Freeport Fire Rescue, a municipal department in the Town of Freeport, ME, is seeking proposals for an apparatus and equipment needs study to include the following:

* A town-wide review of building construction and occupancy, focusing on target hazards within our response area. This will inform the requirements for each piece of apparatus.
* An evaluation of the current fleet in terms of age, condition, tool and equipment layout, and hose loads with specific recommendations to be made for each piece of apparatus.
* An evaluation of the fire rescue department as it relates to present and future apparatus needs, inclusive of consideration of a future path of enhanced inter-municipality cooperation and/or regionalization. A recommendation of future apparatus purchases will be made.
* All tools, appliances and equipment shall be reviewed for compliance with recognized standards and best practices. Specific recommendations will be made for any area(s) where the present fire rescue department operations and capabilities are not in accordance with recognized standards or where any aspect(s) of present practices present a safety concern.
* An evaluation of the current ambulance fleet in terms of age, condition, use, maintenance costs, and response readiness will be completed. Based upon the findings of this evaluation and present and likely call volume, a replacement schedule will be developed.
* The field work must be completed and the report delivered prior to December 1, 2019
* This proposal is to include one workshop session with fire rescue department personnel, town management, and elected officials.

The successful bidder must possess the following credentials and provide the following information –

* Only principals of the firm shall conduct the inspections, analyze the date, write the report, and represent the consulting firm in the workshop.
* Any personnel involved directly in the evaluation must possess a minimum of 20 years experience in the fire service with a concentration in apparatus specification, design, etc.
* Any personnel involved directly in the evaluation must be a published author in at least one nationally-recognized and professionally edited fire service publication.
* Offer a mix of experience from small volunteer departments in rural settings to large, career departments with urban populations.
* Provide a list of twenty-five (25) fire departments for which similar studies have been prepared.

All bids must be received by Judy Hawley, Assistant to the Town Manager, on or before the close of business (5:00 PM EDT) on Thursday 12 September 2019 at 30 Main Street – Freeport, ME 04032. Any questions regarding this evaluation should be directed to Charlie Jordan, Fire Rescue Chief, at 207-865-3421 or at cjordan@freeportmaine.com .