



COUNTY OF EL PASO
County Purchasing Department
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Notice to Interested Parties

Sealed bids will be received at the County Purchasing Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite PU500, El Paso, Texas 79901 before 2:00 p.m., **Tuesday, August 8, 2006** to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for **Bridge Replacement at the Ascarate Golf Course.**

Bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked:
"Bid to be opened August 8, 2006
Bridge Replacement at the Ascarate Golf Course
Bid # 06-051"

Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be submitted in writing to the attention of the County Purchasing Agent before Friday, July 28, 2006, at 12:00 p.m. Questions can be faxed to (915)-546-8180.

Said contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and the **COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND WAIVE TECHNICALITIES.** Only bids that conform to specifications will be considered. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Successful bidder shall not order items or services until a Purchase Order is received from the County Purchasing Office. Payment will not be made on items delivered without a Purchase Order. Contract will be awarded by lump sum or line item, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

In order to remain active on the El Paso County Vendor list, each vendor receiving this bid must respond in some form. Vendors submitting a bid must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Vendors submitting a no bid must submit their reason in writing to the El Paso County Purchasing Department.

If the bid totals more than \$100,000.00, the bidder shall furnish a certified cashier's check made payable to the order of El Paso County or a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total contract price, executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. The bid bond must be included with the bid at the time of the opening.

PITI VASQUEZ
County Purchasing Agent

BIDDING SCHEDULE

To: El Paso County, Texas

I or we agree to furnish the following described equipment, supplies, or services for the prices shown in accordance with specifications listed below or attached. By execution of this bid, I hereby represent and warrant to El Paso County that I have read and understood the Bid Documents and the Contract Documents and this bid is made in accordance with the Bid Documents.

Please quote prices and discounts on the following items:

F. O. B. El Paso County

<p>Description – Bid # 06-051 Bridge Replacement at the Ascarate Golf Course Vendor must meet or exceed specifications</p>	
DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST
Complete Replacement and Removal of 175' Golf Cart Bridge located at Ascarate Golf Course as per Specifications	\$
Please do not include tax, as the County is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items. Please submit one (1) original copy and two (2) copies of your bid.	

Company

Address

Federal Tax Identification No.

City, State, Zip Code

CIQ Document Number

CIQ Sent Date

Representative Name & Title

Telephone & Fax Number

Signature

Date

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

COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Solicitation Check List

Bridge Replacement at the Ascarate Golf Course Bid #06-051

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

_____ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2006. Did you visit our website (www.epcounty.com) for any addendums?

_____ Did you sign the Bidding Schedule?

_____ Did you sign the "Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Federal Debt Status, and Nondiscrimination Status And Implementing Regulations" document?

_____ Did you sign the "Consideration of Insurance Benefits" form?

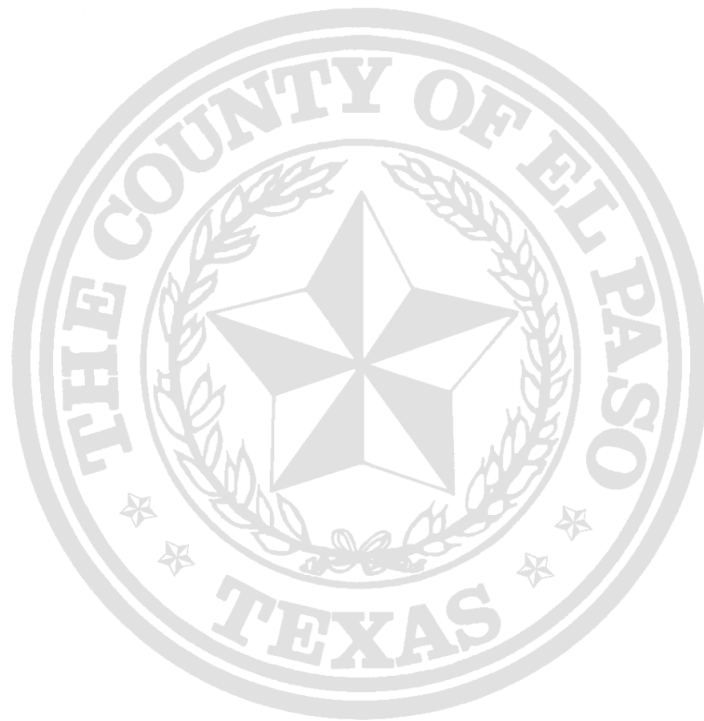
_____ Did you file a copy of the completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) with the El Paso County Clerk (in person or by mail to 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 106, El Paso, TX 79901 or by fax to 915-546-2012 attention Joann) and write the confirmation number given as proof of filing on your bidding schedule? Please include the completed and signed form with your response whether a relationship exists or not.

_____ If your bid totals more than \$100,000, did you include a bid bond?

_____ Did you provide one original and two (2) copies of your response?

Bridge Replacement at the Ascarate Golf Course

Bid #06-051



**Opening Date
Tuesday, August 8, 2006**

Replacement and Removal of 175' Golf Cart Bridge located at Ascarate Golf Course

Scope of Work: This project consists of the replacement and removal of a golf cart bridge located at the El Paso County Ascarate Golf Course. The new bridge will free span the lake a distance of approximately 175'. Said bidder will need to do all work associated with the constructing and erecting of free span bridge. Bidder will need to obtain a geotechnical report in order to design the footings and abutments. Bidder will leave the existing bridge in place until the new bridge has been accepted by the County. Bidder is responsible for all aspects of constructing, erecting and finishing of said bridge.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PREFABRICATED BRIDGE

1.0 GENERAL

These specifications are for a fully engineered clear span bridge of steel construction and shall be regarded as minimum standards for design and construction. Qualified suppliers must have at least 5 years experience fabricating these type structures.

2.0 FEATURES OF DESIGN

2.1 Span

Bridge span shall be 175'-0" (straight line dimension) and shall be as measured from each end of the bridge structure.

2.2 Width

Bridge width shall be 8'-0" and shall be as measured from the inside face of structural elements at deck level.

2.3 Model Type

Bridge(s) shall be a Half-Through Pony System with one (1) diagonal per panel and square end vertical members. Interior vertical members shall be perpendicular to the chord faces. The top of the top chord shall not be less than 54 inches above the deck (measured from the high point of the deck).

2.4 Member Components

All members of the vertical trusses (top and bottom chords, verticals, and diagonals) shall be fabricated from square and/or rectangular structural steel tubing. Other structural members and bracing shall be fabricated from structural steel shapes or square and rectangular structural steel.

2.5 Safety Rails

Horizontal safety rails shall be placed on the full height of the side trusses, and shall be placed so as to prevent a 4" sphere from passing through the truss. The safety rail system shall be designed for an infill loading of 200 pounds, applied horizontally at right angles, to a one square foot area at any point in the system.

2.5 Toe Plate

The bridge shall be supplied with a steel toe plate mounted to the inside face of both trusses. The toe plate shall be a minimum of 4 inches high. Toe plating will be welded to the truss members at a height adequate to provide a 2" gap between the bottom of the plate and the top of the deck or the top of the bottom chord, whichever is higher. The span of unstiffened flat toe plating (from center to center of supports) shall not exceed 5'-8".

2.6 Camber

The bridge shall have a vertical camber dimension at midspan equal to 100% of the full dead load deflection plus 1% of the full length of the bridge.

2.7 Elevation Difference

The bridge abutments shall be constructed at the same elevation on both ends of the bridge.

3.0. ENGINEERING

Structural design of the bridge structure(s) shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of a licensed professional engineer and done in accordance with recognized engineering practices and principles. The engineer shall be licensed to practice in Texas.

3.1 Design Loads

In considering design and fabrication issues, this structure shall be assumed to be statically loaded. No dynamic analysis shall be required nor shall fabrication issues typically considered for dynamically loaded structures be considered for this bridge.

3.1.1 Uniform Live Load

Main supporting members (girders, trusses and arches) shall be designed for a pedestrian live load of 85 pounds per square foot of bridge walkway area. If the bridge walkway area to which the pedestrian live load is applied (deck influence area) exceeds 400 square feet, the pedestrian live load may be reduced by the following equation:

$$w = 85 \left[0.25 + \frac{15}{\sqrt{A_i}} \right]$$

Where w is the design pedestrian load (psf) and A_i is the deck influence area in square feet. The reduced design live load shall not be less than 65 pounds per square foot of bridge walkway area.

Secondary Members: Bridge decks and supporting floor systems, including secondary stringers, floor beams and their connections to main supporting members shall be designed for a live load of 85 pounds per square foot, with no reduction allowed.

3.1.2 Vehicle Loads

The bridge superstructure, floor system and decking shall be designed for each of the following point load conditions:

3.1.2.1 A concentrated load of 1000 pounds placed on any area 2.5 ft x 2.5 ft square.

3.1.2.2 A 1200 pound two wheel vehicle with a 60" wheelbase and a 4"x1.5" tire print area.

3.1.2.2 For bridges with a deck width of 48" or greater, a four-wheeled vehicle (no impact allowance is required) with the axle loadings, wheelbase, and tire track as indicated below:

48" to 65" Wide:	4000-pound vehicle, 50% to each axle, 48" wheelbase, 32" tire track
66" to 83" Wide:	6000-pound vehicle, 50% to each axle, 66" wheelbase, 48" tire track
84" to 107" Wide:	8000-pound vehicle, 60% to rear axle, 102" wheelbase, 60" tire track
108" to 144" Wide:	10,000-pound vehicle, 60% to rear axle, 120" wheelbase, 72" tire track

3.1.3 Wind Load

The bridge(s) shall be designed for a wind load of 25 pounds per square foot on the full vertical projected area of the bridge as if enclosed. The wind load shall be applied horizontally at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the structure.

The effect of forces tending to overturn structures shall be calculated assuming that the wind direction is at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the structure. In addition, an upward force shall be applied at the windward quarter point of the transverse superstructure width. This force shall be 20 pounds per square foot of deck.

3.1.4 Top Chord Railing Loads

The top chord, truss verticals, and floor beams shall be designed for lateral wind loads (per section 3.1.3) and for any loads required to provide top chord stability as outlined in Section 3.3.6; however, in no case shall the load be less than 50 pounds per lineal foot or a 200 pound point load, whichever produces greater stresses, applied in any direction at any point along the top chord.

3.1.5 Load Combinations

The loads listed herein shall be considered to act in the following combinations, whichever produce the most unfavorable effects on the bridge superstructure or structural member concerned.

[DL=Dead Load; LL = Live Load; WL = Wind Load; VEH = Vehicle Load]

DL + LL

DL + VEH

DL+WL

DL+LL+WL

DL+VEH+.3WL

NOTE: Allowable stresses may be increased 1/3 above the values otherwise provided when produced by wind loading, acting alone or in combination with the design dead and live loads.

3.2 Design Limitations

3.2.1 Deflection

The vertical deflection of the main trusses due to service pedestrian live load shall not exceed 1/400 of the span. The deflection of the floor system members (floor beams and stringers) due to service pedestrian live load shall not exceed 1/360 of their respective spans. Deflection limits due to occasional vehicular traffic shall not be considered. The horizontal deflection of the structure due to lateral wind loads shall not exceed 1/500 of the span under a 25 PSF wind load.

3.2.2 Minimum Thickness of Metal

The minimum thickness of all structural steel members shall be 3/16" nominal and be in accordance with the AISC Manual of Steel Construction's "Standard Mill Practice Guidelines". For ASTM A500 and ASTM A847 tubing, the section properties used for design shall be per the Steel Tube Institute of North America's Hollow Structural Sections "Dimensions and Section Properties".

3.3 Governing Design Codes / References

3.3.1 Structural Steel Allowable Stresses

Structural steel design shall be in accordance with those sections relating to design requirements and allowable stresses, of the "Manual of Steel Construction: Allowable Stress Design" by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC).

3.3.2 Welded Tubular Connections

All welded tubular connections shall be checked, when within applicable limits, for the limiting failure modes outlined in the ANSI/AWS D1.1 Structural Welding Code or in accordance with the "Design Guide for Hollow Structural Section Connections" as published by the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (CISC). When outside the "validity range" defined in these design guidelines, all applicable limit states or failure modes must be checked.

3.3.4 Top Chord Stability

The top chord of a half-through truss shall be considered as a column with elastic lateral supports at the panel points. The critical buckling force of the column, so determined, shall exceed the maximum force from dead load and live load (uniform or vehicular) in any panel of the top chord by not less than 50 percent for parallel chord truss bridges or 100 percent for tied arch bridges. The design approach to prevent top chord buckling shall be as outlined by E.C. Holt's research work in conjunction with the Column Research Council on the stability of the top chord of a half-through truss.

In addition, for the dead load plus vehicle load combination, the spring constant "C" furnished by the transverse "U-Frames" shall not be less than "C" required as defined by:

$$C \text{ required} = \frac{1.46 P_c}{L}$$

where P_c is the maximum top chord compression due to dead load plus the vehicle load times the appropriate safety factor (1.5 for parallel chord truss bridges or 2.0 for tied arch truss bridges) and L is the length in inches of one truss panel or bay.

For uniformly loaded bridges, the vertical truss members, the floor beams and their connections (transverse frames) in half-through truss spans shall be proportioned to resist a lateral force of not less than 1/100k times the top chord compressive load, but not less than .004 times that top chord load, applied at the top chord panel points of each truss.

For bridges with vehicle loads, the lateral force applied at the top chord elevation for design of the transverse frames shall not be less than 1% of the top chord compression due to dead load plus any vehicle loading.

The bending forces in the transverse frames, as determined above, act in conjunction with all forces produced by the actual bridge loads as determined by an appropriate analysis which assumes that the floor beams are "fixed" to the trusses at each end.

NOTE: The effects of three-dimensional loading (including "U-frame" requirements) shall be considered in the design of the structure. The "U-frame" forces in half-through spans shall be added to the forces derived from a three dimensional analysis of the bridge.

4.0 MATERIALS

4.1 Steel

4.1.1 Unpainted Weathering Steel

Bridges which are not to be painted shall be fabricated from high strength, low alloy, atmospheric corrosion resistant ASTM A847 cold-formed welded square and

rectangular tubing and/or ASTM A588, or ASTM A242, ASTM A606 plate and structural steel shapes ($F_y = 50,000$ psi). The minimum corrosion index of atmospheric corrosion resistant steel, as determined in accordance with ASTM G101, shall be 5.8.

4.2 Decking

4.2.1 Concrete Decking

Reinforced concrete shall be designed in accordance with the "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete" (American Concrete Institute, ACI 318). The bridge shall be furnished with a stay-in-place galvanized steel form deck suitable for pouring a reinforced concrete slab, and capable of supporting all anticipated construction loads. The decking shall be galvanized in accordance with ASTM A525 G90. Concrete deck design shall be performed by the bridge manufacturer, and shall be designed for all concentrated loads as specified in Section 3.1.2.

5.0 WELDING

Welding and weld procedure qualification tests shall conform to the provisions of ANSI/AWS D1.1 "Structural Welding Code". Filler metal shall be in accordance with the applicable AWS Filler Metal Specification (i.e. AWS A 5.28 for the GMAW Process). For exposed, bare, unpainted applications of corrosion resistant steels (i.e. ASTM A588 and A847), the filler metal shall be in accordance with AWS D1.1, Section 3.7.3. Welders shall be properly accredited operators, each of whom shall submit certification of satisfactorily passing AWS standard qualification tests for all positions with unlimited thickness of base metal, have a minimum of 6 months experience in welding tubular structures and have demonstrated the ability to make uniform sound welds of the type required.

6.0 SUBMITTALS

Schematic drawings, diagrams and calculations shall be submitted to the customer for their review after receipt of order. All relative design information such as member sizes, bridge reactions, and general notes shall be clearly specified on the drawings. All drawings shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer who is licensed in accordance with Section 3.0.

7.0 FABRICATION

Bridge(s) shall be fabricated by a fabricator who is currently certified by the American Institute of Steel Construction to have the personnel, organization, experience, capability, and commitment to produce fabricated structural steel for the category "Major Steel Bridges" as set forth in the AISC Certification Program. Quality control shall be in accordance with procedures outlined for AISC certification.

8.0 FINISHING

8.1 Finishing for Unpainted Weathering Steel:

To aid in providing a uniformly "weathered" appearance, all exposed surfaces of steel shall be blast cleaned in accordance with Steel Structures Painting Council Surface Preparation Specifications No. 7 Brush-Off Blast Cleaning, SSPC-SP7 latest edition. Exposed surfaces of steel shall be defined as those surfaces seen from the deck and from outside of the structure. Stringers, floor beams, lower brace diagonals and the inside face of the truss below deck and bottom face of the bottom chord shall not be blasted.

9.0 DELIVERY AND ERECTION

Delivery is made to a location nearest the site, which is easily accessible to normal over-the-road tractor/trailer equipment. All trucks delivering bridge materials will need to be unloaded at the time of arrival. The manufacturer will provide detailed, written instruction in the proper lifting procedures and splicing procedures (if required). The method and sequence of erection shall be the responsibility of others. The bridge manufacturer shall provide written inspection and maintenance procedures to be followed by the bridge owner.

10.0 BEARING DEVICES

Bridge bearings shall consist of a steel setting or slide plate placed on the abutment or grout pad. The bridge bearing plate, which is welded to the bridge structure, shall bear on this setting plate.

The bridge bearings shall sit in a recessed pocket on the concrete abutment. The bearing seat shall be a minimum of 16" wide. The step height (from bottom of bearing to top-of-deck) shall be determined by the bridge manufacturer.

Bridges in excess of 100 feet in length or bridges with dead load reactions of 15,000 pounds or more (at each bearing location) shall have Teflon on Teflon or stainless steel on Teflon slide bearings placed between the bridge bearing plate and the setting plate. The top slide plate shall be large enough to cover the lower Teflon slide surface at both temperature extremes.

COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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

Instructions for the certifications:

General Requirements

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

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

1. LOBBYING

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

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

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

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

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

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

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

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

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

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

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

2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

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

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

- (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency

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

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

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

4. CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION STATUTES AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

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

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

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

Business Name

Date

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

*All four (4) pages of this document must be included in all responses.

COUNTY OF EL PASO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 EAST SAN ANTONIO,
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PITI VASQUEZ, PURCHASING AGENT
JOSE LOPEZ, JR. ASST. PURCHASING AGENT
CLAUDIA SEPULVEDA, BID CLERK/BUYER

BIDDING CONDITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE:

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

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

Health Insurance Benefits Provided By Bidder

Consideration of Health Insurance Benefits*

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

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?

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

Business Name

Date

Name of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

* This page must be included in all responses.



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

RE: Bid #06-051, Bridge Replacement at the Ascarate Golf Course

Dear Vendor:

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

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

County Officers: County Judge Dolores Briones
Commissioner Larry Medina
Commissioner Betti Flores
Commissioner Miguel Teran
Commissioner Dan Haggerty

County Employees: Piti Vasquez, Purchasing Agent
Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent
Claudia Sepulveda, Bid Clerk/Buyer
Rosemary V. Neill, Director Family and Community Services
Reynaldo Chavez, Assistant Director Sportspark
Ernesto Carrizal III, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) serves as an officer or director; or

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

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

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

(A) is a local government officer; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 176.001. Definitions

In this chapter:

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

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

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

(4) "Local government officer" means:

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

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

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

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For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

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

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

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

4

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

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

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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship.

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Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Vendors Receiving Specifications

Bid # 06-051 , Bridge Replacement at the Ascarate Golf Course

Company	Contact	Address	City	Stat	Zipcode
ABC Construction	Jesse Marquez	1535 Goalby Ln.	El Paso	TX	79935
ABM Construction	Fernando Santana	PO Box 920086	El Paso	TX	79902
Amerishade Inc.	John Plaster	9400 North Central Expressway Ste. 120	Dallas	TX	75231
Banes General Const. Inc.	Daniel Drusinu	6040 Lockett Ct.	El Paso	TX	79932
Beltran Construction	Ricardo Beltran	570 Holstein	El Paso	TX	79927
Blair-Hall Co., Inc.	J. Edgar Songy	3816 Mattox St.	El Paso	TX	79925
Bowen Industrial Contractors	Thomas Shofner	9801 Carnegie	El Paso	TX	79925
C&J Road Construction	Juan D'Marquez	11315 Sheffield Dr.	El Paso	TX	79927
C.F. Jordan	Tony Romero	7700 C.F. Jordan	El Paso	TX	79912
Camino Contracting	Bob Foster	1611 Beech, Ste. G	El Paso	TX	79925
Construction Reporter	Cliff Schneider	1609 2nd Street Northwest	Albuquerque	NM	87102
Contractors Weekly Report	Fernando Novo II	P.O. Box 26311	El Paso	TX	79926
Crocker LTD	Pay Taylor	227 E Palace Ave.	Santa Fe	NM	87501
CSA Consulting Engineers	Eileen Karlsruhe	1845 Northwestern Dr. Ste. C	El Paso	TX	79912
D.J. Contractors, Inc.	Steve Allen	279 Shadow Mountain, Ste. CC	El Paso	TX	79912
Desert West Concrete	Joe Satarain	8239 Burnham	El Paso	TX	79907
Dodge Plan Room-McGraw Hill	Ceci Hernandez	4625 Ripley Dr.	El Paso	TX	79922
Encinas Remodeling Services	Jesus Encinas	2078 Sun Bolt	El Paso	TX	79938
G&G Saenz Construction		11681 Privada Lane	El Paso	TX	79936
Gateway Construction, Inc.	John A. Lencyk	955 N. Resler Dr. #121	El Paso	TX	79912
Gemco Construction, Inc.	Victor Dominguez	615 Schuster, Bldg. 9-A	El Paso	TX	79902
Harry Hussmann		P.O. Box 628	Canutillo	TX	79835-062
Hensil Phelps Construction Co.	Steve P. Currier	8322 Crossing Park Dr.	Austin	TX	78754
Horak Construction, Inc.	Sergio Valencia	1485 Bessemer Dr.	El Paso	TX	79936
Industrial Laminates Corp.	Kathleen K. Wimbish	1806 E. 4th Street	Austin	TX	78702
J.A.R. Concrete, Inc.	Joe A. Rosales Jr.	9609 Carnegie Ave.	El Paso	TX	79925
JAN-CAR Construction Co.	Preston Brown	16000 Ashford	Horizon City	TX	79928
JMC Construction LP		9893 W University Dr., Ste. 119	McKinney	TX	75071
JMZ Contractors, Inc.	Sergio Zavala	3621 Lee Blvd.	El Paso	TX	79936
K.R. Swerdfeger Construction, Inc.	Joe Cardenas	421 E Industrial Blvd.	Pueblo West	CO	81007
Law General Contractors	Ruben G. Schaeffer	10657 Vista Del Sol, Ste. B	El Paso	TX	79935

Company	Contact	Address	City	Stat	Zipcode
MarcCo Steel Buildings		109 Shalom Ln.	Royal	AR	71968
P&A Concrete Construction Co.	Alfonso Perez	PO Box 3056	Canutillo	TX	79835
Paragon Project Resources, Inc.	Anhthu Tran	7929 Brookriver Dr. Ste. 600	Dallas	TX	75247
Parking Market Research Co.	Christopher Hollis	1311 Dolley Madison Blvd., Ste. 2-B	McLean	VA	22101
Quantum Inc.	Rober Gonzalez, PE	414 Executive Center	El Paso	TX	79902
R.L. Abatement, Inc.	Robero Valladares, Jr.	P.O. Box 332	Waslaco	TX	78599
Raba-Kistner		7002 Commerce	El Paso	TX	79915
RAM Contractors	Rodrigo Arras	7400 Stiles	El Paso	TX	79915
Reed Construction Data	Keith Hawley	8878 S Barrons Blvd.	Highlands Ranch	CO	80129
Silverton Construction		7930 Artcraft Road	El Paso	TX	79932
Southway Construction, Inc.	Alonzo Salazar	117 White Pine Dr.	Alamosa	CO	81101
Southwest Growth	Valerie Paez	1600 E. 4th Avenue	El Paso	TX	79901
Spartan Construction Services, Inc.	Paul H. Flynn	279 Shadow Mountain #212	El Paso	TX	79912
Steadfast Bridges	Darryl Yates	4021 Gault Ave. S.	Fort Payne	AL	35967
TCB Contractors	Gerardo Blanco	3501 Red Sails	El Paso	TX	79936
The Builder's Exchange of Texas, Inc.	Lorena Ruiz	4047 Naco Perrin	San Antonio	TX	78217
The Douglas Group	Samantha Moran	3040 Post Oak Blvd.	Houston	TX	77056
The Promiseland General Contractors	Edgar Carrasco	3909 N Stanton	El Paso	TX	79901
URS Engineering Firm	Gene Rogge	7720 N 16th St. Ste. 100	Phoenix	AZ	85020-449
Wenzel, Wenzel & Assoc.	Glenn Wenzel	1332 Azalea Ln.	New Braunfels	TX	78130
Wheeler Consolidated	Roger Teachworth	3340 Republic Avenue	St. Louis Park	MN	55426
Wheeler Lumber, LLC	Alex Stork	9330 James Ave. South	Bloomington	MN	55431
York Bridges	John York	1419 W. Waters Ave. Suite 116	Tampa	FL	33604
Yucca Contracting	Ramon Vaquera	P.O. Box 13589	El Paso	TX	79913