

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
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The state of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Public Safety Administration Division is requesting information for:

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL (OSHP) RIFLES

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT. THE INFORMATION MUST ARRIVE BY 3:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 24, 2010, TO:

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CHIEF, PURCHASING
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
1970 W. BROAD ST., 5TH FLOOR
P.O. BOX 182081
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OR

SENT ELECTRONICALLY AS AN ATTACHMENT TO:
PURCHASINGINQUIRIES@DPS.STATE.OH.US

1 General Overview

1.1 Background:

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) is responsible for the safety and security of Ohioans. The agency has eight divisions: Administration, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio Investigative Unit, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Medical Services, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Keeping Ohioans as safe as possible on state routes and highways is the responsibility of the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP). The OSHP, established in 1933, strives to save lives and prevent injuries on roadways and has made great progress in this area as traffic fatalities have been decreasing from year to year. The Patrol also offers statewide emergency response services, investigates criminal activities on state-owned property, and provides security for the Governor and other dignitaries.

1.2 Purpose:

The ODPS is soliciting information on Rifles in anticipation of the future acquisition of approximately three hundred (300) rifles for use by the OSHP.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to provide manufacturers and dealers sufficient information regarding the ODPS/OSHP requirements. The Information provided by manufacturers and dealers will be used to determine which rifle(s) meet the minimum requirements of the ODPS/OSHP. The

ODPS/OSHP plan to acquire rifle(s) meeting the requirements listed in Section 1.3 for testing and evaluation.

It is agreed and understood that Responses to this RFI and subsequent testing and evaluation process and documentation are considered to be working documents while they are under consideration are not subject to Public Records laws.

Only communication initiated and requested by the ODPS/OSHP is permissible. Any form of communication by any Respondent (or any of its representatives or agents) is prohibited with the ODPS/OSHP Staff during this evaluation process and may result in the Respondent being removed from testing and evaluation and further consideration. The ODPS may request demonstrations of products and services detailed in the Cost Summary from the Respondent.

1.3 Specifications:

- 1.3.1 AR15 Platform.
- 1.3.2 5.56 mm.
- 1.3.3 14.5" barrel (16" including Flash Suppressor), chrome lined.
- 1.3.4 1 in 9 rate of twist.
- 1.3.5 Gas Piston Operated.
- 1.3.6 Semi-automatic.
- 1.3.7 Closed bolt operation, fed by a detachable box magazine.
- 1.3.8 Iron sights, Standard A2 style front sight and adjustable rear sight.
- 1.3.9 Multi-position telescoping stock.
- 1.3.10 Standard pistol grip.
- 1.3.11 Double and single point sling capable.
- 1.3.12 Three 30-round metal magazines.
- 1.3.13 Flat-top.
- 1.3.14 Standard fore-end.

1.4 Armorer Training Options/Objectives:

- 1.4.1 Understand the safety principles involved with AR-15 Weapon System.
- 1.4.2 Proper Nomenclature of each part.
- 1.4.3 Identify all parts and assemblies of the AR-15 Rifle.
- 1.4.4 Understand the function of each part.
- 1.4.5 Assemble & Disassemble the complete Upper Receiver Group.
- 1.4.6 Assemble & Disassemble the complete Barrel Assembly.
- 1.4.7 Assemble & Disassemble the complete Lower Receiver Group.
- 1.4.8 Identify & replace defective or broken parts.
- 1.4.9 Order proper parts for repair.
- 1.4.10 Obtain technical knowledge of various trigger groups.
- 1.4.11 Obtain technical knowledge of Gas Piston System requirements & operation.

- 1.4.12 Diagnose problems.
- 1.4.13 Knowledge of optional & necessary equipment selection.
- 1.4.14 Installation of optional & necessary equipment selection.
- 1.4.15 Ability to share knowledge gained with other personnel.

1.5 Partial List of Evaluation Criteria (Equipment will be evaluated based on the following [in no order of importance]):

- 1.5.1 Compatibility.
- 1.5.2 Component Performance and Compatibility.
- 1.5.3 Dealer, Service and Parts Support.
- 1.5.4 Ergonomics.
- 1.5.5 Maneuverability.
- 1.5.6 Manufacturer and Dealer, established reputation and longevity.
- 1.5.7 Performance.
- 1.5.8 Quality of Design and Workmanship.
- 1.5.9 Safety.
- 1.5.10 Training availability.
- 1.5.11 Versatility.
- 1.5.12 Visibility.

1.6 Estimated Schedule:

RFI Release	September 13, 2010
Inquiry Period Begins	September 14, 2010
Inquiry Period Ends	September 21 , 2010
RFI opening	September 24, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. EDT

2 Submission of RFI and Additional Respondent Responsibilities

2.1 Inquiries:

Respondents may make inquiries regarding this RFI any time during the inquiry period listed in Section 1.6, Estimated Schedule. To make an inquiry, Respondents must use the following process:

- 2.1.1 Access the State Procurement Web site at <http://www.ohio.gov/procure>;
- 2.1.2 From the Navigation Bar on the left, select "Find It Fast";
- 2.1.3 Select "Doc/Bid/Schedule #" as the Type;
- 2.1.4 Enter "ODPS" and the RFI Number found on Page 1 of the document;
- 2.1.5 Click "Find It Fast";
- 2.1.6 On the document information page, click "Submit Inquiry";

- 2.1.7 On the document inquiry page, complete the required "Personal Information" section by providing:
- 2.1.7.1 First and last name of the prospective Respondent's representative who is responsible for the inquiry;
 - 2.1.7.2 Name of the prospective Respondent;
 - 2.1.7.3 Representative's business phone number; and
 - 2.1.7.4 Representative's e-mail address.
- 2.1.8 Type the inquiry in the space provided including:
- 2.1.9 A reference to the relevant part of this RFI;
- 2.1.10 The heading for the provision under question; and
- 2.1.11 The page number of the RFI where the provision can be found.
- 2.1.12 Click "Submit".
- 2.1.13 Respondents submitting inquiries will receive an immediate acknowledgement that their inquiry has been received as well as an e-mail acknowledging receipt. Respondents will not receive a personalized e-mail response to their question, nor will they receive notification when the question has been answered.
- 2.1.14 Respondents may view inquiries and responses using the following process:
- 2.1.14.1 Access the State Procurement Web site at <http://www.ohio.gov/procure>;
 - 2.1.14.2 From the Navigation Bar on the left, select "Find It Fast";
 - 2.1.14.3 Select "Doc/Bid/Schedule #" as the Type;
 - 2.1.14.4 Enter "ODPS" and the RFI Number found on Page 1 of the document;
 - 2.1.14.5 Click "Find It Fast";
 - 2.1.14.6 On the document information page, click the "View Q & A" button to display all inquiries with responses submitted to date.
- 2.1.15 The State will try to respond to all inquiries within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, excluding weekends and State holidays. The State will not respond to any inquiries received after 8:00 a.m. on the inquiry end date.

2.2 **Requests for Previous Contracts:**

Requests from potential Respondents for copies of previous information, past Respondents quotations, or contracts for any potentially related projects, are Public Records Requests (PRRs) and not clarification questions regarding the present RFI. PRRs should be submitted by e-mail to PublicRecords@dps.state.oh.us or mail to:

Ohio Department of Public Safety Public Records Manager/Administrator Administration Division 1970 W. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43223

The posted time frames for responses to internet questions for RFI clarification do not apply PRRs. The ODPS does not guarantee that a response to a PRR will be made within the time frame controlling this RFI. Any failure or delay of the ODPS in responding to the PRR will have no bearing on the deadlines found in this RFI.

2.3 Clarifications:

- 2.3.1 The ODPS may request clarifications to ensure the RFI responses are understood by the ODPS.
- 2.3.2 Clarifications shall be requested using e-mail to an address specified in the RFI response, and clarifications shall be sent to the ODPS as a "reply" to the request for clarification within 24 hours (not including weekends or holidays).

2.4 Intentions:

- 2.4.1 RFI responses must be received no later than 3:00 P.M., September 24, 2010. RFI responses should be:

Mailed to:	Delivered to:
Mark A. Contosta, CPPO, CPPB Chief, Purchasing Ohio Department of Public Safety 1970 W. Broad St., 5 th floor P.O. Box 182081 Columbus, Ohio 43218-2081	Mark A. Contosta, CPPO, CPPB Chief, Purchasing Ohio Department of Public Safety 1970 W. Broad St., 5 th floor Columbus, Ohio 43223

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

RFI's, whether delivered through U.S.P.S., UPS, FedEx, electronically, or by hand to the ODPS must be complete, cover page of the original RFI signed in blue ink, envelope sealed with the RFI number and title clearly marked on the outside of the envelope or box.

Included in the sealed package, the Respondent must also submit one (1) copy of the RFI on CD-ROM in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and PDF format as appropriate. In the event there is a discrepancy between the hard copy and the electronic copy, the hard copy will be the official RFI.

If delivering RFI in person to the ODPS, come to the loading docks on the South side of the building. There is a door to the immediate right of the right most loading bay. Next to the door is a bell to ring for service. Deliver the RFI to the ODPS mail room. Make sure the time and date of delivery is noted on the RFI and logged by the person receiving the envelope. If any problems are encountered, in the delivery, and to verify receipt of the RFI call Kathleen M. McCarthy at (614) 752-7882. Attempts to deliver to the Highway Patrol Officer at the front desk of the Customer Service Center will be refused. The RFI's will be received between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. (3:00 P.M. on September 24, 2010) Monday through Friday.

- 2.4.2 Upon receipt by the ODPS Purchasing, all responses will be time and date stamped. Postmarks or other times/dates appearing on the response envelope will not be considered as the official time/date of receipt. An RFI response submitted with insufficient postage or C.O.D. will not be accepted.

2.5 Mandatory Content of RFI Response:

- 2.5.1 RFI Response Cover Letter:

The Respondent must HAND SIGN AND DATE THE RFI COVER LETTER IN BLUE INK before submitting the RFI. The RFI cover letter shall be on company letterhead, include an original signature in Blue Ink, and summarize the information contained within the submitted response.

- 2.5.2 Information / Cost Summary:

Respondents will complete the Information / Cost Summary form/table found in Attachment 1 and identify all resources and costs associated with performing the work outlined in the requirements.

Respondents shall submit one (1) rifle model per response, but may copy as many forms as needed to submit several responses.

Respondents may not reformat these forms. Each Respondent must complete the Cost Summary forms in the exact format provided. Any reformatting may cause the State to reject the Respondent's RFI.

2.5.3 Authorized Dealer Statement:

Respondents responding to this RFI must be an authorized dealer for the manufacturer's products they are offering. Respondents must submit, with their response, certification attesting to the fact that they are an authorized manufacturer's dealer. This certification must be on manufacturer's letterhead and signed by a duly authorized manufacturer representative. Failure to submit this certification will deem your response non-responsive.

2.5.4 Descriptive Literature:

The Respondent shall submit, with their RFI response, descriptive literature of the supplies that meet the requirements. The descriptive literature is to include the suggested price list(s) in effect at the time of submission. The descriptive literature will be used in the evaluation process to determine that all Respondent's submissions meet the OSHP requirements.

Failure of the Respondent to furnish descriptive literature as part of their response will result in their response being deemed not responsive.

ATTACHMENT 1

INFORMATION / COST SUMMARY TABLE

Respondents will complete the Information / Cost Summary Table, below, and identify all costs associated with the Products and Services listed in this document.

The Respondent shall submit one (1) rifle model per response, but may copy as many forms as needed to submit multiple responses.

The Respondent shall include the Firearm Manufacturer, Brand, Firearm Model Number, Description, and Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP), and any other Associated Costs. The following table is provided to assist in providing this information.

Respondents Name: _____

Firearm Manufacturer	Brand	Firearm Model Number	Description	MSRP
				\$
Additional Costs (please detail)				\$
Optional Armorer Training				\$