

Public Safety and General Government Committee of the Common Council

June 23, 2022

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Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. Acceptance of Minutes- 5/26/22

III. Public Participation

IV. New Business

Fire Department

1. Authorize the purchasing agent, Sharon Connors to issue a purchase order to the sole bidder, Sea Support Inc. under Bid #0000, for purchase of a refurbished and certified -to- new 25" Safe boat, Defender class, not to exceed \$240,000. The 25% municipal grant match of \$60,000 has been allocated for in the 2022-2023 Capital budget. Account # 363185-5738-G0008 (DC Ed Prescott)

Police Department- no action items

V. Discussion Items

- Fire safety education- Fire Marshal Broderick Sawyer

VI. Old Business

Next Meeting:

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
MAY 26, 2022**

Attendance: Jenn Mc Murrer, Chair; Dominique Johnson; Thomas Keegan; Diana Revolus; Heidi Alterman (arrived at 7:14PM); Barbara Smyth; Josh Goldstein; Tom Keegan (arrived at 8:32PM)

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director Emergency Management; Susan Zecca, Deputy Police Chief; Lamond Daniels, Chief, Norwalk Community Services; Ana Vivian Estrella, Norwalk Community Services; Theresa Argondezzi, Norwalk Health Department; Gino Gatto, Fire Chief

Others: James Martinez, Norwalk Public Schools; Denique Weidema-Lewis, Norwalk ACTS; Margaret Watt, Positive Directions; Diamond Sead, Human Services Council; Kara Nelson Beakey, Board of Education

I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Mc Murrer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- 3/24/22

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MR. GOLDSTEIN**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments this evening.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ATT&T
FLEET COMPLETE UNDER NASPO PRICING FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES OF
FLEET COMPLETE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,000 OVER THREE YEARS.
ACCOUNT 09213610-5777**

Deputy Chief Zecca said historically the police department has been having some issues with the AVL system for the vehicles and after much research have decided on Fleet Complete as the system to move forward, and the Fire Department as well as the Department of Public Works have already moved to Fleet Complete for their AVL. Ms. Johnson asked if this is a one-time expense or an annual expense. Deputy Chief Zecca said this is a three-year contract.

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO SIGN ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS WITH VIGILANT SOLUTIONS, LLC. FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF VIGILANT INVESTIGATIVE DATA PLATFORM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 ANNUALLY. ACCOUNT# 013030-5235

Deputy Chief Zecca said the police department currently uses the license plate readers system with Vigilant Solutions and this item it to expand the capabilities and is an investigation platform that will allow them to research the commercial data that is put into the system that they currently do not have access to.

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Goldstein in the past week he did a ride along with the police department and complimented on the absolute professionalism and was a very impressive experience and looks forward to a future ride along.

Ms. Mc Murrer said she also did a ride along with the police department yesterday and she rode along with Officer Prada and could not have been more impressed by her. She said they had two very difficult calls and said the officers in the department are amazing and thanked them for everything they do.

Ms. Revolus thanked the police department for having officers finally step out of their cars and interacting with the kids at the bus stops.

Deputy Chief Zecca said she appreciates the praise for the department and there are a tremendous number of great officers and are doing a hard job every day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO SIGN AN INFORMATION SHARING AND ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FEMA) TO ACCESS NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE CLAIMS DATA FOR NORWALK.

Ms. Deluca said this is to collect the data from the claims that have been submitted by Norwalk residents over the past few years, and the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA want memorandum of agreements signed with the municipalities saying how the information will be used. She said the information will not be shared and they can request data multiple times over the three-year period and is a

standard agreement to get the data. She said part of the benefit is seeing what claims have been made and may open doors for other mitigation programs. Mr. Goldstein asked how long the MOU will last or will it be revisited a point to be determined. Ms. Deluca said it is a two-year period. Mr. Goldstein asked what if something happens before it is signed and if the MOU can be backdated to give access even if it has not been fully executed. Ms. Deluca said she will investigate that.

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION W/ COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE AROUND THE CITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

- Lamond Daniels- Chief, Norwalk Community Services
- Ana Vivian Estrella- Norwalk Community Services
- Theresa Argondezzi- Norwalk Health Department
- James Martinez-Norwalk Public Schools
- Denique Weidema-Lewis- Norwalk ACTS
- Margaret Watt- Positive Directions
- Diamond Sead- Human Services Council

Ms. Mc Murrer said it is mental health awareness month and mental health is something that is dealt with all the time not just one month of the year and Council member Johnson and herself thought it would be important to do something that would educate the public on what resources are available both on the city side and the school district side because mental health affects so many people. She said they have gathered a dynamic team and she is looking forward to what everyone has to say.

Ms. Johnson said this came out of community members reaching out and the focus is how to connect them with resources and thanked the counterparts from the Board of Education and said it is phenomenal to have the cross conversations and have incredible members of city staff.

Mr. Daniels said the goal is to raise awareness about the services within the district, the city, and the community and provide information on how to access these important resources. We know that effective collaboration between the school mental health professionals and the community mental health partners only broadens the availability of support and enhances the overall access to mental health care in our community. The Community Services department is here to help facilitate and promote mental health awareness, but also reduce the stigma, and our country is grieving right now from two tragic mass shootings and our prayers go out to the victims, families, friends, and all those that played a role to help to get children and staff to get home safely. The assumption that the acts of mass violence are primarily driven by mental illness is not true and there are many complicated factors and blaming mental illness is something we should not do, and it inflicts a damaging stigma on the millions of people who suffer from mental illness because we know the vast majority of who are struggling are not violent. He said if anyone is impacted or struggling that they are not alone and there is help.

Mr. Martinez said in June 2021, a youth survey was conducted and over 2500 students participated in the survey and provided a snapshot of what has been happening over the last few years. Ms. Watt presented and the results of the survey and said that 73% found the pandemic very or somewhat stressful, and a

large proportion reported an impact on their relationship. She said in terms of mental health that 39% of students from 7th grade to 12th grade reported depression and the numbers are much higher when compared to pre-Covid, and 13% of the kids reported that they had seriously contemplated suicide during the preceding 12 months and 6% reported that they had attempted it, and the LGBTQ highest risk group. She said in the work that they have been doing through the Norwalk partnership and in collaboration with Norwalk ACTS have been putting together models and plans to support the highest risk groups and she is happy to say that Positive Directions and Youth Business Institute applied and received an ARPA grant to address some of these target populations.

Mr. Martinez shared the resources that are available and have developed an opportunity where he is able to partner with a host of providers that he meets with monthly and will continue to help more and more kids.

Ms. Sead said due to the partnership met with some of the school providers to make the referral process smoother for all the services and were able to increase the communication with each other, so a lot of the mental health providers are connecting more to be sure the services are not overlapping. She said due to the ARPA funding they will be able to see kids this year over the summer as well as afterhours rather than waiting for the next school year.

Ms. Estrella said the family navigator partnership with the school system was originated during the peak of COVID to create connectivity and wanted to be sure that continued partnership remained in place and she and Mr. Martinez met earlier this week to do a relaunch and the purpose of family navigators is to make an assessment and connect them to the correct resources.

Mr. Goldstein asked if a survey had been done prior the is one. Ms. Watt said once in 2018. Mr. Goldstein asked what the difference in the results were from the survey from 2018 to the results from this survey. Ms. Watt said in the 2018 survey 20% of the students surveyed reported signs of depression and this year it was almost double that.

Ms. Mc Murrer commended the city and the school district for working together in partnership. She asked how many family navigators there are currently and is it sufficient with the increase in depression. Ms. Estrella said there are three family navigators as well as two community resource specialists and 1 ½ youth care coordinators and are all collaborative and share resources and if more resources are needed, they would make the request to the Common Council.

Ms. Revolus asked how cultural sensitivity is dealt with especially with those that have more of a conservative look to the majority of what they are seeing, and what resources are available. Mr. Martinez said all the support staff in mental health and the professionals in the district have to take into consideration the cultural aspects and a trust is developed with those families with the family navigators so that they can communicate with the schools.

Ms. Baekey said that everything that is being discussed is incredible and the services that are being provided are amazing but the numbers that Ms. Watts presented are very concerning and she is concerned that there are only a few weeks left of this school year and asked what the thoughts and plans are around communications to make sure that our families know what is available. Mr. Daniels said since COVID forced a new blueprint created for the way organizations interact and how information is given out to families and will share the new blueprint.

Ms. Weidema-Lewis said last fall a logic model was developed based on the results of last year's youth survey. She said within the Norwalk Acts initiative that social emotional health has always been at the

core and the goal is to have every Norwalk student connected to a supportive adult in the community and there will be more to come. She also said that another core piece to the work that they will be doing with supporting young people is ensure is that everyone has a good understanding of mental health and the resources and supports that are available. Mr. Daniels said his office is in constant contact with Dr. Estrella's office and just appointed him a direct contact and are looking forward to hosting a meeting with the executive directors of all mental health providers and the Superintendent of Schools and her cabinet.

Ms. Watt said last year addition to the youth survey through a grant did a community survey of adults and their emotional well being was the biggest negative impact of COVID. She said the behavioral health services and support for Norwalkers are always on the NorwalkPartnership.org website as well as the Norwalk Public Schools webpage and the City of Norwalk's Community Services page.

Ms. Argondezzi said the Health Department is working closely with all the folks from this panel as well as other people in the community to figure out what resources are available and work hard to make sure the community workers are aware of all the services that are available and where to point people. Mr. Daniels said they have also partnered with the larger institutions to disseminate the information to the residents as well as using all the city's social platforms as well as working with the district to promote the critical resources.

Ms. Revulus asked what the process is for follow ups with the families in particularly students who graduated in 2020 and 2021 as well as adults. Ms. Sead said once they graduate, they would be referred to outside resources such as the mental health center at NCC and Family and Children Services. Ms. Estrella said that each agency has a follow up model.

Ms. Smyth said there is a whole generation of kids that live it constant fear and she'd been a Ponus Ridge Middle School teacher when the Sandy Hook Elementary School happened in December 2012, and remembered how genuinely traumatizing the lockdowns are, the drills are. She said we have a whole generation of kids who live in constant fear, remembering that she and her eighth graders would all be terrified, and she would be her teacher self and take care of them, and then as soon as it was over, she would just shake and shake and start to cry, and did that for years as most teachers do, and this is what our kids are going through. She said she wondered how effective the lockdowns are and if there might be a better approach than re-traumatizing our kids. Mr. Martinez said it's being talked about, adding that Uvalde triggered those feelings for anyone who was in education when Sandy Hook happened. He said we always focus on how making sure the kids are feeling a certain kind of way, but we overlook how the adults are feeling, and he thinks it's almost as equal, it's equally important to respond to the social emotional, state of the teachers and the staff in the buildings. He said staff members can't assure children that they're safe when they don't feel like it themselves, as children see right through it and that they're like sponges so when teachers are anxious and nervous or scared and they think they're hiding it really well, the children will see right through it. He said the lockdowns are a larger conversation, obviously and are going to continue talking about it. Ms. Smyth said the mass shooting-inspired anxiety has become part of the children's DNA and it's got to be a major contributing factor to the high increase in anxiety among this generation. Mr. Martinez said that is something that they really need to work on a lot more aggressively and need to be more thoughtful about that. Ms. Smyth said we need to constantly be thinking about it and maybe find different ways to prepare that are less traumatizing to the kids.

Ms. Alterman asked if the farmers market all still accept SNAP dollars and other types of government assistance money. Ms. Argondezzi said they just released the list of the four farmers markets and the list does include which payment options are accepted at each of the markets.

Ms. Alterman asked if the schools or the Health Department do depression screenings. Mr. Martinez said the district was just introduced to two resources this year and is a 2–5-minute screening that is done periodically as needed and works with Power School.

Ms. Johnson thanked each and every one on the panel for all that they are doing and how they are working together. She said the LGBTQ kids often times don't have any family origin and the people that made all of the difference in their life were their teachers and during the pandemic they did not have access to them and it means so much to her that the people on the panel are looking out for them and have the full breath of our city, schools, and community partners and especially the teachers for helping them along the way.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd

MEMO

To: Common Council, Public Safety and General Government Committee

From: Deputy Chief Ed Prescott

RE: Common Council Authorizations

DATE: June 23, 2022



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Background

The Fire Department is looking to purchase a refurbished 25' Safe boat, Defender Class. In September 2021, the department received a Department of Homeland Security- Port security Grant award (EMW-2021-PU-00439) for \$180,000. A match of 25% (\$60,000) required for the grant has been added to the department's capital budget. The total project costs are \$240,000.

The Norwalk Fire Department has a 24' Fiberglass Privateer that is 37 years old and has reached the end of its service life. The replacement 25' aluminum fire boat will ensure that we maintain our situational awareness and sustain our current operational capabilities, around our bridges, pile-ones, and foundations. This boat is primarily used to access shallow areas in and around our shores and islands. The boat will also accompany our larger 38' fireboat on rescue or search operations.

The sole bidder on the project is, SeaSupport Inc. 100 Waterfront Street, New Haven, CT 06512. They have recently refurbished a similar Coast Guard surplus 25' Safeboat for the Police Department.

**CITY OF NORWALK PURCHASING
DEPARTMENT**



**SEALED BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, 125 EAST AVENUE
NORWALK, CT 06856 BY THE DATE AND TIME OF BID OPENING**

PROJECT NUMBER:	4165R
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT:	Fire Department
DATE OF BID ISSUANCE:	3/23/2022
TITLE OF BID:	Norwalk Fire Department – Refurbished Boat (Re-Bid)
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION DEADLINE:	2:00 PM 4/11/2022
HARD COPY SUBMISSION DEADLINE:	2:00 PM 4/13/2022
MANDATORY WALKTHROUGH:	YES () NO ()
DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF WALKTHROUGH	N/A
TIME/DATE OF BID OPENING:	2:00 PM 4/13/2022
BID DEPOSIT REQUIRED: IF YES, AMOUNT REQUIRED	YES () NO (X)
SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ONLY: PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BOND REQUIRED: IF YES, AMOUNT REQUIRED	YES () NO (X)
SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ONLY: MAINTENANCE BOND REQUIRED:	YES () NO (X)

ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS AND BID FORMS ARE ATTACHED HERETO.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR A BID TO BE COMPLIANT

1. BIDDER'S INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
2. BID FORMS, INCLUDING PRICING SHEETS AND ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORMS (ONE ORIGINAL PLUS TWO (2) COPIES)
3. EXCEPTIONS (IF ANY)

**CITY OF NORWALK PURCHASING
DEPARTMENT
BIDDER'S INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

Sea Support, Inc.			
Bidder's Name			
100 Waterfront Street			
Street Address			
City	New Haven	State	CT
Zip		06512	
Business Telephone: 203-467-1590			
Email Address: ralph@portsecurity.us			
Printed Name and Title of Individual Submitting Bid			
The undersigned acknowledges that the terms, conditions and specifications of this bid are understood and unconditionally accepted.			
		4-8-2022	
Signature		Date	

CITY OF NORWALK PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Exceptions: Note any vendor(s) responding to this proposal shall indicate any/all exceptions (if any) taken to language in this proposal. Exceptions must be declared below in order to be considered by the City:

1) Per Addendum#1 which states "*The engine/equipment and hull specifications must recocile with each other's manufactuer's maximum specifications,*" Sea Support, Inc., will be providing to the Norwalk Fire Dept a SAFE boat which meets ALL your RFP specifications EXCEPT the bid request for two Yamaha 250HP engines. Sea Support Inc., is submitting in this bid instead two Yamaha **225HP** engines, for a maximum HP rating of 450 total, which MEETS the SAFE boat manufactuer's maximum specifications for the vessel we intend to provide Norwalk Fire.

2) Sea Support, Inc., also acknowledges "Clarification#2" in Addendum#1 replacement with "*Addition of Fire suppression engine/pumps designed for salt water environment capable of 500 GPM flow will need to be fixed deck mounted on the bow.*" Sea Support, Inc., acknowledges this change/clarification to the final delivery specs and agrees to provide it as specfied to Norwalk Fire.

CITY OF NORWALK PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

1.1 RESPONSE FORM – BID #4165R Norwalk Fire Department – Refurbished Boat (Re-Bid)

Vendor Name - Sea Support, Inc.		
Address - 100 Waterfront Street, New Haven, CT 06512		
Phone - 203-467-1590	Fax - 203-4685-2670	Email - ralph@portsecurity.us
Manager - Ralph Gogliettino		Fed ID# 06-1308721

The undersigned hereby declares that he has or they have carefully examined the plans, specifications and project site and has satisfied himself as to all the quantities and conditions, and understands that in signing this proposal he waives all right to plead any misunderstanding regarding the same.

The undersigned further understands and agrees that he will furnish and provide all the necessary material, machinery, implements, tools, labor, services, and other items of whatever nature, and to do and perform all the work necessary under the aforesaid conditions, to carry out the contract and to accept in full compensation therefore the amount of the contract as agreed to by the Contractor and the City.

The undersigned further agrees, in case of variations of quantities from those shown or specified, the following unit prices will be used in adjusting the contract price. If quantities are authorized by the City, the following amount will be added to the contract as required. Unless otherwise noted, each UNIT PRICE shall include all equipment, tools, labor, permits, fees, etc., incidental to the installation and completion of the work involved.

It is further understood and agreed that all the information included in, and attached to, or required by the Request for Bid shall become public record upon delivery to the City.

The following unit prices shall apply to this project:

PROPOSED FEES

A. Norwalk Fire Department - Refurbished Boat

PRODUCT	YEAR	PRICE	SUBSTITUTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS	
			YES (provide documentation)	NO
25' Refurbished Boat and Certified to "New " Condition (as outlined and described in Section 2)	2004	\$245,402		X

CITY OF NORWALK PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

B. Electronics

PRODUCT	PRICE	SUBSTITUTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS	
		YES (provide documentation)	NO
Cost and Installation of Electronics on the 25' Refurbished Boat (as outlined and described in Section 2)	\$52395 NOTE: Total Price Includes all Electronics + Radios + Whelen Lighting per RFP Specs		X

C. Radios

PRODUCT	PRICE	SUBSTITUTIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS	
		YES (provide documentation)	NO
Cost and Installation of radios on the 25' Refurbished Boat (as described in Section 2)	INCLUDED IN Item B above		X

D. Total Cost

Total Lump Sum of (A+B+C)		\$ 297,797
Total Lump Sum of (A+B+C) in words:	Two Hundred Ninety-Seven thousand, Seven hundred Nighty-Seven dollars	

***NOTE:** Cost of labor and delivery shall be included in D. Total Cost listed above

Delivery: Number of calendar days from receipt of order 190 - 200 Days

CITY OF NORWALK PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

OTHER INFORMATION

NOTE: Sea Support, Inc., has THREE service centers as of this bid submission. Due to COVID, we have been forced to find alternate service centers. COVID delays have recently forced SAFE Boat refurbishment delivery issues (i.e., the Norwalk POLICE SAFE Boat). We have since resolved these service delivery issues by adding more service centers.

E. SERVICE CENTER -

- a.) Location of Service Center
- 1) MAIN Service Center: Portsmouth, RI
 - 2) Alternate1: Old Saybrook, CT
 - 3) Alternate2: New Haven, CT
- b.) Size of service center (sq. ft.) -
- 1) 3,125
 - 2) 4,787
 - 3) 2,600

- c.) Number of full time mechanics employed, qualified to service this equipment: 4 to 7

Attach any additional information that demonstrates your qualification for this work including appropriate certifications.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.....

Warranties: Provide all information and literature concerning warranties for the vessel and its various components along with the electronics and radios with your submission.

DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS: Any deviations from these specifications must be documented and submitted with your submission in detail on the exceptions page. If deviations are not documented completely, the bidder may be disqualified from consideration for an award.

See "Exceptions" Page included in this RFP submission, page 2

ATTACHMENT NARRATIVE – Scope of Bid Services

Sea Support, Inc., bid to NORWALK, CT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bid due April 13, 2022 by 2pm (Hardcopy)

Electronic Copy due 4/11/2021 by 2pm

- 1) Please see the attached spreadsheet for a detailed description of the specifications of the Norwalk CT Fire Bid requirements and what Sea Support, Inc., is proposing. You will see that Sea Support, Inc., is proposing an exact SAFE BOAT match on all of the required items. The only exception being SAFE boat we have in stock has a MAX HP Hull rating of 450 HP, and, as a result, we are proposing to delivery two (2) new Yamaha 225 engines, NOT the 250's as specified in the RFP. This will meet the manufacturer's recommendations and also meets the requirements outlined in your Addendum#1 Clarification#1.
- 2) The below is a narrative of our proposed Vessel, its functionality and why we believe our bid should be accepted by the Norwalk CT Fire Department's Office.

INTRODUCTION:

Sea Support, Inc., is pleased to submit for your review the attached bid for a vessel to the Norwalk CT Fire Department.

It is our understanding that the Norwalk CT Fire Department is seeking the purchase of a "used 25 foot Fireboat with Trailer" the specifications of which are a 25 Full cabin SAFE response boat small with all standard SAFE boat supplied features. **Our proposal to the Norwalk CT Fire Department is for a EXACT MATCH of your requirements – a documented freshwater use only 25 Foot used SAFE Defender Class Vessel.**

The vessel we are proposing is former United States Coast Guard (USCG) boat that was used in the protection services of our country. We have procured all our vessels from the USCG/Government. Our boats, once they are re-conditioned by us, are in "as new" condition. Furthermore, the boat we are proposing in this bid has a provenance from Freshwater Service areas. As Freshwater boats, they are in almost pristine condition due to their non-use in a saltwater environment. The difference is minimal between our former USCG SAFE boats and brand new SAFE Boats. The main difference is in the price where a new SAFE boat is between \$425,000 and \$500,000. Our proposed 25 Foot SAFE Boat Defender class is considerably less.

OUR PROPOSED VESSEL TO NORWALK CT FIRE DEPARTMENT:

We currently have a vessel in our stock ready for refurbishment and customization to your needs. All our vessels, upon delivery from the USCG/US Government are thoroughly inspected and examined in every aspect by our team.

For your specific vessel, Sea Support, Inc., proposes, per your bid specs, the following services for you:

- the exterior hull reviewed and examined;
- the interior dash is stripped and repainted black;
- the diesel heater is checked for operational status;
- three new 12-volt batteries are installed along with a battery charger;
- a stainless steel shore power inlet 30 amp is installed on the outside of aft port cabin wall;
- the collar of the SAFE Boat is painted the color of your choice

SUPERIOR SERVICE AND SAFETY

This former USCG boat offers the Norwalk CT Fire Department a vessel that has full military capable performance but is outfitted for civilian use. As such, the boats are “military grade” and overbuilt to last and function in any service environment. Not only will the SAFE boat get to the service area quicker, it is also much more maneuverable and tactical. Finally, should the Norwalk Fire Department ever be involved in any live fire exchange, the SAFE boats collar system has been shown to stop small-arms fire from penetrating the hull.

SAFE BOAT SUPERIOR DESIGN AND FUNCTIONALITY

The following is brief listing of the SAFE Boats functionality:

- SAFE boats are highly reliable and will stand up to 24/7 rigorous use
- SAFE boats combine speed, handling, safety and stability – they are both FAST and MANEUVERABLE – a critical combination in fire, police, and rescue scenarios
- If unforeseen circumstances (enemy fire, weather, etc) occur, SAFE boats design and engineering features ensure the survivability of the officers/crew and enable them to perform their jobs. In the event of a catastrophic hull breach, the foam collar stabilizes the boat
- SAFE boats have had NO HULL FAILURES in more than 4 million hours of operation
- SAFE boats utilize a full-sized foam collar system for flotation, stability and fendering that is more durable than an Air Collar System or RIB

- With SAFE boats collar system, there is no deflation of the collar in any circumstances because it is 100% foam
- Foam collar is inherently UV stable, impervious to petroleum products, harsh solvents and extreme weather conditions
- The SAFE boat collar system can withstand small-arms fire from penetrating the hull. It has been shown to withstand ammunition of up to 7.62 mm.
- SAFE 25 Full cabin has been proven in tests with the USCG to self-bail in less than 60 seconds while sitting static
- The Hull of the SAFE boat is constructed from marine-grade 5086 aluminum and are bilge-less and watertight with pressure tested air chambers. Aluminum has several distinct advantages OVER FIBERGLASS, from less day-to-day maintenance to ease of repair

The above is a just a small highlight of the SAFE Boats design and superior design.

WHAT WE DO TO THE SAFE BOATS...Our Services

- When we get these boats we go through them with a fine tooth comb
- We fully inspect the hull, deck, foam collar, super structure and cabin
- The hull itself is superior --- according to SAFE Boat there have been NO hull failures in more than 4 million hours of operation
- Replacement or repair necessary components
- All the old electronics are removed
- We essentially strip the vessel down and modernize it for your use/customization
- It's delivered per your custom specs
- Included in the price for the boat is finalization on vessel operation
- We stand behind our product....and we have been doing this for over 12 years.
- We have delivered our boats to Fire Departments, Police Departments and State Environmental Protection Agencies.
- Each one of our boats is unique and fully customized for each of our clients service needs

CUSTOMIZATION

Sea Support, Inc., can fully customize your SAFE boat to the Norwalk CT Fire Department's specific needs. Since we essentially strip down the vessel in our service warehouse and refurbish and rebuild as needed, we can customize this vessel to any specific service need or wish. The vessel we are proposing in this bid was generated specifically to your listed needs and features.....but should a modification be needed we are more than willing to customize it accordingly. Some fire departments have added further electronics to their vessels due to the cost savings we give them on the overall cost of the vessel and this allows them to further add FLIR and side scan sonar equipment. Some also have added CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear and Explosive) detection electronics/equipment.

The SAFE boat collar comes standard in the USCG orange color. For the Norwalk CT Fire Department we can paint it any color you desire. We have sold our SAFE boats in the past to other police and fire departments and they have requested blue or red sponsons accordingly. We have also sold to a State of Connecticut's Environmental Protection Unit, which requested the collar in green. Essentially, we can customize the collar in any color you wish from our paint scale.

Below is an example of our SAFE boats in Blue and Red:



ABOUT OUR COMPANY – SEA SUPPORT, INC.,

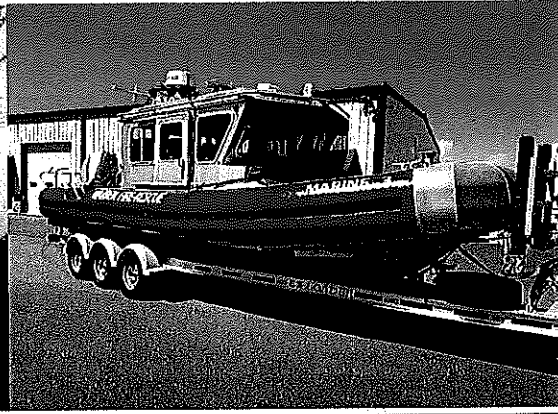
Our Company, Sea Support, Inc., specializes in refurbishing and customizing Former USCG SAFE boats to your service needs for official or private use. We have been providing this service for over 12 years. Our corporate headquarters is located in New Haven, CT while our SAFE Boat refurb warehouse is located in Rhode Island. Due to COVID, we have expanded our refurb warehouse capabilities and now have two other refurbishment sites – one in Old Saybrook, CT and one in New Haven, CT. Our clients have included Fire, Police, State Government, and corporations.

Sea Support, Inc., through its sister corporation, Port Security Services Inc., (PSS) also provides MTSA regulated security at our nation's ports and terminals. As such, we are in constant contact with the USCG, Border and Customs Patrol and other various Homeland Security agencies on any given day. PSS's core business is to provide security for our nation, either by providing direct security services or enhancing our various security providers with military grade vessels and equipment. In this type of work, we also use our SAFE boats for our businesses.....so we are not just a "refurbisher" or "seller" of these types of SAFE boats BUT also a commercial user.

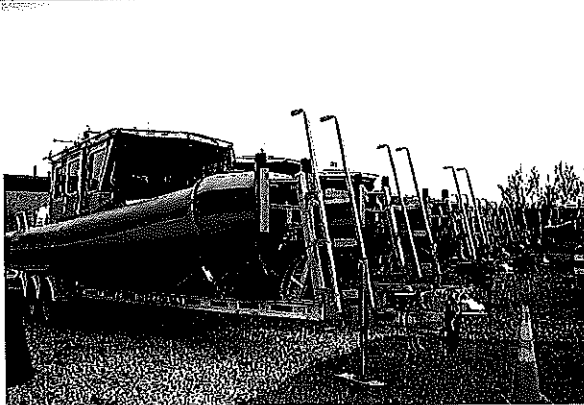
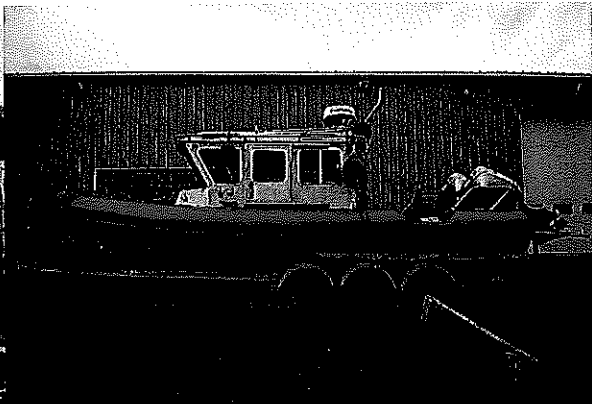
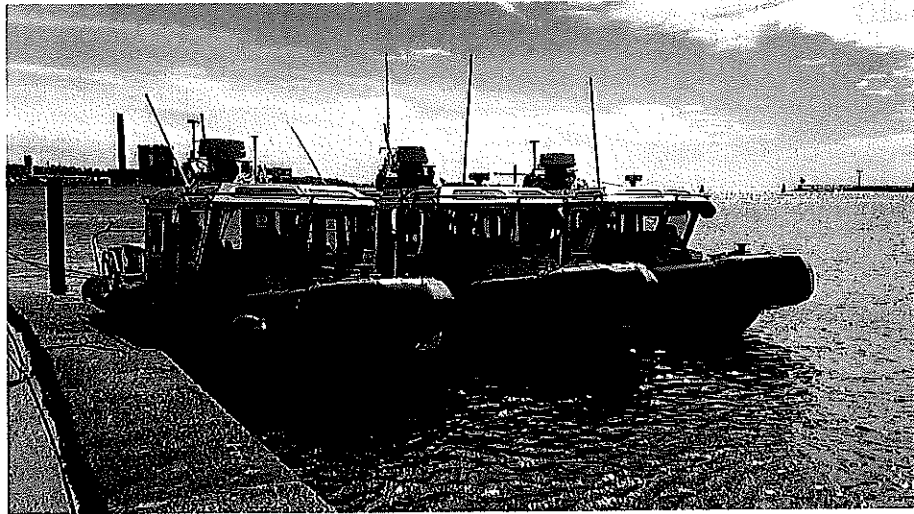
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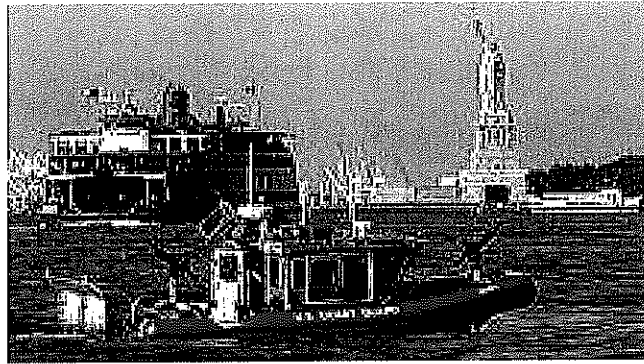
Thank you for the opportunity to bid on your proposal. As security providers ourselves, we fully understand the day-to-day service needs of law enforcement and emergency response personnel. As such, we believe in providing our security and first responder providers with the very best equipment so they can perform their jobs effectively.

Sea Support Defender Safe Boats (Photo Samples - 2022)



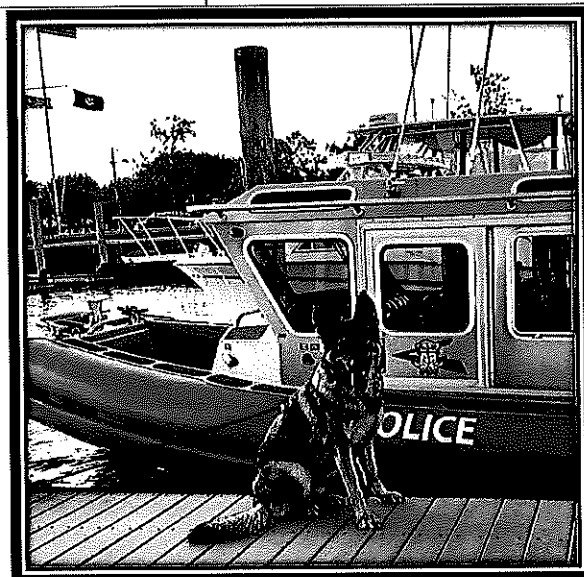
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SAFE BOAT Vessels help Departments meet the challenges of their unpredictable missions...

Max HP	450 HP (Twin 225 HP)
Length/Beam	25 ft / 8 ft., 6 in
Top Speed	46+ Knots
Max Range	150 NN @ 35 KTS
Max Sea / Wind	6 Feet / 25 Knots
Weight	7,400 LBS (Fully Outfitted)
Towing Capacity	10 Displacement Tons
Draft	3 Feet, 3 Inches



NORWALK CT FIRE DEPT Used FireBoat Requirements - Bid Due 4/11/2022 (As outlined in Section 2: PAGES 25 thru 30 of Bid#4165R NFD- Refurbished Boat)

<i>Vessel Specs, page 1</i>	<i>Sea Support Proposed</i>
25' SAFE Defender Boat (Retired USCG Fresh Water Boat) fully refurbished and certified as "New" condition ADDENDUM#1 CLARIFICATION#1: "The Engine/equipment and hull specifications must reconcile with each other's manufacturer's maximum specifications"	25' SAFE Defender Boat (Retired USCG Fresh Water Boat) fully refurbished and certified as "New" condition (EXCEPTION NOTE: Manufacturer's MAX HP load is 450HP on this proposed SAFE boat vessel, NOT 500 as requested -- we are adhering to your Addendum#1 Clarification#1 requirement).
Documented Freshwater use only	Yes, SAFE boat supplied will have Freshwater Use only provenance
1 each 250 HP YAMAHA Outboard Engine (Port)	EXCEPTION (noted previously) - Sea Support will supply 1 NEW 225 HP YAMAHA Outboard Engine (Port) which with other 225 engine will match the SAFE boat manufacturer's MAX HP load
1 each 250 HP YAMAHA Outboard Engine (Starboard)	EXCEPTION (noted previously) - Sea Support will supply 1 NEW 225 HP YAMAHA Outboard Engine (Starboard) which with other 225 engine will match the SAFE boat manufacturer's MAX HP load
ELECTRONICS -- Custom Installation of Norwalk FD specified Raymarine/ICOM electronics as outlined in this bid will be installed and checked to ensure operability	Yes, ELECTRONICS -- Custom Installation of Norwlk FD specified Raymarine/Icom electronics as outlined in this bid will be installed and checked to ensure operability
WHELEN FIRE LED Lights and Signals - per Norwalk FD direction - to be placed on vessel - Manufacturer: Whelan	Yes, FIRE LED Lights and Signals - per Norwalk FD direction - to be placed on vessel - Manufacturer: Whelan
FLIR Electronics Search System - Raymarine - per the Electronics specified in this bid by Norwalk FD installed	Yes, FLIR Electronics Search System - Raymarine - per the Electronics specified in this bid by Norwalk FD installed
Davits/Winches added to Vessel for easy vessel entry/exit water / 500lb hosting line	Yes, Davits/Winches added to Vessel for easy vessel entry/exit water / 500lb hosting line

<i>Vessel Specs, page 2</i>	<i>Sea Support Proposed</i>
30 Amp Smartplug - Part Number (C30503BM30PG) with 35' Cord for Shore Power	Yes, 30 Amp Smartplug - Part Number (C30503BM30PG) with 35' Cord for Shore Power
3-Bank Battery Charger for 3 AGM batteries (2 Main Engines and 1 House Battery)	Yes, 3-Bank Battery Charger for 3 AGM batteries (2 Main Engines and 1 House Battery)
Vessel equipped with Webasto 3500 diesel electric 12-volt heater with a 2.5 gallon tank	Yes, Vessel equipped with Webasto 3500 diesel electric 12-volt heater (or equivalent) with a 2.5 gallon tank
105 gallon fuel capacity (gas)	Yes, will be supplied as specified
Seating to include 4 - aluminum framed Shock Mitigating Seats by "Shox"	Yes, will be supplied as specified
Aluminum triple axel trailer with operational surge brakes, DOT required lighting and bow ladder WITH Winch Modification	Yes, will be supplied as specified

Bottom painted with anti-fouling paint - Trilux Paint Yes, Bottom painted with anti-fouling paint - Trilux Paint

Painting of Sponsons (Foam Collar) in color choice and lettering	Yes, Painting of Sponsons (Foam Collar) in color choice and lettering
Complete vessel refurbishment with comprehensive functionality checks performed on all systems	Agreed
Items in need of repair, updating, maintenance performed	Agreed
Vessel will be delivered FULLY FUNCTIONAL	Agreed
Independent third-party full C&V (Condition and Valuation) survey	Agreed
Perform an operation check on-site	Agreed
Include training (local to CT/RI) to ensure Full Familiarization voyage to staff/personnel	Agreed, at delivery time of vessel, in-person training for 2 hours. Telephone support as needed. Additional, in-person or in-water training to be determined, if needed by Norwalk, FD.

<i>Vessel Specs, page 3</i>	<i>Sea Support Proposed</i>
SAFE boat specifications in RFP -- Hull Construction; Foam Collar; Self-Bailing Decks; Speed Shoe (Planing Shoe); Performance Fins -- all checked and tested	Agreed
CUSTOMIZED On-Board List	Yes, will be supplied as specified
ADDENDUM#1 CLARIFICATION#2: Addition of Fire Supression engine/pumps designed for salt water environment capable of 500 GPM flow will need to be fixed deck mounted on the bow	Yes, will be supplied as specified -- Addition of Fire Supression engine/pumps designed for salt water environment capable of 500 GPM flow will need to be fixed deck mounted on the bow
<u>Under Safety, Rescue & Diving Equip (pg30):</u> Two (2) Fire extinguishers; life ring mount; Cabin dewatering pump - 2000GPH; CO detector(s) mounted in cabin	Yes, will be supplied
Vessel will be delivered to Norwalk FD, Veteran's Memorial Park and Marina; 42 Seaview Ave., Norwalk, CT 06855	Yes, Agreed
Delivery Time Estimate of Vessel	Boat will be delivered within 190 to 200 Days upon the successfully award of bid and contract execution OR at a determined delivery date in coordination with the Norwalk FD's need (<i>barring any unforeseen circumstances that would adversely affect our refurbishment operations personnel or business operations - I.E., COVID</i>)

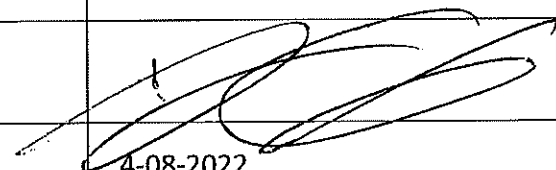
	NORWALK CT FIRE DEPT Used SAFE Boat <u>RAYMARINE/ICOM/WHELAN</u> <u>ELECTRONICS Requirements</u> - Bid Due 4-11-2022 (As outlined in Section 2: Page 30&31)	
Part #	Product Description	Sea Support Proposed
E70372-00-NAG	AXIOM Pro 12 RVX Multifunction Display wih RealVision 3D, 1kw CHIRP Sonar and Navionics+ US & Canada Charts	Yes, will be Supplied
E70372	AXIOM Pro 12 RVX Multifunction Display wih RealVision 3D, 1kw CHIRP Sonar	Yes, will be Supplied
T70168	4kw 18" (456mm) HD Color Randome + 10m RayNet Cable	Yes, will be Supplied
A80464	RV-100 RealVision 3D Transom Mount Transducer (8M cable)	Yes, will be Supplied
E70537	AR200 IP Camera Stablization Module/GPS/Heading Sensor	Yes, will be Supplied
T70134	STNG Starter Kit (1xA06064, 2xA06031, 1xA06040, 1xA06049)	Yes, will be Supplied
A06064	5 Way Connector	Yes, will be Supplied
A06034	Backbone Cable 1m	Yes, will be Supplied
A80007	HS=5 Network Switch (Raynet)	Yes, will be Supplied
E70518	FLIR M 364C Dual Payload 640 CTV Camera, 24- Deg Hfov (does not include JCU)	Yes, will be Supplied
A80480	Jack Plate Mount for RV-100 RealVision 3D Transom Mount Transducer	Yes, will be Supplied
	ICOM RADIOS	
Part #	Product Description	Sea Support Proposed
UT-112	ICOM 510 VHF marine transceiver (2 NEEDED)	Yes, will be supplied

	WHELEN LIGHTING	
Part #	Product Description	Sea Support Proposed
PCH1	White with Universal bail mount (4 NEEDED)	Yes, will be supplied
PCH2	White with Universal bail mount (2 NEEDED)	Yes, will be supplied
WPA3FM	Weatherproof Siren Control	Yes, will be supplied
WPA112	Weatherproof Siren Amp	Yes, will be supplied
SA314A	Aluminum Siren Speaker	Yes, will be supplied
	TOTAL Raymarine/ICOM/Whelen Electronics + Installation On Vessel	\$52,395.00
	w/ Full Raymarine/ICOM/Whelen Manufactuer's Warranty	

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PROJECT:	4165R Norwalk Fire Department - Refurbished Boat (Re-Bid)		
VENDOR NAME:	Sea Support, Inc.		
Bid Security in the form of a (check one) is attached.	X	Bond	Certified Check
Cost for performance bond <u>included in lump sum</u>	\$ 7,444.93*		*TOTAL COST OF PERFORMANCE BOND per thousand dollars
Insurance Agency Name -	John M. Glover Agency	Tel.-	203-234-2081
Agency Address -	East Building, P.O. Box 700, Norwalk, CT 06852		

Submitted by:

Print Name of Authorized Agent of Company	Ralph Gogliettino
Signature of Authorized Agent of Company	
Date	4-08-2022

The above signatory acknowledges receipt of the following addenda issued during the bidding period and understands that they are a part of the bidding documents (if applicable):

Addendum #	1	Dated	03/23/2022	Addendum #		Dated	
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1.2 STATEMENT OF BIDDERS QUALIFICATIONS

Please answer the following questions regarding your company's past performance. Failure to reply to this instruction may be regarded as justification for rejecting a bid.

1.	Number of years in business:	34	
2.	Number of personnel employed:	Part Time	Full Time
		5	5

3. List projects of this type/size your firm has completed within the last three (3) years:

Project	Date	Contact Person	Phone No.
Mastic Beach FD, NY SAFE Boat 25' Full Refurb	1-2021	Bill Bondi, Commissioner	516-369-6025
Eastport FD, NY SAFE Boat 25' Full Refurb	6-2019	Ryan King	631-288-6646
State fo CT DEEP - SAFE Boat 25' Full Refurb	3-2019	Keith Williams, Capt.	860-447-4360
Clinton CT PD, SAFE Boat 25' Full Refurb	7-2018	Vincent DeMaio, Chief	860-669-0451

4. SUBCONTRACTORS: If subcontractors are to be used, please list firm name, address, name of principal, and phone number below or on a separate sheet. Also, indicate the portion or section of work a subcontractor will be performing.

COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS	PRINCIPAL	PHONE	PORTION/SECTION OF WORK
NONE				

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5. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF BIDDER (check which applies)		general partnership
		limited partnership
		limited liability corporation
		limited liability partnership,
	X	corporation doing business under a trade name
		individual doing business under a trade name
		other (specify)

6. STATUS OF THE BUSINESS AND ITS CURRENT STANDING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE; e.g., are all required filings current and in good standing or has the entity been withdrawn or canceled	<u>Connecticut corporations</u> - Will the Secretary of State be able to issue a Certificate of Good Standing within 30 days of the bid opening?	Yes	No
		X	
	<u>Out-of-State corporations</u> - Do you have a valid license to do business in the State of Connecticut? (Evidence in the form of a Certificate of Authority from the Connecticut Secretary of State will be required within 30 days of the bid opening.)	Yes	No

7. CT LICENSE/REGISTRATION NUMBER	94-714-13
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8. Is your local organization an affiliate of a parent company? If so, indicate the principal place of business of your company and the name of the agent for service if different from what has been indicated on the response form:				
Business Name	n/a			
Address				
City		State		Zip
Name of Agent				

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NOTE: In the case of a Limited Liability Corporation or a Limited Liability Partnership a certified copy of the Articles of Organization certified as valid and in effect as of the date of the bid opening will be required within 30 days of the bid opening.

A listing of the corporate officers, in the case of a corporation; the general or managing partners, in the case of a partnership; or the managers and members in the case of either a limited liability partnership or company will be required within 30 days of the bid opening.

9. The awarded contractor may be required to submit one copy of the following information relative to its company's financial statements prior to contract signing. This information must represent the current circumstance which surrounds the financial position of the bidding organization. Note: This information will be kept confidential if provided in a separate envelop from your bid pricing.

All information should be supported with appropriate audited financials.

- a. Book Value (Total Assets (-) Total Liabilities)
- b. Working Capital (Current Assets (-) Current Liabilities)
- c. Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)
- d. Debt to Equity Ratio (Long Term Debt/Shareholder's Equity)
- e. Return on Assets (Net Income/Total Assets)
- f. Return on Equity (Net Income/Shareholder's Equity)
- g. Return on Invested Capital (Net Income/Long Term Debt = Shareholders' Equity)

All responses to this questionnaire are understood to be proprietary to the vendor, and will be considered confidential. Additional information may be requested subsequent to your responding to this bid request.

Acknowledged by Sea Support, Inc.

1.3 CITY OF NORWALK VENDOR RECORDS

If you have not done business with the City of Norwalk as a vendor, your business information needs updating or your vendor record has not been updated over three (3) years. Please complete and include the latest Internal Revenue Service (IRS) W-9 Form with your submission. Here is the URL to the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9>

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1.4 INSURANCE

Insurance Agency Name: John M. Glover Agency	Tel: 203-234-2081
Agency Address: East Building, P.O. Box 700, Norwalk, CT 06852	Email: sthompson@jmg.com

1.5 CITY OF NORWALK VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE – IT INFORMATION SECURITY