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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Bidders

From: Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician

Date: March 10, 2016

Subject: BID #16-019, Base Course Material for the Public Works Road & Bridge Department

This Addendum has been issued to notify all vendors of the following questions:

1. The Bid form on page 5 only has one space to fill in the price per ton and one space for the total cost. The instructions on page 5 state that page 5 must be used and must be the first page on all bids. The instructions in paragraph 1(a) on page 8 reconfirm that "Bids/Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided by the County, including the Bid Proposal Sheet completed in its entirety and signed by an authorized representative by original signature."

Response: The Bid Proposal Sheet was removed and placed on the Signature Page. Please disregard the statement.

2. Why doesn't the form require disclosure of the locations where the materials will be available so that the County can reasonably calculate its cost of transporting the materials from the pickup location to the job site where they will be needed?

Response: Bid is based on cost of material per ton.

3. Is the bidder supposed to list its location on the east side and west side of El Paso County where materials will be available for pickup?

Response: No.

4. If a bidder has more than one location on the east side and/or the west side of El Paso County, is the bidder supposed to list each site where the materials will be available?

Response: No.

5. Note from Vendor: In order to evaluate the cost of materials and to calculate its cost, the County would need to have an estimate of its cost per hour to operate one of its trucks, including driver and fuel. Industry standards would indicate that this is \$65.00 - \$75.00 per hour. For the County to evaluate the bid and to assure that it is operating in the most efficient manner, the County would not only need its hourly cost for operating its trucks to haul the material, but the specific location from where the material would be hauled so that it can calculate the time, distance, and expense of hauling the material from the source to the job site.

If the bid form does not require the bidder to identify the locations where the materials will be picked up, how can the County calculate what is actually the best price for the County so that it can properly take into account the cost of hauling the materials to the job site?

Response: See Question # 2.

6. The bid specifications on page 7 specifically provide that “recycled concrete base course is not acceptable.” Why is El Paso County refusing to consider the use of recycled concrete base course?

Response: The use of recycled concrete base course requires that El Paso County modify methods of processing material; therefore, requiring El Paso County to train all operators’ new methods of processing. Due to limited resources El Paso County considers that option unfeasible.

7. What is the aspect or characteristic of recycled concrete aggregate base course that makes it unacceptable to El Paso County for its projects?

Response: See Question #6.

8. Is El Paso County Road and Bridge Department’s refusal to consider the use of recycled concrete aggregate base course based upon the fact or belief by El Paso County that some potential vendors do not have recycled concrete base course available or have elected not to produce the same?

Response: No

9. Will El Paso County reconsider its prohibition of the use of recycled concrete aggregate base course and accept bids that allow the use of recycled concrete aggregate base course even if included as a separate line item so that the County could consider the difference in cost and possible benefits of recycled concrete base course for certain projects?

Response: Bid documents on page 7 specify “Base Course Material” and states “Recycled base course material not acceptable.”