

Excerpt from Evaluative Criteria Section:

DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO MEET OR EXCEED ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please provide a written response to the following questions. Copies of website pages or selections from corporate reports are not considered a complete response.

1. Describe your firm's commitment to sustainability with regard to your internal operations. Provide information about your environmental management plan, greenhouse gas reduction action plans, waste reduction action plans, environmental third-party recognition/certifications, or other sustainability-related best practices. Include references to alternative transportation methods or the use of alternative fuels. Alternative transportation methods are those that are less energy intensive and emit fewer greenhouse gas emissions than conventional travel (e.g. electric vehicles, bio fuels etc).
2. Describe your firm's efforts to source textiles (or manufacture textiles) that are manufactured in a manner that reduces the use of toxic chemicals throughout the life-cycle of the product. In your response, specifically address the following. Include a description as to how your firm ensures compliance with any stated certifications or best practices.
 - a. Whether or not your firm uses (and/or sources products made with) substances listed on the American Apparel & Footwear Association's Restricted Substance List (Release 7, September 2010)
<http://www.apparelandfootwear.org/Resources/RestrictedSubstances.asp>
 - b. Any other best practices used by your firm that reduce the use of toxic chemicals in the manufacture of the proposed products.
3. Describe the delivery packaging, and the recyclability thereof, that will be used for the proposed products. Specifically address:
 - a. Packaging materials used (cardboard, plastic film, hangers (metal or plastic), etc.)
 - b. Recycled content of packaging materials
 - c. Recyclability of packaging at City facilities (NOTE: the City does not have the capability to readily recycle Styrofoam®, molded plastics, or plastic film)
 - d. Whether packaging is taken-back by your firm (as part of delivery services) for reuse or recycling
 - e. Your firm's efforts to minimize packaging without compromising product quality and integrity.
4. Where is your firm located? Does your firm utilize any suppliers from Oregon or Southwest Washington for the proposed products? If so, include the name of the supplier, their location (City/State), and the type of product they supply.
5. Does your firm have anti-sweatshop policies and procedures in place to ensure materials and product assembly (as they apply to the goods requested in this solicitation) are not manufactured in facilities that engage in sweatshop labor practices? If so, describe your anti-sweatshop policy and procedures and include information on how you verify policy compliance within your operations and those of your suppliers.

NOTE: from the above, our office learned that some companies provide no-cost recycling for body armor no longer under warranty. This could be a requirement the next time around.