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Notice to Interested Parties

Sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) will be received at the County Purchasing Department, 800 E. Overland, RM 300, El Paso, Texas 79901 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2013 to be opened at the County Purchasing Office the same date for Heating/Cooling Equipment Replacement at the El Paso County Ascarate Annex.

Proposals must be in a sealed envelope and marked:
"Proposals to be opened April 16, 2013
Heating/Cooling Equipment Replacement at
the El Paso County Ascarate Annex
RFP Number 13-020"

Any questions or additional information required by interested vendors must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Assistant County Purchasing Agent before Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 12:00 p.m. Questions can be faxed to (915)-546-8180.

Award will be made based on a review of qualifications, scope of services and price. COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND WAIVE TECHNICALITIES. Only proposals that conform to specifications will be considered. Successful Proposer shall not order items or services until a Purchasing Order is received from the County Purchasing Office. Payment will not be made on items delivered without an Agreement.

If the proposal totals more than \$100,000.00, the proposer shall furnish a certified cashier's 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 price, executed with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas. The certified cashier's check must be included with the proposal at the time of the opening.

In order to remain active on the El Paso County Vendor list, each Vendor receiving this proposal must respond in some form. Vendors submitting a proposal must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Vendors submitting a no proposal must submit their reason in writing to the El Paso County Purchasing Department.

JOSE LOPEZ, JR.
Assistant Purchasing Agent

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR VENDORS

EL PASO COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR VENDORS

Vendors: Any <u>vendor</u> involved in a single <u>procurement</u> exceeding \$50,000 must complete training on the El Paso County Code of Ethics. This training must be completed prior to submitting a bid or proposal, responding to a request for qualifications or proposals, or otherwise contracting with the county. The training must be completed by an officer, principal, or other person with the authority to bind the <u>vendor</u>. The certification of completed training on the Ethics Code issued by the County Human Resources Department is valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of completion. A list of those <u>Vendors</u> with a current certification of completion and the corresponding date of expiration shall be maintained on the El Paso County website under the Purchasing Department's Current List of Training Certified Bidders. This training requirement does not apply to emergency purchases.

Training

In compliance with Section 161 of the Texas Local Government Code, training on the El Paso County Code of Ethics will be accessible in an online format to <u>Vendors</u> and <u>Lobbyists</u> on an ongoing basis, subject only to limitations due to technical resources. No person or entity required to complete training will have to do so more than once per year.

The required training for Vendors may be accessed and completed at: http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/training.htm

Once you have taken the ethics training course print out the confirmation and attach a copy to your proposal. Keep a copy for future references/proposals.

To view the list of the Vendors, the representatives and the date it expires.

- **❖ Go to** http://www.epcounty.com/ethicscom/training.htm
- ❖ Select:

Vendors Who Have Completed Ethics Training

If you have taken the training and your name has not been added to the list, Please contact Gabby at our Human Resource Department at (915)546-2218 ext. 4069.



EL PASO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 800 E. OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 300 EL PASO, TEXAS 79901 (915) 546-2048 FAX: (915) 546-8180

Memorandum

To: All Vendors

From: Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent

Date: February 6, 2012

Subject: County Purchasing New Vendor/Bid System & Online Vendor Registration

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The Purchasing Department will be implementing its new bid processing vendor notification/registration system on April 1, 2012. The new system will allow vendors to register and maintain their vendor file real time without the intervention of the Purchasing Department. Vendors will maintain their address information and contact information; as well as the commodity information that the vendor wants to be considered for on County bid solicitations. Vendors will be given a choice of receiving hard copy bid notifications, or electronic notifications to the vendors designated email and/or cellular telephone text number. We hope that the changes will help our vendors receive their solicitations in a more effective and efficient manner that will benefit both the County and the vendor with more timely, accurate, competitive bids.

All vendors wishing to receive or continue to receive bid notifications must register by April 1, 2012. The Purchasing Department will be migrating to the new vendor system on April 1, 2012 and all vendors that have not registered in the new system will not receive bid notifications. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact me at (915)546-2068, or Sally Borrego at (915)546-2048.

PROPOSAL 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 proposal, I hereby represent and warrant to El Paso County that I have read and understood the Proposal Documents and the Contract Documents and this proposal is made in accordance with the Proposal Documents.

Please quote prices and discounts on the following items:

F. O. B. El Paso County

Description – RFP # 13-020 Heating/Cooling Equipment Replacement at the El Paso County Ascarate Annex

Vendor must meet or exceed specifications

Please do not include tax, as the County is tax-exempt. We will sign tax exemption certificates covering these items. Please submit one (1) original copy and seven (7) CD copies in Word/PDF Format of your proposal.

Company	Mailing Address
Federal Tax Identification No.	City, State, Zip Code
Ethics Representative (refer to page 2)	Ethics Training Date or Expiration Date
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CIQ Document Number	Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ) Filed Date
DUNS Number	
Representative Name & Title	Telephone Number include area code
Signature	Fax Number include area code
Date	Email Address

THIS MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE ON THE PROPOSAL SUMBITTED

Heating/Cooling Equipment Replacement at the El Paso County Ascarate Annex

RFP #13-020



Opening Date Tuesday, April 16, 2013

1. LOCATION OF SERVICE / PROJECT

EL PASO COUNTY ASCARATE ANNEX 301 ASCARATE PARK EL PASO, TEXAS 79905

2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The County of El Paso, Texas as owner of the El Paso County Ascarate Annex, hereby requests proposals from interested and qualified Heating, Cooling, and Air Conditioning Installation Providers (hereinafter called Vendor).

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties with information to enable them to prepare and submit a proposal to replace the existing heating and air conditioning units with the installation of four 10-ton gas/electric rooftop units and two 7.5-ton gas/electric units which shall include all equipment, materials, and labor necessary to completely install, connect, and operate the specified equipment (hereinafter called Project).

NOTE: This building was acquired by the Federal Government AS-IS and there are no existing blueprints, plans, or equipment information on this building.

The County, as represented by its Purchasing Department, intends to use the results of this process to award a contract to one Vendor, therefore all proposals should be written to include all services, parts, material, supplies, information, etc as applicable and specified in this document.

It is the intent of the County to enter in to a Fixed Price Construction Agreement with the successful bidder.

3. RESPONSE FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

- **A.** Submit one original response on paper and seven (7) CD copies in PDF/Word Format to the County of El Paso Purchasing Agent office, 800 E. Overland Rm. 300, El Paso, Texas 79901 or mailed to its registered address above and received by the deadline.
- **B.** Typed or neatly printed in black or blue ink.
- C. Standard 8 ½ x 11 paper.

4. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

El Paso County will appoint its Facilities Manager as contract administrator with designated responsibilities, which may include, but are not limited to, the inspection and acceptance of all services performed under the contract.

5. COMMENCEMENT

The Contractor shall commence within 30 days upon execution of the Fixed Price Construction Agreement, after award of RFP, all necessary processes and arrangements to perform the service(s) specified in this document.

6. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- A. EXPERIENCE: To be considered qualified; the Vendor must demonstrate at least 5 continuous years successful experience in furnishing and installing large commercial air conditioning equipment to commercial (non-residential) establishments. The County of El Paso reserves the right to disqualify any Vendor who has had an agreement or contract cancelled, or legal action has been taken by a public agency for cause including failure to perform, non-compliance, or illegal activity.
- B. FINANCIAL CAPITAL: Upon award of the RFP, the County of El Paso will issue a Purchase Order in the total amount of the RFP, which shall include the air conditioning unit(s), labor, and any other associated costs indicated in the RFP pricing. The County will not pre-pay for equipment, and the County will not release final payment for the entire Project until final completion and has been accepted by the County. The Vendor MUST have sufficient financial capital to perform the project in it's entirety in accordance with these specifications.
- C. EQUIPMENT ASSETS: The Vendor must have ownership, or long-term lease written lease agreements, of all equipment, tools, supplies, and/or materials typically necessary to perform and carryout all of the duties necessary to perform the project in its entirety.

7. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is located at 301 Ascarate Park, inside the entrance to Ascarate Park. The building consists of one two-story wing, and one single story wing.

The project shall include ducting and insulation for exterior ducts; removal and disposal of existing units; rigging and setting of new units; install new roof curbs to include roofing in; connect gas lines to units; condensate drains; permits where applicable, and transport to the project location.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

A. Furnish and install four (4) 10-ton Package Unitary Gas/Electric Rooftop Units, and two (2) 7.5-ton Package Unitary Gas/Electric Rooftop Units which shall include all equipment, materials, and labor necessary to completely install, connect, and operate the specified equipment. This equipment shall replace the existing equipment currently installed at the building. The Vendor is 100% responsible for the demolition, removal, and the legal disposal off-site of the existing equipment. The vendor shall accommodate the footprint of the existing equipment where possible to minimize damage to roof.

B. EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. DX cooling, gas heat
- 2. High efficiency
- 3. Convertible configuration
- 4. Major design sequence

- 5. 460/60/3
- 6. Microprocessor controls 3ph
- 7. Medium gas heat 3ph
- 8. Hinged panels/2 in pleated filters Merv 13
- 9. Standard condenser coil w/hail guard
- 10. BACnet Communications Interface 3 ph
- 11. Return air smoke detector 3ph
- 12. Clogged filter switch, Fan failure and Discharge air sensing tube
- 13. Roof curb
- 14. Digital display wireless zone sensor
- 15. One year labor warranty.

FOUR (4) 10-Ton Package Unitary Gas/Electric Rooftop Unit RTU-1, 2, 3, 4

- 1. 10-Ton Dual Compressor
- 2. Economizer Dry Bulb 0-100%
- Barometric Relief

TWO (2) 7.5 Ton Package Unitary Gas/Electric Rooftop Unit RTU-5, 6

- 1. 7.5 Ton Dual Compressor
- 2. Economizer Dry Bulb 0-100%
- Barometric Relief

C. MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Vendor may propose equivalent or alternative unit(s) that meets or exceeds the technical requirements.

The Vendor MUST provide all manufacturing documentation on the proposed equipment. If Installing an equivalent or alternative air conditioning unit, Vendor MUST complete a specification sheet of the proposed unit in the Response, detailing in the same order, the equivalent specifications identified in Paragraph 8B.

D. PROPRIETARY EMS & DDC EQUIPMENT

The County will accept Trane Tracer SC EMS/DDC equipment and Schneider Electric EMS/DDC equipment, as currently maintained at multiple County facilities.

The Vendor shall furnish and install, or subcontract to furnish and install, Trane Tracer SC EMC EMS and DDC equipment and software or Schneider Electric Enterprise Server Network EMS and DDC equipment and software. System will use hardwired communication links and connect to the owner's LAN. The County of El Paso will provide the LAN connection and static IP address. Vendor will create equipment graphics to allow Owner to view the operation of the new RTUs on a webbased system and will use a thin client web browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer) to view the system.

E. EXCLUSIONS

- 1. The County of El Paso will provide High Voltage Electrical tie-in.
- 2. The County of El Paso shall provide internet connection for DDC equipment upon written request.
- 3. The County has already completed an Asbestos Inspection on this property and abatement will be 100% complete prior to project start date.

9. TRAINING

The Vendor shall provide sufficient training on the new equipment, programming, and DDC software, to the satisfaction of the County, within three days of the Start-Up Date. The Vendor shall be available for trouble-shooting software and programming at no cost to the County for 90 days after Start-Up Date

10. WARRANTY / GUARANTEE

The Vendor shall be the point of contact for ALL warranty or guarantee issues and provide collaboration to resolve any discrepancies. Parts, equipment, and/or labor shall be covered under warranty for a minimum period as specified below:

- 1. One year all parts and labor
- 2. Five years: Compressor, belts, sheaves, pulleys, and fan bearings.

All original manufacturer warranties for each product at each location shall be provided to the Facilities Management Department within five calendar days of Final Completion Date. Each original manufacturer warranty shall be imprinted with the vendor's name, address, phone number, and the corresponding location where the product was installed, the product's serial number, the effective date of the warranty, and invoice number.

11. PRODUCT MANUALS

All original product manuals for each product, for each location, shall be provided to the Facilities Management Department within five calendar days of Final Completion Date. The manuals shall be imprinted with the vendor's name, address, phone number, and the corresponding location where the product was installed and the product's serial number, the effective date of the warranty, and invoice number.

12. VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Project management and site supervision.

- **B.** Complying with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
- **C.** Obtaining any and all permits required by the City of El Paso.
- **D.** The complete installation of the new unit, including all equipment, parts, materials, and labor necessary to install, connect, insulate, and operate the new unit in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local ordinances.
- **E.** Ordering the new unit and all necessary equipment, parts, and materials associated directly or indirectly with the complete installation of the new unit under this RFP.
- **F.** Delivery of units to top of roof; including crane rental if necessary.
- **G.** Inspection of the new unit upon delivery.
- **H.** Assuring that all work is performed by licensed/certified personnel as required by law, for the work they are performing.
- **I.** Legal disposal of all demolition equipment and debris, to include the old HVAC units.
- **J.** Disposing of all boxes, cartons, pallets, packing materials, and any other trash.
- K. Rigging and setting of new units.
- L. Installation of new roof curbs to include roofing in.
- **M.** Connect gas lines to units.
- **N.** Condensate drains; permits where applicable.
- **O.** Transport to the project location.
- **P.** Start-up and proper running condition of new unit.

13. INDEMNIFICATION

The successful Vendor shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless El Paso County and all its officers, agents, and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name, and description brought for or on account of any injury to or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful Vendor, or of any agent, employee, or supplier in execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from RFP award. Successful Vendor shall pay any judgment with cost, which may be obtained against El Paso County growing out of such injury or damages.

14. SUBCONTRACTING:

Sub-contractors **MUST** be listed in the response.

15. PROPOSAL REVIEW

Proposals will be reviewed by the County to verify that they meet all specified requirements in this RFP. This review may include contacting references furnished by the Vendor, verifying reports regarding the Vendor's stability; verifying information, facts or statements made by the Vendor, or discovered directly or indirectly through the review process, that the County deems necessary, relevant, and appropriate to select the proposal that is in the best interest of the County.

Vendors may not contact the County's reviewer(s) including the Contract Administrator and/or staff; any attempt to do so will result in immediate disqualification.

Following evaluation of the proposals received in response to and in compliance with this RFP, the County may, or may not, select a Vendor with whom to attempt to negotiate a contract for products and/or services. Should negotiations fail, the County may, or may not, choose to negotiate with another compliant Vendor.

16. PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE

Proposals that do not comply with instructions, format, sequence, or mandatory requirements contained in these specifications may be rejected by the County. The County retains the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The County shall be the sole judge as to compliance as set forth in this RFP.

17. MANDATORY FORMAT AND SEQUENCE OF PROPOSAL

Vendors **MUST** comply with the format requirements listed below in their entirety and in the order listed below. The Vendor MUST answer ALL questions in the attached Proposal Form and submit each questionnaire as the 1st page in the appropriate corresponding TAB Number. The Vendor may submit additional documents, information, and/or reports, as required, optional, or relevant in each section as appropriate.

- TAB 1 PROPOSAL PRICE
- TAB 2 LEGAL IDENTIFICATION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND REFERENCES
- TAB 3 EQUIPMENT / SERVICE DESCRIPTION

TAB #1 PROPOSAL PRICING

Please answer the questions listed below. On an attached sheet, include any additional information that provides details to be considered.

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Labor	\$
	\$
Projected Start Date:	
Estimated Time To Complete Entire Project:	
Will you use a sub-contractor?	No Yes (Complete following section)
SUB-CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION Name of Sub-Contractor:	
Phone:	
Address: Phone: Work To Be Performed: Name of Sub-Contractor: Address: Phone: Work To Be Performed:	

TAB #2 LEGAL IDENTIFICATION, QUALIFICATIONS, & REFERENCES

Legal Name of Business		
Legal description of business (Corp, LLC, LLP, etc)		
A 1.1		
State		
Owners, President, Interested Parties:		
Accreditations, certifications, special recognition:		
Defaulted/Cancelled Contracts?		
If Yes, Explain		
Former Business(es) Under Same Ownership		
	REFERENCES	
Government Agency/Business Name	REI ERENGES	
Phone Number		
Project Contract Administrator		
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Government Agency/Business Name		
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Phone Number		
Owner Representative/Project Manager		
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Project Start Date		
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TAB #3 EQUIPMENT / SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Proposed Equivalent or Alternative Equipment. One page must be filled out for each equipment unit with different model numbers and/or specifications. Duplicate page if necessary, for each equipment unit. Include all information and/or manufacturer product specifications for the proposed unit, equipment, product, etc.

Manufacturer:
Model No:
List specifications below or attach manufacturer product specifications.

COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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 passthrough 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 (0MB 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 CPR 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.

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
 - (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 (0MB 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 statues 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.		
Business Name	Date	
Name of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative	

^{*}All three (3) pages of this document must be included in all responses.

COUNTY OF EL PASO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

MDR Building, 800 E. Overland ROOM 300, EL PASO, TEXAS 79901 (915) 546-2048, FAX: (915) 546-8180 JOSE LOPEZ, JR. ASST. PURCHASING AGENT LUCY BALDERAMA, INVENTORY BID TECHNICIAN ARACELI HERNANDEZ, INVENTORY BID TECHNICIAN ELVIA CONTRERAS, FORMAL BID BUYER

PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

This is the only approved instruction for use on your invitation to proposal. Items below apply to and become a part of the terms and conditions of the proposal.

- 1. BY SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, 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 PROPOSAL; THE WAIVER BY EL PASO COUNTY OF ANY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS OR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS; THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ANY PROPOSAL; AND THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.
- 2. Proposal must be in the Purchasing Department **BEFORE** the hour and date specified. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.
- 3. Late proposals properly identified will be returned to proposer unopened. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.
- 4. All proposals are for new equipment or merchandise unless otherwise specified (merchandise only).
- 5. Quotes F.O.B. destination. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver (merchandise only).
- Proposal unit price on quantity specified-extend and show total. In case of error in extension, unit prices shall govern. RFP subject to unlimited price increases will not be considered.
- 7. Proposals must give full firm name and address of offeror. Failure to manually sign the proposal 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 for merchandise.
- The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the proposal, waive
 minor technicalities and award the proposal to the lowest responsible proposer. The
 County of El Paso reserves the right to award by item or by total proposal. Prices should
 be itemized.
- 10. RFP \$100,000.00 and over, the proposer shall furnish a certified cashier's 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 proposal 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 (merchandise only).
- 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 RFP number and title clearly marked on the outside of the express mail or overnight delivery service envelope or package. <u>Failure to clearly identify your proposal may be cause for disqualification</u>.
- 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:
 - 1) A PERFORMANCE BOND, IN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT, IF THE CONTRACT IS IN EXCESS OF \$100,000; AND
 - 2) 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 <u>MUST</u> BE ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSERS RESPONSE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. <u>IF FORM IS NOT COMPLETED AND FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE</u>, PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE.

Proposers should be aware that this proposal 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? If so, please describe those health insurance benefits that you or your subcontractor(s) currently provide/offer to your employees.		
		on of health insurance benefits as part of the ailure to provide health insurance benefits will s bid selection process.	
Busi	ness Name	Date	
Nam	e of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative	

* This page must be included in all responses.

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County Purchasing Department 800 E. Overland, RM 300 El Paso, Texas 79901 (915) 546-2048 (915) 546-8180 Fax

RE: RFP #13-020, Heating/Cooling Equipment Replacement at the El Paso County Ascarate Annex

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 Veronica Escobar

Commissioner Carlos Leon Commissioner Sergio Lewis Commissioner Vicente Perez Commissioner Dan Haggerty

County Employees: Jose Lopez, Jr., Assistant Purchasing Agent

Peter Gutierrez, Buyer II

Elvia Contreras, Formal Bid Buyer

Araceli Hernandez, Inventory Bid Technician Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician

Edward Dion, County Auditor

Wallace Hardgrove, Budget & Financial Manager

Lee Shapleigh, Assistant County Attorney Josie Brostrom, Assistant County Attorney Michael Martinez, Contract Admin. Manager Claudia Duran, Assist. Contract Manager

Monique Aguilar, Facilities Manager

Gilbert Mijarez, Building Systems & EMS Operations Manager

Jorge Reyes, Facilities Superintendent

Please note that the state law requires that the Questionnaire be filed with the **COUNTY CLERK** no later than the 7th 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

COUNTY OF EL PASO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

JOSE LOPEZ, JR. ASST. PURCHASING AGENT ELVIA CONTRERAS, FORMAL BID BUYER LUCY BALDERAMA, INVENTORY BID TECHNICIAN ARACELI HERNANDEZ, INVENTORY BID TECHNICIAN MDR BUILDING, 800 E. OVERLAND ROOM 300, EL PASO TEXAS 79901 (915)546-2048, FAX (915)546-8180

Instructions: Conflict of Interest Form (CIQ)

- Please complete CIQ Form whether or not a conflict exists.
- Box #1 All Vendors Must Print Clearly their names and company name.
- Box #2 If the vendor has already filed a CIQ for the current year and is updating (filing a new
 one) due to changes on proposal, please check box. If this is the first time within the current year
 that the vendor is submitting a CIQ, then do not check this box.
- **Box #3** If you are filing a disclosure of conflict of interest, meaning that you do have a relationship with someone listed on the page prior to the CIQ form on your BID, RFP, RFQ, or RFI, then you must print the name of the person whom you have a business relationship with.
- If you answer yes to any of the following: Item A, B, C you have a conflict and must disclose
 on this form.
- **Item D** List the type of relationship and what department in the local government the person you have listed in **Box #3**.
- **Box #4** Please have the person that is named on **Box#1**, sign and date in this box. We request a contact number in case there are any questions or form is missing information. This is a courtesy to you.
- It is the vendor's responsibility to submit the CIQ document number provided by the County Clerk's to the Purchasing Department.
- Please note that the state law requires that the Questionnaire be filed with the COUNTY CLERK
 no later than the 7th business day after submitting an application, response to an RFP, RFQ, RFI
 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 and will disqualify
 your proposal offer.
- File a completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (Form CIQ) with the EI Paso County Clerk in person or by mail to 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 105, EI Paso, TX 79901 or by fax to 915-543-3816 the attention of the County Clerks office.
- If filing by fax use your fax confirmation (date/time) for your records. To obtain a copy/CIQ document number go to our website at www.epcounty.com, click on public records, click on to Official Public Records Deeds of Trust, Liens and other public documents (County Clerk), type in the name of your company, on Style: scroll to CIQ-Conflict INT. QUESTIONNAIRE, and click on Search. It will be available on the web-site approximately 7 to 15 business days. Please fax a copy of your fax confirmation (date/time) to The Purchasing Department at (915) 546-8180. If you have not yet placed it in your Bid, RFP, RFQ, RFI. If form is not completed and filed with the County Clerk's office, proposal will be considered non-responsive.
- If you have any questions, please call Lucy Balderama at 915-546-2048

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.	OFFICE USE ONLY
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).	Date Received RFP # 13-020
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity 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 knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.	
Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.	
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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 no the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)	ot later than the 7th business day after
3	
Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationsh	ip.
Name of Officer	
This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with who other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach as necessary.	
A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable incon income, from the filer of the questionnaire?	ne, other than investment
Yes No	
B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investing the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is local governmental entity?	
Yes No	
C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more	
Yes No	
D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in	in this section.
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity	 Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

Tex. Local Gov't Code § 176.006

Sec. 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 if the person has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with an officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A); or
- (2) has given an officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1).
- (a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:
 - (1) the date that the person:
- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
 - (2) the date the person becomes aware:
- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a); or
- (B) that the person has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a).
- (b) The commission shall adopt a conflict of interest questionnaire for use under this section that requires disclosure of a person's business relationships 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 employment or business relationship the person has with each local government officer of the local governmental entity;
- (2) identify each employment or business relationship described by Subdivision(1) with respect to which the local government officer receives, or is likely to receive, taxable income, other than investment income, from the person filing the questionnaire;

- (3) identify each employment or business relationship described by Subdivision(1) with respect to which the person filing the questionnaire receives, or is likely to receive, taxable income, other than investment 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; and
- (4) describe each employment 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.
- (d) A person described by Subsection (a) shall file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the date of an event that would make a statement in the questionnaire incomplete or inaccurate.
- (e) Repealed by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 87, Sec. 15.005, eff. September 1, 2009.
- (f) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates this section. An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.
- (g) It is an exception to the application of Subsection (f) that the person filed the required questionnaire not later than the seventh business day after the date the person received notice from the local governmental entity of the alleged violation.
- (h) A local governmental entity does not have a duty to ensure that a person described by Section 176.002 files a conflict of interest questionnaire.
- (i) The validity of a contract between a person described by Section 176.002 and a local governmental entity is not affected solely because the person fails to comply with this section.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. <u>1014</u>, Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 2005. Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. <u>226</u>, Sec. 6, eff. May 25, 2007. Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. <u>226</u>, Sec. 9, eff. May 25, 2007. Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. <u>87</u>, Sec. 15.005, eff. September 1, 2009.

Tex. Local Gov't Code § 176.001

Sec. 176.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- (1) "Agent" means a third party who undertakes to transact some business or manage some affair for another person by the authority or on account of the other person.
- (1-a) "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:
- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.
- (1-b) "Charter school" means an open-enrollment charter school operating under Subchapter D, Chapter 12, Education Code.
 - (1-c) "Commission" means the Texas Ethics Commission.
- (1-d) "Contract" means a written agreement for the sale or purchase of real property, goods, or services.
- (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, except that the term does not include a person who is considered to be related to another person by affinity only as described by Section 573.024(b), Government Code.
 - (2-a) "Goods" means personal property.
- (2-b) "Investment income" means dividends, capital gains, or interest income generated from:
 - (A) a personal or business:
 - (i) checking or savings account;
 - (ii) share draft or share account; or
 - (iii) other similar account;
 - (B) a personal or business investment; or
 - (C) a personal or business loan.
- (3) "Local governmental entity" means a county, municipality, school district, charter school, 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;
- (B) a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of the local governmental entity; or
- (C) an employee of a local governmental entity with respect to whom the local governmental entity has, in accordance with Section 176.005, extended the requirements of Sections 176.003 and 176.004.
- (5) "Records administrator" means the director, county clerk, municipal secretary, superintendent, or other person responsible for maintaining the records of the local governmental entity or another person designated by the local governmental entity to maintain statements and questionnaires filed under this chapter and perform related functions.
- (6) "Services" means skilled or unskilled labor or professional services, as defined by Section 2254.002, Government Code.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. <u>1014</u>, Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 2005. Amended by: Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. <u>226</u>, Sec. 1, eff. May 25, 2007

COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS Check List

Heating/Cooling Equipment Replacement at the El Paso County Ascarate Annex RFP #13-020

THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
Responses should be delivered to the County Purchasing Department by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Did you visit our website (www.epcounty.com) for any addendums?
 Did you sign the Proposal 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 EI Paso County Clerk (in person or by mail to 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 105, EI Paso, TX 79901 or by fax to 915-543-3816 attention Joann) and write the confirmation number given as proof of filing on your proposal schedule? Please include the completed and signed form with your response whether a relationship exists or not. If form is not completed and filed with the County Clerk's office, proposal will be considered non-responsive.
If your proposal totals more than \$100,000.00 did you include a bid bond?
 Did you complete the mandatory ethics training course and include a confirmation print as indicated in page 2?
Did you provide one original and seven (7) CD copies in Word/PDF Format of your response?