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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., Thursday, March 10, 2022 to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for Alcohol Monitoring Services for the County of El Paso (re-solicitation).

#### Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and marked: "Proposals to be opened Thursday, March 10, 2022 Alcohol Monitoring Services for the County of El Paso (re-solicitation) RFP Number 22-014

Do not contact the requesting department. Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be e-mailed to: <u>bidquestions@epcounty.com</u> before Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. Proposal number and title must be on the "Subject Line" of the e-mail. Attempts to circumvent this requirement may result in rejection of the proposal as non-compliant.

Any changes in the specifications will be posted on the County website as an addendum. It shall be the proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the bid opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted. Website: <u>www.epcounty.com</u>; click button labeled "**Directory**", search for and select "**Purchasing**", click on button labeled "List of Bids".

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. Payment shall be made through County funds after completion of goods or services. Purchase Orders will be issued as required. Successful proposer must comply with all bonding requirements as stated in the Texas Local Government Code §262.032.

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.

## Karen Davidson,

Purchasing Agent

# El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit

(This form must be signed by an officer, principal, or individual authorized to bind the company under a contract with the County.)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 161 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, ANY VENDOR INVOLVED IN A SINGLE PROCUREMENT EXCEEDING \$50,000 MUST COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED ETHICS TRAINING BEFORE SUBMITTING A BID OR PROPOSAL WITH THE COUNTY OF EL PASO.

Purpose: The stability of democracy depends upon the continuing consent of the governed, which in turn depends upon the trust the electorate holds for its government. The Ethics Commission of the County of El Paso, Texas, in concert with elected county officials, as well as leaders of the various county departments, recognizes the need to maintain the public trust and confidence in the workings of county government and thus adopts this Code of Ethics.

#### What is a vendor:

Any person or their representative or employee whose goods and services are purchased under the terms of a purchase order or contractual agreement with the county; and any other persons doing business with the County.

Procurement: In advising upon, discussing, recommending, and/or granting any County purchases, bids or contracts, County public servants shall inform themselves about their financial interests, and shall make a reasonable effort to inform themselves about the financial interest of their family members.

County public servants shall excuse themselves from exercising influence, participating in, discussing, recommending, and/or granting of any County purchases, bids, or contracts if they or a family member have a substantial financial interest.

Private Communication: No member of the El Paso County Commissioners Court, County Elected Officials/Department Heads or the El Paso County Hospital District Board of Managers shall permit any vendor, its lobbyists, representative, or employee to communicate with him privately regarding any procurement of items by the County or the Hospital District from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is authorized or released, whichever is first. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted by a member of the Commissioners Court, a county elected official/department head, or

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the hospital district board of managers until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into.

Members of the Commissioners Court, county elected officials/department heads and the board of managers shall make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding procurements and shall have a duty to inquire of vendors, their lobbyists, representatives, or employees, the nature of the private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication.

This prohibition against private communication with vendors, their lobbyists, representatives, or employees shall apply to commissioners court approval of hospital district purchases.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_ am an officer, principal, or individual (Full Name) authorized to bind the company, known as

(Company name)

By reading and signing this document, I confirm that I have been trained in the County of El Paso's Code of Ethics regarding Vendors. I understand that any contact by myself or any representative of the company with a County of El Paso official or county employee, other than those shown on the RFP or bid documents shall cause the bid or proposal to be immediately disqualified from consideration of award.

Name	 	
Title	 	
Company Name		
Address	 	
Signature	 	
Date		

# **EL PASO COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE**

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Vendor must meet or exceed specifications

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) electronic versions of the complete proposal (CD/DVD/Flashdrive) in Word/PDF Format. Electronic copies must reflect the original hard copy.

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

Company	Mailing Address
Federal Tax Identification No.	City, State, Zip Code
DUNS Number (Applicable to Grant Funded Project)	
Representative Name & Title	Telephone Number include area code
Signature	Fax Number include area code
Date	Email Address

\*\*\*THIS MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE ON THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED\*\*\*

# Alcohol Monitoring Services for the County of El Paso (re-solicitation)

# **RFP 22-014**



# **Opening Date Thursday, March 10, 2022**

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# I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Mission Statement

The Criminal Justice Coordination Department (CJC) strives to enhance pretrial justice by providing locally validated evidence-based information to the courts which supplement judicial bail decisions; providing pretrial alternatives to incarceration for persons accused of crimes while improving their ability to live productively in the community; and conducting robust research and data collection.

- B. History
  - Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 17.42, Personal Bond Office established the authority for counties to create a Personal Bond Office; Art. 17.42 Personal Bond Office.
    - a. Sec. 1. Any county, or any judicial district with jurisdiction in more than one county, with the approval of the Commissioners Court of each county in the district, may establish a personal bond office to gather and review information about an accused that may have a bearing on whether he will comply with the conditions of a personal bond and report its findings to the court before which the case is pending.
    - b. At the May 4, 2015, regular meeting of the El Paso County Commissioners Court, the court approved regular agenda item number 6, subject: "Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposed consolidation of pretrial functions into a centralized office." This vote created the Office of Criminal Justice Administration now known as the Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

## II. <u>PURPOSE</u>

- A. It is anticipated that The County of El Paso Justice System will utilize Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices as a supervision tool for offenders/defendants (hereby referred to as Client) and as an alternative measure for sentencing, confinement, and bond conditions.
  - 1. It is the expressed intent of The County of El Paso (hereby referred to as The County) to award a contract to one (1) or multiple Vendors with the best technology, price, and customer service. The award will be made in a manner that serves the best interests of the County.
  - 2. Any and all El Paso County Departments who are in need of these services will be included.

3. The term of the contract will be for one year with renewable options not to exceed five years.

#### III. DATES AND TIMEFRAMES

The County reserves the right to change or alter the times and activities as appropriate for this RFP.

Advertisements of RFP	02/06/2022 and 2/13/2022
Deadline for Questions	02/24/2022
Opening Date	03/10/2022

#### IV. STANDARDS FOR SERVICE

A. Acknowledgment of Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Ignition Interlock Device regulations. Said acknowledgement must be included in response with statement of such.

**<u>NOTE</u>**: If RFP Standards of Service are more restrictive than DPS regulations, RFP Standards shall prevail.

- B. Vendor(s) Accessibility
  - 1. The Vendor(s) must have a Client Service Office located within the County that is available to provide the client with the necessary equipment including the installation of interlock units.
    - a. The Client Service Office must be located within a one (1) hour drive of The County's Central Office located at 500 East San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas.
    - b. The Vendor(s) must provide responses in this RFP to the following:
      - 1. Full physical address and telephone number of the Client Service Center, including the number of miles the service center is from The County's Central Office.
      - If Vendor(s) does/do not have a Client Service Center within one (1) hour of The County's Central Office, Vendor(s) must provide in response to the RFP, a detailed plan of how vendor will have a service center open in El Paso County within forty-five (45) days of the award of contract.
      - 3. The Vendor(s) must have professionally trained staff at the service center.

- 4. The Vendor(s) must provide a toll-free number for customer service access that is available seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours per day. A voicemail service will be considered not sufficient.
- 5. The Vendor(s) must provide a set of all necessary tools and supplies at the Client Service Center.
- 2. The Vendor(s) must have a representative available to testify in open court within one (1) hour of being summoned or notified. This applies to any and all violations.
- 3. Within thirty (30) days of award of any resultant contract, the Vendor(s) must have an administrative representative assigned to El Paso County. The administrative representative will be responsible for issues that arise that are not or cannot be resolved by the vendor's on-site employee or service center staff. Vendor(s) must provide written agreement to this in response to this RFP.
- 4. The Vendor(s) must provide a single point of contact for the services identified in this RFP. The County reserves the right to speak with other individuals associated with the Vendor(s).
- C. Provision of Equipment and Services (Applies to all devices.)
  - 1. The Vendor(s) must clearly indicate in its response which Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Device and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device options are being offered.
  - 2. The Vendor(s) must provide in its response a detailed description of the service/calibration processes.
  - 3. All Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Device and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device equipment proposed for use must be provided (including shipping, storage, and installation), serviced and maintained by the Vendor(s) for the term of the contract. All Devices remain the property of the Vendor(s).
  - 4. The Vendor(s) must repair and/or replace defective or malfunctioning parts and/or equipment within one (1) business day after the notice or knowledge of a malfunction or failure that may impede or interrupt the Device's services. The Vendor(s) must notify The County by email immediately upon completion of the repair and/or replacement.
  - 5. The Vendor(s) must notify The County by email within one (1) business day of a client's failure to report for device installation.

- 6. The Vendor(s) must establish a program to provide translation services for non-English speaking clients. Forms, instructions, and all training manuals must be available in both English and Spanish.
- 7. The Vendor(s) must provide training to the employees of The County to include, however not limited to, interpreting violation reports, webbased services, and proper use of the Devices. This training will be provided at no charge to The County. The Vendor(s) must acknowledge this training provision in its response to the RFP.
- 8. Any alterations to the original Device list submitted with this RFP, or any proposed use of substitute equipment, will require written approval by The County.
- 9. The Vendor(s) must maintain a distributed inventory of equipment with staff maintaining shelf stock to facilitate both immediate enrollments, and replacement of damaged or malfunctioning devices.
- 10. The County will not be responsible for the maintenance and/or replacement of damaged or lost unit(s) caused by malfunction or negligence; and/or replacement of damaged or lost unit(s) caused by malfunction, negligence and /or intentional damage.
- 11. When the manufacturer of the Devices being utilized by The County under the terms of a contract with The County makes improvements or upgrades to any equipment being provided under such contract, the Vendor(s) must make those improvements or upgrades available to the County immediately and without cost to the County. Any such improvements and/or upgrades must be tested by the County and approved by the County prior to being implemented or introduced.
- 12. The use of subcontractors will not be allowed for this proposal. Proposals submitted that include the use of subcontractors for the provision of Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices will not be evaluated.
- D. Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices specific
  - 1. All Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices must have the ability to record pictures or videos of the client's breathalyzer and report and maintain these results on a database in compliance with the specifications in this proposal.
  - 2. The device must be handheld and provide mobile cellular communication capabilities meaning it must work in the client's home and at remote locations when the client is away from home.

- 3. The device must include a camera which presents pictures in color with face detection capabilities.
- 4. The device must have onboard memory to store the client's test schedule.
- 5. The device must have the ability to store test results when in limited and/or no cellular reception areas and have the ability to forward those results when coverage is regained.
- 6. The device must have at least twenty-four (24) hours of battery life when in use.
- 7. The device must provide ease of use for recharging with a standard AC wall outlet.
- 8. The device should be able to provide GPS locations with the test results.
- 9. The device should be able to provide GPS locations when the client skips or refuses to take a test.
- 10. The device should be able to provide a secondary location by cell tower triangulation if the GPS satellite is unavailable.
- 11. The Vendor(s) must take a photo of the client upon initial presentation of device for master image comparison. This master image must be included on the standard report for comparison.
- 12. Photos must be taken at each test. All retests must be conducted within five (5) minutes.
- 13. The Vendor(s) must provide The County the ability to customize BrAC warnings by BrAC levels.
- 14. The device should allow for up to four or more BrAC tests per day to be scheduled per bond orders or County directive.
- 15. The device should allow for tests to be scheduled at fixed, random, or on-demand intervals.
- 16. The device should have the ability to offer a wake-up prompt and the ability to provide text messages reminders to the client's cell phone.
- 17. Temporary lockouts due to a BrAC failure of 0.03 or above, must be programmed for a duration of five (5) minutes. If not cleared, the temporary lockout time will start over upon completion of the second failed test.

- E. Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices specific
  - 1. All Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices proposed must currently be approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Vendor(s) must provide documentation of approval of proposed devices in response to the proposal.
  - 2. The Vendor(s) shall provide complete technical specifications for each item of equipment proposed which must, as a minimum, meet the standards of Texas Administrative Code Title 37, Chapter 10, Rule 10.31.
  - 3. The Vendor(s) must repair and/or replace defective or malfunctioning parts and/or equipment within one (1) business day after the notice or knowledge of a malfunction or failure that may impede or interrupt the Device's services. The Vendor(s) must bear the cost of towage and/or other necessary expenses required to transport the client's vehicle to the Vendor(s) Client Service Center for defective or malfunctioning parts or equipment. The Vendor(s) must notify The County immediately, email acceptable, upon completion of the repair and/or replacement.
  - 4. The Vendor(s) must complete installation within one (1) business day of the scheduled installation date.
    - a. If installation, repair or unit replacement requires more than one (1) business day to complete, the Vendor(s) must make suitable alternative transportation arrangements for the client at no cost to the client. Any alternative transportation provided, other than public transportation, must be equipped with a Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device. Public transportation arrangements are acceptable.
      - 1. The Vendor(s) will not be responsible for any transportation costs outlined in this subsection if the client is outside of El Paso County without permission from The County or the Court; or if the device is in lockout for a violation that is not a result of the equipment's malfunction or defectiveness.
  - 5. The Vendor(s) will ensure the effective calibration and data download service of the Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device every thirty (30) days unless otherwise requested earlier by The County. The Vendor(s) will send all reports to the assigned Supervision Officer's email account for monthly review.

- F. Lease Agreement
  - 1. The Vendor(s) will provide each Client with a formal lease agreement document. In addition to the Vendor'(s)' requirements of the Client, the lease must include any specific requirements deemed necessary by The County. The lease agreement must be submitted to and approved by The County prior to utilization. The Vendor'(s)' requirements must not conflict with the requirements of The County.
  - 2. The Vendor(s) must provide the client with a copy of the signed lease agreement.
  - 3. The Vendor(s) must provide The County with a copy of the signed lease agreement within one (1) hour of request.
- G. Non-Payment Termination Notice (Applies to All Devices)
  - 1. The Vendor(s) will not terminate the client, deactivate, or uninstall the Device until The County has authorized removal of said Device.
  - 2. The Device must be uninstalled within two (2) business days upon receipt of authorization from The County.
  - 3. The Vendor(s) will notify The County within one (1) business day for a request for deactivation due to Client non-payment. The County will determine if deactivation is justified and advise the Vendor(s) within three (3) business days on how to proceed. The Vendor(s) must not deactivate a Client without express written consent from The County.

## V. <u>SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY</u>

- A. The Vendor(s) must acknowledge and provide a detailed description of measures taken to ensure the security and confidentiality of client information. The response must include answers to the following.
  - 1. No unauthorized access to the system will be allowed and no information must be disclosed to any third party without the express written authorization of The County.
  - 2. The Vendor(s) must abide by all applicable Federal laws and Texas statutes and regulations pertaining to the confidentiality of records of clients.
  - 3. All data must be collected and saved in its original format with no alterations.
  - 4. The Vendor(s) must ensure all persons having access to or custody of records understand and comply with the Security and

Confidentiality requirements of any resultant contract. This must include a written agreement of non-disclosure of client information signed by any employees of the Vendor(s).

- 5. The Vendor(s) must notify The County in writing, email acceptable, immediately upon receipt of any legal process requesting or requiring disclosure of the records of any client.
- 6. The Vendor(s) must notify The County in writing, email acceptable, immediately upon knowledge of any breach of data.

## VI. <u>DATA</u>

- A. Collection and Reporting
  - 1. The Vendor(s) must have the ability to develop and maintain a database in which data from all Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices are captured, retained, and stored. This database shall be retained in compliance with the following criteria.
    - a. The Vendor(s) must require the Client to report for a data download at least once every thirty (30) days. If a Client does not report within five (5) days after the thirty (30) day interval has passed the device shall be locked out and The County shall be notified within one (1) business day.
    - b. All driving data, including vehicle mileage, collected must be available to The County for viewing and printing via the Vendor'(s)' website within one (1) business day of the Vendor'(s)' receipt of data.
    - c. At a minimum, the Vendor'(s)' database must capture, retain, store, and report for each Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device the following information.
      - 1. Ignition starts and stops to include dates and times.
      - 2. Illegal starts to include dates and times.
      - 3. Authorized starts to include dates and times.
      - 4. Recorded Breath Alcohol Content (BrAC) levels at each breath sample request to include dates and times.
      - 5. Rolling retest refusals to include dates and times.
      - 6. Rolling retest failures to include dates and times.
      - 7. Recorded BrAC levels at each rolling retest to include dates and times.
      - 8. Device circumvention attempts to include dates and times.

- 9. Evidence the client is the person using the Motor Vehicle Ignition Interlock Device including dates and times.
- 10. Power off to include dates and times.
- 11. Power on to include dates and times.
- 12. Handset disconnects to include dates and times.
- 13. Handset connects to include dates and times.
- 14. System aborts to include dates and times.
- 15. Vehicle mileage.
- B. Evaluation of Data
  - 1. Through the Vendor(s) technology and data collection, the Vendor(s) and The County must be able to conclude the following.
    - a. Breath Alcohol Content (BrAC) on both Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices.
    - b. The client was the person using the Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Device or the Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device.
    - c. A device circumvention or attempted device circumvention on both Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices.
    - d. Ignition prevention because of excessive BrAC with Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices.
    - e. Excessive BrAC measured at the rolling retest with Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices.
    - f. Refusal of a start-up retest or rolling retest request with Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices.
  - 2. It will be the Vendor(s) responsibility to draw conclusions on the above defined criteria whenever requested by The County. If the Vendor(s) determine any of the above events occurred, the Vendor(s) shall report the event to The County in writing, email acceptable, within one (1) business day of discovery.
- C. Reporting Requirements
  - The Vendor(s) must collect and maintain reporting data in electronic format and be prepared to submit, upon request of The County, any data that supports the Vendor'(s)' conclusions for either the Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices or Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices.

- 2. The Vendor(s) must provide to The County immediate notification via telephone, cellular telephone, text message, and/or email when a positive BrAC reading is generated by either the Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices or the Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices.
- 2. The Vendor(s) must furnish The County, within one (1) business day after the service of a Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device, an electronic summary and detailed report which includes the following:
  - a. Notice of installation of the Motor Vehicle Ignition Interlock Device.
  - b. Notice of the transfer of the Motor Vehicle Ignition Interlock Device to a different vehicle.
  - c. Notice of removal of the Motor Vehicle Ignition Interlock Device.
  - d. All service reports, with corresponding evidence the client is the person using the Motor Vehicle Ignition Interlock Device to include both evidence of compliance or violation.
  - e. Any determination of unusual or irregular events.
- 4. The Vendor(s) must furnish The County monthly aggregate and annual outcome data to include the following. This data will be sent to The County by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month.
  - a. The number of clients enrolled by Device.
  - b. The number of new installations and removals per month.
  - c. The number and calculated percentage of clients with BrAC tests above 0.030 per month.
  - d. The number and calculated percentage of Clients with additional violations including failure to pay.
- D. Website and Data Assignment
  - 1. The Vendor(s) must develop and maintain a secure, user-friendly website through which The County may access all current and historical data for each clients' Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Device and/or Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device. The Vendor(s) shall bear all expenses associated with this website.
  - 3. The Vendor'(s)' website shall be secure, utilizing the most current security practices, and shall include the following:
    - a. Individual user log-in identification.
    - b. Encrypted transmission of all client information.

- E. Records Retention and Records Back-Up
  - 1. The Vendor(s) must retain the Device records of each Client for the duration of his/her supervision period, regardless of when the Vendor'(s)' services are discontinued, plus an additional three (3) years past the expiration or revocation of supervision.
  - 2. The Vendor(s) must have in place a records back-up system to recover data and records in the event of a disaster and/or catastrophic loss of data storage. This system must be initially inspected and approved by The County and must be made available for inspection at any time as requested by The County.
  - 3. The Vendor(s) must allow the County access to these records in their database beyond the scope of the contract, if necessary, in order to meet this requirement.

# VII. ALLOCATION OF COST

- A. Both the Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Device and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device will be self-paid by the Client.
- B. Clients referred to the Vendor(s) assume full responsibility for all fees and costs associated with all aspects of device usage including, but not limited to: installation, calibration, monitoring, data analysis, and reporting. The County will not be responsible for any financial payments and will not be held accountable for any lack of payments by clients.
- C. The Vendor(s) may charge fees as submitted on Attachment 1: Price Sheet. (Please note there is a separate price sheet for Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices and Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices. If the Vendor is only submitting for one device type, mark the other sheet with N/A.)
- D. The Vendor(s) must comply with the fee schedule submitted with this proposal. Any modifications are prohibited without a formal written agreement with The County.
- E. To determine which rate the Client will receive, proof of income will be provided to the Client's Supervision Officer for verification. The verification will then be submitted to the Vendor(s).
- F. The Vendor(s) will provide free Devices to the lowest income clients (less than \$12,490) at a rate of 100%.
- G. The Vendor(s) will not charge late fees to the Client.

## VIII. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

- A. The Vendor'(s)' employees and staff members located in the State of Texas, including support and other personnel who provide services or have access to information regarding services provided under any resultant contract, will be subject to a criminal background investigation and acceptance by The County. The Vendor(s) will be required to furnish to The County the personal identification information, as well as signed release forms, for current employees/staff in the State of Texas within ten (10) days from the date of execution of any contract with The County and upon the Vendor(s) selection of new employees/staff members.
- B. The Vendor'(s)' employees and staff members not located in the State of Texas will not be subject to a criminal background investigation and acceptance by The County. However, the Vendor(s) must make available to The County, within ten (10) days from the execution of any contract and upon the Vendor'(s)' selection of new employees/staff members, a report on any criminal activity appearing as a result of the background investigation conducted by the Vendor(s) on current or new employees/staff members.
  - 1. If during the term of a resultant contract the Vendor(s) hires additional or replacement staff to provide services under this agreement, the Vendor(s) must forward to The County the name(s) of those additional or replacement staff within thirty (30) days of their assumption of duties.
- C. The Vendor(s) must immediately notify The County if any individual under the employment of the Vendor(s) is arrested during the term of any resultant contract. The Vendor'(s)' employees providing services or having access to information regarding services provided by any resultant contract, will be subject to a criminal history background check prior to The County's exercise of its options to renew any resultant contract.
- D. The Vendor(s) must ensure that only those individuals employed by their firm who have provided a signed release form, have had a criminal history background check, and have been accepted by The County will be authorized to provide services for any resultant contract.

#### IX. SPECIFIC RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. In addition to addressing the specifics outlined in this document and consideration of the response requirement below, proposals must also include the following details on company letterhead.
  - 1. Company name.
  - 2. Company location(s).
  - 3. Name, title, telephone, fax number, and email address of Vendor's contact person for all inquiries. The contact person must be

responsible for fielding all inquiries from The County and providing vendor's response.

- 4. Type of corporation.
- 5. Length of time in operation.
- 6. Date of incorporation.
- 7. Purpose of corporation.
- 8. Description of services provided by company.
- 9. If applicable, list including address and telephone number of all public institutions or agencies to which the vendor provides or has provided similar services. The County reserves the right to contact any public institution or agency on the list as additional references.
- 10. If applicable, information addressing any performance related litigation the vendor has been involved in over the last five (5) years.
- 11. If applicable, information addressing any contract/agreement terminations the vendor has been involved in over the last five (5) years.
- 12. If applicable, information addressing any vendor actions sanctioned by any public institutions or agencies to which the vendor provides or has provided similar services to over the last five (5) years. This includes services suspensions or service terminations, both active and cleared.
- 13. If applicable, information addressing any Vendor actions sanctioned by any regulatory authorities over the last five (5) years.

# X. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals must be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the RFP. Selection of the firm(s) will be at the discretion of the County and will be based on the proposal the County deems to be most responsive and responsible and serves the best interests of the County.

Selected offeror(s) will be required to make an on-site oral and visual presentation or demonstration at the request of the County. Selected offeror(s) also reserve the right to inspect the equipment on site for operation purposes. The County will schedule the time and location for inspections of equipment or any presentations. Costs and equipment for such presentations are the responsibility of the offeror.

The Proposer is cautioned that it is the Proposer's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the County is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included in the Proposal. Failure of the Proposer to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the proposal.

Proposals will be reviewed by the County Selection Committee and will be evaluated based on the following criteria, point value indicate maximum score.

A. The County's objective with this RFP is to enter into a contract(s) with the Vendor(s) who propose(s) the best service, the best technology, and the best prices for the Clients.

- B. In consideration of proposals, The County reserves the right to select the applicant(s) who offer(s) contractual terms and conditions that are most advantageous to The County's needs.
- C. An evaluation utilizing a numeric score will be used to review the proposals. The review process may include an opportunity for an oral presentation before the Review Committee. Any expenses associated with any oral presentation will be born entirely by the Vendor(s).
- D. The following questions are to be answered in the response. A "No" response to any of these questions will result in the proposal not being evaluated.
  - 1. Does the Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Device or Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device provide evidence that the client is the person using the device? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Is the Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Device or Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device equipped with digital camera technology that has the capability to be activated each time the device is used? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Is the proposed Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Device on the list of approved Ignition Interlock Devices by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)? Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_

Evaluation criteria and potential point values are as follows.

# 1. Proposed Approach and Management (0-30 Points)

- a. Vendor's services and program administration; time required for service activation and termination; tamper resistance of equipment and ease of installation; maintenance of units; repair service time frames and inventory of repair or replacement for proposed equipment.
- b. Vendor's proposed data plan including collection, evaluation, reporting requirements, and data transfer.

## 2. Vendor(s) Qualifications and Experience (0-20 points)

- a. Evidence of Vendor(s) previous experience in providing Mobile Alcohol Monitoring Devices and/or Motor Vehicle Photo Ignition Interlock Devices within the last five (5) years.
- b. Vendor(s) qualifications, such as: Experience/Licenses/ Certifications of management and staff; proof of Accreditation.

# 3. Proposed Cost to Clients (0-20 Points)

a. This information will be obtained from the Price Sheet

(Attachment 1).

# 4. Responsiveness to the RFP Requirements (0-15 Points)

- a. The manner in which the minimum requirements are met and the extent to which these requirements are exceeded.
- b. Completion of all aspects and information asked for in the RFP and the attachments thereto.
- c. Capabilities of the device(s).

# 5. Availability of Product (0-10 Points)

a. The manner in which the Vendor(s) define how they will maintain a distributed inventory of equipment to facilitate both immediate enrollments and replacement of damaged or malfunctioning devices.

# 6. References (0-3 Points)

a. Past performance under previous current public institutions or agencies.

# 7. Health Insurance to Employees (0-2 Points)

a. The County is authorized to allow consideration for those firms providing evidence of reasonable health insurance for their employees.

# XI. PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORMAT

- A. Responses to this RFP must be provided in the following format with all pages numbered consecutively. All documentation must be in written format. No electronic submissions such as CD's or DVD's will be accepted.
  - 1. Section 1: Required Forms
    - a. Proposal Signature Form with applicable signature.
    - b. Addendum Signature Form(s) with applicable signature.
    - c. Certificate of Eligibility with applicable signature.
    - d. Specific Response Requirements (IX. A. 1-3)
    - e. Evaluation Factor Questions (X.D. 1-3)
    - d. Insurance Certificates.
    - e. References. (Attachment 2)
    - f. Health Insurance Benefits Questionnaire
    - g. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
    - h. El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit
  - 2. Section 2: Vendor Qualifications and Experience
    - a. Executive Summary to include a brief narrative highlighting company background and experience as it relates to the services required in this RFP.
    - b. Qualifications to include resumes, licenses, and certifications of management and staff who will be providing services to The County.

- 3. Section 3: Responsiveness to the RFP Requirements and Specifications
  - a. Provide detailed information on how the Vendor proposes to meet and/or exceed all RFP requirements.
- 4. Section 4: Proposed Approach and Management
  - a. Provide a brief narrative of how the Vendor proposes to manage the contract services.
- 5. Section 5: Cost Proposal
  - a. Include completed Price Sheet. (Attachment 1)

# PRICE SHEET

# RFP 22-014 Alcohol Monitoring Services the County of El Paso

# Note: All prices must be submitted on this form or the Vendor will be disqualified.

Company:	
Address:	
Contact Name:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail	
Signature:	_ Date:

MOBILE ALCOHOL MONITORING DEVICES		
CLIENT'S ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY RATE TO CLIENT	ONE TIME FEE – REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR BROKEN DEVICE
\$0.00 to \$12,490	\$	\$
\$12,491 to \$25,330	\$	\$
\$25,331 to \$30,170	\$	\$
\$30,171 and above	\$	\$

MOTOR VEHICLE	E PHOTO IGNITION IN	ITERLOCK DEVICES
CLIENT'S ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY RATE TO CLIENT	ONE TIME FEE – REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED OR BROKEN DEVICE
\$0.00 to \$12,490	\$	\$
\$12,491 to \$25,330	\$	\$
\$25,331 to \$30,170	\$	\$
\$30,171 and above	\$	\$

# **CLIENT Reference Form**

Three (3) applicable references are required.

Note: Reference responses count as part of the overall score in this category. Ensure that provided references are willing to respond, as each non-response counts as a zero in scoring of this criteria.

Vendor name:
Customer name:
Customer contact:
Customer E-mail address:
Duration of Contract:
Vendor name:
Customer name:
Customer contact:
Customer E-mail address:
Duration of Contract:
Vendor name:
Customer name:
Customer contact:
Customer E-mail address:
Duration of Contract:

#### General Provisions County of El Paso, Texas

These General Provisions are considered standard language for all County of El Paso BIDS and Request for Proposal documents. If any "specific bid requirements" differ from the General Provisions listed here, the "specific bid requirements" shall prevail.

#### 1. BID/PROPOSAL PACKAGE

a. The request for bid/proposal, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents and the bid/proposal sheet are all considered part of the bid/proposal package. Bids/Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided by the County, including the bid/proposal sheet completed in its entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the bid/proposal sheet/contract page (s) may disgualify the bid/proposal from being considered by Commissioners' Court. Any individual signing on behalf of the proposer expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this bid/proposal and to sign the bid/proposal sheet/contract under the terms and conditions in this bid/proposal. Proposer further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless subsequently awarded and the contract properly executed by Commissioners' Court. All figures must be written in ink or typed. Figures written in pencil or with erasures are not acceptable. However, mistakes may be crossed out, corrections inserted, and initialed in ink by the individual signing the bid/proposal. Changes must also be made to any electronic copies submitted. If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. Each bidder/proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire bid/proposal packet to familiarize themselves with the bid/proposal procedures, the plans and specifications for the requested work as well as the terms, and conditions of the contract the successful proposer will execute with the County.

# b. Bid/Proposal must be in the Purchasing Department BEFORE the hour and date specified. Faxed or e-mailed bids/proposals will not be accepted. Late bids/proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.

**c.** Any bid/proposal sent via express mail or overnight delivery must have the BID/RFP number and title clearly marked on the outside of the envelope or package. Failure to clearly identify your bid/proposal may be cause for disqualification.

#### 2. COMPETITIVENESS AND INTEGRITY

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of such acquisition efforts, proposers are to direct all communications regarding this bid/proposal to the El Paso County Purchasing Agent or assigned designee, unless otherwise specifically noted.

An authorized person from the submitting firm must sign all bids/proposals. The signature acknowledges that the proposer has read the bid/proposal documents thoroughly before submitting a bid/proposal and will fulfill the obligations in accordance to the terms, conditions, and specifications.

Please carefully review this Request for Bid/Proposal. It provides specific information necessary to aid participating firms in formulating a thorough response.

#### 3. BIDDERS'S/PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Bidder/Proposer must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. The Bidder/Proposer must also meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have been in business of providing services for a minimum of one (1) years;
- Have adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- Be able to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders regarding this Request for Bid/Proposal;
- Have satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

#### 4. **REJECTION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS**

The County, acting through its Commissioners' Court reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all bids/proposals and waive any informality in the bids/proposals received; (2) disregard the bid/proposal of any proposer determined to be not responsible. The County further reserves the right to reject any bid/proposal due to failure of performance on deliveries as determined in writing by the County Purchasing Agent.

#### 5. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS SPECIFICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the prospective proposer to review the entire invitation to bid/proposal packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would restrict competition or appear ambiguous. Any such protest or question(s) regarding the specifications or bid/proposal procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department no less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for bid/proposal opening. Vendors are to propose as specified herein or propose an approved equal. The mention of any brand name in the specifications is not intended to be restrictive, but is intended to describe the general features and requirements (or equivalent) that the County of El Paso is seeking.

Under Local Gov't Code Section 262.005 and Health & Safety Code Section 361.426, the County is required to give preference to products made of recycled materials if they meet specs. The County is also required to encourage the use of recycled products in developing new procedures and specs. They are also required to eliminate procedures and specifications that explicitly discriminate against products made of recycled materials.

#### 6. SUBSTITUTES

It is not the County's intent to discriminate against any material of equal merit to those specified however, should the proposer desire to use any substitutions, prior written approval shall be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent sufficiently in advance in order that an addendum might be issued.

#### 7. EXCEPTIONS TO BID/PROPOSAL

The proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of the bid/proposal. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Bid/Proposal Conditions", and will be attached to the bid/proposal. If no exceptions are stated, it will be

understood that all general and specific conditions will be complied with, without exception.

The Bidder/Proposer must specify in its bid/proposal any alternatives it wishes to propose for consideration by the County. Each alternative should be sufficiently described and labeled within the bid/proposal and should indicate its possible or actual advantage to the program being offered.

The County reserved the right to offer these alternatives to other proposers.

#### 8. PRICING

Bid/Proposals for equipment shall offer new (unused) equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified. Quotes F.O.B. destination. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver (merchandise only). Bid/Proposal will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the bid/proposal sheet. The net price will be delivered to the El Paso County, including all freight or shipping charges. In case of error in extension, unit prices shall govern. BID/RFP subject to unlimited price increases will not be accepted. The County is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in your bid/proposal.

Unless prices and all information requested are complete, bid/proposal may be disregarded and given no consideration.

In case of default by the contractor, the County may procure the articles or services from other sources and may deduct from any monies due, or that may thereafter become due to the contractor, the difference between the price named in the contract of purchase order and the actual cost thereof to the County. Prices paid by the County shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. Periods or performance may be extended if the facts as to the cause of delay justify such extension in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent and the Commissioners' Court.

#### 9. NON-APPROPRIATIONS

Vendor acknowledges that funding to pay for support and services referenced herein is subject to annual appropriations by Customer's governing body, and any termination, liability, indemnity, other provision in the Terms to the contrary does not apply to Customer. In the event such funds are not appropriated in any fiscal year for support and services, Customer may terminate the agreement between the parties upon no less than 30 days prior written notice without incurring any termination liability or penalty. Such termination will not affect Customer's obligation with respect to payment for satisfactory service or support received through the termination date.

#### 10. TAX EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Section 151.309 of the Texas Tax Code, El Paso County qualifies for exemption from sales, excise and use taxes imposed under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act, which is codified at Chapter 151 of the Texas Tax Code. In accordance with Section 151.309, a taxable item sold, leased, or rented to, or stored, used, or consumed by the County is exempt from the taxes imposed under Chapter 151.

#### 11. MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

A bidder/proposer may modify a bid/proposal by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of bids/proposals. Modification requests must be received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by bidder/proposer guaranteeing authenticity. Bids/Proposals may not be amended or altered after the official opening with the single exception that any product literature and/or supporting data required by the actual specifications, if any, will be accepted at any time prior to the Commissioners' Court consideration of same. No substitutions or cancellations for merchandise will be permitted without written approval of the County Purchasing Agent.

#### 12. SIGNATURE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

Each bid/proposal shall give the complete mailing address of the Bidder/Proposer and be signed by an authorized representative by original signature with the authorized representative's name and legal title typed below the signature line. Each bid/proposal shall include the Bidder's/Proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), failure to sign the Contract page(s) and bid/proposal response sheet will disqualify the bid/proposal from being considered by the County. The person signing on behalf of the Bidder/Proposer expressly affirms that the person is duly authorized to render the bid/proposal and to sign the bid/proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this BID/RFP and to bind the Bidder/Proposer thereto and further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect until it is properly placed on the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

#### 13. AWARD OF BID/PROPOSALS-EVALUTATION CRITERIA AND FACTORS

#### Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code

Bids shall be awarded to the responsible bidder that submits the lowest and best bid.

**Bid/Proposals** will be made to the responsible proposer whose bid/proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer demonstrating the best ability to fulfill the requirements set forth in this Request for Bid/Proposal. The prices proposed will be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline. The proposed cost to the County will be considered firm, unless the County invokes its right to request a best and final offer and cannot be altered after the submission deadline.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this BID/RFP and may discontinue its efforts under this BID/RFP for any reason or no reason or solely for the County's convenience at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by the County. County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid/proposal, waive minor technicalities, or to award by item or by total bid/proposal. Price should be itemized.

# A Bidder/Proposer whose bid/proposal does not meet the mandatory requirements set forth in this BID/RFP will be considered noncompliant.

Each Bidder/Proposer, by submitting a bid/proposal, agrees that if its bid/proposal is accepted by the Commissioners' Court, such Bidder/Proposer will furnish all items and services upon the terms and conditions in this BID/RFP and contract.

Contractor shall submit to the County, for approval, within ten (10) days from notice of contract award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described under Insurance in the schedule of the Requests for Bids/Proposals.

#### 14. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

The parties agree that the County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act. Bidder/Proposer agrees that it has marked any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its bid/proposal. County agrees to provide notice to Bidder/Proposer in accordance with the Public Information Act in the event the County receives a request for information under the Public Information Act for information that the Proposer has marked as confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret.

#### 15. RESULTANT CONTRACT

The resultant contract shall become effective upon the Commissioners' Court execution of the same. The contract documents shall consist of the contract, the general and special provisions, the drawings, bid/proposal package, any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work.

The criteria utilized for determining responsibility of bidder/proposer(s) includes, but is not limited to, the proposer's experience, skill, ability, business judgment, financial capacity, integrity, honesty, possession of the necessary facilities or equipment, previous performance, reputation, promptness, and any other factor deemed relevant by the County to determine whether a bidder/proposer is responsible. The term of the resultant contract will begin as stated in the contract executed by the Commissioners' Court and will terminate on the date specified in the contract unless terminated earlier as herein set forth.

#### 16. ESTIMATED QUNTITIES

Any reference to quantities shown in the Request for Bids/Proposals are an estimate only. Since the exact quantities cannot be predetermined, the County reserves the right to adjust quantities as deemed necessary to meet its requirements.

#### 17. CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION

Before submitting a bid/proposal, each contractor shall make all investigations and examinations necessary to ascertain all site conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the County upon which the contractor will rely. If the contractor receives an award as a result of its bid/proposal submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the contractor from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract, nor will a plea of ignorance of such conditions and requirements be accepted as a basis for any claim whatsoever by the contractor for additional compensation.

#### 18. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY

This Request for Bid/Proposal does not commit the County to award any costs or pay any costs, or to award any contract, or to pay any costs associated with or incurred in the preparation of a bid/proposal to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

#### **19. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS**

In acceptance proposals, the County reserves the right to negotiate further with one or more of the contractors as to any features of their proposals and to accept modifications of the work and price when such action will be in the best interest of the County. This includes solicitations of a Best and Final Offer from one or more of the proposers. If invoked, it allows acceptable proposers the opportunity to amend, change or supplement their original proposal. Proposers may be contacted in writing requesting that they submit their best and final offer. Any such best and final offer must include discussed and negotiated changes.

#### 20 SINGLE BID/PROPOSAL RESPONSE

If only one (1) bid/proposal is received in response to the Request for Bids/Proposals, a detailed cost bid/proposal may be requested of the single contractor. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed of the cost bid/proposal in order to determine if the price is fair and reasonable.

#### 21. REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS

El Paso County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this bid/proposal package and may discontinue its efforts for any reason under this bid/proposal package at any time prior to actual execution of the Contract by the County. Bidders/Proposers may be disqualified and rejection of bid/proposals may be recommended to the Commissioners' Court for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- A. Failure to use the bid/proposal form(s) furnished by the County, if applicable.
- B. Lack of signature by an authorized representative that can legally bind the company on the bid/proposal form.
- C. Failure to properly complete the bid/proposal.
- D. Bids/proposals that do not meet the mandatory requirements.
- E. Evidence of collusion among bidders/proposers.

#### 22. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this bid/proposal, a written notice of such revision will be posted on the County Purchasing website. The County is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the written specifications by the County's employees, unless such clarification or change is posted on the County Purchasing website. It shall be Bidder's/Proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the bid/proposal opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted.

#### 23. BID/PROPOSAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS

The County reserves the right to adopt or use for its benefits, any concept, plan, or idea contained in any bid/proposal.

#### 24. BID/PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES

Results of bids/proposals for the purchase of goods, materials, general services and construction are considered public information at the time of the bid/proposal opening. All information contained in the bid/proposal response is available for public review.

The Proposal for Services: Only the names of those who submitted proposals will be made public information until an award is made by Commissioners' Court and contract executed by the parties. No price, staffing or other proposal information will be released. Proposers are requested to withhold all inquiries regarding their proposal or other submissions until after an award is made. No communication is to be had with any County employee, other than the Purchasing Agent, regarding whether a proposal was received. Violations of this provision may result in the rejection of a proposal.

#### 25. WITHDRAWAL OF BID/PROPOSAL

Bidders/Proposers may request withdrawal of a sealed bid/proposal prior to the scheduled bid/proposal opening time provided the request for withdrawal is submitted to the Purchasing Agent in writing. No bids/proposals may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening of the bids/proposals.

#### 26. INDEMNIFICATION

A. The contractor shall agree to assume all risks and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless, the County, its elected and appointed officials and department heads, and its agents and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments, and costs and expenses including reasonable attorney's fees for the defense thereof in connection therewith on account of the loss of life property or injury or damage to the person which shall arise from contractor's operations under this contract, its use of County facilities and/or equipment or from any other breach on the part of the contractor, its employees, agents or any person(s) in or about the County's facilities with the expressed or implied consent of the County. Contractor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against El Paso County resulting from contractor's operations under this contract.

Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless from all claims of subcontractors, laborers incurred in the performance of this contract. Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of this nature herein above designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If Contractor fails to do so, then the County reserves the right to pay unpaid bills of which County has written notice direct and withhold from Contractor's unpaid compensations a sum of money reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims.

**B.** 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. A 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.

#### 27. PROOF OF INSURANCE

Successful proposer agrees to keep in full force and effect, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance issued by a casualty company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and in standard form approved by the Board of Insurance Commissioners' of the State of Texas, with coverage provision insuring the public from any loss or damage that may arise to any person or property by reason of services limits of not less than the following sums:

# INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY OF EL PASO

#### GENERAL LIABILITY:

\$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence

\$1,000,000 – General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 – Personal & Advertising Injury

\$1,000,000 – Products/Completed Operations – Aggregate

\$5,000 – Premises Medical Expense

\$500,000 – Fire Legal Damage Liability

County named as "Additional Insured"

Waiver of Subrogation

AUTOMOBILE:

\$1,000,000 – Each Occurrence

County named as "Additional Insured"

Waiver of Subrogation

#### WORKERS COMPENSATION:

\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Accident
\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Each Employee
\$1,000,000 – Employers Liability – Disease – Policy Limit
Statutory Limits
Waiver of Subrogation

<u>CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS</u> additional requirements: Builders Risk Policy for total amount of completed project Bid Bond Performance & Payment Bond

<u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u> additional requirements: Limit of \$1,000,000 for E&O/Professional Insurance.

#### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

In the remarks section should include job description or project name and/or number. Successful bidder shall carry in full force Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy (ies), if there is more than one employee, for all employees, including but not limited to full time, part time, and emergency employees employed by the successful bidder. Current insurance Certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by successful bidder to the County. Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a best rating of no less than A. The Bidder shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and original endorsements affecting coverage required by these insurance clauses within ten (10) business days of execution of this contract. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Bidder shall be required to submit annual renewals for the term of this contract prior to expiration of any policy.

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the County has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity. The County agrees to provide Bidder with reasonable and timely notice of any claim, demand, or cause of action made or brought against the County arising out of or related to utilization of the property. Proposer shall have the right to defend any such claim, demand or cause of action at its sole cost and expense and within its sole and exclusive discretion. The County agrees not to compromise or settle any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to the utilization of the property without the prior written consent of the Bidder. In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Bidder.

County of El Paso shall be listed as the additional insured on policy certificates and shall be notified of changes to the policy during the contractual period.

The County reserves the right to review the insurance requirements during the effective period of the contract and to require adjustment of insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by the County based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the contractor.

#### 28. BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

In accordance with Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, a company, other than a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full time employees is required to certify in writing that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract, if the contract has a value of \$100,000 or more.

#### 29. MANDATORY DISCLOSURES:

Texas law requires the following disclosures by vendors:

# Conflict of Interest Disclosure Reporting (required of all vendors responding to the Bid/RFP/RFQ)

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity make certain disclosures. In 2015, the Texas Legislature updated the law and the Texas Ethics Commission made corresponding changes to the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ Form), in which the vendor must disclose any covered affiliation or business relationship with County personnel that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. A list of County elected officials and employees that will award the bid/proposal and/or make recommendations for award are included in this bid/proposal. By law, a completed questionnaire must be filed with the County of El Paso County, Texas. If no conflict of

interest exists, write "N/A" or "None" in Box 3 of the CIQ Form. For vendor's convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this bid/proposal. Blank CIQ Forms may also be obtained by visiting the Purchasing Department website at: <a href="http://epcounty.com/purchasing/bids/default.htm">http://epcounty.com/purchasing/bids/default.htm</a>

# Disclosure of Interested Parties (only required of vendors <u>who are awarded</u> the Bid/RFP/RFQ)

In 2015, the Texas Legislature added Section 2252.908 to Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code. Pursuant to Section 2252.908, for contracts entered into January 1, 2016 and after, the awarded vendor must submit to the County a completed "Certificate of Interested Parties" form, which will be included in the Commissioners Court agenda at the time the contract is approved and sent to the Texas Ethics Commission within 30 days thereafter.

Compliance with this new requirement requires logging into the Texas Ethics Commission website, at: <u>https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\_info\_form1295.htm</u> Several instructional videos are available there.

#### 30 NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The contractor declares, by signing and submitting a bid/proposal, that the bid/proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the bid/proposal is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the contractor has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited another contractor to put in a false or sham bid/proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any contractor or anyone else to put in a sham bid/proposal, of that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the contractor has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communications, or conference with anyone to fix the bid/proposal price of the contractor of any other bidder/proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the bid/proposal price, or of that of any other contractor, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract, that all statements contained in the bid/proposal are true; and further, that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid/proposal price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any cooperation, partnership, company association, organization, bid/proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid/proposal.

Non negotiations, decisions, or cautions shall be initiated by any company as a result of any result of any verbal discussion with any County employee prior to the opening of responses to this Request for Bid/Proposal.

No officer or employee of the County, and no other public or elected official, or employee, who may exercise any function or responsibilities in the review or approval of this undertaking, shall have any personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or negotiation process thereof. The above compliance request will be part of all County contracts for this service.

#### 31. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The County specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

#### 32. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS

The Bidder/Proposer shall be required to notify the County of any potential for merger or acquisition of which there is knowledge at the time that a bid/proposal is submitted.

If subsequent to the award of any contact resulting from this BID/RFP the Bidder/Proposer shall merge or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the County.

- 1. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded Proposer and the new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices;
- 2. New Bidder's/Proposer's Federal Identification Number (FEIN); and
- 3. New Bidder's/Proposer's proposed operating plans.

Moreover, Bidder/Proposer is required to provide the County with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as Bidder/Proposer has actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The new Bidder's/Proposer's proposed plan of operation must be submitted prior to merger to allow time for submission of such plan to the Commissioners' Court for its approval.

#### 33. DELAYS

The County reserves the right to delay the scheduled commencement date of the contract if it is to the advantage of the County. There shall be no additional costs attributed to these delays should any occur. Bidder/Proposer agrees it will make no claim for damages, for damages for lost revenues, for damages caused by breach of contract with third parties, or any other claim by Bidder/Proposer attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, Bidder/Proposer agrees that any contract it enters into with any third party in anticipation of the commencement of the contract will contain a statement that the third party will similarly make no claim for damages based on delay of the scheduled commencement date of the contract.

#### 34. ACCURACY OF DATA

Information and data provided through this BID/RFP are believed to be reasonably accurate.

#### 35. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT

Bidder/Proposer shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its contact in whole or in part without prior written permission of Commissioners' Court. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Bidder/Proposer of any of its responsibilities under this contract.

#### 36. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Bidder/Proposer expressly acknowledges that it is an independent contractor. Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an agency relationship, an employer/employee relationship, a joint venture relationship, or any other relationship allowing County to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which Bidder/Proposer or its subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the Request for Bid/Proposal.

#### 37. MONITORING PERFORMANCE

The County shall have the unfettered right to monitor and audit the Vendor's work in every respect. In this regard, the Vendor shall provide its full cooperation and insure the cooperation of its employees, agents, assigns, and subcontractors. Further, the Vendor shall make available for inspection and/or copying when requested, original data, records, and accounts relating to the Bidder's/Proposer's work and performance under this contract. In the event any such material is not held by the vendor in its original form, a true copy shall be provided.

The County of El Paso is an equal opportunity employer.

#### 38. PROCUREMENT ETHICS

#### CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING AFFIDAVIT FORM

#### El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Requirement for Vendors:

Any vendor involved in a single procurement exceeding \$50,000 must read and sign the El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit that is included in each bid/proposal packet. By reading and signing the Affidavit form, the bidder has confirmed that they have been trained in the El Paso County Code of Ethics. The training must be completed by an officer, principal, or other person with the authority to bind the company.

**Optional On-Line Training:** As an alternative to reading and completing the El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit, in compliance with Section 161 of the Texas Local Government Code, the training on the El Paso County Code of Ethics is accessible in an online format to Vendors and Lobbyists on an ongoing basis, subject only to limitations due to technical resources.

#### The optional On-Line Training may be accessed and completed at: http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/training.htm

If completed on-line, the training receipt should be printed out and included with the BID/RFP/RFQ/RFI.

### 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 (0MB 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 CPR 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 (0MB 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 statues 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; 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; 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 of the transport of 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 three (3) pages of this document must be included in all responses.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Texas Local Government Code Section 262.0271 states the County may give preference to bidders that provide reasonable health insurance coverage to its employees, over a bidder that doesn't provide such insurance. Complete the questionnaire below if applicable. If not, check box #3.

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 subcontractor's employees are currently enrolled in the health insurance benefits program?
- 3. No. The bidder is not requesting the Health Insurance Benefits Preference.

Checking Box #3 will not disqualify you from participating in this bid selection process.

Business Name

Date

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

<sup>\*</sup> This page must be included in all responses.



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

RE: RFP 22-014, Alcohol Monitoring Services for the County of El Paso (re-solicitation)

Dear Vendor:

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. Attached is a copy of the Questionnaire.

In filling 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 Ricardo A. Samaniego Commissioner Carlos Leon Commissioner David Stout Commissioner Iliana Holguin Commissioner Carl L. Robinson
County Employees:	Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent Jose Lopez, Jr., Interim Purchasing Agent Betsy Keller, County Administrator Elvia Jauregui, Purchasing Manager Araceli Hernandez, Formal Bid Buyer Blanca Guereca, Procurement Data Analyst Claudia Parra, Procurement Data Analyst Edward Dion, County Auditor Barbara Franco, Auditor First Assistant Wallace Hardgrove, Budget & Financial Manager Christina Ford, Division Chief Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney Erich Morales, Assistant County Attorney Kevin McCary, Assistant County Attorney Steven E. Arellano, Assistant County Attorney Patricia Lopez, Assistant County Attorney Lorena Rodriguez, Analyst Catherine Jones, Director for Criminal Justice Coordination Jacob Garcia, CJC Supervisor Carolina Martinez, Deputy Director of Adult Probation Raoaa King, Assistant District Attorney Dan Marquez, Director of Litigation, Public Defender's Office

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE	FORM CIQ		
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity			
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY		
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who	And a second		
has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).	Date Received		
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 vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. <i>See</i> Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.			
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.			
1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.			
<ul> <li>Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law recompleted questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th busines you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)</li> <li>Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed</li> </ul>	s day after the date on which		
Anne of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.			
Name of Officer			
officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attack CIQ as necessary.         A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or I other than investment income, from the vendor?         Yes       No         B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable local government antity?	h additional pages to this Form kely to receive taxable income,		
<ul> <li>Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.</li> <li>Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts</li> </ul>			
as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.0	555 (a. 1).		
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity	Date		
Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission www.ethics.state.tx.us	Revised 11/30/2015		

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/ Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

(A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;

(B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or

(C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

#### Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

 $(\tilde{i})$  a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

#### Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

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

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

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Effective January 1, 2016, Texas Legislature adopted <u>House Bill 1295</u>, which states that a governmental agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity. **This Certificate of Interested Parties - Form 1295 must be submitted before the county can enter into the contract** 

- The Form 1295 must be submitted online at <a href="https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf">https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf</a> info form1295.htm.
- Upon completion, you will be provided a verification printout.
- The printout must be notarized and then submitted to the County of El Paso for verification.

Upon the County's receipt of your notarized Form 1295, the contracting process can begin. Failure to complete and submit the Form 1295 will delay the contract from possibly being awarded and could result in loss of the contract

### Safety Record Questionnaire

# The following definitions and criteria shall be used to take into account the safety records of bidders:

Bidder – Includes any person who is an officer of, is in a management position with, or has an ownership interest in the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution, represented by the bidder or anyone acting for such firm, corporation, partnership or other entity which is submitting the response or proposal.

Worker Safety – refers to the working environment at the bidders' company, offices, jobsites, and any other place in which it does business. The term encompasses all factors that impact the safety, health, and wellbeing of employees. Work safety may include the prevention, enforcement, and/or remediation of environmental hazards, unsafe working conditions or processes, drug and alcohol abuse, and workplace violence. Workplace safety is monitored by state and national authorities such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Public Safety - involves protecting the public — safeguarding people from crimes, disaster, and other potential dangers and threats (including, without limitation, environmental hazards and safety threats).

Environmental Safety - Refers to pollution prevention as well as the prevention of other threats to the environment and protecting anyone that may be affected by pollution. It also includes the safe storage, use, disposal of various chemicals (including, without limitation, toxic chemicals) that may be used in workplaces, job sites, or other work areas.

Violation - Refers to any activity, occurrence, or condition that disregards established laws and regulations, results in non-compliance with, or results in a written complaint or other written claim from, a Governmental Authority with respect to applicable or governing law.

- Within the past five (5) years of this Bid submittal, can the bidder identify any civil litigation, which resulted in final judgment against the Bidder, arising out of the performance of a construction contract within the State of Texas in which the Bidder was a named defendant in a lawsuit brought by or against the Owner. Do not include litigation which is limited solely to enforcement of mechanics' liens or stop notices.
   Yes □ No
- 2) Within the past five (5) years of this Bid submittal, has the bidder received any final determinations by a court or governmental agency for violations of Federal, State, or local laws including, but not limited to, violations of environmental safety laws, public health and safety laws, the Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA") or similar laws or regulations. □ Yes □ No
- Within the past five (5) years of this Bid submittal, can the bidder identify with any criminal convictions concerning any environmental safety, worker safety, or public safety laws.
   □ Yes □ No

If the bidder has indicated "Yes" to any question above, the bidder must provide with its bid submission the form titled *Self-Disclosure of Environmental Safety Violations*.

If the bidder has indicated "No" to ALL questions above, the bidder must provide with its bid submission the form titled *Civil Litigation Certification*.

Name:

Date:

# **Civil Litigation Certification**

If the Bidder has no civil litigation history to report as described above, complete the following:

I, (print name of owner, officer, n	nanager, or licensee res	ponsible for	, certify that neither submission of Bid/Proposal)
(Bidde	er name as shown on Bi	d/Proposal)	
nor			
(name of responsible ma	anaging person licensed	by the Cont	tractors' State License Board)
has been the subject of a fir	nal judgment in civil liti	igation as d	lescribed above.
I declare under penalty of pe	erjury that the foregoir	ng is true a	nd correct.
Executed this day	of	at	
Executed thisday	(month and year)		(city and state)
by			

(signature of owner, officer, manager, or licensee responsible for submission of Bid/Proposal)

# Self-Disclosure of Environmental Safety Violations

### Contact Information for Individual Submitting the Self-Disclosure

Title:		
First Name:		
Middle Name (or initial):		
Last Name:		
Address:		
City:	Zip:	
Phone: ( )		

Is the individual submitting this self-disclosure authorized by the company to make such a disclosure and is this person an authorized signatory (having authority to perform policy or decision-making functions of the company)? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

### Facility/Site Information

Facilities/sites involved with this environmental violation(s):

Note: If more than one facility/site is involved with the environmental violation(s), please indicate the number of facilities/sites below and attach a separate sheet for each violation to your final submission with the physical address for each facility/site, and identify which facilities/sites have which violation(s).

Facility/Site Physical Address:			
Owner:			
Address:			
City:	_ State:	Zip:	

### Describe Environmental Safety Violation

NOTE: Each safety violation should be described as completely as possible and include the following information:

- Nature and description of violation(s) and specific regulatory, permit and/or statutory provision violated (include state references where appropriate).
- Identify the name, title, and employer of each person who discovered the safety violation, and what they were doing when the violation was discovered.
- How the safety violation was discovered; i.e., describe the moment at which the person first realized (objectively reasonable basis) that the violation(s) may have occurred or did occur.
- Physical location of violation.

- Please provide the date of discovery of each safety violation disclosed.
- How the safety violation was corrected and how any harm was remediated.
- Describe any environmental or human harm caused by the violation, and any measures undertaken to remediate such harm.
- Describe what steps were taken to prevent recurrence of the violation and provide the date that those measures were implemented. If the measures have not yet been implemented, provide the implementation schedule setting forth the dates of the anticipated actions.
- The name and court case identification number of each case.
- The jurisdiction in which it was filed.
- The outcome of the litigation, e.g., the cause number and date of any final judgment that was entered.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, nor have I withheld any relevant information in my statements.

Executed this	day	of	at	t
		(month and year)		(city and state)

by\_

(signature of owner, officer, manager, or licensee responsible for submission of Bid/Proposal)

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES				FORM 1295
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties. Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.			OFFI	CE USE ONLY
<ol> <li>Name of business entity filing form, entity's place of business.</li> </ol>	and the city, state and country of the bus	iness		
2 Name of governmental entity or stat which the form is being filed.	e agency that is a party to the contract fo	pr		
	sed by the governmental entity or state as ds or services to be provided under the o		ack or ide	ntify the contract,
4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country	Nature	re of Interest (check applicable)	
nume of merested range	(place of business)	Cont	rolling	Intermediary
<sup>5</sup> Check only if there is NO Interested	Party.			
<sup>6</sup> AFFIDAVIT	l swear, or affirm, under penalty of perju	iry, that the a	above disclo	sure is true and correct.
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity				
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said day			day	
of, 20, to cer	tify which, witness my hand and seal of office.			
Signature of officer administering oath	Printed name of officer administering oath	1	Title of offic	er administering oath
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### COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS Check List

### RFP 22-014 Alcohol Monitoring Services for the County of El Paso (re-solicitation)

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
 Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2022.
 Did you visit our website ( <u>www.epcounty.com</u> ) for any addendums?
 Did you sign the Proposal Signature Page?
 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?
 If seeking preference, did you sign the "Health Insurance Benefits Questionnaire"?
 Did you sign and complete the required "Conflict of Interest Questionnaire"?
 Did you sign and complete the required "Safety Records Policy"?
 Did you complete and sign the required "Ethics Training Affidavit Form"?
Did you provide one original and two (2) electronic versions of the complete proposal (CD/DVD/Flash drive) in Word/PDF Format? Electronic copies must reflect original hard copy.