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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Proposers
From: Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician
Date: February 20, 2009
Subject: RFP # 09-011, Renewable Energy Project for the County of El Paso

- Bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.
- Bid bonds will be required for all submittals priced over \$100,000.00. Bid bonds should be submitted after submittals have been evaluated, ranked and interviewed (if required,) and the request for final pricing is submitted. Any vendors forming joint ventures or partnerships must submit a bid bond for the entire total cost of the project.
- The following individuals have been added to the list to view the submitted proposals;
 - Jack Alayyan, Community Development Director
 - Jesse Acosta, Planner
 - Tom Entsminger, Resource Manager
 - Jaime O. Perez, Chief of Staff
 - Saul Nanez, Facilities Manager
 - Robert Rivera, Road & Bridge

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced proposal during the pre-bidders conference on February 10, 2009;

1. *What kind of time should we be proposing?*

Six months, from conception until we put people to work.

2. *Is there any plans or engineering details?*

No.

3. *How do we put a number and a time frame on the proposal without this information?*

What we are going to be doing is, taking you're your concepts, looking at what your ideas and not hold you to a fast & hard dollar amount right now. We will be looking at this in the scope of what the county is trying to accomplish; the monies we are trying to obtain and to work with and what is doable and prioritizing. Basically, we are looking what you are proposing; what falls into our scheme and our vision of trying to make the county greener and what is doable. What we can get monies for? What can we see through? What can we take from cradle to grave? What we can actually see through? What can we actually get monies on? First, we will be evaluating on what your ideas are. How we would save energy in the Jail Pods? How we would deal with different things like that. That is how we would evaluate. Then we would come back and after going through x amount of submittals and we have short-listed to the ones that the juice is worth the squeeze, what we can with this preliminary amount of monies that we are being offered through our President, and what we can get done. Then we will come back to you all, the ones that we have ranked out and lets start talking dollars and cents and come down to that time and defined scope of work and defined figure.

4. *What is the main drive of the county to implement renewables? Is it for saving money only or just on the environmental issue?*

It is both. We are working with the Score Program. They are working with efficiency which is dollar saving, however that is not the focus we are brown bagging. It is more focused on renewables.

5. *Is there an application for the transportation to convert fleets of trucks, vans or buses? Is there room for that kind of renewable application here?*

My instinct tells me that the cause may be prohibited, but I don't know. We have a substantial fleet. Another department will be proposing to increase transportation fleet. Certainly in acquiring new vehicles or buses, if there is an opportunity I would certainly submit a proposal.

6. *What is the time line you are looking for with these proposals?*

Opening date is February 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. If requested in writing, we can extend the deadline due to the nature of the proposal.

7. *How can I submit a proposal without having information on interested applications?*

The information you need, whether it be water projects, air and exhaust, or whatever you are looking at. You need to contact my office and request the information. We will get in contact with the right person or department and get you that information. We cannot give anybody information that is not available to everybody else. When questions are asked, we have to forward questions and answers to all vendors. Everybody will get the same information. You need to address your need for data to my office and we will get it from the departments. (We also place them on our website. www.epcounty.com , Bids & More.)

8. *What fax number do we send our request to?*

(915) 546-8180

9. *Can we get a business card from you? Yes.*

10. *Would there be a possibility for presentations?*

Once all the submittals are received. They will be reviewed, evaluated, ranked and organized. We will see what is doable, how much monies are available and the facts of our time line and at this point in time, Mr. Perez may need more information from some or all of the proposals. I may be asked to bring you in for presentations to present your ideas to be able to have a question and answer, but right now what we are trying to do is to get to a point where we can give something in writing for tem to look at and evaluate.

11. *Can we have an amount to work with to see if we can meet what is being requested?*

We will get with the auditors and get you a ball park figure that you can work with. Right now we cannot give you a dollar amount. We can answer later.

12. *Regarding us submitting our proposals, since we don't have hard numbers to submit, can we get a range?*

Yes. We are willing to get a ballpark figure.

13. *In regards to the housing projects; Is the amount you are applying for the incremental cost of upgrades or gradually paying for the homes?*

They are for reconstruction and construction.

14. *The County owns the buildings or for selling, because it's different then selling?*

We are not just talking about the actual construction itself, but also actual development. Not only the incremental cost, but also for the development.

15. *Why does the new technology only address one of those things?*

If you have the means providing a green product by all means submit your proposal for that. Whatever your forte is. We want everything green integrated into the project if you have means to integrate please do so.

16. *In regards to the development, is the land county land? Yes*

17. *Can we submit; for example, solar electric ,solar hot water, and we would use the 100 homes as an economic lot slicer. The assumption here is if you put it on one home, you put it on all.*

Yes that is a scalable aspect of it.

18. *What about the design side? Is it design only or design and build?*

If you can provide both components then submit both for design and installation. We are looking to you work together on this project you can, if you would like, submit as a group.

19. *Are you going to distribute the attendance list?*

We will fax it to all attendees and the questions as and addendum.
