



## Uniform and Linen Service RFB TO-19-14

Publication Date: July 1, 2019  
Proposal Due Date: August 1, 2019  
Contract Term: Five Years  
Proposals Received: Five

### Summary of Specifications

We need a company to provide us with uniforms, towels, door mats, and various other items. The current contract expires on September 9, 2019.

### Evaluation

There were five members on the evaluation committee representing Maintenance, Operations and bus operators. The committee members received the bids on August 1 for individual evaluation. The committee then met on August 8 to discuss the bids and decide on a recommendation. We then called the references of the highest-ranked bidder and called the uniform company with follow-up questions. All information received was positive.

Unifirst	7.47	\$129,006
Walker	7.22	\$142,801
Cintas	7.16	\$191,994
Similar Mode	6.28	\$165,098
Ameripride	4.87	\$102,013

Metro's current contractor is Aramark. We have had numerous problems with service, responsiveness and invoicing with this vendor over the past five years. Since Ameripride is owned by Aramark, we recommend not awarding the contract to the lowest bidder.

### Recommendation

The committee recommends awarding the contract to Unifirst. They had the highest ranking and the second-lowest bid price.