

## Request for Proposals: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Magnetawan Fire Department

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Addendum #1

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- Q1:** Magnetawan Fire has specified “integrated PASS”. By integrated, do you mean that it is to be integrated into the control module of the SCBA and powered by the same battery as the rest of the SCBA?
- A1:** **By integrated PASS we want the pass alarm to turn on when the air cylinder is turned on.**
- Q2:** Magnetawan Fire has specified “The frame and support harness shall have a de-con/cleaning procedure” Does Magnetawan Fire require the harness to be easily removeable (no technician or flow test required) so it can be washed in a washing machine like bunker gear?
- A2:** **Magnetawan Fire is always looking for the best options when it comes to de-conning all gear and equipment after each use, we are looking for clear guidance from the manufacturer on the proper de-con of the SCBA we select.**
- Q3:** Many municipalities are focused on reducing waste, especially toxic waste, including disposable batteries. Although one time use alkaline batteries are acceptable for this tender, would the Town of Magnetawan prefer a solution that includes an option for rechargeable batteries?
- A3:** **Magnetawan Fire would be open to reviewing this option.**
- Q4:** Many fire departments are concerned regarding the possibility of cross contamination between firefighter who may have individual issue facepieces but need to share the same SCBA. This concern has obviously been heightened due to serious illnesses such as SARS, H1N1 and now Covid 19. Would Magnetawan Fire require proponents to outline and demonstrate the manufacturers recommendations for mitigating cross contamination?
- A4:** **This is expected in the de-con/ cleaning procedures as mentioned in question 2.**

**Q5:** Does Magnetawan fire prefer the facepiece head harness to be made of a comfortable fabric type construction instead of a rubber only harness?

**A5:** Yes, as long as it meets the NFPA standard.

**Q6:** Does Magnetawan fire have interest in the option of either UEBSS (Universal Emergency Breathing Safety System) or Transfill systems to allow for sharing of air between Firefighters in an emergency situation?

**A6:** Yes this could be included in your proposal.

**Q7:** A significant part of the advantage of quick connect cylinders is to increase the speed and ease of filling multiple cylinders during or after an incident which would mean having quick connect fittings installed on the fill station whips instead having to use the threaded connection. Is this the intention of Magnetawan Fire? If so should fill station quick connect fittings be added to the quote? How many are required? Also, does the fire department have any air powered tools, boats etc. that would also like adapters for?

**A6:** In schedule 2 in the requirements chart, under cylinders- Quick connections for SCBA frame and filling compressor. We would require 3 quick connection for our compressor. We do not use any other tools that would require adaptors.

**Q7:** The RFP states that the submission can be sent via email but deposits will only be accepted in physical copies. Probably a dumb question, but Could you please confirm that the deposit must be received on or before the closing date and time?

**A6:** Yes the deposit must to be received prior to the closing date and time.