
REQUEST FOR BID
OCENCO Self-Contained Self Rescue Units
South Dakota Science and Technology Authority
Purchase Order Agreement #28950
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The South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) is seeking bids for Self-Contained Self Rescue Units for use at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Small businesses are encouraged to submit a bid. Documents included in this Request for Bid include:

- A. This Request for Bid
- B. Draft Purchase Order Agreement

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

- 2.1 **15 Each – OCENCO EBA 6.5 Self-Contained Self Rescue Units**

3.0 Schedule

This purchase should commence following the award of the Purchase Order Agreement. The proposed timeline for this purchase is:

RFB Posted..... 11/04/2025
RFB Responses Due by 4:00pm MT 11/25/2025
Target Award Date 12/02/2025

4.0 Bid Requirements

- 4.1 Proposers should submit an electronic copy (.pdf format) of the bid to Shelly Nisly at mnisly@sanfordlab.org.
- 4.2 Prior to issuance of Purchase Order Agreement, vendor(s) **must** be registered with the **System for Award Management** (SAM.gov).
- 4.3 Provided estimated delivery schedule and any applicable shipping charges.
- 4.4 All communications regarding this procurement between RFB release and executed Purchase Order Agreement shall be directed to Shelly Nisly via email at mnisly@sanfordlab.org.
- 4.5 Communication with other SDSTA staff regarding this procurement in advance of the contract award is not allowed.

5.0 Selection Process

The SDSTA will review all submitted bids for adherence to this request's requirements and capabilities and select the firm(s) providing the Lowest Cost– Technically Acceptable bid. SDSTA reserves the right to make multiple awards.