



**City of Tacoma
Tacoma Fire Department
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus - Equipment, Maintenance, and Repair
RFB Specification No. FD19-0377F**

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing to Doreen Klaaskate by 3:00 p.m., Pacific Time, October 14, 2019. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1: Please confirm if Tacoma FD would like MSA G1 or MSA Firehawk SCBA.

Answer 1: MSA G1

Question 2: Please confirm if the NFPA 2013 edition or the most recent 2018 edition is preferred.

Answer 2: The adopted standard is NFPA 1981 and 1982 - 2013 edition but MSA updates their G1 chassis to current and upcoming standards and regularly updates firmware and software to comply. We would expect that the SCBA's would be ordered and shipped with chassis, firmware and software updates complying to 2018 edition standards installed as they are developed. NFPA 1982 Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)-2018 is included. TFD does not use the ExtendAire II UEBSS system .

Question 3: Please clarify the specific repair, inspection and maintenance that is included in this inquiry.

Answer 3: Line 7 includes any and all maintenance needs that we may need in addition to what we can do in our own tech shop. While I do not anticipate any needs in this area, we would like an hourly rate quote for services such as SCBA and RIC pack flow testing, technician level repairs that the TFD technicians may not be able to complete due to work load or SCBA repairs, maintenance or testing that we are unable to complete due to technical issues in our shop (ie flow test machine out of service, fit test machine out of service, etc.). Some of this is included in line 10.

Question 4: Please clarify what bottle repairs are included in this inquiry (some standard bottle repair is already included in Line 8 MSA Bottle Hydro Testing).

Answer 4: Line 9 includes epoxy repair for level 1-2 damage, interior tumbling if needed, level 3 damage evaluation and re-wrapping.