



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

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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 **Fire Alarm System Upgrade for the Sheriff's Detention Facility.**

**Bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked:**  
**"Bid to be opened August 8, 2006**  
**Fire Alarm System Upgrade for the Sheriff's Detention Facility**  
**Bid # 06-052"**

**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 cashiers 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

<b>Description – Bid # 06-052</b> <b>Fire Alarm System Upgrade for the Sheriff's Detention Facility</b> Vendor must meet or exceed specifications		
QTY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST
1	Sheriff's Office Detention Facility Fire Alarm System Upgrade	\$
1	Monitoring of the County Courthouse Notifier Fire Alarm System	\$
1	Recommended spare parts	\$
Please do not include tax, as the County is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items. <b>Please submit one (1) original copy and two (2) copies of your bid.</b>		

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Company

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Address

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Federal Tax Identification No.

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City, State, Zip Code

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CIQ Document Number

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CIQ Sent Date

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Representative Name & Title

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Telephone & Fax Number

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

# COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

## Solicitation Check List

### Fire Alarm System Upgrade for the Sheriff's Detention Facility Bid #06-052

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#### THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

\_\_\_\_\_ Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2006. Did you visit our website ([www.epcounty.com](http://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?

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# **Fire Alarm System Upgrade for the Sheriff's Detention Facility**

**Bid #06-052**



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

# **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

## **Upgrade of the Notifier Fire Alarm System for the El Paso County Detention Facility**

### **EL Paso County Detention Facility**

601 East Overland  
El Paso, Texas 79901

The contractor shall submit a bid for the upgrade of the control panels, head end equipment, of the existing Notifier Fire Alarm System. The system is located at the El Paso County Detention Facility, 601 East Overland, in El Paso, TX 79901.

The bid shall include labor, equipment, tools, material, supplies and performance of operations necessary to install a complete system. The contractor shall supply all material, equipment, work and required programming.

The bid shall include the following:

- Engineering, programming and file conversion work
- Performance of operations necessary to upgrade the existing system
- Travel expense, lodging and meals
- Charges for rental equipment and cars

## **Introduction**

The existing Notifier Fire Alarm system networks 3 Notifier AM 2020, 5 Notifier INA, 12 Notifier LCD-80, 1 Notifier Printer, PRN-4, and 1 Network Reporting Terminal.

The LCD-80 units are connected to the INA units to announce alarm and trouble conditions throughout the facility. The system computer is operating with the originally installed Windows 2.4.1 software.

The contractor shall upgrade the existing system, providing a complete modern system, in working order, without any faults or deficiencies.

The contractor shall submit the base price for the upgrade as a separate item in the bidding schedule.

In addition to the base price, the contractor shall submit a price to connect the County Court House Notifier System to the upgraded Detention Facility Fire Alarm Network. Alarm and/or trouble conditions that are reported to the courthouse main fire alarm panel shall be monitored at the Detention Facility Network Fire Alarm Workstations. The price for the installation of the monitoring system shall be listed as a separate item in the bidding schedule.

Finally, the contractor shall submit a list of recommended spare parts. The price for the recommended spare parts shall be listed as a separate item in the bidding schedule.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The contractor shall replace the control panels, head end equipment, of the existing Notifier Fire Alarm System for the El Paso County Detention Facility. The upgraded system shall be a networked system operating the most recent Windows Software currently in use by the Notifier Company. All existing Notifier devices such as Monitor and Control Modules, Smoke, Heat and Duct Detectors, shall not be disturbed and shall be maintained as integral parts of the upgraded system.

The contractor shall supply a minimum of two workstations. One workstation shall replace the existing unit at the first floor. The other workstation shall be installed in one of the maintenance section offices. (Basement or possible 6<sup>th</sup> floor)

All trouble and/or alarm conditions shall be displayed at both workstations. A graphic display shall indicate the location of the reporting fire alarm device on a facility floor plan.

The LCD-80 annunciator panels shall be replaced with new LCD-160 units. The new units shall be installed at the existing LCD-80 locations.

The contractor shall reuse the existing equipment locations and modify existing panels to accommodate the new units. In order to provide a professional finish, trim panels may be necessary to cover parts of the existing cutouts and openings.

The new system shall include two new Notifier printers. One printer shall print reports; another printer shall print system events.

During changeovers from the old fire alarm panels to the new panels and/or equipment, the entire fire alarm system may only be off line for limited time periods. The contractor shall submit a time and date schedule for planned system down times. Downtime shall only be scheduled during normal daytime working hours. Downtime of the fire alarm system over night, on holiday and weekends, will not be accepted.

Following is a list of equipment that the contractor must supply. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all equipment that may be required for the upgrade project. It is intended only as a guide for the contractor. The contractor shall supply all required equipment in order to provide a complete modern system, in working order, operating without any faults or deficiencies.

- 1 Local Area Server, UniNet 2000, Including 1 workstation
- 1 Workstation (Basement or 6<sup>th</sup> Floor)
- 2 LCD Monitor, 20 Inch
- 5 Network Control Annunciator Panels
- 12 LCD-160
- 7 Network Control Modules
- 3 Back box, Control Panel
- 3 Door, Lock and Keys
- 3 Central Processing Units
- 12 Loop Control Module
- 11 Loop Expander Module
- 3 Addressable power supplies, 14 Amps. 120 VAC
- 6 Battery, 12 Volt, 25 Ahr.
- 1 Event Printer
- 1 Report Printer

## General Requirements

The contractor shall contact all suppliers of parts, equipment, goods and services required for this project in order to secure accurate delivery schedules.

**Based on these schedules, the contractor shall submit an accurate time schedule for the project; including the following information:**

- The scheduled arrival of equipment, parts and material.
- Time required for the completion of the entire project.
- Start and completion dates for the project.

All work shall conform to all applicable, building, mechanical, plumbing, fire and electrical codes and regulations.

Provide all hardware, equipment, cable, parts, wires and connectors required for a complete system that is operating without any deficiencies or faults.

The contractor shall submit a list of employees, who will execute the work inside the Detention Facility, for a background investigation, with the following information to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Identification and Records Section.

- Name of employee: first, middle and last name
- Employee's home address
- Employee's date of birth
- Employee's drivers license number

The Sheriff may deny access to security areas to any employee who failed the background investigation.

**All tools brought into the Detention Facility must be checked in and out daily.**

Employees of the contractor must supply a complete inventory list of their tools, power tools, and test equipment.

All persons and their belongings may be subjected to inspections and/or searches.

The contractor shall consider these potential delays when scheduling the work.

The operation of the facility may only be interrupted during nighttime hours and these interruptions shall be limited in time.

24 hours notice for scheduled, time limited, system downtimes shall be submitted.

Possible interruptions to the following listed functions must be held to a minimum: feeding of inmates, movement of officers and inmates, booking and releasing of inmates, use of computer and fiber optic equipment.

The work of the contractor may be interrupted by unforeseen emergencies within the facility. Up **to eight man hours** shall be included in this bid and shall not qualify for additional monetary compensation. The contractor shall consider these potential delays when scheduling the work.



The work required to complete the installation, may be conducted within the following time periods:

Monday through Friday, 07:00 - 16:00 (7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.)

Monday through Friday, 19:00 - 02:00 (7:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.)

The El Paso Detention Facility is a smoke free facility. Contractor employees shall not enter the facility carrying tobacco products.

#### Disposal of equipment

All Notifier equipment, disconnected during the project and no longer required to operate the upgraded system, shall be returned to the owner.

#### Electrical Requirements

- Circuit breakers or fuses, located at easy accessible locations, shall protect all power conductors.
- Utilize good, low-impedance grounding hardware for the installation.
- All cable/wires shall be installed in approved metal conduits.
- Conduit, cable and wires shall be properly secured with approved fasteners.
- Use steel compression fittings on all conduit runs. (Couplings)
- Use steel compression fittings with insulated throats. (Connectors)
- Provide properly sized grounding conductors with all conduit runs.
- All conduit runs shall follow hallways and shall be square and parallel to the facility structure.
- The installation shall comply with the National Electrical Code, City Code, rules and regulations.
- All wall penetrations must be sealed with an UL-classified fire stop sealant.
- All parts shall meet N.E.M.A. standards.
- All conductors and circuit breakers shall be labeled properly.
- All work shall be executed in a neat and professional manner and shall comply with all applicable articles of the National Electrical Code.
- Obtain all necessary permits and licenses.
- Keep work areas clean. Remove and properly dispose of all packing material and debris at the end of each workday.
- Surface mounted conduit runs will not be accepted in inmate occupied or accessible areas of the facility. Exposed conduit runs will only be accepted in areas with limited access. For example: inside plumbing shafts or mechanical rooms.
- All cable/wires installed in return air plenums must be "Plenum" rated or shall be installed in approved metal conduits.

## RELATED WORK

Necessary cable, wire and connectors, conduit, raceways, pull-boxes and enclosures shall be furnished and installed by the contractor. The contractor shall supply all material and work required for the installation.

### **1.1 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- 1.101 The installation shall comply with all applicable codes.
- 1.102 All equipment, with the exception of owner approved reused Notifier equipment, shall be new, in current production and the standard product of **Notifier® Fire Systems**.
- 1.103 The manufacturer shall guarantee that parts for the new equipment will be available for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of the installation.
- 1.104 The manufacturer's representative shall demonstrate features, functions, and operating characteristics of the entire upgraded system to the owner.
- 1.106 The system shall be installed and tested by factory authorized technicians.
- 1.107 Maintenance and repair service and/ or assistance via telephone shall be available **within 4 hours** of notification for emergency situations.

### **1.2 WARRANTY:**

Repair or replace, without charge, any defective part or equipment for a period of 12 months, after completion of the installation. Repair any covered system malfunctions within **8 hours**, after the owner filed a proper complaint. Labor, parts, required programming, software upgrades, travel expenses, freight charges and charges for rental equipment shall be covered under this warranty.

- 1.201 The system shall include a factory warranty guaranteeing that the equipment is free of defects in design, material, manufacturing and operation.
- 1.202 The warranty time period for the new systems and equipment shall begin on the day of the final project acceptance by the Owner. The contractor shall submit a letter to the owner documenting the start and stop dates for the warranty time period.
- 1.203 Factory warranty period shall be for one (1) year from the date of project completion.

1.204 The warranty may exclude malfunctions or damages caused by misuse, abuse, neglect or acts of nature.

### **1.3 SUBMITTALS**

1.301 The submittal documents shall include data sheets and system description and block diagrams on all equipment to be furnished. A separate equipment list shall list all equipment that will be supplied by the contractor.

1.302 The submittal documents shall include all data necessary to evaluate the function, quality and configuration of the new system.

### **1.4 INSTALLATION**

1.401 Only factory trained and authorized qualified technicians shall install the new system.

1.402 Wiring shall be color-coded, uniform, and in accordance with national electric codes and manufacturer's instructions.

1.403 Equipment shall be firmly secured, plumb and level.

1.404 All splices shall be in easily accessible junction boxes.

1.405 All cable runs at the main terminal board and in all junction boxes shall be tagged and identified.

1.406 Coordinate all work with other affected trades and contractors.

### **1.5 SYSTEM INITIALIZING AND PROGRAMMING**

1.501 After the installation of the new equipment, adjustments to meet the requirements of specifications and on-site conditions shall be made.

1.502 Copies of all programs required to operate the system shall be provided to the owner. All required program manuals, back-up CDs and necessary accessories to reload/restart the server and/or computer after a system malfunction, shall be provided to the owner.

1.503 Any special programming shall be documented and a written copy made available to the owner.

- 1.504 Back-up copies of all programs required to operate the new system shall be supplied to the owner. All programs and software required to restart the system after a major malfunction shall be supplied to the owner.
- 1.505 The contractor shall purchase and supply license agreements that may be required to operate the new system.

## **1.6 SYSTEM TEST PROCEDURES**

- 1.601 The upgraded system shall be completely tested as per manufacturer's installation and operation manuals.
- 1.602 System shall be final tested for 5 working days by the owner's representative.

## **1.7 TRAINING and operating instructions**

- 1.701 Within **thirty days** of system installation, the contractor shall provide up to **eight hours** of instruction in the use and operation of the system to the designated owner representatives.
- 1.702 Within **ninety days** of system acceptance, the contractor shall conduct up to **eight hours** of technical training in the programming, troubleshooting, and service of the system to the designated owner representative.
- 1.703 The equipment manufacturer shall conduct periodic technical training seminars and make them available to those responsible for on-going maintenance of the system throughout the warranty period.
- 1.704 Provide MSD sheets for all chemicals that may be used during construction.

## **1.8 MANUALS AND DRAWINGS**

The contractor shall provide the owner with two (2) copies of standard factory prepared operation, installation and maintenance manuals.

Manuals shall include typical wiring diagrams.

The contractor shall provide the owner with two (2) copies of any riser layouts, special wiring diagrams showing any changes to standard drawings.

The contractor shall provide two (2) sets of blue line drawings. The contractor shall provide discs of all drawings for easy reproduction of drawings. (CAD Format)

## **Indemnification**

The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the County, its officers, agents, and employees harmless against, any claims, demands, damages, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees for defending the claims and demands) for injury or damage to the person or property of any other party arising out of any act or failure to act by the Contractor, its officers, agents, contractors, or employees, or the condition of any equipment owned by the Contractor.

## **Employment**

The contractor is an independent contractor, and neither the contractor nor contractor's staff is, or shall be deemed, county employees.

### General Provisions

- (a) No contract or proposal submitted by the contractor shall supersede the requirements outlined in these specifications.
  
- (b) Severability: If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable, the rest of the agreement will continue in full force and effect.
  
- (c) Applicable law: The laws of the State of Texas will govern this agreement, and venue shall be El Paso County. The contractor shall agree that the exclusive venue for any disputes between the contractor and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office shall be in the County of El Paso, State of Texas.
  
- (d) Notices: All notices and other communications given in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given as follows:

To County:	County Judge El Paso County 500 E. San Antonio El Paso, Texas 79905 With copy to:  Leo Samaniego, Sheriff El Paso County 800 E. Overland, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor El Paso, Texas 79901
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To Contractor:	Company Name and Address of Contractor
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Notices shall be deemed given when delivered personally to the recipient's address, or three days after being deposited in the United States mails, postage prepaid to the recipient's address.

(e) No partnership: No partnership relationship between the contractor and the County of El Paso is or will be formed with this contract. The Contractor does not have authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the County.

(f) Assignment: The Contractor may not assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the County's prior written consent. The County may freely assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement.

**(g) The contract price shall be fixed and shall not require any adjustments.**

General Liability Insurance

The contractor shall provide and maintain General Liability Insurance coverage during the contract time period.

Limits:

Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000.00
Fire Damage	\$ 2,000,000.00
Personal & Advertising Injury	\$ 2,000,000.00
General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00

Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability

The contractor shall provide and maintain Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance coverage. The County of El Paso must be notified in the event that the insurance policy is changed or canceled.

Limits:

Each Accident	\$ 1,000,000.00
Disease-Policy Limit	\$ 1,000,000.00
Disease-Ea. Employee	\$ 1,000,000.00

Automobile Liability Insurance

The contractor shall provide and maintain Automobile Liability Insurance for contractor owned or operated motor vehicles operating on property belonging to the County of El Paso. The County of El Paso must be notified in the event that the insurance policy is changed or canceled.

Limits:

Shall meet or exceed the requirements outlined by the State of Texas.

## COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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

Instructions for the certifications:

#### General Requirements

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

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

#### 1. LOBBYING

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

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

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

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

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

## 2. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Business Name

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Date

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Name of Authorized Representative

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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

# COUNTY OF EL PASO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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

PITI VASQUEZ, PURCHASING AGENT  
JOSE LOPEZ, JR. ASST. PURCHASING AGENT  
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?

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorized Representative

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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

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**RE: Bid #06-052, Fire Alarm System Upgrade for the Sheriff's Detention Facility**

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  
Angel Colorado, Commander  
Jerry Avila, Maintenance Foreman  
Horst Graefe, Electronic Systems Specialist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) serves as an officer or director; or

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

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

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

(A) is a local government officer; and

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 176.001. Definitions

In this chapter:

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

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

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

(4) "Local government officer" means:

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

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

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

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

## FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

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.

**2**

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

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

**3**

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

**4**

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

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

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

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 # 06-052 , Fire Alarm System Upgrade for the Sheriff's Detention Facility

<b>Company</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Stat</b>	<b>Zipcode</b>
Fire Master Protection Corp.	Ronnie Cherques	2685 Lacy St.	Los Angeles	CA	90031
M/A Com	Mike McCrown	747 Coeur D'Alene	El Paso	TX	79922
Soils Control International, Inc.		1711 E. Central Texas Expressway #312	Killeen	TX	76541
Suntronix Special Systems, Inc.	Bill Luttrell, Jr.	11620 Rojas	El Paso	TX	79936
Texas Business Systems	Daniel Rocha	6400 Airport Rd. Ste. P	El Paso	TX	79925