

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR BIDS

FOR

PEDIATRIC RESTRAINTS FOR SAFE TRANSPORT

FOR HEALTH CARE COALITION EMS/RESCUE MEMBERS

April 15, 2026

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I. Introduction

A. Invitation

The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) requests written quotes from qualified vendors for the purchase and shipping of pediatric restraints for safe EMS transport.

B. List of Events

Action	Deadline (Eastern Time)
Request for quote - released/published	Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Quotes due	Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 3:00 pm
NEFRC approval of the award	Friday, May 8, 2026

II. Project Description

A. Purpose

The Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance is planning to purchase Ferno pediatric restraints for EMS Rescue agencies.

B. Description of Entity

The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) is contracted by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to manage the three healthcare coalitions in north Florida through the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance (Alliance). Membership in these Healthcare Coalitions (HCC) includes various types of for-profit and not-for-profit healthcare facilities and ancillary services, as well as various public and private healthcare and other response partners.

Each of the three Coalitions represents different geographic areas that are a part of the overall healthcare system in the eighteen (18) county region. The Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition includes Nassau, Duval, Baker, Clay, Flagler, and St. Johns Counties. The North Central Florida Healthcare Coalition includes Alachua, Bradford, Union, Gilchrist, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Levy, and Putnam counties. CHAMP represents Marion County.

C. Equipment Description

The following is a list of desired equipment. No substitutions please.

- 1) **Ferno Pedi Mate + (Pedi Mate Plus) Restraint System**
Restraint designed for patients weighing 10-100 lbs.
- 2) **Ferno NeoMate Restraint System**
Restraint designed for patients weighing 5-14 lbs.
- 3) **Ferno KangooFix Neonatal Restraint System**
Restraint for patients weighing 3.5-11 lbs.

D. Prices Requested

Please provide a quote for the following equipment. The restraints will be shipped directly to seven different Rescue departments. Estimate shipping, if possible. All equipment must be delivered and paid by June 30, 2026.

	PediMate+	Neo Mate	KangooFix
Total order	89	17	37
Number by shipping zip code			
32052	3	3	3
32063	5	5	5
32066	3	3	3
32110	2	6	1
32254	70	0	0
32619	6	0	0
32653	0	0	25

E. Required Certifications

The Vendor selected for the project will submit the following certifications (forms provided by NEFRC):

Public Entity Crimes Certification

In accordance with Florida Statutes section 287.133(3) (a), when awarded, the Vendor will complete and return the Public Entity Crimes Certification form.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

In accordance with Florida Statutes section 287.087, when awarded, the Vendor will complete and return the Drug-Free Workplace Certification form.

III. Terms of Agreement

Funding for this project expires June 30, 2026. All equipment must be delivered and paid for prior to this date.

Efforts will be made by the NEFRC to utilize small businesses, minority, and women-owned businesses as established by the Small Business Administration (13 CFR 121.3-8). A Minority or Woman-Owned Business is defined as that which is certified by the State of Florida.

IV. Quote Details

A. Closing Submission Date

Quotes must be submitted **no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.**

B. Applicable Laws and Regulations

The selected Vendor shall comply with all federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

C. Right to Reject

The NEFRC reserves the right to reject any and all bids received in response to this bid request. A contract for the accepted bid will be based on the factors described in this request. The NEFRC may request additional information from any bidder.

D. Public Records

Information supplied by the Vendor to the NEFRC is subject to the Florida Public Records Law. Florida law provides that municipal records shall at all times be open for personal inspection by any person, Section 119.01, F.S., The Public Records Law. Information and materials received by the NEFRC in connection with all Vendor' response shall be deemed to be public records subject

to public inspection upon award, recommendation for award, or 30 days after bid opening, whichever occurs first. Section 119.071, F.S.

V. Quotes may be submitted via email or hard copy.

To submit via email:

1. Send the quote to Donna Starling dstarling@nefrc.org
2. Use the subject line: **HCC Pediatric Restraint Project**
3. Failure to use the correct subject line on the email may disqualify the vendor
4. Email should be received no later than **Wednesday, April 22, 2026 @ 3:00 pm.**

To submit via hard copy:

1. Bids should be addressed to:
Northeast Florida Regional Council
40 E. Adams Street, Suite 320
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Attention: Donna Starling-HCC Pediatric Restraint Project
2. Bids must be **received** by the NEFRC **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

Late bids will not be considered.

The NEFRC reserves the right to waive any immaterial inconsistencies in a bid that might otherwise appear to make said bid nonresponsive. Bids may be judged nonresponsive and removed from further consideration if any of the following occur:

- The bid is not received timely in accordance with the terms of this request.
- The bid does not include all the required documentation.

VI. Review and Notification Process

The NEFRC contemplates award of the quote to the responsible Vendor with the best price and delivery schedule.

It is expected that a decision selecting the successful Vendor will be made by May 8, 2026.

In accordance with Florida Statutes section 120.57, Any person who is adversely affected by the agency's decision or intended decision shall file with the agency a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision. With respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in a solicitation, including any provisions governing the methods for ranking bids, proposals, or replies, awarding contracts, reserving rights of further negotiation, or modifying or amending any contract, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the solicitation. The formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under this chapter. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time periods provided by this paragraph. The NEFRC reserves the right to segment bids or accept portions of bids as is in the best interest of the program and the NEFRC. Final price negotiation will be the result of selection of all, or portion of the most successful bid.