District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties **Request for Information (RFI)**	Solicitation #	2027-010
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DESCRIPTION **MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment and Accessories**

I. PURPOSE:

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, South Carolina, is conducting market research to identify manufacturers, authorized distributors, resellers, and other suppliers capable of providing MSA G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and related accessories.

The equipment is intended for use in the District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) firefighting training program.

The District intends to issue a competitive solicitation. The purpose of this RFI is to identify potential suppliers, verify manufacturer authorization and distribution restrictions, and gather information to assist in developing the appropriate competitive procurement.

II. EQUIPMENT INFORMATION:

The District is seeking information regarding the availability of the following equipment:

1. 12 MSA G1 SCBA Equipment Packages (each including 2 SCBA units, 4 cylinders, and 2 masks) – Part # A-G1FS444MACOLAR
2. 2 MSA G1 Charging Station Kits – Part # 10158385
3. 12 MSA G1 Rechargeable Battery Packs – Part # 10148741-SP
4. 2 MSA Quick-Connect Adapter Assemblies, 5,000 psig – Part # 10162403

The quantities and specifications listed are preliminary and subject to change in any subsequent solicitation.

III. INFORMATION REQUESTED:

Interested suppliers are requested to provide the following information:

1. Company Information
Provide your company name, business address, website, and primary contact name, telephone number, and email address.

2. Product Availability
Confirm whether your company can supply the MSA G1 equipment and accessories identified in Section II. If your company cannot supply all items, identify those that are available.

3. Manufacturer Authorization
Confirm whether your company is an authorized MSA distributor or reseller for the specified products. If available, provide documentation or a manufacturer reference confirming your authorization.

4. Distribution Restrictions
Identify any manufacturer-imposed geographic restrictions, exclusive sales territories, or other limitations that would affect your company's ability to quote, sell, or deliver these products to the District in South Carolina.

5. Product Availability and Lead Times
Identify any known availability concerns, discontinued products, manufacturer changes, or anticipated delivery lead times associated with the specified equipment.

6. Additional Authorized Suppliers
If known, identify any additional authorized distributors or suppliers capable of providing the specified equipment to the District.

III. RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

Interested vendors should submit a brief written response by November 02, 2026 and 12:00pm (EST) to:

Lauren Bové, CPPO, CPPB, Procurement Coordinator / D5bids@lexrich5.org

Please reference "RFI – MSA G1 SCBA Equipment" in the email subject line.

Responses may be submitted in the body of an email or as an attachment. **Formal proposals and pricing are not requested at this time.**

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION AND DISCLAIMER

This Request for Information is issued solely for market research and procurement planning purposes. It is not a solicitation for bids or proposals, and no contract or purchase order will be awarded as a result of this RFI.

The District is under no obligation to issue a subsequent solicitation or purchase any equipment identified herein.

Participation in this RFI is voluntary and does not guarantee an invitation to bid, preference, or award in any future procurement. Failure to respond will not prevent an otherwise qualified supplier from participating in a subsequent competitive solicitation.

Respondents are responsible for any costs associated with preparing and submitting information. Information submitted may be subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable South Carolina public records laws.

The District reserves the right to use information received to assist in developing specifications and determining the appropriate procurement method.

DISCLOSURES OF YOUR RESPONSE AND SUBMITTING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(a) According to Section 11-35-410, any person submitting a document in response or with regard to any solicitation or other request must “comply with instructions provided in the solicitation for marking information exempt from public disclosure. Information not marked as required by the applicable instructions may be disclosed to the public.”
(b) By submitting a response to this RFI, Respondent (1) agrees to the public disclosure of every page, or portion thereof, of every document regarding this RFI that was submitted, unless the page, or portion thereof, was redacted and conspicuously marked “Trade Secret” or “Confidential” or “Protected”, (2) agrees that any information not redacted and marked, as required by these instructions, as a “Trade Secret” is not a trade secret as defined by the Trade Secrets Act, and (3) agrees that, notwithstanding any claims or markings otherwise, all documents are subject to public disclosure.
(c) If your response includes any information that you claim is exempt from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy of your response from which you have removed or concealed such information (the redacted copy). Except for the information removed or concealed, the redacted copy must be identical to your original response.
(d) Do not mark your entire response as confidential, trade secret, or protected. If only portions of a page are subject to some protection, do not redact the entire page. The redacted copy must reflect the same pagination as the original and show the

empty space from which information was redacted. The Procurement Officer must be able to view, search, copy and print the redacted copy without a password.
(e) On the redacted copy, you must identify the basis of your claim by marking each redaction as follows: You must separately mark with the word CONFIDENTIAL" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure because it is either (1) a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40(a)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, or (2) privileged and confidential, as that phrase is used in Section 11-35-410. You must separately mark with the words "TRADE SECRET" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure as a trade secret pursuant to Section 39-8-20 of the Trade Secrets Act. You must separately mark with the word "PROTECTED" every page, or portion thereof, that you redacted and claim as exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 11-35-1810. All markings must be conspicuous; use color, bold, underlining, or some other method in order to conspicuously distinguish the mark from the other text.

In determining whether to release documents, the District will detrimentally rely on your redaction and marking of documents, as required by these instructions, as being either "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". By submitting a response, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agencies, officers and employees, from every claim, demand, loss, expense, cost, damage or injury, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from withholding information by the District, that you have redacted or marked as "Confidential" or "Trade Secret" or "Protected". (All references to S.C. Code of Laws.)