prices shall govern. Failure to comply with this provision may result in rejection of Contractor's submittal. All documents submitted must be legible.
- v. **Changes/Modifications:** No changes or modifications shall be made to any BAA forms without the approval of the BAA. If changes or modifications are made without the approval of BAA, the proposal submitted by the Contractor may be rejected.
- vi. **Compliance with Laws:** The Contractor shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, and workman's compensation insurance, and maintain compliance with any other federal, state, or local requirements during the term of the contract with BAA and in submitting a proposal.

- vii. **Specifications:** Whenever mention is made of any article, material, or workmanship to be in accordance with any laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, etc., these requirements shall be construed to be the minimum requirements of these specifications.
- viii. **Quality:** All materials used for the manufacture or construction of any supplies, materials, equipment, or service shall be new unless otherwise specified. All materials shall be of the best quality, and to the highest grade of workmanship that meet the specifications in this document. Materials or service must comply with all applicable Federal, State, or OSHA requirements.
- ix. **Acceptance of Material:** The materials delivered shall remain the property of the Contractor pending physical inspection and acceptance to the satisfaction of the BAA. In the event the material supplied to BAA is found to be defective or does not conform to specifications, the BAA reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the Contractor and return the product(s) to the Contractor at the Contractor's expense, and to invoke the provisions of the section titled "Default".
- x. **Default:** Any contract made between BAA and the Contractor can be cancelled by the BAA in whole or in part via written notice, upon the Contractor's non-performance or violation of contract terms. The Contractor will be given 15 days to rectify the non-performance or violation. An award may be made to the lowest quoting Contractor for material or services specified, and purchases may be made on the open market. The defaulting Contractor shall be liable for costs to the BAA in excess of the defaulted contract prices. The Contractor shall continue the performance of the contract to the extent any part is not terminated under the provisions of this clause.
- xi. **Termination of Agreement:** In addition to any other rights and remedies allowed by law, BAA may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason, or no reason, with or without cause, without penalty or expense to BAA of any kind whatsoever, by giving (15) days written notice to Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date of the termination. Termination of this agreement as provided in section Xi shall release BAA from any further fees to be paid to contractor after the date of termination, other than any unpaid fees earned for Services which were satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of the termination.
- xii. **Guarantee:** The Contractor shall unconditionally guarantee the materials and workmanship on all materials and/or services for the Contractor's specified guaranteed period, unless otherwise stated. Within the guarantee period, if any defects occur which are due to faulty material and/or services, Contractor shall repair, replace, and/or adjust such faulty material and/or services to the complete satisfaction of the BAA. These repairs, replacements, or adjustments shall be made only at a time lest detrimental to the operation of the BAA.
- xiii. Add/Delete Items: During the term of the contract, items and/or services may be added and/or deleted to the contract upon agreement between the successful Contractor and BAA.
- xiv. **Reimbursement:** The BAA will not reimburse the Contractor for any costs associated with the preparation and submittal of any RFP response, or for any travel and/or per diem costs that are incurred.
- xv. **Submitted Material:** All requests, responses, inquiries, or correspondence relating to, or in- reference to this document submitted by Contractors shall become the property of the BAA when received. Once an award is made, all excess copies at the Contractor's request may be destroyed.

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- xvi. **Outside Estimates:** The BAA reserves the right to obtain an outside estimate, or to have the product or service provided outside of this contract when it is in the best interest of the BAA.
- xvii. **Disclaimer:** This is a Request for Proposal. This is not an offer or contract. The submission of a proposal in response to this process does not impose any legal obligations upon BAA, nor does it create any contractual or quasi-contractual relationship between BAA and any Contractor. BAA reserves the right to reject or disregard any or all proposals, to negotiate with any or all Contractors, and/or to enter a contract or contracts with any Contractor or Contractors for any or all of the services described herein. BAA is not obligated to respond to any statement or proposal. This RFP is subject to errors, omissions, modifications, withdrawal, or cancellation without notice.

II. Special Conditions

- i. Indemnification: Contractor undertakes and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless BAA, and any and all its Board Members, officers and employees, from and against all suits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and reasonable expenses, including by not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs of litigation, damage(s) or liability, including but not limited to death or injury, or for damage to, or destruction of, any property, arising by reasons of the performance of the contract to the extent caused by the negligent performance of the professional services under the contract on the part of the Contractor, or any of the Contractor's Subcontractors, employees, or anyone for whom the Contractor has obligated itself under the contract. THERE IS NO EXPECTATION OF ANY INDEMNIFICATION BEING PROVIDED TO CONTRACTOR BY THE BAA.
- ii. Changes and Alterations: The BAA reserves the right to make any alterations in the RFP and/or contract as may be necessary due to changing conditions found during the Project. The Contractor shall not claim forfeiture of contract by reasons of such changes by the BAA representative. If such changes increase or decrease the amount of the work or materials, the Contractor will be paid according to the quantity of product delivered at the prices established for such work under the contract. Any alterations or changes that diminish the scope of work or materials shall not constitute a claim for damages or for the loss of anticipated profits. Any alterations from the original job estimate provided by Contractor must be submitted in writing and must be approved by the designated BAA Representative.
- iii. Cure and Cover Clause: If a successful Contractor fails, or BAA concludes that there is a reasonable likelihood that the Contractor will not be able to timely perform its obligations under this RFP and/or contract, BAA may (in addition to any other contractual, legal, or equitable remedies) proceed to take any of the following actions after five (5) days' written notice to the Contractor: (A) Withhold any monies then or next due to the Contractor; or (B) Terminate the contract and obtain the deliverables (or equivalent) or portion thereof (or equivalent) from a third party, pay the third party for the same, and withhold the amount so paid from any money then or thereafter due to Contractor and hold Contractor liable for any amounts paid to the third party (or parties) to the extent that withholding payments to the Contractor does not cover BAA's cost of cover.

- iv. The BAA Reserves the Right: (a) to award proposals received on individual items, or on the entire list of items; and (b) to reject any or all proposals or any part thereof; and (c) to waive any irregularities and/or technicalities on the proposals; and (d) to accept the proposal that is in the best interest of BAA; and (e) to obtain clarification or additional information for any proposal; and (f) to purchase either selected items, or to not select any Contractor or purchase any goods and/or services resulting from this request; and (g) to reject any Contractor who has previously failed to perform properly or complete on time projects of a similar nature, and (h) to reject any Contractor whom investigation shows Contractor is not in a position to perform the Project and/or service as specified in this RFP.
- v. **Basis of Award:** The basis of evaluation will be Best Balue considering price and Contractor availability to seek or exceed BAA's specifications and requirements. The proposal is subject to be awarded to the most responsive and responsible Contractor whose proposal is evaluated to be the most advantageous to the BAA considering price and other factors. The award can be made to one or multiple Contractors, whichever is in the best interest of the BAA. Other suppliers and tertiary suppliers may be selected to fill orders or provide contracted services if the primary supplier cannot make provision to the BAA when time is of the essence.
- vi. Badging Requirements and Fees; Other Expenses: In order to perform Services onsite in secured areas of BAA's facilities, Company personnel are required to undergo a background check and obtain a BAA badge allowing them access to such areas. On completion of the Services, Company personnel are required to turn their badges in to BAA's security department. Failure to return a badge on completion of Services will result in a fine in the amount of \$500. Company is responsible for paying all badging fees and all fines for badges not returned after the Services are completed. In connection with the provision of Services, Company may incur expenses to BAA or BAA may be charged for expenses of Company. Company will pay or reimburse BAA for such expenses within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice. If BAA owes Company any fees on completion of the Services and any badging fees, fines or other expenses owed by Company are then due and payable, BAA will have the right to deduct and offset the badging fees, fines and other expenses from the fees then owed to Company. If the amount due to BAA exceeds the amount of fees due to Company or there are no fees then due to Company, BAA will invoice and Company will pay the badging fees, fines and other expenses incurred within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice. Failure to pay all badging fees, fines and other expenses in full may prevent Company from competing for future contracting opportunities with BAA.
- vii. Insurance: The selected Contractor shall procure, at its expense, and keep in full force and effect at all times during the term of the contract, the types and amounts of insurance specified herein and in Appendix B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

III. Submittal Requirements

A. Selection Process

This is a best value procurement process. This method is defined as "a procurement process where price and other key factors can be considered in the evaluation and

selection process to minimize impacts and enhance the long-term performance and value of construction."

A project proposal will be solicited from all interested Contractors. The project proposal will allow the opportunity to provide data relating to the experience and qualifications of the interested Contractor. A cost proposal must also be included.

BAA's selection committee will review all responsive proposals based on the criteria listed in this RFP and create a ranking of Contractors.

B. Project Proposal

Please submit your proposal via email to Ed Seoane, Vice President of Purchasing at eseoane@flybhm.com.

All questions associated with this RFP must be submitted in writing via e-mail to Ed Seoane, Vice President of Purchasing, at eseoane@flybm.com by the deadline identified for questions/clarifications (see timeline).

Project proposals shall remain valid for ninety (90) days from the submission deadline. By submission of a bid/quote, Contractor agrees that its bid/quote is valid for one hundred eighty (180) days from the submission deadline.

C. Project Proposal Format

Contractors' Project Proposals must include the following sections:

- i. Contractor Overview and Capability to Perform All Aspects of the Scope of Work: Detail the overall structure of the Contractor and any unique operating characteristics that may enhance the scope's overall success. This should include but is not limited to: relevant services provided by the Contractor, office locations, and total number of employees providing relevant services.
- ii. Recent Contractor Experience in Performing Similar Services: Discuss relevant services completed at other Airports within the past five (5) years. This should include, but is not limited to: location, start and completion date, description of services provided, outcome of services provided, quality of services provided, and applicability to BAA's proposed scope of work. Identify the Contractor's role as either a prime or Subcontractor and specific contribution to the task. A point of contact for the project's owner must also be included. BAA may contact such references, as necessary.
- iii. Proposed Scope of Work and Approach to Performing the Services: Proposed Equipment, specifications/Capacity, and Warranty. Lead time for equipment. Discuss the scope of work and how the Contractor will provide the desired services. This includes recommendations on how to achieve the scope of work including a proposed design, safety, and phasing plan. Proposed schedule to complete this work. Nighttime work is available. Identify the operational safety procedures to be employed while performing the desired services. Detail how the Contractor will perform quality control throughout the contract term. Identify the Contractor's plan for communication with BAA throughout the contract term.
- iv. **Cost Proposal:** Provide the proposed cost to complete the scope of in a lump sum format. Quote Alternate 1 separately. Payment terms.

D. Project Proposal Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the proposer's ability to meet the performance requirements of this RFP. To be deemed responsive, it is important for each proposer to provide appropriate detail to demonstrate satisfaction of each criterion and compliance with the performance provisions outlined in this RFP. A proposer's proposal will be the primary source of information used in the evaluation process. Proposals must contain information specifically related to the proposed services and requested herein. Failure to submit any information requested may result in the elimination of the proposal from further evaluation and consideration. The evaluation and selection will be based on the following:

- i. Contractor's capability to perform all aspects of the scope of work.
- ii. Contractor's proposed approach to the services at BHM
- iii. Contractor's recent experience in performing similar services.
- iv. Contractor's proposed cost

E. Tentative RFP Timeline

All deadlines are by 2:00 P.M. Central Time on each respective date.

RFP Posted	July 18, 2025
Deadline for Proposal Questions/Clarifications	July,25, 2025
Proposal Deadline	August 1, 2025
Contractor Recommendations / Master Service Agreement	August 19, 2025
Date	

Appendix B Insurance Requirements

The Selected Contractor shall procure, at its expense, and always keep in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement, the types and amounts of insurance specified in Exhibit B: "BAA Contractor Insurance Requirements" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

The specified insurance shall include and insure Birmingham Airport Authority, City of Birmingham, Alabama and their respective directors, council members, agents and employees, including, with limits, the OAR and the Engineer and the other named consultants, their officers, agents and employees as additional insured's (with the exception of Worker's Compensation and Professional Liability), against the areas of risk associated with the Services as described in this RFP with respect to Contractor's operations, acts or omissions in the performance of this Agreement, its operations, use and occupancy of the Airport, and other related functions performed by or on behalf of Contractor in, on or about Airport, which the Contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Contractor, or by a Subcontractor or by anyone

directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose act any of them may be liable.

A copy of the Contractor's current insurance certificate, verifying the Contractor's insurance coverage, must be submitted upon execution of the Agreement and prior to commencement of the Work. The minimum required insurance coverage is not intended to, and shall not in any manner, limit or reduce liabilities and obligations assumed by the Contractor, its agents, employees, or any Subcontractor. Contractor shall furnish the insurance coverages outlined in Exhibit B: "BAA Contractor Insurance Requirements" either through existing policies or by virtue of a specific project policy, with deductible limits acceptable to the Authority.

Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with the Owner prior to commencement of the Work on a Certificate of Insurance form, or Certificates, policies, or endorsements acceptable to the Owner. If such insurance coverages are required to remain in force after Final Payment, an additional certificate evidencing continuation of such coverage shall be submitted with the final Application for Payment by the Contractor. Information concerning reduction or cancellation of coverage shall be immediately furnished by the Contractor to the Owner.

All such insurance shall be primary and non-contributing with any other insurance held by Authority where liability arises out of or results from the acts or omissions of Contractor, its agents, employees, officers, assigns or any person or entity acting for or on behalf of Contractor. Such policies shall also include a Waiver of Subrogation and provide the Owner at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of any cancellation or non-renewal thereof. Such policies may provide for reasonable deductibles and/or retentions acceptable to the Authority based upon the nature of Contractor's operations and the type of insurance involved.

Coverages, whether written on an occurrence or claims made basis, shall be maintained without interruption from date of commencement of the Work until date of Final Payment and termination of any coverage required to be maintained after Final Payment. If such insurance coverages are required to remain in force after Final Payment, an additional certificate evidencing continuation of such coverage shall be submitted with the final Application for Payment by the Contraction. If the Contractor's coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the Contractor shall also provide tail coverage to include claims made after the completion of the Work for the Completed Operations coverage for the required statute of repose.

Each specified insurance policy (other than Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability and fire and extended coverage's) shall contain a Severability of Interest (Cross Liability) clause which states, "It is agreed that the insurance afforded by this policy shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or suit is brought except with respect to the limits of the company's liability," and a Contractual Endorsement which shall state, "Such insurance as is afforded by this policy shall also apply to liability assumed by the insured under insured's Agreement with the Authority."

At least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of the above policies, documentation showing that the insurance coverage has been renewed or extended shall be filed with Authority. If such coverage is canceled or reduced, Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) days of such cancellation or reduction of coverage, file with Authority evidence that the required insurance has been reinstated or provided through another insurance company or companies. In the event Contractor fails to furnish Authority with evidence of insurance and maintain the insurance as required, Authority upon ten (10) days prior written notice to comply, may, but shall not be

required to, procure such insurance at the cost and expense of Contractor, and Contractor agrees to promptly reimburse Authority for the cost thereof. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of invoice date.

Contractor shall provide proof of all required insurance and related requirements to Authority either by production of: the actual insurance policy(ies); or a Certificate of Insurance in a form acceptable to the Authority. The documents evidencing all required coverages shall be filed with Authority prior to Contractor performing Services or occupying the Airport. The documents shall contain (i) the applicable policy number, (ii) the inclusive dates of policy coverage's, (iii) the insurance carrier's name, address and telephone number, (iv) shall bear an original signature of an authorized representative of said carrier, and (v) shall provide that such insurance shall not be subject to cancellation, reduction in coverage, or nonrenewal except after written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Authority at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof. Information concerning reduction or cancellation of coverage shall be immediately furnished by the Contractor to Owner. Owner reserves the right to have submitted to it, upon request, all pertinent information about the agent, broker, and carrier providing such insurance.

Authority and Contractor agree that the insurance policy limits specified herein shall be reviewed for adequacy annually throughout the term of this Agreement by the Authority who may, thereafter, require Contractor, on thirty (30) days prior written notice, to adjust the amounts of insurance coverage to whatever reasonable amount said Authority deems to be adequate.

All insurance policies shall be written in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in Alabama and are required to have minimum A.M. Best financial rating of A minus, 8 (A-, VIII).

If Contractor has Subcontractor performing any work, the Subcontractor is subject to the same insurance requirements outlined in this section and on Exhibit B: BAA Contractor's Insurance Requirements.

Contractor is also advised of the statutory immunity of negligence applicable to the owner and its directors, which is contained in Article 2, Chapter 3 of Title 4 Section 4-30-50 of the Code of Alabama, 1975.

BAA CONTRACTOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

It is highly recommended that each Bidder request that its current insurance broker/agent review the insurance requirements in this Contract before completing and submitting a Bid, so each Bidder will be aware of any additional cost that may be incurred to meet the Owner's insurance requirements for this Contract. No such additional costs shall be part of the Bid price, and the Contractor shall be responsible for paying the same.

All such insurance policies shall provide that coverage is primary and non-contributory, includes waiver of subrogation and provides the Owner at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of any cancellations or modification thereof. The Owner shall be named as an additional insured on all policies except Workers' Compensation and the Professional Liability/E&O policies.

Additional Insureds shall read: Birmingham Airport Authority, City of Birmingham, Alabama and their respective directors, council members, agents and employees.

Please note that separate limits may be required if RFP requires work be performed "Airside" vs "non-Airside" as outlined on the attached Exhibit B.

Contractor shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain, at its own expense, the following minimum levels and types of insurance (see next page):

BAA CONTRACTOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR PROVIDED INSURANCE FOR <u>AIR-SIDE</u> PROJECT COVERAGE

2. Completed Operations Extended 3 Years

Broad Form Property Damage
 Fellow Employee Coverage
 Primary & Non-Contributory
 Waiver of Subrogation

Type of Coverage **Minimum Limits** Worker's Compensation Statutory for Coverage A **Employee's Liability** \$1,000,000 each Accident \$1,000,000 Disease - Policy Limit \$1,000,000 per Employee Requirements: 1. Voluntary Compensation Endorsement 2. Waiver of Subrogation **General Liability** \$1,000,000 each occurrence \$10,000,000 General Aggregate \$10,000,000 Completed Operations/Products Aggregate \$1,000,000 Personal Injury \$5,000 Medical Payments Requirements: 1. XCU Perils Coverage

- 7. 30 Days' Notice of Cancellation to Certificate Holder
- 8. CG2010 and CG2037 Endorsements
- 9. Contractual Liability applicable to Contractor's indemnification obligations

Business Automobile

\$2,000,000 per occurrence combined limit for bodily injury liability and property damage

Requirements:

- 1. Covers owned, non-owned and hired autos
- 2. Primary & Non-Contributory
- 3. Waiver of Subrogation
- 4. 30 Days' Notice of Cancellation to Certificate Holder

Umbrella

\$10,000,000

Builder's Risk Policy Requirement: Amount of Project

- Contractor provide coverage for Contractor's equipment on the job site and all construction material and equipment which is schedule for the Work but has not been delivered to the Job Site
- 2. Coverage shall insure interest of Owner and Contractor
- 3. Provide Replacement Cost
- 4. Event of Loss, proceeds of any claim shall be paid to the Owner who shall apportion the proceeds between the Owner and the Contractor as their interest may appear
- 5. Coverage includes flood and earth movement
- 6. Per Project Aggregate

Pollution Policy \$5,000,000 Professional Liability \$1,000,000