

**NHS Band Uniform Bid January 2016  
Bid Question & Answer**

All questions should be submitted via email to [bids@nsd131.org](mailto:bids@nsd131.org). All questions and answers will be posted on this form, on the NSD website, in as expedient a time as possible. No answers will be provided directly or solely to any bidder, though the buyer may directly ask for clarification from a questioning bidder.

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**12/28/2015 #1**

**Q:** The bid packet does not include design or style specifications—beyond fabrics—that would support a complete and accurate bid. Pricing is based not only on fabric, but coat patterns, coat design, trimmings used, embroidery, buttons, collar and shoulder strap trimmings, etc. Shako/hat requires style, shako covering including upper and lower band, front ornamentations, visor trim, and front straps/chains side buttons. Trousers require striping if applicable, features, amount of inside facing, amount of let out in the seat seam, etc. All accessory items also need the same detail specified information. All this information and (preferably) an illustration are necessary to submit an accurate quotation.

**A:** Our experience is that manufacturers of these uniforms have unique design surveys that ask for these elements. If your company has such a survey, please submit it as soon as possible to [bids@nsd131.org](mailto:bids@nsd131.org). If your company does not have such a survey already prepared, please forward a listing of specific design questions necessary to formulate your bid, to the same email address. We will return these surveys/requests to the respective bidders as soon as we are able to complete them.

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**12/28/2015 #2**

**Q:** You request sizing information with the bid. Our experience is that the “typical” physical profile of students varies from region to region, often based on the heritage and background of the community. Size mixes tend to vary greatly from the NW, South, Midwest, and NE. While we have the pattern capabilities to accommodate a uniform of any size, providing an accurate sizing mix with the bid (prior to measuring your students) is not possible. May these size listings be provided subsequent to a bid award, based on actual measurements of students?

**A:** Our understanding is that companies typically have an algorithm, based on the average-sized student, that provides the sizing mix. If your usual method is to conduct a physical measure of students to arrive at that size mix, please include an explanation of such with your bid; this note may be provided on the sizing pages themselves or in the Deviations section (preferably both, so we are sure to note the intended procedure). The intent of the size mix listings is to ensure we receive a size mix appropriate to our particular students, and measuring would seem to support that end.

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