

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Request for Information 6100060217

Handheld/Portable X-ray Contraband Detection System

Summary.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) issues this Request for Information (RFI) to solicit information that will be used to assist with the development of a solicitation for Handheld/Portable X-ray Contraband Detection System which may be released by the Commonwealth in the near future.

Specifically, this request seeks information from which the Commonwealth can formulate specifications and requirements, realistic timeframes and cost structures for the referenced procurement and project. The Commonwealth desires to produce a solicitation that promotes vendor competition and creative technical solutions. The Commonwealth is open to any and all ideas in relation to this project and encourages alternative ideas that will help the Commonwealth better define its requirements. This RFI is an earnest attempt to become aware of and knowledgeable about current solutions to support the project requirements of the Commonwealth. This RFI will also help the Commonwealth identify vendors who are able to provide the required services to support this goal.

Background.

Looking for a portable handheld x-ray system to be used in all DOC facilities to discover and identify multiple forms of contraband. The x-ray system must be able to perform true lead detection defined as the ability to detect lead and to identify the chemical composition of an object as lead. The x-ray system will utilize both backscatter and transmission type technology. All system components must present the smallest footprint allowing for use in the most restrictive spaces. The System components should integrate in a way that allow for the least number of components, permitting the system and its components to perform as a single unit, promoting ease of use for a single operator or staff member. The system should favor the least number of realignments of the transmission panel. For security reasons the x-ray system will not utilize any wireless technology for the transmission of backscatter or transmission scan data. The entire system should operate from a single source of power.

Issues to Be Addressed.

The Commonwealth is requesting feedback from firms with expertise in Handheld/Portable X-ray Contraband Detection System, as set forth below:

- 1) Include a cover letter, with the RFI response, on Company Letterhead, which includes a point of contact name, phone number and email address.
- 2) Complete Attachment A, Handheld/Portable X-ray Contraband Detection System Questionnaire. Please respond to the questions in the questionnaire and limit the responses to these questions only.

Point of Contact:

The sole point of contact for this RFI shall be Christina Zambotti – czambotti@pa.gov.

Due Date.

The Commonwealth is requesting that all responses to this RFI be submitted via email to Christina Zambotti – czambotti@pa.gov by end of day on February 2, 2024 with the subject line of Handheld/Portable X-ray Contraband Detection System - 6100060217.

Disclaimer.

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation for future business, an offer for procurement or any other type of current or future procurement or contractual action and is only intended to gather input. The Commonwealth will not award a contract on the basis of this RFI nor will it pay for information it receives. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Commonwealth to form a binding contract. No party is bound by the information provided in response to this RFI.

Respondents are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not liable for any costs or expenses incurred by the Respondent in the preparation of its responses.

Respondents needing confidential treatment for any proprietary information they furnish must clearly identify that in their respective Responses. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked Proprietary will be handled in accordance with applicable law including the Right to Know Law, as amended.

All material submitted shall be considered the property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and may be returned only at the Commonwealth's option. Notwithstanding any Respondents copyright designations contained on responses, the Commonwealth shall have the right to make copies and distribute responses internally and to comply with public record or other disclosure requirements under the provisions of any Commonwealth or United States statute or regulation, or rule or order of any court of competent jurisdiction.

Respondents to this Request shall not provide recommendations as to specific courses of action and shall not be deemed to be an advisor or consultant to the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth will evaluate the information presented and determine any subsequent course of action, which may consist of contracting for implementation of Commonwealth-determined work. Such work may be procured through any procurement method available, and respondents to this Request may be considered for selection to perform such work.

Responses to this RFI will not be returned. Respondents will not be notified of the result of the review, nor will they be provided copies of it.

Commonwealth Reservation of Rights.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to consider or reject any and all responses to this Request, to amend and/or reissue this Request and to abandon and then recommence at any time, or not

recommence, this process. All costs of any response to this Request and participation in any presentations to the Commonwealth are solely the responsibility of the Respondent and the Commonwealth shall not be liable for payment of any such costs.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ATTACHMENT A
Handheld/Portable X-ray Contraband Detection System QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is the industry standard for Handheld/portable X-ray contraband detection systems and does your system deviate from the industry standard?
2. What industry/product certifications does your Handheld/portable X-ray contraband detection system possess?
3. Are there any additional features or functions the Commonwealth should consider beyond the specification listed in the RFI? Are there any additional value add services or features that should be considered?
4. Are there any IT requirements to be considered in order to use the Handheld/portable X-ray contraband detection system?
5. What technology does your system use to create and collect backscatter scan information resulting in the image?
6. What technology does your system use to create and collect direct transfer scan information?
7. What is the standard industry warranty for Handheld/portable X-ray contraband detection systems and does your warranty deviate from the industry standard?
8. What is the industry standard for training with regards to Handheld/portable X-ray contraband detection systems and does your system deviate from the industry standard?
9. Identify the key performance indicators and service levels in this industry?