



**COUNTY OF EL PASO**  
800 E. Overland, Suite 300  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
(915) 546-2048 (915) 546-8180 Fax

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### **Notice to Interested Parties**

Sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) will be received at the County Purchasing Department, 800 E. Overland, RM 300, El Paso, Texas 79901 before 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 17, 2012 to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for Narrowband Project for the County of El Paso

**Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and marked:  
"Proposals to be opened September 17, 2012  
Narrowband Project for the  
County of El Paso  
RFP Number 12-059"**

**Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be submitted in writing to the attention of the County Purchasing Agent before Monday, September 10, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. Questions can be faxed to (915)-546-8180.**

Award will be made based on a review of qualifications, scope of services and price. **COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND WAIVE TECHNICALITIES.** Only proposals that conform to specifications will be considered. Successful Proposer shall not order items or services until a Purchasing Order is received from the County Purchasing Office. Payment will not be made on items delivered without an Agreement.

If the proposal totals more than \$100,000.00, the bidder shall furnish a certified cashier's 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 price, executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. The certified cashier's check must be included with the proposal at the time of the opening.

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

**PITI VASQUEZ**  
County Purchasing Agent

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR VENDORS

## EL PASO COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR VENDORS

**Vendors.** Any vendor involved in a single procurement exceeding \$50,000 must complete training on the El Paso County Code of Ethics. **This training must be completed prior to submitting a bid or proposal, responding to a request for qualifications or proposals, or otherwise contracting with the county.** The training must be completed by an officer, principal, or other person with the authority to bind the vendor. The certification of completed training on the Ethics Code issued by the County Human Resources Department is valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of completion. A list of those Vendors with a current certification of completion and the corresponding date of expiration shall be maintained on the El Paso County website under the Purchasing Department's Current List of Training Certified Bidders. This training requirement does not apply to emergency purchases.

### Training

In compliance with Section 161 of the Texas Local Government Code, training on the El Paso County Code of Ethics will be accessible in an online format to Vendors and Lobbyists on an ongoing basis, subject only to limitations due to technical resources. No person or entity required to complete training will have to do so more than once per year.

**The required training for Vendors may be accessed and completed at:**

<http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/training.htm>

**Once you have taken the ethics training course print out the confirmation and attach a copy to your proposal. Keep a copy for future references/proposals.**

**To view the list of the Vendors, the representatives and the date it expires.**

❖ **Go to** <http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/training.htm>

❖ **Select:**

### Vendors Who Have Completed Ethics Training

**If you have taken the training and your name has not been added to the list, Please contact Gabby at our Human Resource Department at (915)546-2218 ext. 4069.**



**EL PASO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
800 E. OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 300  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79901  
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**Memorandum**

**To:** All Vendors  
**From:** Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent  
**Date:** February 6, 2012  
**Subject:** County Purchasing New Vendor/Bid System & Online Vendor Registration

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The Purchasing Department will be implementing its new bid processing vendor notification/registration system on April 1, 2012. The new system will allow vendors to register and maintain their vendor file real time without the intervention of the Purchasing Department. Vendors will maintain their address information and contact information; as well as the commodity information that the vendor wants to be considered for on County bid solicitations. Vendors will be given a choice of receiving hard copy bid notifications, or electronic notifications to the vendors designated email and/or cellular telephone text number. We hope that the changes will help our vendors receive their solicitations in a more effective and efficient manner that will benefit both the County and the vendor with more timely, accurate, competitive bids.

All vendors wishing to receive or continue to receive bid notifications must register by April 1, 2012. The Purchasing Department will be migrating to the new vendor system on April 1, 2012 and all vendors that have not registered in the new system will not receive bid notifications. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact me at (915)546-2068, or Sally Borrego at (915)546-2048.

**PROPOSAL 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 proposal, I hereby represent and warrant to El Paso County that I have read and understood the Proposal Documents and the Contract Documents and this proposal is made in accordance with the Proposal Documents.

Please quote prices and discounts on the following items:

F. O. B. El Paso County

<p><b>Description – RFP # 12-059</b>  <b>Narrowband Project for the County of El Paso</b>  Vendor must meet or exceed specifications</p>
<p><b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT \$</b></p>
<p>Please do not include tax, as the County is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items. <b>Please submit one (1) original copy and four (4) electronics copies of your bid.</b></p>

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Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Tax Identification No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ethics Representative (refer to page 2)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ethics Training Date or Expiration Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIQ Confirmation Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ)  
Filed Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number include area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number include area code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

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

# **Narrowband Project for the County of El Paso**

**RFP #12-059**



**Opening Date  
Monday, September 17, 2012**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP 12-059

### NARROWBAND PROJECT

The language below will be replaced or modified by the standard Purchasing format language

Sealed Proposals signed and in the original only, subject to the Request For Proposals, Provisions and Specifications, will be received at the El Paso County Purchasing Department, 800 East Overland, Suite 300, El Paso, TX 79901 until 2:00 p.m., on September 17, 2012, for narrowband project as described below.

El Paso County invites proposals from qualified firms that possess outstanding qualifications, experience, and knowledge to provide narrowbanding of equipment.

This procurement is governed by the following primary directives:

El Paso County prefers to award the resulting contract from this RFP to a single vendor.

At the time this RFP is released, El Paso County plans on acquiring and implementing a solution that meets its narrowbanding requirements.

Proposals submitted in response to this RFP, including the bidder's responses will be included as part of the final contract terms for the selected bidder.

## I. General Information

### A. Purpose and Background

#### 1. Purpose of the RFP.

El Paso County is seeking proposals from qualified radio equipment manufacturers and/or solutions providers for the configuration of radio infrastructures that are not compatible with the FCC mandated operations for narrowband. It is the intent of the El Paso County to secure a contract for the configuration of non-narrowband radio communications equipment.

El Paso County seeks proposals and will award contract for the work specified hereunder. Proposals are to be submitted with the understanding that an acceptance of the proposal, in writing by El Paso County, shall constitute an agreement to negotiate and execute a contract between the Vendor and El Paso County; however, El Paso County is not obligated to award a contract as a result of this RFP.

The contract awarded as a result of this procurement will incorporate this RFP and the Vendor's proposal. The requirements described in this RFP, along with the Vendor's proposal and the final approved design documents, will form the basis for acceptance and related contract adherence.

The final goal is to have FCC type accepted "narrow-band" operational radio infrastructure and that there be no degradation of radio coverage as the result of this change of operations.

#### 2. Narrowband Operations.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that by 2013 that Public Safety agencies that use two-way radio communications in the radio frequency spectrum below 500 MHz change the current standard of operation in that the radios will change their FM modulation and channel spacing characteristics. (Reference: FCC ET Docket No. 04-243, March 10, 2005 and FCC ET Docket No. 99-87, March 27, 2007) Narrowband refers to the width of an individual radio channel with regards to its center frequency. In most new radio systems, voice channels have a design bandwidth of 12.5 kHz, which is considered to be narrowband. This is a change from prior analog radio systems which typically used 25 kHz of bandwidth per voice or data channel.

### 3. Proposed Timetable:

Activity	Target Date
Release of Request for Proposals	August 22, 2012
Deadline for questions	September 10, 2012
Submission of proposals	September 17, 2012
Offeror(s) presentations	To be determined at a later dated
Selection and notification of Vendor	To be determined at a later dated
Implementation Plan and Contract finalized	To be determined at a later dated
Begin Implementation of Services	October 1, 2012
SERVICES MUST BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2012	

## II. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

### A. Vendor information required

1. Letter of Transmittal each proposal should be accompanied by a letter of transmittal not exceeding two pages which summarizes key points of the proposal and which is signed by an Authorized Officer of the Firm who is responsible for committing the firm's resources.

### 2. Basic Information requirements

a. Name of the firm making the proposal and name of firm principals.

b. Name and title of individual preparing and responsible for the proposal. This person may be different from the individual signing the transmittal page.

c. Mailing Address; if firm has more than one office, identify which office will be principally responsible for service under this RFP/contract.

d. Telephone and fax numbers of Offeror; if firm has more than one office, identify the appropriate telephone and fax numbers for the office which will be principally responsible for service under this RFP/contract.

e. E-mail address and contact information of firm principal who will be responsible for service provided under this RFP/contract and of the individual preparing and responsible for the proposal.

f. Amounts and types of insurance carried, including the deductible amount, to cover errors and omissions, improper judgments, or negligence.



g. Disclosure of any finder's fees, fee splitting, payments to consultants, or other contractual arrangements of the firm that could present a real or perceived conflict of interest.

h. Disclosure of any pending investigation of the Vendor firm or principals, enforcement or disciplinary actions taken within the past three years by federal, state, or local prosecutors, law enforcement or regulatory bodies of the Vendor firm or principals.

i. Disclosure of gifts, loans, political contributions, or other financial arrangements, from the Vendor firm, its principals, or associated professionals, to or with members of the El Paso County Commissioners Court, El Paso County Elected Officials or any of its employees or agents for the previous twenty-four (24) months.

### 3. Specifications.

Describe your firm's qualifications for this engagement. Please provide a detailed narrative on you firm's qualifications to provide for the configuration of radio infrastructures that are not compatible with the FCC mandated operations for narrowband and to secure a contract for the configuration of non-narrowband radio communications equipment. Each of the following issues should be addressed individually.

a. Confirm that your firm has adequate staffing to COMPLETE THE PROJECT BY NOVEMBER 30, 2012 to include VHF radio channels, mobile radios, dispatch councils, Astron desktop radios, Motorola P.M. desktop radios, over 434 portables, briefcase radios, repeater, receiver sites, Sheriff's Office standby repeaters and receivers located at the detention facility, detention facilities with indoor repeaters, Rio's systems used for interoperation, Courthouse Motorola Radius GR1225 Repeaters. The Sheriff motor pool will be utilized to narrowband the radios in the patrol vehicles, (see appendixes for equipment listing).

b. Who would be the primary management from your firm for this agreement?

c. Who would be the day to day contact on this agreement and what assurances can you provide that the named personnel shall remain the primary advisor and not be transferred to another account before the contract is performed?

d. List all personnel who would be providing services under this agreement and the percentage of time the services, their respective years of experience, relevant licensures, certifications, and all software and radio equipment training. All licenses and certifications must be current. Show proof that all project employees have attended training and successfully passed required courses.

e. Confirm that all proposers' employees have no less that 5 years experience in radio programming and software, are qualified, have a good knowledge and experience of listed equipment (see appendixes for equipment listing).

f. Confirm that the personnel providing services are knowledgeable with a VHF conventional analogue system.

g. Provide a business history and description of the Vendor firm.

h. Provide at least three references from other public-sector clients, preferably from Texas law enforcement agencies, public entities, or counties, clients for whom the firm provided similar services to those proposed in this RFP. Provide the name, address, and phone number of the entity and a description of the services and scope of work completed for those organizations. References shall be contacted to determine the quality of work performed and personnel assigned to the project. The results of the references will be provided to the evaluation team and used in scoring the written proposal.

i. Project employees convicted or committed a crime Above a Class B shall not be qualified to provide services under this agreement. The successful Vendor and the personnel assigned to this agreement must agree to a criminal background check.

j. Confirm that vendor will have parts and software readily available in the event of damage to equipment during the narrowbanding process, with no more than three weeks turnaround time to replace the damaged equipment.

k. If damage to equipment occurs proposer must have a plan to provide a temporary resolution allowing the Sheriff Office to continue operations with minimal disruption. The Sheriff Office cannot be allowed to be without a radio service. Provide a description of your plan and ability to correct problems with the Narrowband operation.

l. Any damage by the proposer's employees must be covered by the proposer 100 percent.

m. Proposer must be available 24x7 in the event of radio issues due to work done on system for narrowbanding. A local representative must be provided to work with any issues that arise. Confirm that vendor agrees to respond to all received trouble calls within 30 minutes if advised by the County at the time of the call that it is an Urgent Matter. An "Urgent Matter" shall be defined as any system fault or failure of the narrowband operations. For all non-urgent matter trouble calls vendor agrees to respond to all such non-urgent trouble calls within one (1) business day.

n. Proposer must disclose all sites from which they are prohibited or otherwise unable to service.

o. Indicate whether vendor can provide services at the Sheriff's Headquarters or other Sheriff facility.

p. Vendor shall not subcontract services under this agreement.

#### 4. Management of Project Plan and Compensation

The vendor will provide a project manager. The project manager will prepare and provide a project management plan that includes a detailed schedule of benchmark deliverables, identification of team members, and scope of services. The project manager shall provide weekly written updates to be delivered to Sheriff's project manager. This would include a list of accomplishments and the status of each benchmark deliverable and its dependencies. Time is of the essence in this agreement. All payments to vendor shall be tied to the completion of benchmark deliverables. Late performance of benchmark deliverables may be cause for penalties to vendor if relevant statutory requirements are not met.

#### 5. Pricing and Material List

Proposer must have spare stock, parts, test equipment, and properly equipped service vehicles to properly engineer, install, and maintain the equipment. Successful bidder will supply all equipment, interfacing, hardware, connectors, necessary wiring, and cabling and installation labor. Warranty shall be for a twenty-four (24) month period upon completion of project. Failure to price equipment with a total cost of the project will disqualify bidder.

Items in this RFP, which materially contribute to equipment performance, reliability, and serviceability, will not be compromised. There will not be any downgrading of the equipment specifications.

#### 6. Evaluation Criteria Summary:

a. Understanding the needs of the County/Prior County Experience (20%)

b. Offeror's Qualifications (35%) - This criterion includes the ability of the Offeror to: meet the terms of the RFP, and any special considerations, which the Offeror feels may increase its ability to perform the contract. Expertise: superior capability to perform the services required. Quality of performance: professional qualifications of the key personnel assigned relevant to the work to be performed. Experience: within the last 5 years, in similar projects. Reputation; ethical standards, disciplinary history--such as judgments and sanctions.

c. Soundness of Approach (15%)- Emphasis here is on the techniques for providing the services requested, and on the Offeror's capability to deliver the desired services on schedule. Special emphasis should be placed on responding to questions asked by the County in this solicitation, and on outlining problems that may be encountered and offering solutions to those problems.

d. Reasonableness of costs (20%)– Cost and efficiency of approach. Efficiency and economy are very important to the County. This area will not necessarily be the primary deciding factor in the selection process.

e. Completeness/Responsiveness of Application (10%)- The RFP response will be evaluated on the responsiveness, clarity, and completeness of the response. In particular, answers directing the County to a website as an answer without additional information are deemed non-responsive.

Grounds that may result in a finding by El Paso County that a proposer is not responsive or is not responsible include, but are not limited to:

a). the proposal fails to respond to proposal specifications in all material respects and contains a deviation that affects proposal amount or gives the proposer an unfair competitive advantage

b). the proposer is not responsive based upon the following factors:

- the experience of the proposer
- conduct and performance on previous contracts

## **COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

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### **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

\* All four (4) pages of this document must be included in all responses.



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ELVIA CONTRERAS, FORMAL BID BUYER

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

### **PROPOSAL 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 PROPOSAL, 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 PROPOSAL; THE WAIVER BY EL PASO COUNTY OF ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS OR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS; THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ANY PROPOSAL; AND THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.
2. Proposal must be in the Purchasing Department **BEFORE** the hour and date specified. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.
3. Late proposals properly identified will be returned to bidder unopened. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.
4. All proposals are for new equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified (merchandise only).
5. Quotes F.O.B. destination. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver (merchandise only).
6. Proposal unit price on quantity specified-extend and show total. In case of error in extension, unit prices shall govern. RFP subject to unlimited price increases will not be considered.
7. Proposals must give full firm name and address of offeror. Failure to manually sign the proposal 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 for merchandise.
9. The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to the lowest responsible

proposer. The County of El Paso reserves the right to award by item or by total proposal. Prices should be itemized.

10. RFP \$100,000.00 and over, the proposer shall furnish a certified cashier's 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 (merchandise only).
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 RFP 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:
  - 1) A PERFORMANCE BOND, IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT, IF THE CONTRACT IS IN EXCESS OF \$100,000; AND
  - 2) 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?

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

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

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**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  
800 E. Overland, RM 300  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
(915) 546-2048  
(915) 546-8180 Fax

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RE: RFP #12-059, Narrowband Project for the County of El Paso

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 Veronica Escobar  
Commissioner Anna Perez  
Commissioner Sergio Lewis  
Commissioner Tania M. Chozet  
Commissioner Dan Haggerty

County Employees: Piti Vasquez, Purchasing Agent  
Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent  
Peter Gutierrez, Buyer II  
Elvia Contreras, Formal Bid Buyer  
Araceli Hernandez, Inventory Bid Technician  
Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician  
Richard D. Wiles, Sheriff  
Sylvia Aguilar, Executive Chief Deputy  
Jesus Campa, Chief Deputy  
Angel Colorado, Commander  
Holly Lytle, Assistant County Attorney  
Joseph A. Padilla, Communication Specialist Shift Supervisor  
Luis Moreno, Communication Specialist Shift Supervisor  
Rene K. Camarillo, IT Project Manager  
Ana K. Campos, IT Project Manager

Please note that the state law requires that the Questionnaire be filed with the **COUNTY CLERK** no later than **the 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## COUNTY OF EL PASO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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PITI VASQUEZ, PURCHASING AGENT  
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MDR BUILDING, 800 E. OVERLAND  
ROOM 300, EL PASO TEXAS 79901  
(915)546-2048, FAX (915)546-8180  
ELVIA CONTRERAS, FORMAL BID BUYER

### **Instructions: Conflict of Interest Form (CIQ)**

- ***Please complete CIQ Form whether or not a conflict exists.***
- **Box #1 All Vendors** Must Print Clearly their names and company name.
- **Box #2** If the vendor has already filed a CIQ for the current year and is updating (filing a new one) due to changes on bid, please check box. If this is the first time within the current year that the vendor is submitting a CIQ, then do not check this box.
- **Box #3** If you are filing a disclosure of conflict of interest, meaning that you do have a relationship with someone listed on the page prior to the CIQ form on your BID, RFP, RFQ, or RFI, then you must print the name of the person whom you have a business relationship with.
- If you answer **yes** to any of the following: **Item A, B, C** you have a conflict and must disclose on this form.
- **Item D** List the type of relationship and what department in the local government the person you have listed in **Box #3**.
- **Box #4** Please have the person that is named on **Box# 1**, sign and date in this box. We request a contact number in case there are any questions or form is missing information. This is a courtesy to you.
- It is the vendor's responsibility to submit the CIQ document number provided by the County Clerk's to the Purchasing Department.
- 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, RFI 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 and will disqualify your bid offer.
- File a 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 915-543-3816 the attention of the County Clerks office.
- If filing by fax use your fax confirmation (date/time) for your records. To obtain a copy/CIQ document number go to our website at [www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com), click on public records, click on to [Official Public Records](#) - Deeds of Trust, Liens and other public documents (County Clerk), type in the name of your company, on Style: scroll to CIQ-Conflict INT. QUESTIONNAIRE, and click on Search. It will be available on the web-site approximately 7 to 15 business days. Please fax a copy of your fax confirmation (date/time) to The Purchasing Department at (915) 546-8180. If you have not yet placed it in your Bid, RFP, RFQ, RFI.
- If you have any questions, please call Araceli Hernandez or Lucy Balderama at 915-546-2048

# 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

RFP # 12-059

**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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Adopted 06/29/2007



**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.

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**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  
Check List**

**Narrowband Project for the County of El Paso  
RFP #12-059**

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THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

\_\_\_\_\_ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Monday, September 17, 2012. Did you visit our website ([www.epcounty.com](http://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 915-543-3816 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 form is not completed and filed with the County Clerk’s office, proposal will be considered non-responsive.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you complete the mandatory ethics training course and include a confirmation print as indicated in page 2?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you provide one original and four (4) electronic copies of your response?