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#### **ADDENDUM 2**

To: All Interested Bidders

From: Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician

Date: December 23, 2010

Subject: RFP # 10-093 - RFP - Solar Projects for the County of El Paso

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

1. Can we have the total consumption of energy by the COUNTY and its present cost or should I assume that the cost will be the one published in PUCT pages regarding ELPASO ELECTRIC and its tariffs for residential, commercial and Industrial, but I will really appreciate if it is possible to obtain some info about the COUNTY consumption , tariffs etc.. as detailed as possible ( locations, buildings, pattern of consumption over the day, peak consumption hours etc..)

We have provided a list of County Buildings, addressed and square footage on our website at <a href="www.epcounty.com">www.epcounty.com</a> click on "Bids & More" then click on 10-093 Attachment 1. You may pick up copies of the energy bills at El Paso County Purchasing Office located at 800 E. Overland 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, room 300, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call to 546-2048 to reserve your copy.

2. How much energy in MWH per year is the County looking to purchase ( if there is any figure)

### There is no figure.

3. Where can we obtain a list of the COUNTY facilities (buildings and installations) and address, so we can work on specific designs to each one

#### Please view answer to question #1

4. Is the county interested in signing POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS over a long term (20 years and longer) to purchase energy from renewable sources, provided the cost is lower than the cost that presently being paid?

The County is willing to entertain all offers submitted to this request for proposals, and will award to the offering that provides the greatest savings to the County of El Paso.

5. If this is the case, is ELPASO energy compelled to deliver the energy from the production facility to the consumption place or this is not possible and the COUNTY is only interested in facilities for production which are located near the consumption places (schools, jail, government buildings etc..)?

# See answer to question 4.

6. What will be the process? So once an offer is presented and assuming it is of interest for the COUNTY because of cost and technology, what will be the timing to build up the facility and supply the energy agreed?

Once the proposals are opened on January 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., they will be reviewed by a committee and either a recommendation for award will be made or they will be shortlisted (selecting the top proposals) possibly requesting presentations and interview—depending on the offers received. Then it will be placed on for cc for approval to award.

7. The COUNTY 's plan, who will be the owner of the RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (REC's)?

# The County.

8. Should the supply of energy to the COUNTY be done in agreement with EL PASO ELECTRIC or is a completely independent deal from EL PASO ELECTRIC (third party supply)?

#### This is a County solicitation.

9. Will the COUNTY use NET METERING for each facility, or is it looking for a certain amount of energy and if the facility produces more, it should be export to the grid (ELPASOELECTRIC) at a price agreed with ELPASO ELECTRIC?

# See answer 4.

The Purchasing Department received the following questions relating to the above referenced proposal during the pre-bidder Conference on December 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.; the response to the following questions:

1. Is the County will to deal with lease agreements?

We will consider lease agreements.

2. Can we obtain energy bill of the viable buildings being considered?

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3. Will you be extending this Proposal?

No.

4. So the Proposal will open on January 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.?

Yes.

5. You are building a new building the Jail Annex?

We are in negotiations to add a new pod.

6. How many viable buildings are being considered?

Please view answer on question #3.

7. How many inmates does the Jail Annex hold?

1,440

8. Are you planning to break ground in 2011?

Yes.

9. Do you have the energy power consumption of all viable buildings?

Yes. View answer to question 3.

10. Will the bid bond be waived?

Yes, but will be required later depending upon responses.