



COUNTY OF EL PASO
County Purchasing Department
500 East San Antonio, Suite PU500
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 546-2048
(915) 546-8180 Fax

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, August 13, 2008 to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for Computer and Software Equipment for the Amber Project.

**Bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked:
"Bid to be opened August 13, 2008
Computer and Software Equipment for the Amber Project
Bid #08-114**

Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be submitted in writing to the attention of the County Purchasing Agent before Tuesday, August 5, 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 #08-114 Computer and Software Equipment for the Amber Project 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

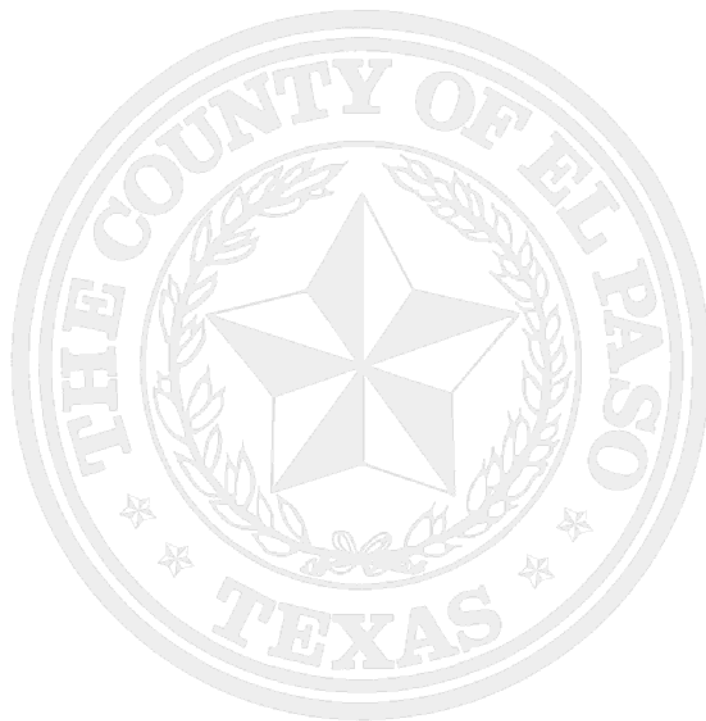
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Signature

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

Computer and Software Equipment for the Amber Project

Bid #08-114



**Opening Date
Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

The following are the specification and pricing on equipment the hardware is software specific and brand names are used only for descriptive purposes, Hardware must meet specification or equivalent too.

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
5	Fargo DTC 400		
4	BAC Secure Touch		
9	Siglite Signature Pad		
9	Digital Camera Canon Powershot A570		
9	HP Compaq Laptop 6710b		
6	Pelican Case		
6	Lid Organizer		
5	Cables to go 6 foot USB to Parralel		
9	Fargo YMCKO Ribbon w Cleaning roller		

Fargo DTC 400

- Dye-Sublimation / Resin Thermal Transfer
 - 300 dpi (11.8 dots/mm)
 - Up to 16.7 million / 256 shades
 - Full-color with resin black and overlay panel, YMCKO*, 250 prints
 - Full-color half-panel with resin black and overlay panel, YMCKO*, 350 prints
 - Full-color with two resin black panels and overlay panel, YMCKOK*, 200 prints
 - Full-color with fluorescing, resin black and overlay panel, YMCFKO*, 200 prints
 - Dye-sublimation black and overlay panel, BO*, 500 prints
 - Resin black and overlay panel, KO, 500 prints
 - Resin black, 1,000 prints; green, blue, red, white, 1,000 prints; silver and gold, 500 prints
 - *YMCKO, YMCKO half-panel and YMCKOK ribbons are available in both disposable and refillable ribbon cartridges.*
- Batch Mode:
- 7 seconds per card (K)*
 - 12 seconds per card (KO)*
 - 27 seconds per card (YMCKO)*
 - 35 seconds per card (YMCKOK)*
- CR-80 (3.375"L x 2.125"W / 85.6mmL x 54mmW)
- CR-79 Adhesive Back (3.313"L x 2.063"W / 84.1mmL x 52.4mmW)
- Printer – Two years including free loaner printer in the first year (U.S. only); optional Extended Warranty Program (U.S. only)
- Printhead – Two years, unlimited pass with UltraCard™ Cards
 - ISO Magnetic Stripe Encoding, dual high- and low-coercivity, Tracks 1, 2, and 3
 - Contact Smart Card Docking Station
 - Contactless Smart Card Encoder (HID® iCLASS®, MIFARE® and MIFARE DESFire)
 - Contact Smart Card Encoder reads from and writes to all ISO7816-1/2/3/4 memory and microprocessor smart cards (T = 0, T = 1) as well as synchronous cards
 - Prox Card Reader (HID read-only)
 - **Dual-sided Printing Module** –
 - Magnetic Stripe Encoding Module – Field-upgradeable
 - E-card Encoding Modules – Field-upgradeable
 - Printer cleaning kit
 - Ethernet networking with internal print server (replaces USB connection)
 - 100-card output hopper with or without reject tray

Fargo YMCKO Ribbon w/Cleaning roller

Fargo YMCKO Ribbon w/Cleaning roller.
 Fargo Cleaning Kit #85976
 PVC Cards 30mil Box of 500
 Clear Vinyl ID Clips Bag of 500

Amount

Cables to go 6 foot USB to Parallel	
<p>Cables To Go 6-Foot USB to Parallel Printer Adapter Cable Cables To Go's USB to IEEE-1284 Printer Cable, you can use your USB port on your PC or hub and free-up the parallel port for a Zip drive or scanner. Forget the hassles of IRQ sharing by adapting your high-speed printer to USB. If you have multiple printers, you can eliminate the need for a switchbox by connecting each printer to a USB port. The device is fully transparent to the user, and is ideal for true bi-directional communication.</p>	
Amount	

BAC Secure Touch Specification
<p><i>Standard:</i> Device drivers, image acquisition and enhancement, minutia feature extraction, 1-to-1 and 1-to-several authentication, Fingerprint Lab sample app, screen saver, NT GINA/2000 Logon, Win 95/98/ME Logon, and SecureTouch PV - for finger print activated ID and password storage and retrieval. <i>Development Toolkit:</i> All of above plus C/C++ API, ActiveX and Java wrappers, API documentation, sample code, and tech support (incl. SecureTouch PC hardware).</p> <p>Other applications available separately. <i>Standard:</i> Device drivers, image acquisition and enhancement, minutia feature extraction, 1-to-1 and 1-to-several authentication, Fingerprint Lab sample app, screen saver, NT GINA/2000 Logon, Win 95/98/ME Logon, and SecureTouch PV - for finger print activated ID and password storage and retrieval. <i>Development Toolkit:</i> All of above plus C/C++ API, ActiveX and Java wrappers, API documentation,</p> <p>Fingerprint capture area Oval 1" long x 0.6" wide</p> <p>Image Sensor CMOS 640 x 480 pixels 8 bit gray-scale</p> <p>Image Formats 8 bit gray-scale 320 x 320 pixels 480 DPI 102KB .BMP Not required for match Monochrome 320 x 320 pixels 480 DPI 13KB .BMP Not required for match</p> <p>Template Up to 64 features stored 480 bytes in 1KB packet Used for matching</p> <p>Image Processing Robust feature extraction for user-friendly image capture. Supports automatic exposure and contrast adjustment for best possible image. Performs encryption of image.</p> <p>Parallel Port Model Mode: Supports unidirectional (e.g. standard, SPP, AT) and bi-directional modes (e.g. bi-directional, PS/2, EPP, ECP). Performs faster in bi-directional modes. Power: 5V DC, 300mA from mouse or keyboard port. Pass-through: Data pass-through allows printer to be attached to same port. Power pass-through allows mouse or keyboard to be attached to same port.</p> <p>USB Model Power: 5V DC, 300mA, supplied by USB port Interface: USB 1.1 Full-Speed 12 Mbps</p> <p>Ambient Light 0 to 2500 Foot-lamberts</p>

Certifications U.S. FCC Part 15 Class B (Home & Office) Canadian Interference-causing Equipment Regulations European Community CE Mark Warranty Limited 1 year replacement	Amount
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Siglite Signature Pad	
<p>The Topaz SigLite™ signature capture touchpad is designed to be both space- and cost efficient.</p> <p>The touchpad sensor reads the pressure of the stylus tip and transmits signature data to the computer at high speed for an easy, accurate electronic signature. SigLite boasts the additional value of Topaz's powerful bundled software tools and support, including ActiveX, Java, a shared C library, .NET assembly, and MS Office and Adobe Acrobat plug-ins. Examples and software plug-ins are bundled with the tablet.</p> <p>Sensor Type Touchpad</p> <p>Pen Type Life-extending passive stylus, US Patent 6,972,754</p> <p>Dimensions 6" x 3.8" x 0.7" 152 x 95 x 18mm</p> <p>Signing Area 4.3" x 1.4" 110 x 35mm</p> <p>Data conversion rate 377 points per second</p> <p>Resolution 410 true points per inch</p> <p>Software Support Updates and support are provided free of charge</p> <p>Authentication capability Forensic-quality .SIG data capable of examination and authentication with Topaz SigAnalyze™ software (US Patent 6,307,955)</p> <p>Warranty 1 year, with renewal option</p>	
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Digital Camera Canon Powershot A570

Product description Canon PowerShot A570 IS 7.1-Megapixel Digital Camera - Silver

Features

7.1-megapixel: With 7.1 megapixels, you get the kind of detail that makes ordinary images extraordinary and the freedom to crop images and enlarge prints easily.

Zoom: The 4x optical zoom lens lets you capture everything from landscapes to snapshots with the brightness and clarity. The additional 4x digital zoom lets you enlarge the details before or after shooting.

2.5" LCD: The PowerShot A570 features a big 2.5" LCD screen, so whether you're setting up your shot or playing it back, everything is bright and clear.

Scene modes: Special scene modes give you breathtaking, exhilarating pictures even when shooting conditions are tough.

High ISO sensitivity: The ISO 1600 and high ISO auto settings reduce the effects of camera shake and sharpens subjects in low-light situations, giving you greater shooting flexibility.

DIGIC III Image Processor: With DIGIC III, you get images of superior quality, the camera functions at top efficiency and battery life is significantly enhanced. What's more, DIGIC III enables Canon's newly improved Face Detection technology and Red-eye Correction to give you better, more true-to-life people shots.

Optical image stabilization: The PowerShot A570 IS is equipped with Canon's Image Stabilizer technology that automatically detects and corrects camera shake—one of the leading causes of fuzzy or blurred shots. So now even when you're zooming in tight you can get the steady, crisp, brilliant images you'll be proud to shoot and share.

Face Detection: Face detection AF/AE finds multiple faces in the frame and sets the most suitable focus point, when the shutter button is pressed halfway. Plus, Face Detection FE adjusts the flash, based on a person's face on the screen to eliminate darkened or overexposed faces.

Red-Eye Correction: This feature detects and automatically corrects red-eye during playback for both regular and flash photography. In unusual cases where red-eye is not automatically detected, it can easily be corrected manually during playback mode from the LCD screen.

iSAPS Technology: This technology is an entirely original scene-recognition technology developed for digital cameras by Canon. Using an internal database of thousands of different photos, iSAPS works with the fast DIGIC III Image Processor to improve focus speed and accuracy, as well as exposure and white balance.

Movie mode: The fast frame rate movie mode allows you to record extremely smooth full-motion movie clips for up to one minute long in QVGA at 60 fps (320 x 240 pixels). Or choose from VGA (640 x 480 pixels) and QVGA (320 x 240 pixels) with frame rates of 30 fps and 15 fps for recording up to 1 hour or 1GB.

Memory: This digital camera comes with a 16MB memory card. Get the most out of your camera by adding a 1GB or larger MultiMediaCard, SD or SDHC memory card.

Print & Share button: Direct printing is easier than ever—simply connect the camera

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1620 Computer Case from Pelican and LID Organizer	
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1620 Case

Interior Dimensions: 21.37" x 16.31" x 12.56" (54.3 x 41.4 x 31.9 cm)

- Watertight, crushproof, and dust proof
- Easy open Double Throw latches
- Open cell core with solid wall design - strong, light weight
- O-ring seal
- Automatic Pressure Equalization Valve
- Fold down handles
- Stainless steel hardware and padlock protectors
- 4 level Pick 'N' Pluck™ with convoluted lid foam
- Personalized nameplate service available
- Unconditional Lifetime Guarantee of Excellence
- Retractable extension handle
- Strong polyurethane wheels with stainless steel bearings

Pelican 1600 LID Organizer

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HP Compaq Business Notebook nc6710b

KL511AV Product - HP Compaq 6710b Noteobok PC
KU595AV#ABA Operating system - Genuine Windows Vista®
Downgrade to Windows XP Professional (note) w/ MS

Office (Trial)
RQ047AV OS Label - Genuine Windows Vista® Logo
GX349AV Processor - Intel® Core™2 Duo Processor T8100 (2.1
GHz, 800 MHz FSB, 3MB L2 cache)
GA914AV Processor label - Intel® Centrino™ Duo Label
RJ512AV Display - 15.4 inch diagonal WXGA anti glare (1280 x
800)
Video/graphics - Mobile Intel® Graphics Media
Accelerator X3100, up to 384 MB of shared memory
RJ521AV Memory - 2048MB 667MHz DDR2 SDRAM (2 DIMM)
RJ531AV Hard drive - 120GB 5400rpm SATA Hard Drive
RJ535AV Optical drive - LightScribe DVD+/-RW SuperMulti DL
Drive
RP697AV#ABA Keyboard - Touchpad with Scroll Zone and Finger Print

Reader
RX659AV#ABA Wireless LAN - Intel® PRO/Wireless 3945ABG Network
Connection (Open Market Item)
RJ479AV Bluetooth - HP Integrated Module with Bluetooth®
Wireless Technology
Broadband Wireless - Broadband wireless Not included
RJ463AV Modem - 56K v.92 modem
RP695AV#ABA Adapter - HP 90W Smart AC Adapter
RJ537AV Battery - 6-cell (55 WHr) Lithium-Ion battery

Amount

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

(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
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PITI VASQUEZ, PURCHASING AGENT
JOSE LOPEZ, JR. ASST. PURCHASING AGENT
LINDA GONZALEZ, 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.



COUNTY OF EL PASO
County Purchasing Department
500 East San Antonio, Suite PU500
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 546-2048
(915) 546-8180 Fax

RE: Bid #08-114, Computer and Software Equipment for the Amber Project

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
Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician
Jimmy Apodaca, Sheriff
Frank Cress, Network Supervisor
Bruno Tabarani, IT
Jack Waite, Lt.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

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Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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

**Computer and Software Equipment for the Amber Project
Bid #08-114**

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

_____ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 13, 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 County Clerks office number is 915-546-2071 and write the confirmation number given as proof of filing on your bidding schedule?

_____ **CIQ forms** - you must write the name of your company underneath the signature with your phone number and bid number. 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?
