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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Proposers
From: Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician
Date: June 16, 2010
Subject: BID # 10-037, Bid - Bid - Wrecker Services for the Sheriff's Department

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- **Bid opening has been extended to June 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**

Please delete the following specifications from your bids:

- The wrecker service provider will agree to compensate the Sheriff's Office an Impoundment fee of \$20.00 for every vehicle inspected and subsequently sold at auction, as per TDLR rules and regulation 85.724 section (b).

Please replace the following highlighted specifications from your bid:

- The wrecker service provider will agree to compensate the Sheriff's Office an Administrative fee of \$10.00 for impounded vehicle inspections as per TDLR rules and regulations 85.722 section **(f)**.

The Purchasing Department received a question relating to the above referenced bid; the response to the following question:

1. Will the vendor be responsible to store these vehicles in their own lot or will the vehicles be stored in the El Paso County Sheriff's lot?

Answer: When a vehicle is impounded the deputy on scene will determine where the vehicle should be stored. For example, if the vehicle is impounded for evidence the vehicle will be stored at the Sheriff's Impound Yard; if a wrecker is called in reference to a collision then the vehicle could be stored at the wrecker service providers impound yard.

2. No volumes are given in the bid. Neither public tows nor county vehicles. Can estimated volumes be given? This will help in the bid calculations.

Answer: In the upper valley between January 1, 2010 and May 31, 2010, there was a total of 148 vehicles impounded; averaging to 29.6 vehicles per month. In the lower valley there was a total of 434 vehicle impounded; averaging to 86.8 vehicles per month in that same time frame.

3. Again, without an estimated worth of the contract with volume number, how can a bond value be determined?

Answer: See answer for #2.

4. Could you provide an approximate of dispatch calls to include the ratio on the areas of El Paso County?

Answer: See answer to #2.

5. Could you clarify “the wrecking services provider must have the capability to furnish multiple wreckers in the event of numerous calls and at a maximum maintain at least three (3) or more operational wreckers” Page 5.

Answer: This means that a wrecker service provider must have the capability to send several wreckers to an incident where several wreckers are needed, for example an automobile collision where several vehicles are involved. The section also indicates that a wrecker service provider must at a minimum have three (3) wreckers for multiple calls for service, to ensure quick response time, and reduced wait time for Sheriff’s Deputies.

6. Does the Bid Contract allow the wrecker service provide vehicle storage at service providers approved facility in compliance with TDLR regulations?

Answer: The bid does allow for the wrecker service provider to store impounded vehicles in their yard however, the deputy on scene will determine where the vehicle should be stored.

7. Will the County be conducting auctions utilizing an auctioneer at the wrecker service provider’s auction storage facility?

Answer: Abandoned motor vehicle auctions will continue to take place at the Sheriff’s Impound Yard and the Sheriff’s Office will continue to contract with a private auctioneer.

8. Will the proceeds from the actions sales stay with the towing contractor for the liens on the vehicles as per State Law along with escrow monies continue to be received by towing contractor as permissible by law?

Answer: All abandoned motor vehicle auction proceeds will continue to be handled by the Sheriff’s Office and payment to wrecker service providers will continue to be based on invoice calculations. Any funds remaining will be left in escrow for ninety days after which those funds will be deposited in the abandoned motor vehicle account.

9. Could you clarify the \$20.00 for every vehicle inspected and subsequently sold at auction? Would that fee be added to the towing contractor storage lien to include this charge to every vehicle to be auctioned or released to its registered owner?

Answer: This section should not have appeared in the proposal and will be removed from the bid specifications.

10. Can you please identify storage charge as allowed by TDLR on Bid proposal?

Answer: Under TDLR 85.720 Responsibilities of Licensee – **Repair; Alteration of Stored Vehicles Prohibited**, section (d). However, there is no mention of storage charge in the bid proposal.

11. Depending on the volume of vehicles provided, if bidder were to submit a bid for only certain parts of the county, would the bidder be considered non-responsive and does it lessen the bidder’s opportunity to be a responsive bidder?

Answer: The bid announcement is clear about what is required for the bid proposals, please review the announcement and determine your answer from the requirements.

12. Is the number of tow trucks a factor in evaluation a responsive bid?

Answer: Each requirement in the bid announcement will be taken into consideration for awarding a contract.

13. Are zoning ordinances a factor in evaluating a responsive bid?

Answer: Zoning ordinances are not indicated in the bid announcement however, each wrecker service provider is responsible for ensuring they are in compliance with all State laws, and/or ordinances.

14. Will the auto auctions be held at contractor’s storage facility and can you provided an estimate of number of vehicles to be auctioned each month? Will a separate area for auction vehicles/daily impound vehicles be required?

Answer: The abandoned motor vehicle auctions will continue to take place at the Sheriff's Impound Yard. Vehicles brought to the Sheriff's Impound Yard for auction will continue to be referred by the Abandoned Motor Vehicle Technician.