



COUNTY OF EL PASO
County Purchasing Department
500 East San Antonio, Suite PU500
El Paso, Texas 79901
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Notice to Interested Parties

Sealed bids will be received at the County Purchasing Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite PU500, El Paso, Texas 79901 before 2:00 p.m., **Wednesday, April 16, 2008** to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for **One (1) Ford F-150 Supercrew Truck for the Constables Office.**

Bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked:
"Bid to be opened April 16, 2008
One (1) Ford F-150 Supercrew Truck for the Constables Office
Bid #08-043"

Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be submitted in writing to the attention of the County Purchasing Agent before Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 12:00 p.m. Questions can be faxed to (915)-546-8180.

Said contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and the **COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND WAIVE TECHNICALITIES.** Only bids that conform to specifications will be considered. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Successful bidder shall not order items or services until a Purchase Order is received from the County Purchasing Office. Payment will not be made on items delivered without a Purchase Order. Contract will be awarded by lump sum or line item, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

In order to remain active on the El Paso County Vendor list, each vendor receiving this bid must respond in some form. Vendors submitting a bid must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Vendors submitting a no bid must submit their reason in writing to the El Paso County Purchasing Department.

If the bid totals more than \$100,000.00, the bidder shall furnish a certified cashier's check made payable to the order of El Paso County or a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total contract price, executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. The bid bond must be included with the bid at the time of the opening.

PITI VASQUEZ
County Purchasing Agent

BIDDING SCHEDULE

To: El Paso County, Texas

I or we agree to furnish the following described equipment, supplies, or services for the prices shown in accordance with specifications listed below or attached. By execution of this bid, I hereby represent and warrant to El Paso County that I have read and understood the Bid Documents and the Contract Documents and this bid is made in accordance with the Bid Documents.

Please quote prices and discounts on the following items:

F. O. B. El Paso County

Description – Bid #08-043 One (1) Ford F-150 Supercrew Truck for the Constables Office Vendor must meet or exceed specifications
TOTAL COST
\$
Please do not include tax, as the County is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items. Please submit one (1) original copy and two (2) copies of your bid.

Company

Address

Federal Tax Identification No.

City, State, Zip Code

CIQ Document Number

CIQ Sent Date

Representative Name & Title

Telephone

Fax Number

E-mail

Signature

*****THIS MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE ON ALL BIDS*****

One (1) Ford F-150 Supercrew Truck for the Constables Office

Bid #08-043



**Opening Date
Wednesday, April 16, 2008**



El Paso County Constable, Precincts 1-7

2008 Patrol Vehicle Specifications - TRUCK
January 24, 2008

Quantity: 1 Vehicle - INTERIOR LIGHTING PACKAGE (Precinct One)

All equipment specified must be mounted/installed and in proper working order as required unless the specific item has an indication or note to the contrary. Bids should be composed in compliance with the number of vehicles ordered with interior lighting (Section VIII), according to the specifications outlined in that section. All other installed equipment will apply to the extent possible, and bids should reflect any changes or accommodations that are necessary to adapt equipment to the vehicle.

I. General

This document contains the specifications required by the El Paso County Constables for the purchase of new vehicles for its fleet. The final product must be a full size, pickup truck with four full-size doors (NOTE: For Ford Trucks, this refers to the Ford SuperCrew design) designated by the manufacturer for light to moderate duty and/or law enforcement use.

The following are the minimum specifications per the Texas State Bid:

- A. Series 864C Pickup Truck Base Unit, Crew Cab, Short Bed, Engine Net Horsepower 271, GVWR 6,422 lbs., LEV Emissions Certification. Make and Model: Ford F-150 W12 Engine, Liters 5.4, EPA MPG 11 City / 14 Highway.
- B. Option #15: Alternator 130 Amp, Minimum
- C. Option #29: Bumper, Rear Step, Heavy Duty
- D. Option #30: Bed Liner, Spray On
- E. Option #33: Cab to Axle Selection 102-108 inches
- F. Option #52: Four Wheel Drive
- G. Option #63: Grille Guard, Heavy Duty - Black in Color
- H. Option #75: Mirrors, Rearview, Exterior, Low Mount, Electric Remote Control
- I. Option #93: Radio Frequency Interference Package
- J. Option #101: Remote Keyless Entry - MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO (2) KEY FOBS
- K. Option #111: Spotlight, Permanent Mount - Driver's Side, Black in Color
- L. Option #116: All Terrain Tires - 4 X 4
- M. Option #140: Window Tint, Maximum Allowed

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- N. Option #146: Wiring, Accessory Power Supply
- O. Option #147: Wiring, Auxiliary For Cab Mounted Lighting (Check for compatibility with interior-mounted emergency lighting options).

II. Engine, Suspension and Power Train Requirements

Basic specifications should adhere to Texas State Bid #072-02-40300-7 as noted in Section I, with the following additions if available and compatible with Section I requirements:

- A. A minimum 5.4 Liter V8 engine with 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission.
- B. Heavy-duty engine oil cooler.
- C. Heavy-duty transmission oil cooler.
- D. Heavy-duty frame and body mounts.
- E. Heavy-duty front and rear suspension.
- F. Heavy-duty 130-amp alternator.
- G. Heavy-duty battery.
- H. Heavy-duty power steering cooler.

III. Tires, Braking and Electronics Requirements

- A. All-terrain tires - 4 X 4 (State Bid Option #116)
- B. Hubcaps or wheel covers, as available and cost-effective.
- C. Radio suppression package.
- D. Anti-lock braking system.
- E. Battery protection unit to prevent the battery from draining below a required threshold for starting in the event equipment is left on. Recommend Pro series PSI-12 Pro manufactured by Batco Labs Inc. or equivalent. Vendor: GT Distributors. Contact Brian Ellingson, South Texas and New Mexico Account Manager, Brian@gtlist.com (512) 451-8298 ext 27.
- F. Power access points in front and rear of cab interior (DC 12V cigarette plugs)

IV. Interior, Power Accessories and Comfort Requirements

- A. Air conditioning
- B. Cloth front seats, premium vinyl rear seats.
- C. Power door locks, driver and passenger sides, with control for all four (4) doors on driver's side.
- D. Interior rear door handles disabled OR child lockout feature.
- E. Power mirrors.
- F. Power windows with "driver control only" option.
- G. Express down on driver's window.



- H. Tilt steering wheel.
- I. Rear window defroster (if available).
- J. Lockable tailgate release mechanism.
- K. Standard floor covering with floor mats.
- L. Power driver seat, cruise control and AM/FM stereo with single CD player.
- M. Laminated security side glass.

V. Safety & Keying Requirements

- A. Personal safety system including safety belt pre-tensioners.
- B. Dual stage air bags and seat position sensors with capability of disabling front passenger side air bag when there is no passenger.
- C. Each vehicle to come with four (4) keys.
- D. Single key operates all interior and exterior locks including ignition.
- E. Remote control locking and unlocking system to lock and unlock doors (Remote Keyless Entry with a minimum of two key fobs).

VI. Exterior Markings and Mountings Requirements

- F. Front door and body side moldings installed and color coordinated.
- G. Paint - standard white paint, no color combination options.
- H. Front license plate bracket #153.
- I. Vehicle markings, reflective and non-reflective engineer grade 2 ml. cast vinyl for vertical automotive surfaces. Lettering to include roof numbers, side and rear numbers, door flag and striping designated by each office. Must match design scheme of each agency. Minimum seven-year warranty.

VII. Common Installed Equipment Requirements

- A. Prisoner Barrier Security Screen (Pro-Gard Ford F-150 4-door Truck Partition with Window Configuration 00) with padded tubular framing, 1/4" thick acrylic Plexiglas window, sliding window with locking stops, mounting assembly, and lower extension panel.
- B. Fire extinguisher, 5lb, ABC dry chemical, refillable with vehicle mounting bracket for mounting inside the cab.

VIII. Interior Emergency Lighting Package Requirements ("Slick-Top")

- A. Front Windshield - Whelen Inner-Edge I11UF8 Split-Design Red and Blue Interior Lightbar with Takedown Lights, to be mounted on upper windshield using visor mounting locations. To be configured to run on siren controller slide switch position #2. Takedown lights to be wired to flash during pursuit modes (slide switches), but to light steady-on when takedown light button on siren controller is activated.
- B. Front Dash - Whelen Inner-Beam Red/Blue Intersection Angled Dash Lights, to be mounted on each end of front dashboard at 45-degree angle for intersection clearing. To be configured to run on siren controller slide switch position #1.

4. Must have minimum 80 GB hard drive.
5. Must have minimum of 13.3" Transmissive-Touchscreen Factory No-glare screen
6. Ruggedized Magnesium Casework
7. 10/100/1000 Ethernet card with Intel 2915ABG with security Authentication of LEAP, WPA, EAP-Fast, PEAP
8. Intel 802.11b+g LAN
9. Emissive Backlit Keyboard
10. 3 Year Warranty (Depot)
11. DVD/CDRW for CF30
12. 25ft. serial cable
13. Mounting bracket to be integrated to a centerline console that provides for three (3) equipment bays for mounting PA 640 Siren, SoundOff Signal Traffic/Master controller, and Motorola PM-1500 radio control head, with one (1) additional bay for future expansion. The equipment bays should be on the forward part of the mounting system and angled for easy access for vehicle operator and front passenger. The mounting system must also be able to accommodate a vehicle printer (prefer integration to armrest component of mounting system). The system should include two (2) cup holders and an armrest. The system must provide for positioning the computer for use by both the driver or front passenger and the ability to lower the computer out of the way when not in use. Preferred configuration will include the ability of the "crane arm" portion of the mount to be height-adjustable in addition to the vertical stand. The mounting system must include a computer dock, which allows the operator to easily remove the computer from the vehicle without disconnecting any wiring from the computer itself and must not restrict access to computer ports on the computer unless ports are replicated to the mounting solution. The mounting system must be certified as "Air Bag Compliant" when the computer is in the up or down position. The mounting system must provide for a keyed locking system to secure the computer to the mount to prevent easy removal of the computer by unauthorized persons without a key. The mounting system should be machined vs. stamped and made of aircraft aluminum to minimize potentially harmful harmonic vibrations from being transmitted to the computer through the mounting system. Mounting system must carry its own warranty against defects in material or workmanship for a period of not less than twelve months. Mounting solution must provide for required power supply for the specified computer. Recommended vendor source for this equipment is Precision Mounting Technologies (<http://www.precisionmounts.com/>).
14. Computer to be provided with minimum three (3) year warranty for parts and labor
15. Access to computer manufacturer technical support line/center must be available to each El Paso County Constable. Any limitations on access must be specified in the bid.

XI. Miscellaneous

- A. As part of these bid specifications, two (2) complete sets of repair manuals shall be delivered with order. Manuals must include wiring schematics, air conditioning service/repair data and drive train service/repair data. These manuals will include detail that is normally not found in the typical shop manual. Compact Disc (CD) based manuals are acceptable.
- B. Two (2) year safety inspection sticker.



COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING, DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS; FEDERAL DEBT STATUS, AND NONDISCRIMINATION STATUS AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS*

Instructions for the certifications:

General Requirements

The County of El Paso, Texas is required to obtain from all applicants of federal funds or pass-through certifications regarding federal debt status, debarment and suspension, and a drug free workplace. Institutional applicants are required to certify that they will comply with the nondiscrimination statutes and implementing regulations.

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certifications to which they are required to attest. Signature of the form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 21 CFR part 1405, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 21 CFR part 1414, Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement), Certification Regarding Federal Debt Status (OMB Circular A-129), and Certification Regarding the Nondiscrimination Statutes and Implementing Regulations. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the County of El Paso determines to award the covered cooperative agreement

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented in 21 CFR part 1405, for persons entering into a cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 21 CFR Part 1405, the applicant certifies that;

(a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement,

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal Grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension and implemented at 21 CFR Part 1404, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or and a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to the application.

2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

As required by the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 21 CFR Part 1404 Subpart F.

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug free workplace by:

(a). Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug free awareness program to inform employees about:

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The applicant's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph

(a)

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee must

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such convictions. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice including position title, to: The County of El Paso, Texas, 500 East San Antonio Street, Suite 406, El Paso, Texas 79901. Notice shall include the identification number of each affected grant

(f) Taking one of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

3. CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL DEBT STATUS (OMB Circular A-129)

The Applicant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it is not delinquent in the repayment of any federal debt.

4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The applicant certifies that it will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations: (a) title VI of the Civil right Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000D et seq.) which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance; (b) Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; (c) title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972m as amended (20 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 ec seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary

for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

Business Name

Date

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

COUNTY OF EL PASO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 EAST SAN ANTONIO,
ROOM PU500, EL PASO, TEXAS 79901
(915) 546-2048, FAX: (915) 546-8180

PITI VASQUEZ, PURCHASING AGENT
JOSE LOPEZ, JR. ASST. PURCHASING AGENT
LUCY BALDERAMA, INVENTORY BID TECHNICIAN

BIDDING CONDITIONS

This is the only approved instruction for use on your invitation to bid. Items below apply to and become a part of the terms and conditions of the bid.

1. BY SUBMITTING A BID, EACH BIDDER AGREES TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS IT HAS OR MAY HAVE AGAINST THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, AND ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH: THE DOCUMENTS, PROCEDURES, ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID; THE WAIVER BY EL PASO COUNTY OF ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE BID DOCUMENTS OR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS; THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ANY BIDS; AND THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.
2. Bids must be in the Purchasing Department BEFORE the hour and date specified. Faxed bids will not be accepted.
3. Late bids properly identified will be returned to bidder unopened. Late bids will not be considered under any circumstances.
4. All bids are for new equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified.
5. Quotes F.O.B. destination. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver.
6. Bid unit price on quantity specified-extend and show total. In case of error in extension, unit prices shall govern. Bids subject to unlimited price increases will not be considered.
7. Bids must give full firm name and address of bidder. Failure to manually sign bid will disqualify it. Person signing should show title or authority to bind his firm in a contract.
8. No substitutions or cancellations permitted without written approval of County Purchasing Agent.
9. The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. The County of El Paso reserves the right to award by item or by total bid. Prices should be itemized.
10. Bids \$100,000.00 and over, the bidder shall furnish a certified cashiers check made payable to the County of El Paso or a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total contract prices and execute with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. The bid bond must be included with the bid at the time of the opening.
11. This is a quotation inquiry only and implies no obligation of the part of the County of El Paso.
12. The County of El Paso reserves the right to reject any proposal due to failure of performance on deliveries. The County Purchasing Agent will justify this.
13. Brand names are for descriptive purposes only, not restrictive.
14. The County of El Paso is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

15. Any proposal sent via express mail or overnight delivery service must have the proposal number and title clearly marked on the outside of the express mail or overnight delivery service envelope or package. Failure to clearly identify your proposal may be cause for disqualification.
16. PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 2253.021, A PRIME CONTRACTOR WHO IS AWARDED A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SHALL, PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE WORK, EXECUTE TO THE COUNTY:
 - a. A PERFORMANCE BOND, IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT, IF THE CONTRACT IS IN EXCESS OF \$100,000; AND
 - b. A PAYMENT BOND, IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT, IF THE CONTRACT IS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000.
17. PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 262.032(b), ANY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WHO IS AWARDED ANY CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 MAY BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE A PERFORMANCE BOND TO THE COUNTY. SAID BOND SHALL BE IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT AND MUST BE FURNISHED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE A PURCHASE ORDER IS ISSUED OR THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED AND PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACTUAL WORK. ANY PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE NOTED IN THE ATTACHED DETAILED BID SPECIFICATIONS OR SCOPE OF WORK. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 2253, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.
18. "Beginning January 1, 2006, in order to implement HB 914 (adding new Local Government Code Chapter 176), ALL VENDORS MUST SUBMIT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE (Form CIQ) disclosing its affiliations and business relationships with the County's Officers (County Judge and Commissioners Court) as well as the County employees and contractors who make recommendations for the expenditure of County funds. The names of the County Officers and of the County employees and contractors making recommendations to the County Officers on this contract are listed in the Specifications.

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND A COPY OR PROOF OF FILING MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BIDDER'S RESPONSE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Bidders should be aware that this bidding condition is not intended to cover or to advise you about all situations in which Local Government Code Chapter 176 would require you to file a Form CIQ. You should consult your private attorney with regard to the application of this law and your compliance requirements. Failure to comply is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

NOTICE:

ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY A VENDOR TO THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE DONE THROUGH THE EL PASO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. **THE EL PASO COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS PROHIBITS ALL PRIVATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VENDORS AND CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AS DESCRIBED BELOW:**

No vendor, its representative, agent, or employee shall engage in private communication with a member of the El Paso County Commissioners Court or county department heads regarding any procurement of goods or services by the County from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is released. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into. Members of the commissioners court are required to make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding potential procurements and have a duty to inquire of vendors, their representatives or employees, the nature of any private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication. "Private Communication" means communication with any vendor outside of a posted meeting of the governing body, a regular meeting of a standing or appointed committee, or a negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

Health Insurance Benefits Provided By Bidder

Consideration of Health Insurance Benefits*

1. Do you or your subcontractor(s) currently offer health insurance benefits to your employees?

If so, please describe those health insurance benefits that you or your subcontractor(s) currently provide/offer to your employees.

2. What percentage, if any, of your of your subcontractor's employees are currently enrolled in the health insurance benefits program?

El Paso County may consider provision of health insurance benefits as part of the overall "best value" determination. Failure to provide health insurance benefits will not disqualify you from participating in this bid selection process.

Business Name

Date

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

* This page must be included in all responses.



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RE: Bid #08-043, One (1) Ford F-150 Supercrew Truck for the Constables Office

Dear Vendor:

As of January 1, 2006, the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 requires all vendors and potential vendors who contract or seek to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with any local government entity to complete and submit a Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire. A copy of the requirements regarding vendors is attached. Also attached is a copy of the Questionnaire which needs to be filed and was prepared and approved for statewide use by the Texas Ethics Commission.

In filing out the Questionnaire, the following are the County Officers that will award the bid and the employees which will make a recommendation to the Commissioners Court:

County Officers: County Judge Anthony Cobos
Commissioner Luis C. Sariñana
Commissioner Veronica Escobar
Commissioner Miguel Teran
Commissioner Dan Haggerty

County Employees: Piti Vasquez, Purchasing Agent
Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent
Pete Gutierrez, Buyer II
Linda Gonzalez, Inventory Bid Technician
Constables Office

Please note that the state law requires that the Questionnaire be filed with the **COUNTY CLERK** no later than **the 7th business day after submitting an application, response to an RFP, RFQ or bid** or any other writing related to a potential agreement with the County. Failure to file the questionnaire within the time provided by the statute is a Class C misdemeanor

Tex. Local Gov't Code § 176.006 (2005)

§ 176.006. Disclosure Requirements for Vendors and Other Persons; Questionnaire

(a) A person described by Section 176.002(a) shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the date that the person:

(1) begins contract discussions or negotiations with the local governmental entity; or

(2) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential agreement with the local governmental entity.

(b) The commission shall adopt a conflict of interest questionnaire for use under this section that requires disclosure of a person's affiliations or business relationships that might cause a conflict of interest with a local governmental entity.

(c) The questionnaire adopted under Subsection (b) must require, for the local governmental entity with respect to which the questionnaire is filed, that the person filing the questionnaire:

(1) describe each affiliation or business relationship the person has with each local government officer of the local governmental entity;

(2) identify each affiliation or business relationship described by Subdivision (1) with respect to which the local government officer receives, or is likely to receive, taxable income from the person filing the questionnaire;

(3) identify each affiliation or business relationship described by Subdivision (1) with respect to which the person filing the questionnaire receives, or is likely to receive, taxable income that:

(A) is received from, or at the direction of, a local government officer of the local governmental entity; and

(B) is not received from the local governmental entity;

(4) describe each affiliation or business relationship with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which a local government officer of the local governmental entity:

(A) serves as an officer or director; or

(B) holds an ownership interest of 10 percent or more;

(5) describe each affiliation or business relationship with an employee or contractor of the local governmental entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the local governmental entity with respect to the expenditure of money;

(6) describe each affiliation or business relationship with a person who:

(A) is a local government officer; and

(B) appoints or employs a local government officer of the local governmental entity that is the subject of the questionnaire; and

(7) describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest.

(d) A person described by Subsection (a) shall file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate records administrator not later than:

(1) September 1 of each year in which an activity described by Subsection (a) is pending; and

(2) the seventh business day after the date of an event that would make a statement in the questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate.

(e) A person is not required to file an updated completed questionnaire under Subsection (d)(1) in a year if the person has filed a questionnaire under Subsection (c) or (d)(2) on or after June 1, but before September 1, of that year.

(f) A person commits an offense if the person violates this section. An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

(g) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (f) that the person filed the required questionnaire not later than the seventh business day after the date the person received notice of the violation.

Tex. Local Gov't Code § 176.001 (2005)

§ 176.001. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Ethics Commission.

(2) "Family member" means a person related to another person within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, as described by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code.

(3) "Local governmental entity" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, or other political subdivision of this state or a local government corporation, board, commission, district, or authority to which a member is appointed by the commissioners court of a county, the mayor of a municipality, or the governing body of a municipality. The term does not include an association, corporation, or organization of governmental entities organized to provide to its members education, assistance, products, or services or to represent its members before the legislative, administrative, or judicial branches of the state or federal government.

(4) "Local government officer" means:

(A) a member of the governing body of a local governmental entity; or

(B) a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of the local governmental entity.

(5) "Records administrator" means the director, county clerk, municipal secretary, superintendent, or other person responsible for maintaining the records of the local governmental entity.

COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Solicitation Check List

**One (1) Ford F-150 Supercrew Truck for the Constables Office
Bid #08-043**

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

_____ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2008. Did you visit our website (www.epcounty.com) for any addendums?

_____ Did you sign the Bidding Schedule?

_____ Did you sign the “Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Federal Debt Status, and Nondiscrimination Status And Implementing Regulations” document?

_____ Did you sign the “Consideration of Insurance Benefits” form?

_____ Did you file a copy of the completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) with the El Paso County Clerk (in person or by mail to 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 105, El Paso, TX 79901 or by fax to 915-546-2012 attention Joann) and write the confirmation number given as proof of filing on your bidding schedule? Please include the completed and signed form with your response whether a relationship exists or not.

_____ If your bid totals more than \$100,000, did you include a bid bond?

_____ Did you provide one original and two (2) copies of your response?
