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ADDENDUM 2

To: All Interested Proposers

From: Lucy Balderama, Administrative Assistant

Date: February 13, 2007

Subject: Bid# 07-005, Consultation, and/or Actuarial Services of Health & Dental Benefits for the County of El Paso

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The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced proposal.

1. Please clarify the reason for requiring a 5% cashier's check or bid bond for proposals exceeding \$100,000 at the time of submission of a proposal to do work. We are not familiar with this type of requirement. Is it necessary for these types of services? .

[Required by Purchasing Agent as per Local Government Code.](#)

2. How will the County handle this money (1) during the bidding process; and (2) after the bidding process is finished, will it be automatically refunded? Will It be reimbursed after the consultant's first invoice is submitted ?

[The bonds or guarantees will be kept secure in the County Building until the proposal is awarded; all bid bonds and cashiers checks will be returned to the unsuccessful proposers. The bond or check of the successful proposer will be returned after a contract has been negotiated.](#)

3. Could you clarify the meaning of Item # 10, under General Contract Conditions, in particular the statement that "the County reserves the right to accept a guarantee of less than the maximum fee if it is in the County's best interest".

[The County, in some purchases, may request a surety of less than the maximum amount; however, the County will state the exception prior in its bid specifications.](#)