



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

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### **Notice to Interested Parties**

Sealed Request for Information will be received at the County Purchasing Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite PU500, El Paso, Texas 79901 before 2:00 p.m., **Tuesday, June 12, 2007**. Responses will be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for **RFI for Redaction Software for the County Clerk's and District Clerk's Offices**.

**Request for Information must be in a sealed envelope and marked:**

**"RFI to be opened June 12, 2007  
RFI for Redaction Software for the County Clerk's and District Clerk's Offices  
RFI Number 07-075"**

**Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be submitted in writing to the attention of the County Purchasing Agent before Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. Questions can be faxed to (915)-546-8180.**

Said contract shall be let to the best qualified, and the **COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL RESPONSES AND WAIVE TECHNICALITIES**. Only responses that conform to specifications will be considered. Faxed responses will not be accepted.

In order to remain active on the El Paso County Vendor list, each vendor receiving this request for information must respond in some form. Vendors submitting requests for information must meet or exceed all requirements herein. Vendors not responding to the request must submit their reason in writing to the El Paso County Purchasing Department.

**PITI VASQUEZ**  
**County Purchasing Agent**

## SIGNATURE PAGE

### Description – RFI #07-075

#### **RFI for Redaction Software for the County Clerk's and District Clerk's Offices**

Vendor must meet or exceed specifications

**Please submit one (1) original copy and two (2) duplicate copies of your response.**

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Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIQ Document Number (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIQ Sent Date

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Representative Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone & Fax Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\*THIS MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE ON RFI RESPONSE\*\***

# COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

## Solicitation Check List

### RFI for Redaction Software for the County Clerk's and District Clerk's Offices RFI #07-075

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THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- \_\_\_\_\_ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Did you visit our website ([www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com)) for any addendums?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign the 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?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign the "Consideration of Insurance Benefits" form?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Did you file a copy of the completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) with the El Paso County Clerk (in person or by mail to 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 106, El Paso, TX 79901 or by fax to 915-546-2012 attention Joann) and write the confirmation number given as proof of filing on your bidding schedule?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Did you provide one original and two (2) copies of your response?
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**County Of El Paso**  
**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**  
**Redaction Software**  
**RFI# 07-075**

The County of El Paso is requesting Redaction Software for El Paso County Clerk's Office and El Paso District Clerk's Office to maintain a perpetual, comprehensive set of public records consisting of all documents appropriately presented for recording or court filing; make those public records easily accessible for viewing by any member of the public; and maintaining strong leadership and administrative roles.

El Paso County currently has records available for viewing. Documents are available in their entirety for viewing. Some of these documents include social security numbers and other confidential information.

Due to the rise in identity theft, El Paso County has taken the position that social security numbers and other confidential information should be removed from documents that are available to the public. List what confidential info can be redacted using software recommended.

El Paso County seeks bids to redact social security numbers and other confidential information from documents that are available to the public. There are images in the County Clerks Office, District Clerks Office and Sheriffs Department images that need to be examined to determine if a social security number(s) or other confidential information is present on that image. Once the social security number or other confidential information is located, that information must be redacted. The redacted image will then be made available to the public. An unredacted copy will also be kept for official (non-public) use.

El Paso County would also like to accept responses on acquiring its own redaction engine and have all redaction processed internally for past and future documents.

Responses should include the following:

- List what confidential info can be redacted using software recommended.
- What is the vendor redaction rate (percentage)?

- What would be the conversion process for converting prior years?
- What would be the conversion process for converting prior year documents internally using proposed Redaction System?
- El Paso County would also like to accept responses on acquiring its own redaction engine and have all redaction processed internally for past and future documents.
- Will your software allow the redaction of images at viewing time instead of selecting a folder and redacting everything in it?
- Will your software allow the redaction of files instead of setting it up to monitor a folder?
- What kind of images be redacted, example: Tiff, bmp, gif, jpg, PDF, etc.

***COUNTY OF EL PASO Overview:***

***The County Of El Paso currently uses the Legato OTG Imaging Application. The redacted software must be able to be inquired by using the OTG Imaging Application.***

**Technology Environment:**

**The COUNTY OF EL PASO'S Information Technology infrastructure consists of the following key components:**

- **Functional Departments Needing Redaction:**  
County Clerk  
District Clerk  
Justice Of The Peace
- **The County will be responsible for network connectivity Network Connectivity Between Sites**
- **The County has both Internet and Intranet Connectivity**
- **The County is running Microsoft Windows 2000 and Windows XP, running Windows 2003 Server using .net and SQL Server**
- **Hardware Environment Included Dell dual Pentium III and Xenon Servers, Dell NAS and SAN for Data Storage, Cisco routers, switches and VPN.**

**Vendors are expected to provide responses in the following format:**

**Response Format:**

- 1.0 Cover Letter:** Each response shall include a Letter of Transmittal! That bears the signature of the representative that will handle the (*COUNTY OF EL PASO*)'s account. This letter should include the name of the vendor submitting the response, including the address and telephone number of the home office.
- 2.0 Company History and Vision:** Describe your firm, its background and the broad range of services you offer to accommodate an Integrated Judicial Management System. Demonstrate your vision for meeting the changing needs using Redaction Software to its software. Be sure to include the following information:
  - 2.1** Does your organization hold an annual user conference? If so, is the conference typically held locally in the US?
  - 2.2** Please provide information on your plans to introduce new technology in the future such as web-based solutions. Will these next generation products offer a real-time interfaces.
  - 2.3** Have you ever promised a delivery date for a product feature that you have not met?  
What was the longest delay?
- 3.0 Statement of Qualifications:** Provide a statement of qualifications to demonstrate that you are capable of performing to specifications provided. Indicate the country in which your enterprise is incorporated and by which it is legally bound.
- 4.0 Proposed Solution:** Provide an overview of the proposed solution including information on the following:

- What database software is required? Does the proposed software write directly to industry standard MS SQL Server or Oracle databases?
- Does the proposed application use advanced single application architecture or is it module-based?
- Is the proposed application a true 32-bit Windows application or is it an older DOS application modified to run in a 32-bit Windows environment?

**5.0 Technical Requirements: Provide details on the recommended third party hardware and software for the proposed system.**

**6.0 Customer Service and Project Administration: Provide an overview of your Organization's customer service and project management approach. Identify the potential project manager and his/her major project responsibilities.**

**7.0 References: Provide a list of three (3) key references where you have performed work for an organization similar to the *COUNTY OF EL PASO*. Include site name, address, contact person, email address, and phone number.**

## COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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

Instructions for the certifications:

#### General Requirements

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

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

#### 1. LOBBYING

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

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

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

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



## 1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

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

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

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

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

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

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

## 2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

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

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

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency

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

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

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

### 4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The applicant certifies that it will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations: (a) title VI of the Civil right Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000D et seq.) which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance; (b) Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29

U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; (c) title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972m as amended (20 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 ec seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute.

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

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Business Name

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Date

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Name of Authorized Representative

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Signature of Authorized Representative

# COUNTY OF EL PASO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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

PITI VASQUEZ, PURCHASING AGENT  
JOSE LOPEZ, JR. ASST. PURCHASING AGENT  
LINDA GONZALEZ, BID CLERK/BUYER

## BIDDING CONDITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

## **NOTICE:**

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

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

## Health Insurance Benefits Provided By Bidder

### Consideration of Health Insurance Benefits\*

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

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

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

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

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Business Name

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Date

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Name of Authorized Representative

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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\* This page must be included in all responses.



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RE: RFI #07-075, RFI for Redaction Software for the County Clerk's and District Clerk's Offices

Dear Vendor:

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

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

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

County Employees: Piti Vasquez, Purchasing Agent  
Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent  
Linda Gonzalez, Inventory Bid Technician  
Art Armas, Director Information Technology  
Luke Gilpin, Internet/Intranet Applications Manager

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) serves as an officer or director; or

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

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

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

(A) is a local government officer; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 176.001. Definitions

In this chapter:

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

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

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

(4) "Local government officer" means:

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

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

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

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

**FORM CIQ**

**For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity**

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

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

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

**1** Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

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

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3**

**Name each employee or contractor of the local governmental entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the governmental entity with respect to expenditures of money AND describe the affiliation or business relationship.**

**4**

**Name each local government officer who appoints or employs local government officers of the governmental entity for which this questionnaire is filed AND describe the affiliation or business relationship.**

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

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**Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship. (Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.**

This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C & D, must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has affiliation or other relationship. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

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

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Yes

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No

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

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Yes

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No

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

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Yes

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No

D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date