

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

#### **Notice to Interested Parties**

The County of El Paso will receive Sealed Proposals (Request for Proposals) for RFP 22-022 Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance, Vision Insurance, Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance and Pre-Paid Legal Services for Employees for the El Paso County, until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at which time and place all submissions will be publicly opened and name of supplier read aloud. Proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Department Office, 800 East Overland, Rm. 300, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Label should read:

#### RFP MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED:

"RFP to be opened Thursday, May 26, 2022
Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance, Vision Insurance, Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance and Pre-Paid Legal Services for Employees for the El Paso County

RFP 22-022"

Solicitation documents are attached herein. Do not contact the requesting department. Any questions by interested vendors must be emailed to: <a href="mailto:bidquestions@epcounty.com">bidquestions@epcounty.com</a> before Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.; "Subject Line" should be the RFP Number and Title. Attempts to circumvent this requirement may result in rejection of the proposal as non-compliant.

Any changes to the specifications or other documents will be marked as an addendum to the solicitation. It shall be the respondent's responsibility to check the purchasing website prior to the Opening Date to verify whether any addendums have been issued.

Award shall be based on the review of scope of services, qualifications, and price. COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND WAIVE TECHNICALITIES. Successful vendor must comply with all performance bond, payment bond, and insurance certificate requirements. Upon award, items or services shall not be ordered until a Purchase Order is received from the County Purchasing Office. Payment will not be made on items or services delivered without a Purchase Order. Payment shall be made through County current funds after completion

of goods or services. Purchase Orders will be issued as required. Contract will be awarded by lump sum or line item, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

The County of El Paso reserves the right to reject any or all RFP submissions or to waive any technicalities in the solicitation. Proposals may be held by the County of El Paso for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or such longer time as may be required by the funding agencies, from the date of the RFP opening for the purpose of reviewing the proposals and investigating the qualifications of Vendors, prior to awarding of the Contract.

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Basic and Supplemental Life
Insurance, Vision Insurance, Short
Term and Long Term Disability
Insurance and Pre-Paid Legal
Services for Employees
for the El Paso County

RFP 22-022



Opening Date Thursday, May 26, 2022

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

- 1. Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance
- 2. Vision Insurance
- 3. Short-Term and Long-Term Disability Insurance
- 4. Pre-Paid Legal Services

#### INTRODUCTION

The County of El Paso, Texas "County" is seeking proposals for basic and supplemental life insurance, vision insurance, short- and long-term disability insurance, and pre-paid legal services for its employees and dependents, and Value-Added Services including but not limited to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) software and administration of the program.

Proposals may be considered from a single offeror for all the above-described services, or separate independent offerors for each of the above-described services.

### **BACKGROUND**

The County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. The governing body of the County is the elected five-member Commissioners Court in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article 5, §18(b). The Commissioners Court consists of the County Judge, who is elected at large to a four-year term, and four County Commissioners, each elected to represent a precinct within the county for a four- year term. In all Texas counties, the County Judge presides over Commissioners Court meetings. The County's budget year begins October 1st and ends September 30th.

As of 2014, "Wikipedia" estimated the County population at 836,698. The County's Current Active Employee population is approximately 2,800.

#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The County of El Paso has decided to issue this RFP in order to:

- 1. Review the basic and supplemental life, vision, short- and long-term disability, and pre-paid legal services aspects of the County of El Paso's benefit programs to ensure price competitiveness, service and benefit access at optimum levels.
- 2. Maintain or improve the benefit levels in force, if economically feasible.
- 3. Improve cost minimization by investigating alternatives.
- 4. Assess long term alternatives for managing the employee benefits programs.

#### **COUNTY'S CONSULTANT**

HUB International Insurance Services, El Paso, has been engaged to assist in preparing this RFP document, the analysis of responses and in the selection process.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1. The Proposer must have been in the business of providing life insurance, vision insurance, disability insurance, and pre-paid legal services for a minimum of three (3) years.
- 2. The Proposer must be licensed to do business in Texas.

#### **CONTRACT TERMS**

The County intends to award a three-year contract from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025, with the County retaining the right to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year renewal term.

#### **CONTRACT**

Any person or entity responding to this RFP shall be referred to herein as a "Proposer". Any reference to "you", "your", or derivation thereof refers to any actual or potential Proposer reviewing this RFP.

Each Proposer receiving an award from the County will be expected to agree to a Contract in form and substance satisfactory to the County of El Paso and its legal counsel.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

#### **BROKERS OR AGENTS**

If any person or entity was employed or retained by Proposer on a commission, percentage, or contingent fee to solicit or secure an award under this RFP, the same shall be disclosed in the response.

The Proposer must designate its representing Agent(s), if applicable, and must disclose all compensation paid to any Agents, and must confirm that the Agent(s) has completed the Agent Questionnaire portion in the Excel File.

Listed below is the County's current insurance providers.

Service/Benefit Description	<b>Current Vendor</b>
Basic Life Insurance	Dearborn Life Insurance Company
Supplemental Life Insurance	Dearborn Life Insurance Company
Vision	Aetna Vision (EyeMed)
Short and Long Term Disability	Standard Insurance Company
Pre-paid Legal Services	U.S. Legal Services

- The current policy and addendums are included in this RFP. Proposer will offer services equal to or greater than the services currently offered. Coverage should be quoted on a no loss/ no gain basis. Actively at work requirements must be waived. It is preferred that all insurance products be offered on a group platform, with conversion and portability features. In addition, if the Proposer has other services that may be of value to the County, they may also offer them.
- 2. Attached Questionnaire The Proposer must complete all appropriate tabs in the <u>Questionnaire</u> Excel Worksheet that is attached to this RFP and include it in response in excel format.

3. Quote Basic Life Insurance benefits in the amounts of \$10k, \$20k, \$30k & \$40k.

#### **TIMELINE**

The following timeline is tentative and may be modified to accommodate the County's needs.

Advertisements:	Sunday, May 1, 2022, and Sunday, May 8, 2022
Deadline for Questions:	Thursday, May 12, 2022
Opening Date:	Thursday, May 26, 2022

#### **VALUE ADDED SERVICES**

In addition to the core services requested and currently provided, the County of El Paso is interested in any additional Value-Added Services that your organization may offer. Proposer is invited to provide a description of any additional services that may meet that description, such as educational seminars, on site wellness support and initiatives, health fair involvement, et cetera.

The County of El Paso is also looking to partner with an insurance company that will administer the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The County currently handles FMLA internally and would like to find a viable resource to assume or assist with that responsibility. Currently, the County has an onsite representative who provides FMLA administration services for approximately five to eight hours per week. Additionally, the County, as part of the FMLA services provided, has access to AbsenceSoft, a leave management system that helps employers manage and streamline leave requests to include FMLA. Provide detailed information on how you think your company is qualified and can provide FMLA services on our behalf.

#### **ADMINISTRATION MATERIALS**

During the term of the contract, the Proposer will provide all applicable claim/enrollment forms, provider directories, survey forms, summary plan description booklets, postage and other administrative materials. All costs for these items will be included in their proposal.

#### **FUTURE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS**

The County reserves the right to modify employer contributions at any time in the future.

#### **BENEFIT PLAN YEAR**

January 1 to December 31. However, the County of El Paso reserves the right to change the plan year time frame in the future.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The County of El Paso may elect to award one (1) or more categories of the Services, or parts thereof, separately and independently to Qualified Proposers. Unless otherwise expressly stated in its proposal, a Proposer agrees to accept any such partial award, if made.

The County will entertain responses on bundled or unbundled Services. A response for unbundled Services should include all Services contained within a particular category of Services. A response for Bundled Services may be through one Proposer providing one or more categories of Services or two (2) or more Proposers submitting a joint response to this RFP.

Willingness to work with outside vendors who may provide other vital services to the County is required. In that regard, in the event the County of El Paso awards one or more categories of the Services, or parts thereof, separately and independently, each Proposer receiving an award from the County will be expected to work well with the other awarded Proposers. If any Proposer believes it may have difficulty in working well with any other potential Proposer, the same should be disclosed in the response.

Any Proposer who is under common control or ownership with any other Proposer, whether or not for the same category of Services, will disclose the same in its response. Any Proposer who is affiliated with any other Proposer, whether or not for the same category of Services, by means of a contractual or other relationship, shall disclose the same in its response.

The Proposer will provide high customer service to the County, equal to other large agencies whom they provide services. During the contract term, members shall be able to access the Proposer's customer service representative (live person, not a recording) by telephone, and/or by e-mail.

#### **PROPOSAL RESPONSES**

Each proposer is encouraged to present proposals that are based on its unique capabilities and resources and that, at the same time, recognize the County of El Paso's specific needs.

The County of El Paso will accept only one (1) proposal from each Proposer. The Proposer must disclose, if applicable, which Agent/broker they are submitting on behalf of. The Proposer may submit on behalf of different Agents but **only one (1) proposal must be** 

**submitted**. Each Agent that you are including must provide a response to the Agent Tab of the Questionnaire in order to be considered and that must be made part of your proposal. The County will determine who best suits their needs.

Do not make any changes to the questions or tables in this RFP. Proposers are welcome to elaborate and offer additional information to supplement response in separate documents.

If selected, the Proposer will furnish (if requested) copies of documents that allow the Proposer to conduct business in the State of Texas, prior to the awarding of the contract.

#### **Confidential Information contained in your proposal.**

The County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and is governed by the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code (the "Act"). If your response to the RFP contains material that you consider Confidential Information, you must indicate prominently on your response which sections are considered confidential. In the event the County receives a request under the Public Information Act for information you have deemed Confidential Information, it shall promptly notify you pursuant to the requirements of the Act, which places on you the burden of establishing the confidentiality of information pursuant to the Act, see section 552.305. It is expressly agreed that the County may request a determination from the Attorney General of the State of Texas in regard to the application of the Public Information Act to the requested information and whether the information is to be made available to the public. It is further agreed that the County, its officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the determinations of the Texas Attorney General, and that County, its officers and employees shall have no liability to Vendor for disclosure to the public in reliance on a decision by the Attorney General. Nothing in this agreement shall require Vendor or County to violate the terms of the Public Information Act.

#### **PROPOSAL FORMAT:**

The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, at a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated.

Cover Page
Letter of transmittal
Table of Contents
Proposal Narrative References
Cost

#### A. COVER PAGE

Each proposal must have the "El Paso County Signature Page" as the coverpage.

The cover page must:

- Identify the RFP (i.e., Proposal for Life, Vision, Short term Disability, Long term Disability and Pre-paid legal services Insurance);
- Identify the applicant organization;
- Identify the applicant organization's contact person;
- Identify the applicant organization's address, phone, FAX; and
- Indicate the date of the proposal.

#### **B. LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

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

The Letter of Transmittal must:

- Identify the applicant organization and contact person;
- Identify the name and title of the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate the organization;
- Identify the legal status of the submitting organization (proprietorship, corporation, non/for-profit, etc.)
- State the number of years the organization has been in the business of providing life and/or vision insurance;
- Include federal tax number;
- Identify the name, title, telephone and FAX number of the person to be contacted for clarification;
- Explicitly indicate acceptance of all requirements of the RFP;
- Signed by the person authorized to contractually obligate the organization; and
- Acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP.

#### C. TABLE OF CONTENTS

Immediately following the letter of transmittal, the applicant is required to provide a table of contents that identifies all subsequent sections and pages.

#### **D. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE**

- a. Response to the Scope of Work Describe your organization's qualifications and experience in providing vision and/or life insurance.
- b. In addition, explain your knowledge and understanding of and experience working with governmental agencies.

### E. COST

#### **Rates and Fees**

- 1. Whenever possible, any rates and fees should be guaranteed for the initial term of this agreement.
- 2. If your proposal contains any commissions or fees paid to non-employees of your company then full disclosure of the fees paid, the recipient receiving any fees, and services provided by any-non-employee of your organization must be made.
- 3. All fees should be guaranteed on a per employee per month or permember per month basis for all services.
- 4. Administrative fees and rate-setting methodology for each year should be guaranteed for an initial term of 36 months or until December 31, 2025. Additional time periods should be described in the event of a contract extension. Subsequently, changes in rates and fees must be provided six (6) months in advance.
- 5. There is no prohibition against commissions being included in the price of the products offered, however, all commissions, both initial and renewal, must be fully disclosed in the proposal response.

## **Future Employee Contributions**

With the exception of the County paid basic life insurance, all other lines of coverage are voluntary and the County does not contribute toward the premium.

# F. Required Attachments

- a. Attach all County-required forms
- b. Questionnaire in Excel format

#### **PROPOSAL EVALUATION:**

HUB International Insurance Services has been retained as an independent consultant by the County of El Paso and does not and will not receive any commissions from any proposer of services for products awarded in this Request for Proposal.

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

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

# any presentations. Costs and equipment for such presentations are the responsibility of the offeror.

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

Proposals will be reviewed by the County Selection Committee and will be evaluated based on the following criteria, point value indicate maximum score. Each benefit service will be evaluated separately based on the criteria's listed below.

Evaluation Criteria	Score
<b>Scope of Services-</b> Vendor addresses all points listed under Scope of Services.	25
Cost/Fee structure — Individual firm's fixed cost and prices, and competitiveness of quoted firm's fixed prices with other proposals received; adequacy of the data in support of figures quoted; basis on which prices are quoted. Reasonableness of ongoing support cost and price. Cost to customers and percentage of gross revenues to be paid to the County.	20
<b>Qualification and experience of the vendor -</b> Company's ability to perform all functions necessary in providing. Demonstrated experience of the company in relation to the scope and quality of service provided to customers in the past.	20
<b>Value added benefits-</b> Benefit services that are in addition to the core services requested and currently provided. Services may include but not limited to educational seminars, on site wellness support and initiatives, health fair involvement, FMLA software et cetera.	15
<b>Completeness of response -</b> Completeness of response in accordance with RFP instructions; exceptions to or deviation from the RFP requirements; inclusion of required licenses and certifications.	15
<b>References</b> - Firm must provide the following reference information. The names, business address, and telephone numbers and email addresses of three (3) individuals and/or organizations who can attest to the firm's capability to carry out the requirements in this proposal.	3
<b>Health Insurance to Employee -</b> The County is authorized to allow consideration for those firms providing evidence of reasonable health insurance for their employees.	2
Total Score	100

The Proposer's failure to provide information relative to the above criteria may result in the County of El Paso deeming such proposal non-responsive and may, at its sole discretion result in elimination of said proposal from further consideration. The County of El Paso reserves the right to conduct other evaluation and measurements of the proposals as may be necessary to make an informed decision.

The County of El Paso reserves the right to return to the top candidates to request a final proposal based upon one or more components of the initial proposal. The County of El Paso reserves the right to negotiate certain terms and conditions relative to the contract(s) for particular awarded services (each, a "Contract").

# General Requirements County of El Paso, Texas

IT IS THE SUBMITTING VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY, UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND FULFILL ALL REQUIREMENTS INDICATED HEREIN.

These General Requirements are considered standard language for all County of El Paso Request for Proposal solicitations. If any "specific RFP requirements" differ from the General Requirements listed here, the "specific RFP requirements" shall prevail.

#### PROPOSAL PACKET

The proposal packet must contain all requested and supporting documentation and must demonstrate the vendor's ability to meet the specifications and qualifications detailed in the RFP. By submitting a Proposal, the vendor understands they are submitting at their own risk and expense, the County is not liable for any costs incurred in preparing the response to this RFP.

The Proposal packet must be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with the solicitation number, project name, and name of submitting vendor. The packet must be in the Purchasing Department office BEFORE the opening hour and date specified. Late submittals will not be considered under any circumstances. Packets sent via express mail or overnight delivery must have the solicitation number and project name clearly marked on the outside of the envelope or package. Failure to clearly identify your packet may be cause for disqualification. Proposal packets received prior to the advertised hour of opening will be kept securely sealed. The officer whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived. Faxed or e-mailed packets will be rejected.

#### **AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

Any individual signing on behalf of the vendor expressly affirms that he or she is duly authorized to tender this proposal and to sign the resulting contract. The submitting vendor further understands that the signing of the contract shall be of no effect unless subsequently awarded and the contract properly executed by Commissioners' Court.

The signature acknowledges that the submitting vendor has read the RFP documents thoroughly before submitting a response and will fulfill the obligations in accordance with the County of El Paso. Failure to complete and sign the required document(s) may disqualify the Proposal from being considered.

#### **ADDENDA**

No oral interpretation of the solicitation will be made to any vendor, or as to the meaning of any part thereof. The County is not bound by any oral representations, clarifications, or changes made in the specifications by the County's employees, unless such clarification or change is publicly posted. Every request for such an interpretation shall be made in writing to the County of El Paso Purchasing Department. Any inquiry received prior to the deadline for questions will be given consideration, complied, and answers published as an addendum.

If it becomes necessary to revise or address any part of this RFP, a written notice of such revision will be posted as an addendum. The addendum will address the nature of the clarification or change before the solicitation is set to open. It shall be the vendor's responsibility to verify if any Addenda have been issued. All such Addenda shall become part of the contract and all submitting vendors shall be bound by such Addenda, whether or not received by the vendor.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

To prevent biased evaluations and to preserve the competitiveness and integrity of such procurement efforts, vendors are to direct all communications regarding this RFP to the El Paso County Purchasing Agent or assigned designee.

#### CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATION

Before submitting a proposal, each vendor 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 vendor will rely. If the vendor receives an award as a result of its submission, failure to have made such investigations and examinations will in no way relieve the vendor 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 for additional compensation. Site visits are restricted to the date designated in the RFP details.

#### ESTIMATED QUANTITES AND ACCURACY OF DATA

Any reference to quantities shown in the solicitation 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. Information and data provided through this solicitation are believed to be reasonably accurate.

#### **PRICING**

Pricing will be either lump sum or per unit as indicated in the specifications. A breakdown of the lump sum quote shall also be provided. Unit prices must be all-encompassing (i.e. labor, materials, removal, overhead, etc.). If there are discrepancies between unit prices quoted and extensions, the unit price will prevail. Pricing on all transportation, freight or other charge is to be paid by the vendor and included in the pricing, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties. Submissions with incomplete prices or supporting information may be disregarded and given no consideration. Proposals involving equipment shall offer new (unused) equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified. Prices for all goods and/or services shall be considered firm and cannot be altered after the submission deadline. Pricing subject to unlimited increases will not be accepted. All pricings should not include tax either directly or indirectly, the County will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items.

The net monetary values of change orders, if any, shall not increase the original contract price by more than twenty-five (25%), unless required to comply with a new law, rule, regulation, or judicial decision. The original contract price must not be decreased by

twenty-five (25%) or more without the consent of the vendor. There is an exception to these for items not covered in the specifications as provided.

If only one (1) response is received, a detailed cost breakdown may be requested. A cost/price analysis and evaluation and/or audit may be performed in order to determine if the pricing is fair and reasonable.

#### ALTERNATE OFFER

No alternative proposals will be considered unless specifically requested in the technical specifications.

#### **DELIVERY AND SHIPPING**

All delivery and freight charges shall be F.O.B. destination, if otherwise, show exact cost to deliver (merchandise only). The awarded vendor shall not deliver products or provide services as part of this contract without a County of El Paso purchase order signed by the Purchasing Agent. Delivered products or services shall not exceed the amounts specified on the purchase order.

#### **MODIFICATION**

A proposal packet may be modified up until the time of opening. 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.

The modification must be requested in writing prior to the submission deadline. Modifications, erasures, or other changes must be sealed, and explained or noted with initial or signature of the authorized individual signing the proposal packet. All figures must be written in ink or typed; figures written in pencil are not acceptable.

#### WITHDRAWAL

Vendors may withdraw their proposal packet prior to the scheduled opening time but may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after opening. The request for withdrawal must be submitted to the Purchasing Agent in writing.

#### **AWARD**

Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, the award shall be made to the responsible offeror 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 taking into consideration the relative importance of price.

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 negotiate and request a best and final offer that cannot be altered after the submission deadline.

The 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 lump sum. The awarded vendor(s) will be notified at the earliest possible date.

A vendor whose proposal does not meet the mandatory requirements set forth in this solicitation will be considered noncompliant. The criteria utilized for determining responsibility 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 offeror is responsible. The County reserves the right to adopt or use for its benefits, any concept, plan, or idea contained in any solicitation response.

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

A vendor must give written notice that they intend to protest an award. The vendor has the right to appear before the commissioner's court. under rules established by the court. Protest Procedures are available for download on the Purchasing Department - Doing Business with the County webpage <a href="http://epcounty.com/purchasing/business.htm">http://epcounty.com/purchasing/business.htm</a>.

#### **BEST AND FINAL OFFERS**

The County reserves the right to negotiate further with one or more vendors 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 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.

#### **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. The submitting vendor 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 the vendor attributed to these delays, should any occur. In addition, the submitting vendor 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.

#### RESULTANT CONTRACT

The resultant contract shall become effective upon the Commissioners' Court approval and the County Judge's signature. The contract documents shall consist of all the documents pertinent to the requested work including the contract, solicitation, technical requirements, addenda, submitted proposal, and any additional documents specified.

Within thirty (30) days after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the awarded firm shall execute and deliver to the County an Agreement the material terms of this RFP document in such number of copies as the County may require.

The Contract will require the completion of the work according to the contract documents. 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.

#### SUBCONTRACTING/ASSIGNMENT

Vendors 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 awarded vendor of any of its responsibilities under this contract.

#### **DEFAULT BY VENDOR**

In case of default by the vendor, the County may procure the articles or services from other sources and may deduct from any monies due, or that may thereafter become due, the difference between the price named in the contract or 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.

#### TAX FXFMPTION

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.

#### **INVOICES AND PAYMENTS**

An invoice should be submitted after the notice to proceed date or a purchase order has been received and after the delivery and/or service has been completed. Invoices must indicate the purchase order number and/or contract number and should be itemized. Any invoice, which cannot be verified by the contract price and/or is otherwise incorrect, will be returned for correction. Under term contracts, when multiple deliveries and/or services are required, the items may be invoiced in groups or individually. Invoice payment term is net thirty (30). Prior to any and all payments made for goods and/or services provided under the contract, the vendor's W9 must be on file with the County Auditor's office. **Offeror must include a current, signed copy of their W9 in their bid response.** Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in payment and/or back-up withholding as required by the Internal Revenue Service.

#### NON-APPROPRIATIONS

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

#### **DISCLOSURES**

At the time and place fixed for the solicitation opening, the County will open and publicly read aloud every proposal packet received, irrespective of any technicalities therein. Vendors and other persons properly interested may be present, in person or by representative. Interested parties may also view live openings through County of El Paso ITD's YouTube channel, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXwcq\_JYs28xwL14oGAVPZg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXwcq\_JYs28xwL14oGAVPZg</a>.

Responses for RFPs, only the names of those who submitted proposals will be made public information until an award is made by Commissioners' Court and contract executed by the parties. No price, staffing or other proposal information will be released. Proposers are requested to withhold all inquiries regarding their proposal or other submissions until after an award is made. No communication is to be had with any County employee, other than the Purchasing Agent, regarding whether a proposal was received. Violations of this provision may result in the rejection of a proposal. Public information requests must be made in writing and submitted by mail, in person, fax, or email to the Purchasing Department. Additional information may be found in the section titled "PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT".

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

County of El Paso 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. **VENDOR MUST MARK ANY INFORMATION THAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY, AND/OR TRADE SECRET IN ITS PROPOSAL PACKET**. If items are not marked CONFIDENTIAL, County of El Paso will not be liable for disclosing the information. County agrees to provide notice to the vendor 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 vendor has marked as confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret.

#### EXEMPTIONS TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Exceptions to the requirements of the solicitation may be submitted on a separate document labeled, "Exceptions to General Requirements", and included in the proposal packet. If no exceptions are stated, it will be understood that all requirements will be complied with, without exception.

The exceptions document must specify alternatives or suggested language for consideration by the County. Alternatives should be sufficiently described, labeled, and should indicate its possible or actual advantage. The County reserves the right to offer these alternatives to other vendors.

#### **RESTRICTIVE SPECIFICATIONS**

It is the responsibility of the submitting vendor to review the entire specifications/scope of work, additional requirements, 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 procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department no less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time set for the solicitation opening. The mention of any brand name or model in the specifications is not intended to be restrictive but is intended to describe the desired features, quality, or standards of existing comparable items. Submitting vendors to propose an approved equal shall submit evidence that the item is equivalent in capability or characteristics.

#### **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.

#### RECYCLED MATERIAL

Under Local Government 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 specifications. The County is also required to encourage the use of recycled products in developing new procedures and specifications. They are also required to eliminate procedures and specifications that explicitly discriminate against products made of recycled materials.

#### REQUIREMENTS AND INTEGRITY

The submitting vendor must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility, and follow the minimum requirements:

- Have been in business of providing services for a minimum of one (1) year;
- 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 RFP solicitation;
- Have satisfactory record of performance:
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics; and
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

#### PROOF OF INSURANCE

Awarded vendor shall submit to the County, for approval, within ten (10) days from the date of award, all Certificates of Insurance evidencing the required coverage as described herein.

Submitting vendor agrees that, at its own cost and expense, it shall procure and maintain throughout the duration of the contract the following listed insurance in the designated amounts:

#### Insurance Requirements

Professional Liability: \$1,000,000 for E&O/Professional Insurance

General Liability:

Each Occurrence \$1,000,000 General Aggregate \$1,000,000

Personal & Advertising Injury \$1,000,000 each person

Premises Medical Expense \$5,000

Damage to Rented Premises \$500,000 each occurrence

Products/Completed Operations - Aggregate: (see Contract Amounts for required limits)

Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 each occurrence

Worker's Compensation: \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000

each accident/disease policy limit/each employee

Cyber Liability: \$1,000,000 per claim and in the annual aggregate

(Must include 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> party coverage)

Excess Umbrella Liability: (see <u>Contract Amounts</u> for required limits)

The Description of Operations section should include the job description or project name and solicitation number for which the insurance is provided. The General Liability and Auto Liability policies so issued in the name of Bidder/Vendor shall also name the County of El Paso as an additional insured. The General Liability, Auto Liability and Workers' Compensation policies so issued in the name of Bidder/Vendor shall reflect the Waiver of Subrogation in favor of County of El Paso. Umbrella (if applicable) is to follow form.

All policies of insurance shall be written by insurance underwriters authorized to do business in the State of Texas. Insurance is to be placed with insurers having a best rating of no less than A. 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 County reserves the right to review the insurance requirements during the effective period of the contract and to require adjustment of insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by the County based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the contractor. All Certificates shall provide the County with an unconditional thirty (30) days written notice in case of any major change or cancellation.

#### <u>Contract Amounts for Products/ Completed Ops and Umbrella Coverage</u> Insurance requirements according to total contract amount.

<b>Total Contract Amount</b>	Products/Completed Ops	Umbrella
Less than \$100,000 :	\$1,000,000	n/a
\$100,000 - \$5,000,000 :	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000 per occurrence/aggregate
\$5,000,001 - \$15,000,000 :	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000 per occurrence/aggregate
Over \$15,000,000 :	\$2,000,000	\$10,000,000 per occurrence/aggregate

<u>Umbrella Liability</u>: Excess liability insurance to cover above the limits of automobile liability and other commercial general liability policies.

<u>Cyber Liability</u>: This liability covers intangible assets. If the vendor should use or have access to County data or any internal system, cyber liability may be needed.

#### **INDEMNIFICATION**

TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROTECT, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE OWNER, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST SUITS, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, LOSSES, LIABILITY OR DAMAGE OF ANY CHARACTER AND FROM AND AGAINST COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING IN PART, ATTORNEY FEES, INCIDENTAL TO THE DEFENSE OF SUCH SUITS. ACTIONS, CLAIMS LOSSES, DAMAGES OR LIABILITY ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY, DISEASE, SICKNESS, INCLUDING DEATH, TO ANY PERSON, OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INCLUDING IN PART THE LOSS OF USE RESULTING THEREFROM, BASED UPON OR ALLEGEDLY BASED UPON ANY ACT, OMISSION OR OCCURRENCE OF THE CONTRACTOR OR HIS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR ANYONE ELSE UNDER THE CONTRACTOR'S DIRECTION AND CONTROL, (REGARDLESS IF CAUSED IN PART BY A PARTY INDEMNIFIED HEREUNDER), AND ARISING OUT OF, OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH, RESULTING FROM, OR CAUSED BY THE PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE OF ANY WORK OR SERVICES CALLED FOR BY THE CONTRACT, OR FORM CONDITIONS CREATED BY THE PERFORMANCE OR NO-PERFORMANCE OF SAID WORK OR SERVICES.

#### PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND

The performance and payment bonds must be submitted on the forms provided by the county in this solicitation, excisions or special conditions shall not be made or included. Only required of awarded vendor(s).

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 2253.021, a governmental entity that makes a public work contract with a prime contractor shall require the contractor, before beginning the work, to execute to the governmental entity, a performance bond if the contract is in excess of \$100,000.

As well as pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 262.032(b), any successful vendor who is awarded any contract in excess of \$50,000 may be required to execute a performance bond to the County.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 2253.021, a governmental entity that makes a public work contract with a prime contractor shall require the contractor, before beginning the work, to execute to the governmental entity a payment bond if the contract is in excess of \$25,000.

Having satisfied all conditions of award, the successful vendor shall furnish the two (2) surety bonds within ten (10) days from the date of Award, each in a penal sum of 100% of the amount of the Contract. These bonds shall be signed by a surety company listed in the latest issue of the U.S. Treasury Circular 570 and such surety must be authorized to do business in Texas. The current power of attorney for the person who signs for any surety company shall be attached to such bonds.

Failure to supply the required bonds within ten (10) days, or within such extended period as the County may grant, the County may rescind its award and may either award the contract to the next qualified responsible vendor or re-advertise the solicitation.

#### NO BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

In accordance with Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, a company, other than a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full time employees is required to certify in writing that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract, if the contract has a value of \$100,000 or more.

#### NO BOYCOTT OF FIREARM ENTITIES OR FIREARMS TRADE ASSOCATIONS

In accordance with Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, a company, other than a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full time employees is required to verify in writing that it does not discriminate against, and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, if the contract has a value of \$100,000 or more.

#### SOVEREIGN AND/OR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY

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

#### COUNTY OF EL PASO CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

County of El Paso Code of Ethics Training Affidavit: 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 response packet. By reading and signing the Affidavit form, the vendor 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. The ethics training affidavit must be submitted using the document provided by the county in this solicitation, excisions or special conditions shall not be made or included.

**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 in the submission packet.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Certifications regarding lobbying, debarment, suspension and other responsibility matters; drugfree workplace requirements; federal debt status, and nondiscrimination status and implementing regulations, must be submitted using the documents provided by the county in this solicitation, excisions or special conditions shall not be made or included.

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.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Conflict-of-Interest Questionnaire-Form CIQ must be submitted on the form provided by the county in this solicitation, excisions or special conditions shall not be made or included. CIQ Forms may also be obtained on the Purchasing Department website at: <a href="http://epcounty.com/purchasing/documents/CIQ">http://epcounty.com/purchasing/documents/CIQ</a> Form.pdf.

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity make certain disclosures. In 2015, the Texas Legislature updated the law and the Texas Ethics Commission made corresponding changes to the Conflict-of-Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ), in which the vendor must disclose any covered affiliation or business relationship with County personnel that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. A list of County elected officials and employees that will award the solicitation and/or make recommendations for award are included herein. By law, a completed questionnaire must be filed with the County of El Paso County, Texas. If no conflict of interest exists, write "N/A" or "None" in Box 3 of the CIQ Form.

#### DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The Certificate of Interested Parties – Form 1295 should only be submitted on online. Only required of awarded vendor(s). Form shall be submitted on the Texas Ethics Commission website, <a href="https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf">https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf</a> info form1295.htm. Instructional videos are provided on site for assistance.

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

#### NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The Non-Collusion Affidavit of Contractor must be submitted on the form (s) provided by the county in this solicitation, excisions or special conditions shall not be made or included.

By submitting a response packet, the vendor declares that:

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

The vendor may not initiate any negotiations, decisions, or cautions based on any oral discussion with any County employee prior to the opening of responses to this solicitation. County officers, employees, public officials, or elected officials that exercise any role in the review or approval of this award may not have any personal or financial interests in any contract or negotiation related to this solicitation.

Before executing any subcontract, the submitting firm must submit the name of any proposed subcontractor for prior approval in a notarized affidavit. The Affidavit for a subcontractor is provided by the county in this solicitation, excisions or special conditions made or included will not be considered.

#### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Submitting vendor 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 the vendor or its subcontractors perform in providing the requirements stated in this solicitation.

#### MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS

The vendor 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 contact resulting from this RFP the vendor shall merge or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the County:

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

Moreover, the vendor is required to provide the County with notice of any anticipated merger or acquisition as soon as there is actual knowledge of the anticipated merger or acquisition. The new vendor'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.

#### **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The County of El Paso is an equal opportunity employer. The vendor and its subcontractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin.

#### CONSIDERATION OF SAFETY RECORD

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 262.0275, in determining who is a responsible bidder, the commissioners court may take into account the safety record of the bidder, of the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the bidder, or of anyone acting for such a firm, corporation, partnership, or institution if the commissioners court has adopted a written definition and criteria for accurately determining the safety record of a bidder; the governing body has given notice to prospective bidders in the bid specifications that the safety record of a bidder may be considered in determining the responsibility of the bidder; and the determinations are not arbitrary and capricious.

The Safety Record Questionnaire must be submitted on the forms provided by the county in this solicitation, excisions or special conditions shall not be made or included.

#### MONITORING PERFORMANCE

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

#### NO COMMITMENT BY COUNTY

This solicitation does not commit the County to award any costs or pay any costs, or to award any contract, or to pay any costs associated with or incurred in the preparation of a bid response to this solicitation, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

### REJECTIONS / DISQUALIFICATIONS

County of El Paso reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and may discontinue its efforts for any reason under this solicitation at any time prior to actual execution of the contract by the County. County of El Paso reserves the right to waive any informality, award by item or by total, and disregard the proposal of any vendor determined to be not responsible. Vendors may be disqualified and rejection of proposal may be recommended to the Commissioners Court for any of (but not limited to) the following causes:

- Proposal received after date and time indicated for receipt.
- Failure to use the accompanying form(s) furnished by the County, if applicable.
- Lack of signature by an authorized representative that can legally bind the company.
- Failure to properly complete the proposal packet.
- Proposal does not meet/agree to the mandatory requirements.
- Indication of collusion.
- Proposal contains irregularities.

The County may consider as irregular an alteration of or departure from the Forms hereto attached and at its option may reject the same. The County reserves the right to consider as unqualified any vendor who does not habitually perform with their own forces the major portions of the work outlined in this solicitation. 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.

# References

Provide a minimum of three (3) references for whom similar services have been provided.

References must be current and verifiable. County of El Paso will conduct reference checks to verify and validate vendors past performance. Reference responses count as part of the overall score in this category. Each non-responses count as a zero in scoring of this criteria.

Reference #1			
Organization Name:			
Contact Name:	Phone No.:		
E-mail Address:			
Duration:			
Reference #2			
Organization Name:			
Contact Name:Phone No.:			
E-mail Address:			
Duration:			
Reference #3			
Organization Name:			
Contact Name:	Phone No.:		
E-mail Address:			
Duration:			

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# **Safety Record Questionnaire**

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

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

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

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

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

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

1) Within the past five (5) years of this Bid submittal, can the bidder identify any civil litigation, which resulted in final judgment against the Bidder, arising out of the performance of a construction contract within the State of Texas in which the Bidder was a named defendant in a lawsuit brought by or against the Owner. Do not include litigation which is limited solely to enforcement of mechanics' liens or stop notices.  ☐ Yes ☐ No
2) Within the past five (5) years of this Bid submittal, has the bidder received any final determinations by a court or governmental agency for violations of Federal, State, or local laws including, but not limited to, violations of environmental safety laws, public health and safety laws, the Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA") or similar laws or regulations.   □ Yes □ No
3) Within the past five (5) years of this Bid submittal, can the bidder identify with any criminal convictions concerning any environmental safety, worker safety, or public safety laws.  ☐ Yes ☐ No
If the bidder has indicated "Yes" to any question above, the bidder must provide with its bid submission the form titled <b>Self-Disclosure of Environmental Safety Violations</b> .
If the bidder has indicated "No" to ALL questions above, the bidder must provide with its bid submission the form titled <i>Civil Litigation Certification</i> .
Name:
Date:

# **Civil Litigation Certification**

If the Bi	dder has no	civil litiga	tion history to report	as descrik	ped above, complete the following:
I, (print nai	me of owner,	officer, ma	anager, or licensee resp	onsible for	, certify that neither submission of Bid/Proposal)
		(Bidder	name as shown on Bid	/Proposal)	
nor	ame of respo	nsible mar	naging person licensed	by the Cor	tractors' State License Board)
			al judgment in civil litiq		
I declare	e under pen	alty of pe	rjury that the foregoin	g is true a	and correct.
Execute	ed this	day	ofofof	at	(city and state)
by	nature of own	ner officer	manager or licensee	esponsible	e for submission of Rid/Proposal)

### **Self-Disclosure of Environmental Safety Violations**

# **Contact Information for Individual Submitting the Self-Disclosure** First Name: Middle Name (or initial): Last Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ Is the individual submitting this self-disclosure authorized by the company to make such a disclosure and is this person an authorized signatory (having authority to perform policy or decision-making functions of the company)? Yes No **Facility/Site Information** Facilities/sites involved with this environmental violation(s): Note: If more than one facility/site is involved with the environmental violation(s), please indicate the number of facilities/sites below and attach a separate sheet for each violation to your final submission with the physical address for each facility/site, and identify which facilities/sites have which violation(s). Facility/Site Physical Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_

#### **Describe Environmental Safety Violation**

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

- Nature and description of violation(s) and specific regulatory, permit and/or statutory provision violated (include state references where appropriate).
- Identify the name, title, and employer of each person who discovered the safety violation, and what they were doing when the violation was discovered.
- How the safety violation was discovered; i.e., describe the moment at which the person first realized (objectively reasonable basis) that the violation(s) may have occurred or did occur.
- Physical location of violation.
- Please state if the safety violation was voluntarily discovered. Voluntary discovery did not
  occur if the violation was found through a legally required monitoring, sampling, or auditing
  procedure that is required by statute, regulation, permit, judicial or administrative order, or
  consent agreement.

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

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, nor have I withheld any relevant information in my statements.					
Exec	uted this	_day	of_ (month and year)	at _	(city and state)
by					
(signature of owner, officer, manager, or licensee responsible for submission of Bid/Proposal)					

# **County of El Paso 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 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 commissioner's court approval of hospital district purchases.

I am an officer, principal, c	or individual authorized to
bind the company, known as(Company name)	
By reading and signing this document, I confirm that I have been traine Paso's Code of Ethics regarding Vendors. I understand that any contarepresentative of the company with a County of El Paso official or coun those shown on the RFP or bid documents shall cause the bid or propodisqualified from consideration of award.	ct by myself or any ty employee, other than
Name	
Title	
Company Name	
Address_	
Signature	
Date	

#### Certifications

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

Instructions for the certifications:

#### **General Requirements**

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

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certifications to which they are required to attest. Signature of the form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 21 CFR part 1405, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 21 CFR part 1414, Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement), Certification Regarding Federal Debt Status (0MB Circular A-129), and Certification Regarding the Nondiscrimination Statutes and Implementing Regulations. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the County of El Paso determines to award the covered cooperative agreement

## 1) LOBBYING

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

- a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement,
- b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal Grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form -LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;
- c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

#### 2) 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, 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

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.

#### 3) DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

As required by the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 21 CFR Part 1404 Subpart F, 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:
  - i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - ii) The applicant's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace;
  - iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
  - iv) 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
  - i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

- ii) 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:
  - 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
  - ii) 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).

#### 4) <u>CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL DEBT STATUS (0MB Circular A-129)</u>

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

# 5) <u>CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS</u>

The applicant certifies that it will comply with the following nondiscrimination statues and their implementing regulations: (a) title VI of the Civil right Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000D et seq.) which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance; (b) Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; (c) title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972m as amended (20 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 ec seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, 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

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

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

RE: RFP 22-022, Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance, Vision Insurance, Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance and Pre-Paid Legal Services for Employees for the El Paso County

#### 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 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 Ricardo A. Samaniego

Commissioner Carlos Leon Commissioner David Stout Commissioner Iliana Holguin Commissioner Carl L. Robinson

County Employees: Karen Davidson, Purchasing Agent

Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent

Betsy Keller, County Administrator Elvia Jauregui, Purchasing Manager Araceli Hernandez, Formal Bid Buyer Claudia Parra, Procurement Data Analyst Blanca Guereca, Procurement Data Analyst

Edward Dion, County Auditor

Barbara Franco, Auditor First Assistant

Wallace Hardgrove, Budget & Financial Manager

Christina Ford, Division Chief

Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney Diana Shearer, Assistant County Attorney Erich Morales, Assistant County Attorney Lorena Rodriguez, Contract Administrator

Sam Trujillo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Michelle Cochrane, Deputy Human Resource Officer

Verenice Acosta, HR Manager Natalia Chaparro, HR Manager Reginal Powe, HR Manager

Joanna Faudoa, Senior HR Generalist

Debbie Lopez, HUB International (Director of Data Analytics) Randy McGraw, HUB International (Senior Vice President)

Armando Arrieta, HUB International (Consultant)

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# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY		
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).			
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.			
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.			
Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.			
Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law re completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th busines you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)			
Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.			
Name of Officer			
Name of Officer  4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.  A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?  Yes No  B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?  Yes No			
Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.			
Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 17			
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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity	pate		

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

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

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

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

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

- (a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
  - (2) the vendor:
    - (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
      - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
      - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
    - (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:
      - (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
      - (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

- (a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
  - (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
  - (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
  - (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
  - (1) the date that the vendor:
    - (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
    - (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
  - (2) the date the vendor becomes aware:
    - (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
    - (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
    - (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

# **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.	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 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.		
Check	king Box #3 will not disqualify you from	m participating in this bid selection process.		
Bus	iness Name	Date		
Nam	ne of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative		

#### **Certificate of Interested Parties**

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

- The Form 1295 must be submitted online at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\_info\_form1295.htm.
- Upon completion, you will be provided a verification printout.
- The printout must be notarized and then submitted to the County of El Paso for verification.

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

	CERTIFICATE OF INTE	ERESTED PARTIES			FORM 1295	
Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.					DEUSEONLY	
Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.					Jelfile	
2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.					72,	
3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided up of the contract.						
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Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission

www.ethics.state.tx.us

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# **El Paso County Signature Page**

#### RFP 22-022

# Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance, Vision Insurance, Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance and Pre-Paid Legal Services for Employees for the El Paso County

Please submit one (1) original hard copy and one (1) electronic copy in Word/PDF Format of your bid. The electronic copies must reflect the original hard copy.

This signature acknowledges that the submitting vendor has read the solicitation thoroughly before submitting a response and will fulfill the obligations in accordance with the indicated requirements and resulting contract if awarded.

Failure to provide signature on this form renders submitting vendor as non-responsive.

Company (Legal Name)	DBA if applicable
Federal Tax Identification No.	Organization Type (e.g. Sole Proprietor, LLC, S or C Corporation, Non Profit, Foreign Entity, etc.)
DUNS Number (Applicable to Grant Funded Project)	Main Telephone Number with area code
Email Address	Company Address
Representative Name & Title	City, State, Zip Code
Signature	Date

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

# **RFP Check List**

# RFP 22-022 Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance, Vision Insurance, Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance and Pre-Paid Legal Services for Employees for the El Paso County

#### THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

(Incomplete bids will be rejected)

Check for addenda.				
Complete and detailed proposal				
Complete and include required forms:				
Reference List				
Safety Questionnaire				
Civil Litigation Certificate or Self Disclosure of Environmental Safety Violations				
W9				
County of El Paso Code of Ethics Training Affidavit				
Certifications				
Conflict of Interest- Form CIQ				
El Paso County Price and Signature Page				
Optional:				
Health Insurance Benefits Questionnaire				
Make County of El Paso Signature Page the first page of Proposal Packet				
Hardcopy submittals: Provide one (1) original hard copy of your complete proposal packet and one (1) electronic version (CD/ DVD/ Flash drive) in Word/PDF Format. Electronic copy must reflect the hard copy.				
Deliver response to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., 5/26/2022.				
Upon award of contract the following forms will be required: Performance Bond. Payment Bond. Certificate of				

**Upon award** of contract **the following forms will be required:** Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Certificate of Interested Parties - Form 1295, and Insurance Certificates

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