

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**  
**RFI 2025-01**  
***Rugs & Workwear Rental Service***  
**South Dakota Science and Technology Authority**  
***May 29, 2025***

The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) is seeking information from qualified vendors to serve as a source for workwear and mat rental and laundering. Services will be required at various locations throughout the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) property.

Please note that this is not a solicitation. The Request for Information (RFI) is issued solely for information and planning purposes. Responses to this RFI will not be considered as offers or proposals, nor will they result in a contract award.

## **1.0 Background**

SDSTA is a quasi-governmental agency established by the State of South Dakota to operate and manage SURF at the former Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, SD. This facility has been rehabilitated and developed to support a variety of scientific experiments, including physics, biology, geology, and others.

## **2.0 Scope**

The services required are the following:

- 2.1 Mats:
  - 1.1.1 Various sizes
  - 1.1.2 Various locations within the property
  - 1.1.3 Some will require a logo
  - 1.1.4 Every other week service
- 2.2 Workwear:
  - 2.2.1 LS/SS Class 2 HV, two-toned, non-FR shirt (preferably cotton blend)
  - 2.2.2 LS Class 2 HV FR shirt
  - 2.2.3 Sizes small thru 4XL & tall sizes
  - 2.2.4 Standard jeans, FR & non-FR
  - 2.2.5 Weekly service
- 2.3 One-Time Setup:
  - 2.3.1 Name patch
  - 2.3.2 Company patch
  - 2.3.3 Barcode/microchipping

### **3.0 SDSTA Additional Requirements**

- 3.1 What is your experience providing linen and workwear rental and laundering services?
- 3.2 What specific capabilities do you have and how can they be utilized to meet the needs described in this RFI?
- 3.3 What is your pricing structure?
- 3.4 What is your policy or procedure on clothing rental versus purchase?
- 3.5 Once we have posted a Request for Bid, we will require an itemized rate sheet, to include escalation for a period of three years.

### **4.0 Schedule**

The proposed schedule for this inquiry:

RFI Posted ..... 05/29/2025  
RFI Responses Due ..... 06/19/2025

### **5.0 Requirements**

- 5.1 Vendors interested in providing information or expressing interest may respond with relevant capabilities, service offerings and experience. Parties should submit an electronic copy (pdf format) of their responses and additional questions to:  

Shelly Nisly  
[mnisly@sanfordlab.org](mailto:mnisly@sanfordlab.org)
- 5.2 A Request for Bid (RFB) following information gathering is anticipated. The RFB will be provided to all respondents of the RFI as well as posted at [www.sanfordlab.org](http://www.sanfordlab.org).
- 5.3 All communications regarding this procurement between RFI release and contract award shall be directed to Shelly Nisly