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## ADDENDUM 2

**To:** *All Interested Bidders*

**From:** *Araceli Hernandez, Inventory Bid Technician*

**Date:** *August 29, 2013*

**Subject:** *Bid# 13-047, Design and Construction of Four (4) Home for the County of El Paso Self Help Center Program*

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***This addendum has been issued to notify vendors of the following questions submitted to the Purchasing Department:***

1. *Is the Pre Bid conference mandatory?*

***Response: No***

2. *Are plans available I would like to request the opportunity to view them?*

***Response: The floor plans are part of the bid specifications. See Addendum 1 Attachment 1.***

3. *Is there an estimated available for this project?*

***Response: Grant monies have been budgeted for this project, and cannot be disclosed at this time.***

4. *Will the same contractor work all four homes?*

***Response: The homes may be awarded to two vendors two homes each.***

5. *Were the plans and specifications done in house?*

**Response: Yes**

6. *Is a percentage discounted from the home for the Self Help participants who will be occupying the homes?*

**Response: No**

7. *Is this bid all new construction or renovations?*

**Response: This bid is for new construction only. Families may have to be relocated during construction. Relocation of families is not the responsibility of the Contractor.**

8. *Will the County provide the address to the lots where the homes are being constructed?*

**Response: Yes, the information will be emailed to those vendors who request the information please email the request to [arahernandez@epcounty.com](mailto:arahernandez@epcounty.com).**

9. *Do the lots have septic systems?*

**Response: Yes, all lots have been inspected and approved with functioning septic systems.**

10. *Do the contractors have to stay with the floor plan the County provided?*

**Response: No, if the contractor can provide a floor plan with the same square footage and can stay within the budget they can submit it with the bid.**

11. *Are there special needs the contractors need to be aware of or comply with?*

**Response: The light switches and electrical outlets must meet ADA, the entrance threshold has to be flush with the floor as per ADA (see bid specs for detailed information), the hallway has to be 36" wide as indicated in the specs, and both bathroom showers must have grab-bar reinforcement. Master bedroom bathroom will have a roll-in shower (no tub) as indicated in the specs.**

12. *Will there be a ponding area?*

**Response: Yes, and it must be submitted to Public Works for approval.**

13. *Is landscaping required?*

**Response: No**

14. *Are all the lots the same size?*

**Response: No, the lot sizes vary. You may request copies of subdivision plots for lot dimensions at the County Public Works department.**

15. Do the contractors provide soil reports?

**Response: Yes, as indicated in the specs, a soils analysis per property will be required when complete. You must submit analysis for review to Irene G. Valenzuela.**

16. Will site visits be allowed?

**Response: Yes, site visits will be scheduled through Irene Valenzuela at (915) 834-8246.**

17. Do the four homes have to be constructed simultaneously?

**Response: No, however two homes must be constructed within 60 days of the award of the bid. The two remaining homes must be finished within 90 days of the bid award.**

18. Does there need to be a licensed Architect to sign off on the plans and 2W3P?

**Response: Yes, they must be signed by a licensed Architect.**

19. Are the residents responsible for the utilities?

**Response: Yes**

20. What are the reasons why a subcontractor could not work for this project?

**Response: The reason why a contractor or subcontractor could not work for the County would be debarment.**

21. Do contractors have to have at least five years experience in residential construction and how will you know if the company has this experience?

**Response: Yes, the contractor must have at least five years experience in residential constructions and will be verified by their references.**

22. Can the VCT flooring be changed?

**Response: Yes, if the contractor can provide a better price on different flooring.**

23. What appliances are included?

**Response: Only the stove is included.**

24. There are two sets of General Conditions, which are applicable?

**Response: Both**

25. Will there be a certified payroll?

***Response: No***

26. *How does the Department recommend the contractor submit the invoices to the County?*

***Response: Bi -weekly***

27. *Is the contractor responsible for paying an inspector?*

***Response: The County will be responsible for one inspection and the contractor is responsible for the other two that are needed.***

28. *Does the contractor need to provide warranty?*

***Response: Yes for one year.***

29. *Are the residents able to purchase additional warranty?*

***Response: No***

30. *Do the residents have a paint choice?*

***Response: The residents will have three colors to choose from and Irene Valenzuela will choose the three colors from a standard color palette.***

31. *Do the contracts have set working hour as per the County?*

***Response: No***

32. *Do you require an improvement survey or a metes & bounds survey signed and sealed by an RPLS?*

***Response: Metes and bounds survey.***

33. *Will the property corners be set by others or are the property corners to be set under this bid item?*

***Response: Included in this bid.***

34. *Who will decide the kick off and deliver date for this project?*

***Response: El Paso County/Irene G. Valenzuela***

35. *As I understand on the application and agreements HUD program will do the payroll for all the subcontractors hired for this job every week, will the bid included material & labor or just materials?*

***Response: There is no certified payroll required under this program. HUD will not be overseeing any payroll. The bid is for the construction of a new home. The bid includes the design (all floor plan elevations sealed by an architect), demolition and disposal (any existing structure or debris), materials, and labor.***

36. Who will finance the project, El Paso County or the contractor?

***Response: Bidders must have the staff, equipment, financial and technical resources needed to effectively perform all the required activities upon award. The County of El Paso will pay on invoice for work completed.***

37. Will you please provide a contact list of potential and qualified bidders?

***Response: Attached is a list of the attendees from the pre-bid conference qualifiers will be determined at the time of the bid opening.***

38. See list of inspectors below:

***Response: Code Compliance Inspectors, PC  
Joann Carrizal, Owner  
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401 Lomaland, El Paso TX 79906***

***Tim's Professional Home Inspection  
Timothy A. Sank, Inspector  
(915) 346-9553  
El Paso, TX***

***Ayoub Real Estate Inspection  
Ted H. Ayoub, Inspector  
(915) 533-4521, Cell (915) 383-8643  
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***ATM Inspection Agency  
Albert Melgar  
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