



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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24 March 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR MICC-Fort Drum

SUBJECT: Brand Name Exact Match Memo for Unison Buy # 1133529

1. Fort Riley Fire and Emergency Services (FRFES) is requesting Brand Name Exact Match approval for the purchase of Globe Structural Firefighting Coats and Pants Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This purchase of PPE will be replacing current Globe Structural Firefighting PPE that has reached the 10-year service life requirements. The PPE listed sustains mission readiness through, matching existing PPE, providing uniformity and compatibility, and exceeding National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) PPE safety standards.
2. Globe GXTREME is the specified PPE being requested. The specified PPE has been in continuous service at FRFES. Detailed assessments we conducted throughout many years to formulate the correct three tier PPE ensemble, which includes their Outer Shell, Thermal Liner, and Moisture barrier designs. Globe gear meets and exceeds the NFPA safety requirements and maintains continuity with current on hand equipment to ensure mission readiness across the department.
3. Globe brand structural PPE is the only brand that the department utilizes for its 73 assigned firefighters. Each member is provided two coats and pants. Safety of our firefighters is paramount; the purchase of Globe PPE will ensure that our PPE remains uniform with what we have on hand and will prevent safety issues from piece milling PPE together that will not be compliant with the PPE on hand. Our organization has invested money and manpower to posture with 6 Globe industry certified structural PPE inspectors. Providing 24/7 in-house capabilities to maintain PPE; the cost to purchase the testing equipment, train and certify personnel on maintenance of other brands would exceed \$1,000,000. We have purchased and maintained the mandatory testing equipment for Globe equipment and PPE, and currently have this equipment on hand. The testing equipment meets the criteria outlined within NFPA standards for the safety of our firefighters, thus minimizing out-of-service repair time, eliminating any outside vendor costs, ensure we maintain mission readiness with serviceable PPE that will allow our department to continue mission with a failure rate of zero.
4. For the reasons listed above, FRFES requests approval for brand name exact match purchase of Globe Structural Firefighting PPE.
5. If there are any questions, please contact the Contracting Officer at [usarmy.drum.acc-micc.mbx.micc@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.drum.acc-micc.mbx.micc@army.mil).

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ERIC J. SEWARD

Fire Chief, USAG Fort Riley US Army,

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