



Uniform and Linen Service RFB TO-26-05

Publication Date: March 30, 2026
Proposal Due Date: April 30, 2026
Contract Term: Five Years
Proposals Received: Three

Summary of Specifications

This contract will be to provide uniforms, linen service, and other rental products for the following Topeka Metro locations: 201 N Kansas Ave, 200 NW Crane, and 820 SE Quincy Ave all in Topeka, Kansas.

Evaluation

There were six members on the evaluation committee representing Maintenance, Operations and Bus Operators. The committee members received the bids on May 1, 2026, for individual evaluation. The committee then met on multiple occasions to discuss the bids and met with bidder Ace Imagewear to review their products and ask follow-up questions. After a thorough review, all 3 bids were deemed to be responsive and all 3 bidders to be responsible and qualified. The bids were scored based on Customer Satisfaction and Service – 40%, Quality of Materials 30%, Price – 15%, and Required Items – 15%. The scores were then compiled, and the results were as follows:

	<u>Total Score</u>	<u>5-Year Bid Price</u>
Ace Imagewear	8.38	\$152,206.45
Cintas	6.12	\$138,657.90
Unifirst	4.52	\$ 98,380.46

Recommendation

The committee members preferred the uniform products offered by Ace Imagewear due to fit and comfort and because they use Ultra High Frequency (UHF) Chips in all of their garments which allow for 99.50% accurate delivery of uniforms. The committee acknowledges that Ace Imagewear is not the low bidder, but Ace Imagewear received the highest total score based on the evaluation criteria. The committee recommends awarding the contract to Ace Imagewear. It is our determination that Ace Imagewear is the best choice for Topeka Metro, their bid was responsive, the company is responsible, and the price quoted is fair and reasonable.