



COUNTY OF EL PASO
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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, August 13, 2015 to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for As-Needed Hazardous Waste Disposal Services for the County of El Paso.

Walk throughs will be held on **Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** beginning at the Sheriff's Motor Repair Shop located at 12501 Montana, El Paso, Texas 79938, and continuing to 1331 North Fabens, Fabens, Texas 79938, 14698 Van Lane, El Paso, Texas 79938 and 191 Canutillo Ave., Canutillo, Texas 79835.

**Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and marked:
"Proposals to be opened Thursday, August 13, 2015
As-Needed Hazardous Waste Disposal
Services for the County of El Paso
RFP Number 15-034"**

Do not contact the requesting department. Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be e-mailed to: bidquestions@epcounty.com before Friday, July 31, 2015, 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: www.epcounty.com; Bids and more.

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.

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.

KENNIE DOWNING
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

El Paso County Code of Ethics Training Affidavit (continued)

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 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
800 E. OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 300
EL PASO, TEXAS 79901
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FAX: (915) 546-8180**

Memorandum

To: All Vendors

Subject: County Purchasing New Vendor/Bid System & Online Vendor
Registration

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

All vendors wishing to receive or continue to receive bid notifications must register in this new system at www.epcounty.com. /Bids & More/Vendors List. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact us at (915)546-2048.

EL PASO COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE

Description – RFP # 15-034 As-Needed Hazardous Waste Disposal Services for the County of El Paso 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 five (5) CD copies in Word/PDF Format of your proposal. CD 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*****

**As-Needed Hazardous Waste
Disposal Services
for the County
of El Paso**

RFP #15-034



**Opening Date
Thursday, August 13, 2015**

1. INTRODUCTION

El Paso County "County" is seeking proposals from licensed companies to provide transportation and off-site disposal of hazardous, universal and non-hazardous waste from multiple County locations. The County seeks to award a contract to one or more companies for the period of two (2) years, to serve as a primary and secondary provider with the option to renew the contract for two (2) additional years.

This document outlines the County's objectives and describes the general characteristics of the services to be provided, and (without being exhaustive) outlines the principal obligations of the County and the selected Proposer.

1.1 Schedule of Events

The projected schedule of events for this Request for Proposals is as follows:

Issue Date of the RFP:	7/20/2015
Questions and requests for clarification or information must be received, in writing by:	7/31/15 at 12:00 p.m.
Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting/Site Tour. Will begin at the Sheriff's Motor Repair Shop:	7/30/15 at 9:00 a.m.
Proposal Submission Due Date must be received before time:	8/13/15 at 2:00 p.m.
Estimated Award Date:	October 2015
Contract Start Date:	Promptly after contract negotiation and execution

These dates are estimates only and the County reserves the right to alter this schedule as it deems necessary or appropriate.

1.2 Minimum Contractor Requirements

- 1) The Contractor must have been in the business of hazardous transportation and disposal for a minimum of three (3) years.
- 2) The Contractor must be licensed as a hazardous materials transporter in the State of Texas.
- 3) Insurance: The successful Bidder(s) agrees to maintain, in full force and effect during the term of this agreement and any extensions and renewals

thereof, and furnish to the undersigned good and sufficient evidence of general liability and auto liability insurance as described in item #25 of the General Provisions section of this proposal.

- 4) By submitting a proposal, the Proposer will warrant that it possesses, or will arrange through subcontractors, all capital and other equipment, labor, materials, and licenses necessary to carry out and complete the work hereunder in compliance with any and all Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances, regulations and codes.

2. PROJECT DEFINITION AND REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Background Information

El Paso County operates:

- A) Sheriff's Department motor repairs shop and storage facility located at 12501 Montana, El Paso TX 79938. The shop repairs pursuit sedans, regular sedans, SUVs, tow trucks, etc.
- B) Public Works Road & Bridge motor shop and storage facility(ies) have three locations: 1) 1331 North Fabens, Fabens, TX 79838; 2) 14698 Van Lane, El Paso, TX 79938; and 3) 191 Canutillo Ave, Canutillo, TX 79835 . The shop repairs heavy duty trucks and equipment, and regular sedans and pickup trucks used to fix and repair roads. The department also lays and repairs roads which will require disposal of asphalt emulsion.
- C) Other County facilities as needed.

2.2 Services and Materials to be Provided

The waste materials described above are to be removed by the successful Proposer as provided herein.

A. Services to be Provided;

1. The successful Proposer shall obtain and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, all permits, licenses, certificates of authority, approvals and inspections required by City, State and Federal supervisory agencies for the performance of the services to be provided, the designated transfer station(s) and the designated disposal facility(ies).
2. The County will notify the successful Proposer when hazardous, universal or non-hazardous waste materials are ready for pick-up. The successful Proposer will be advised of the number of drums or pails to be picked-up for transportation and off-site disposal and the type of waste to be disposed of.

3. In some areas, departments have waste oil and oil mixtures in a holding tank. The successful Proposer shall be called to empty the tank when its 75-100% full.
4. The successful Proposer will deliver the required packaging materials, as requested by the County, within one (1) week of request.
5. The successful Proposer will remove the applicable waste materials within two (2) weeks after notification by the County.
6. The successful Proposer will provide the County with twenty-four (24) hours notice prior to arriving to remove any waste materials.
7. The successful Proposer will transport all hazardous, universal and non-hazardous waste materials from the County's facilities utilizing the successful Proposer's vehicles. County personnel will load containerized waste onto the successful Proposer's vehicle utilizing the County's material handling equipment (e.g., forklift truck).
8. The successful Proposer will provide the County with a legible, completed copy of the manifest properly identifying all waste materials being removed for disposal. The manifest must include all required EPA identification numbers and correct addresses for all disposal and transfer sites.
9. All materials shall be transported from the County facilities and disposed of in accordance with all applicable City, State and Federal laws, rules and regulations (including, without limitation, those described in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 40, part 273). All mercury-contaminated materials will be disposed of through incineration and a Certificate of Destruction will be required from the successful Proposer. All mercury containing equipment will be treated through retort processes, and a Certificate of Recycling will be required from the successful Proposer.
10. The successful Proposer will supply the County with a report listing the name of the company and the location and date of disposal after hazardous, universal or non-hazardous waste materials have been disposed of. A certificate of disposal shall be issued where applicable.
11. No disassembly or pretreatment of any material will be permitted.

B. Materials to be Provided

1. Open top DOT-approved 55-gallon drums with tops and sealing rings.

2. 5 gallon metal pails with crimpable lids.
3. Labels to be applied to drums and pails of hazardous material that properly identify contents of the applicable container.

C. Disposal Facility Requirements

Upon the date of submission of a proposal to this RFP, all proposed transfer station(s) and disposal facility (ies) to be utilized shall have the requisite City, State and Federal permits or licenses. From the commencement date of the contract between the County and the successful Proposer and continuing throughout the term of the contract, the transfer station(s) and disposal facility (ies) shall maintain compliance with all applicable existing and future City, State and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and requirements. The successful Proposer will certify to the County and, upon request, provide evidence of such compliance.

The disposal facility(ies) may be either a landfill, incineration facility, or resource recovery facility, etc. In either case, the disposal facility (ies) shall be designed to provide the maximum environmental protection and the least environmental impact practicable. Specifically, if the disposal facility (ies) is a landfill it must be designed and operated in accordance with applicable City, State and Federal environmental regulatory requirements but in no case to a lesser standard than those stated in the Part 258 Standards under RCRA Subtitle D. If the disposal facility (ies) is a resource recovery or waste-to-energy facility it must be designed and operated in accordance with applicable federal, state and local environmental regulatory requirements but in no case to a lesser standard than those stated in the Section 111(d) Emission Guidelines for Municipal Waste Combustors under the Clean Air Act Amendments.

2.3 Term

The contract between the County and the successful Proposer will be for two (2) years, with an option to renew for an additional two (2) year period.

2.4 Proposal Pricing

Each proposal must include the cost on a per-unit basis for the removal and disposal of each type of waste and all other scope of work listed in this RFP. As part of its proposal, each Proposer must complete the pricing matrix attached hereto as Attachment B. Each proposal must include all contingencies, surcharges and processing fees.

2.5 Scope of Work/Questionnaire

Each proposal shall include a proposed Scope of Work satisfying the objectives

and tasks outlined in this RFP and its appendices and identifying all associated assumptions. Any areas that are beyond the scope of services should be clearly identified. In addition, each Proposer must complete and submit the Proposer Questionnaire attached hereto as Attachment C.

By submitting its proposal, each Proposer warrants that it is aware of and understands the hazards which are presented to persons, property, and the environment in the performing of transportation, storage, remediation and disposal services as described in this RFP. The successful Proposer will transport, store, remediate and dispose of such materials in full compliance with all applicable City, State and Federal laws, regulations and orders. If the scope of services requires off-site storage or disposal, the selected storage and disposal facilities described in the work plan must be appropriately licensed and permitted to store and dispose of the waste, materials or hazardous substances detailed within the work plan. In the event the storage or disposal facility loses its permitted status hereafter during the term of this agreement, the County must be promptly notified.

2.6 Work Information and Work Product

All reports, surveys, tables, charts, diagrams, design work, product recordings and other data (including electronic, audio and video) or documentation prepared or compiled by Proposer in connection with the performance of its obligations under the contract, shall be the sole and exclusive property of the County. Proposer shall retain in its files, sufficiently detailed working papers relevant to its engagement with the County. Proposer further agrees that its working papers will be held in the strictest confidence and will not be disclosed or otherwise made available to outside sources, except as required by law, without the written consent of the County.

2.7 Confidentiality

Proposer must agree to keep confidential any and all information concerning the plans, operations or activities of the County which may be divulged by the County or ascertained by Proposer in the course of performing services under any contract with the County. In the event Proposer is required to disclose confidential information pursuant to a subpoena, order of a court, or other legal process, Proposer shall, upon notice of such required disclosure and prior to disclosure, immediately notify the County and allow the County the opportunity to inspect the information subject to disclosure, and in the event such disclosure is objectionable under any standard or rule of the court, Proposer shall exhaust all legal means to prevent disclosure.

2.8 Non-Discrimination

Proposer shall not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person

because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or sexual orientation. In the event of such discrimination, the County may, in addition to any other rights or remedies available under the contract, at law or in equity, terminate any contract with Proposer forthwith.

Proposer shall comply with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §200d et seq.), §504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794), The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, (42 U.S.C. §6101 et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, (20 U.S.C. §1681), and 45 C.F.R. Part 92, as they may be amended from time to time, which together prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, age and religion.

Proposer understands and agrees that no individual with a disability shall, on the basis of the disability, be excluded from participation in any contract of Proposer with the County or from activities or services provided under such contract. As a condition of accepting and executing such contract, Proposer shall comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq., and all regulations promulgated thereunder, as the Act and regulations may be amended from time to time, which are applicable (a) to Proposer, (b) to the benefits, services, activities, facilities and programs provided in connection with this Agreement, and (c) to the County.

Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, Proposer shall comply with the "General Prohibitions Against Discrimination," 28 C.F.R. §35.130, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of "The Americans with Disabilities Act," as they may be amended from time to time, which are applicable to the benefits, services, programs and activities provided by the County through contracts with outsider contractors.

3. INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

3.1 Proposal Preparation Requirements

Proposals must be prepared in English on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper with the followed Headings:

- 1 original and five (5) electronic copies (CD, flashdrive, etc.).
- Proposals shall not exceed 25 pages (not including attachments).

Tab 1: Transmittal letter.

A Letter of Transmittal must accompany each proposal. The Letter of Transmittal must be on official business letterhead:

- identify the organization and number of years in business; identify the closest office location to El Paso County.
- identify the name and title of the person authorized to contractually obligate the company in any contract with the County;
- identify the legal status of the submitting organization (proprietorship, corporation, partnership, non/for-profit, etc.).
- identify the name, title, telephone, email and FAX number of the person to be contacted for clarification; and
- letter must be signed by the person authorized to bind the company in a contract with the County.

Tab 2: Scope of Work

Describe how the company will accomplish the Scope of Work as described in Section 2.2 of this RFP.

Tab 3: Proposal Pricing

The Pricing Matrix attached hereto as Attachment B must be completed.

Tab 4: Qualification and Experience of Proposer

Proposers are strongly encouraged to list experience providing similar services (particularly to other governmental entities).

- Provide the names and resumes of each person who will be providing services;
- Indicate whether the individual is a full time employee of Proposer's organization (and if so for how long) or a subcontractor. If the individual is a subcontractor, list the engagements (and the particular responsibilities on each engagements) that the subcontractor has previously worked for Proposer;
- Provide a copy of environmental licenses.
- Indicate the areas of the services to be provided that each individual will be involved with or have responsibility for; and

Tab 5: Completed Attachments A, B, and C, and any other attachments required to be completed under the RFP.

Evaluation Criteria

The County's evaluation committee will evaluate all proposals using the same criteria and scoring process. The following criteria shall be used:

Criteria	Weight
Experience and Reputation of Company	20%
Capacity of company to perform requested services as described in the Scope of Work.	30%
Cost of Services	50%
Total	100%

A. Proposal Clarification

The County may contact any proposer in order to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of a proposal. Proposals may not be modified as a result of any such clarification request.

B. Award

The evaluation committee will recommend a primary and a secondary provider to Commissioners Court for award. The Primary will be the highest-ranked provider; the secondary will be the second-highest ranked provider.

ATTACHMENT A

REFERENCES – Provide three (3) references of other agencies- governmental entities in which similar services are being provided.

REFERENCE NO. 1

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Types of Services Provided _____

REFERENCE NO. 2

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Types of Services Provided _____

REFERENCE NO. 3

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Types of Services Provided _____

**ATTACHMENT B
Pricing Matrix**

Per-unit pricing for transportation and off-site disposal of hazardous, universal and non-hazardous waste materials.

Material	Per-Unit Price
1) 55 gallon metal pail containing various used personal protection equipment (PPE) such as gloves, rags, and coveralls contaminated with oil, asphalt emulsion	\$
2) 55 gallon DOT approved drum containing spent asphalt emulsion	\$
3) Waste oil and oil mixtures in 55 gallon drums.	\$
4) Waste oil and oil mixtures held in a holding tank. Vendor shall empty the tank when it is 75-100% full.	\$

Materials to be provided by the Vendor.

Material	Per-Unit Price
1) Open top DOT approved 55 gallon drums with tops and sealing rings for shipping	\$
2) 5 gallon metal pails with crimp able lids	\$
3) Container for holding waste oil and oil mixtures	\$
4) Delivery fee per lot (if applicable)	\$
5) Labels to be applied to drums and pails of hazardous material that properly identify contents of the applicable container	\$

Services to be provided by the Bidder.

Description	Unit	Per-unit Price
1) Non-Hazardous Waste Profile Analysis	\$ (per sample)	\$
2) Hazardous RCRA Waste Profile Analysis	\$ (per sample)	\$
3) Laborer with Level D PPE (Personal protection equipment)	\$ (per hour)	\$
4) Laborer with Level C PPE (Personal protection equipment)	\$ (per hour)	\$
5) Truck and Operator for removal and transportation of hazardous waste	\$ (per hour)	\$
6) Truck and Operator for removal and transportation of universal waste	\$ (per hour)	\$
7) Truck and Operator for removal and transportation of non-hazardous waste	\$ (per hour)	\$
8) Transportation fee (if applicable)	\$ (per trip)	\$
9) Fuel Surcharge (if applicable)	\$ (per gallon)	\$
10) Load Verification Charge (if applicable)	\$ (per trip)	\$

ATTACHMENT C
Proposer Questionnaire

C. Please submit your answers to the following questions:

1. Is your site on the National Priorities List?
2. Is your site or are your operations under any orders, citations or settlements involving any federal, state, local, regional or other environmental agency or organization?
3. Is your site or operation the subject of any legal action - civil, criminal or administrative?
4. Have you entered into any Consent Decrees with any Local, State or Federal environmental agencies?
5. Is your site currently under investigation for possible pollution to any land, air or water way?
6. Has your company received any fines or violations for environmental damage?
7. Has any federal, state, regional or local entity investigated or issued orders or citations concerning your site or operations? If yes, please provide copies.
8. Has any federal, state, regional or local entity or court determined that your operations or site is in violation of any environmental laws or regulations?
9. Does your site possess all necessary federal, state, regional and local permits and authorizations for its activities?
10. Are there any private or citizen investigations or legal actions – civil, criminal or administrative- concerning contamination at or involving your operations or site?

D. With respect to any proposed disposal facility(ies):

- a) Provide a description of the proposed disposal facility(ies) that is (are) planned for use in carrying out the work described in this RFP. This description shall include the disposal methodology (e.g., landfill, incineration, resource recovery) employed, a history of the disposal facility(ies) operations, and environmental controls. The proposer shall also provide information on the historical quantities of waste handled by the disposal facility(ies) over each of the last five (5) years, current permitted capacity,

permitted capacity remaining as of 12/31/05, a summary of active permit modifications (if applicable), and the history of past or pending violations or sanctions at the disposal facility(ies).

- b) Provide a complete copy of any existing environmental permits for the proposed disposal facility(ies) issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Form No. 8) and all other agencies having jurisdiction.
- c) Provide a copy of any existing contracts between the proposer and the operator of the proposed disposal facility(ies).
- d) Provide a listing of the written contracts with other persons, municipalities, corporations and entities, including the contract term and the proposed disposal facility(ies) capacity made available under contract to others.

E. Compliance History

- a) Provide a statement by the proposer indicating the environmental regulatory compliance status of all proposed transfer stations and disposal facilities.
- b) For all transfer station(s) and disposal facility(ies) proposed to be utilized, make available upon request a list of any Notices of Violation issued to either the transfer station(s) or the disposal facility(ies) over the past two (2) years.

General Provisions County of El Paso, Texas

These General Provisions are considered standard language for all County of El Paso bids and RFP documents. If any “specific bid requirements” differ from the General Provisions listed here, the “specific bid requirements” shall prevail.

1. PROPOSAL PACKAGE

- a. The request for proposal, general and special provisions, drawings, specifications/line item details, contract documents and the proposal sheet are all considered part of the proposal package. Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided by the County, including the proposal sheet completed in its entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature. Failure to complete and sign the proposal sheet/contract page (s) may disqualify the 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 proposal and to sign the proposal sheet/contract under the terms and conditions in this 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 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 proposer is required to thoroughly review this entire proposal packet to familiarize themselves with the 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. **Proposal must be in the Purchasing Department BEFORE the hour and date specified. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.**
- c. Any proposal sent via express mail or overnight delivery must have the RFP number and title clearly marked on the outside of the envelope or package. Failure to clearly identify your 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 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 proposals. The signature acknowledges that the proposer has read the proposal documents thoroughly before submitting a proposal and will fulfill the obligations in accordance to the terms, conditions, and specifications.

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

3. PROPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

- Have been in business of providing services for a minimum of 5 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 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 PROPOSALS

The County, acting through its Commissioners' Court reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all proposals and waive any informality in the proposals received; (2) disregard the proposal of any proposer determined to be not responsible. The County further reserves the right to reject any 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 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 proposal procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department no less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for 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 PROPOSAL

The proposer will list on a separate sheet of paper any exceptions to the conditions of the proposal. This sheet will be labeled, "Exceptions to Proposal Conditions", and will be attached to the proposal. If no exceptions are stated, it will be understood that all general and specific conditions will be complied with, without exception.

The Proposer must specify in its proposal any alternatives it wishes to propose for consideration by the County. Each alternative should be sufficiently described and labeled within the 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

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). Proposal will be either lump sum or unit prices as shown on the 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. RFP subject to unlimited price increases will not be accepted. The County is tax exempt and no taxes should be included in your proposal.

Unless prices and all information requested are complete, 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. 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.

10. MODIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

A proposer may modify a proposal by letter at any time prior to the submission deadline for receipt of proposals. Modification requests must be received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications made before opening time must be initialed by proposer guaranteeing authenticity. 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.

11. SIGNATURE OF PROPOSALS

Each proposal shall give the complete mailing address of the 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 proposal shall include the Proposer's Federal

Employer Identification Number (FEIN), Failure to sign the Contract page(s) and proposal response sheet will disqualify the proposal from being considered by the County. The person signing on behalf of the Proposer expressly affirms that the person is duly authorized to render the proposal and to sign the proposal sheets and contract under the terms and conditions of this RFP and to bind the Proposer thereto and further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect until it is properly placed on the Commissioner's Court agenda, approved in open Court, authorized to be executed by the County Judge, and fully executed by both parties.

12. **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.

Proposals will be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer demonstrating the best ability to fulfill the requirements set forth in this Request for 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 proposals in whole or in part received by reason of this RFP and may discontinue its efforts under this 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 proposal, waive minor technicalities, or to award by item or by total proposal. Price should be itemized.

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

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

13. **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. Proposer agrees that it has marked any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its bid. County agrees to provide notice to 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.

14. 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, proposal package, any addenda issued, and any change orders issued during the work.

The criteria utilized for determining responsibility of 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 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.

15. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Any reference to quantities shown in the Request for 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.

16. CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION

Before submitting a 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 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.

17. NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY

This Request for 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 proposal to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

18. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS

In acceptance of 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.

19. SINGLE PROPOSAL RESPONSE

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

20. REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSALS

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

- A. Failure to use the 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 proposal form.
- C. Failure to properly complete the proposal.
- D. Proposals that do not meet the mandatory requirements.
- E. Evidence of collusion among proposers.

21. CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this 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 Proposer's responsibility to check the website prior to the bid opening date to verify whether any addendums have been posted.

22. PROPOSAL IDEAS AND CONCEPTS

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

23. BID/PROPOSAL DISCLOSURES

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

The Proposal for Services: The names of those who submitted proposals will not 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.

24. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

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

25. 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.

26. 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

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS additional requirements:

Builders Risk Policy for total amount of completed project
Bid Bond
Performance & Payment Bond

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES additional requirements:

Limit of \$1,000,000 for E&O/Professional Insurance.

Successful proposer 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 proposer. Current insurance Certificates certifying that such policies as specified above are in full force and effect shall be furnished by successful proposer to the County.

Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a Best rating of no less than A. The Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer 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 Proposer.

In no event shall the County be liable for any damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Proposer.

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

27. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Reporting

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ Form), the vendor or person's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. A list of County employees that will award the bid and make recommendations for award are included in this bid. By law, this questionnaire must be filed with the County Clerk of El Paso County, Texas. If no conflict of interest exists, write "N/A" or "None" in Box 3 of the CIQ Form. For Bidder's convenience, a blank CIQ Form is enclosed with this bid. Blank CIQ Forms may also be obtained by visiting the Purchasing Department website at: <http://epcounty.com/purchasing/bids/default.htm>

28. NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The contractor declares, by signing and submitting a proposal, that the proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation; that the 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 proposal, and has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any contractor or anyone else to put in a sham 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 proposal price of the contractor of any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the 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 proposal are true; and further, that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her 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, proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham 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 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.

29. 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.

30. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS

The 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 proposal is submitted.

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

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

Moreover, Proposer is required to provide the County with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as Proposer has actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The New 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.

31. 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. 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 Proposer attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, 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.

32. ACCURACY OF DATA

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

33. SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT

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

34. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

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 Proposer or its subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in the Request for Proposal.

35. MONITORING PERFORMANCE

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

The County of El Paso is an equal opportunity employer.

36. 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 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/trainingvendor_files/frame.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 (OMB Circular A-129), and Certification Regarding the Nondiscrimination Statutes and Implementing Regulations. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the County of El Paso determines to award the covered cooperative agreement

1. LOBBYING

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

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

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

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

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

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

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

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

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

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

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

2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The applicant certifies that it will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations: (a) title VI of the Civil right Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000D et seq.) which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance; (b) Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; (c) title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972m as amended (20 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 ec seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute.

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

Business Name

Date

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

*All 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

* This page must be included in all responses.



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

RE: RFP #15-034, As-Needed Hazardous Waste Disposal Services for the County of El Paso

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 Veronica Escobar
Commissioner Carlos Leon
Commissioner David Stout
Commissioner Vicente Perez
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty

County Employees: Kennie Downing, Purchasing Agent
Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent
Peter Gutierrez, Buyer II
Elvia Contreras, Formal Bid Buyer
Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician
Edward Dion, County Auditor
Wallace Hardgrove, Budget & Financial Manager
Josie Brostrom, Assistant County Attorney
Javier Saenz, Assistant County Attorney
Michael Martinez, Administration
Humberto Arenas, Manager (R& B)
Richard Wiles, Sheriff
Terry Huhn, Mechanic Foreman

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

RFP # 15-034

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

2

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

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

3

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

Name of Officer

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

**COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
Check List**

**As-Needed Hazardous Waste Disposal
Services for the County of El Paso
RFP #15-034**

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- _____ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2015. Did you visit our website (www.epcounty.com) 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 “Conflict of Interest Questionnaire”?

- _____ Did you complete and sign the required “Ethics Training Affidavit Form”?

- _____ Did you provide one original and five (5) CD copies in Word/PDF Format of your response? CD copies must reflect original hard copy.