

EXHIBIT "A"
HIDALGO COUNTY
"NEW TIRES AND TIRE RELATED SERVICES"
BID NO. 2007-016-00-00-MSS

SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE:

The County of Hidalgo is accepting bids for "New Tires and Tire Related Services". Services may include, but are not limited to, performing tire repairs, mounting, rotating, and balancing (as applicable) on tires and tubes for Hidalgo County passenger cars, light to heavy duty trucks and off road equipment.

VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS: The vendor shall:

1. Be capable of providing "New Tires and Tire Related Services" on all types of County vehicles and equipment.
2. Be qualified to sell a variety of tires and tubes and equipped to perform all tire and tube services. Services include repairing, mounting, rotating and balancing of tires, as applicable, at vendor's facility or remote site (Mobile Service).
3. Have been in the tire and tube business for a minimum of two years.
4. Furnish all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to accomplish the service.
5. Have a minimum of one mobile service truck, equipped with air compressor, mounting equipment, tire cage, and all other tools and supplies necessary for changing and repairing tubes and/or tires at a remote site. A primary and secondary vendor will be awarded for this category.
6. Vendor shall use only service technicians with a minimum of one year experience in performing tire and tube services.
7. Vendor must be located within Hidalgo County.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS: Vendor will be responsible for:

Maintaining adequate protection from damage to County vehicles and property while performing any service under the contract for Hidalgo County.

Repairing and/or replacing any damaged property caused by the contractor or his employee, while providing services.

Damaged or loose or damaged wheel caps, covers, studs, nuts, drain plugs, or plug baskets if it is determined as negligence on behalf of the vendor.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

Purchases of tires and tubes must be made at the vendor's facility. Repairs and related services shall be performed at either the vendor's facility and/or a remote site (Mobile Service).

Prices for tire repairs, removal of tire from wheel, tire mounting, tire rotating, and wheel balancing shall include all shop supply costs. These shall not be listed as additional charges on invoices. Tire disposal services will be through our contracted vendor.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL LAWS:

Bids must comply with Federal, State, County & Local laws including, but not limited to, all applicable standard safety, emissions and noise control requirements required for the types and sizes of equipment at the time of their manufacture. The contractor agrees, during the performance of work or services to comply with all applicable codes or ordinances of Hidalgo County or the State of Texas as they may apply, as these laws may read, or as they may hereafter be changed or amended.

Hidalgo County may request, during the term of the contract, documented proof of training under OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1910.177.

TIRES DELIVERED TO VENDOR'S FACILITY FOR REPAIR:

A Purchase Order will be issued before any services are rendered. Tire and/or tube services shall be **performed only on vehicles and equipment** bearing an Hidalgo County logo or equipment number, and on uninstalled tires with the approval of a Hidalgo County employee who furnishes verifiable identification.

Vendor shall complete tire service work within four hours after Hidalgo County personnel delivers a tire to the vendor's location.

MOBILE SERVICES Vendor shall:

1. Provide roadside service and service to county facilities within Hidalgo County.
2. Perform tire services using a mobile repair truck, at remote sites and at Hidalgo County facilities, upon request from an authorized Hidalgo County representative.
3. Mobile repair truck shall be on-site within thirty to forty-five minutes upon solicitation.
4. Mobile service technician shall complete a service ticket for each tire repair performed at a remote site.
5. Additional trips made by the mobile unit for a single service call (to pick up forgotten tools, obtain additional repair supplies, etc) will not be paid unless approved in advance by an authorized Hidalgo County representative.

TIRE AND TUBE REPAIRS: Tire and Tube repairs shall include (as applicable):

1. Removing tire from wheel (when mounted) and inspect tire for repairability.
2. Cleaning and preparing tire casing.
3. Applying patch and curing. Tire repairs made with plugs or foam fill/sealant are not acceptable.
4. Installing new valve stem.
5. Mounting tire onto wheel (as applicable).
6. Adding/ removing necessary weights.
7. Pressurize mounted tires. Tire pressure shall be in accordance with tire manufacturer's recommendations for the vehicle tire, or as published by The Tire and Rim Association Inc.
8. Inspecting each repaired and mounted tire for leaks. Vendor shall repair any leaks found, at no additional charge.
9. Computer spin balancing.
10. Remount wheels onto vehicles or equipment and torque and sequence the wheel nuts. Torque and sequence of wheel nuts shall be in accordance with manufacture's recommendations.

TIRE AND TUBE PURCHASES: Tire and Tube purchases shall include, but not limited to the following:

1. Removing worn tire from wheel.
2. Mounting new tire and tube.
3. Installing new valve stem.
4. Adding necessary weights.
5. Pressurize mounted tires. Tire pressure shall be in accordance with tire manufacturer's recommendations for the vehicle tire, or as published by The Tire and Rim Association Inc.
6. Computer spin balancing.
7. Torque and sequence the wheel nuts. Torque and sequence of wheel nuts shall be in accordance with manufacture's recommendations.

TIRE ROTATION:

Vendor shall rotate all tires, on an as needed basis, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations when a vehicle is delivered for tire service. Hidalgo County may order tire rotation without any other service.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

Vendor will not deliver any items and/or perform any services with a purchase order number is assigned by the designated representative of the County Purchasing Office. Vendor will reference purchase order and contract number on all invoices submitted.

INVOICING:

Vendor shall submit an itemized invoice monthly with copies of the service ticket attached, providing the following information:

- a. Description of item purchased and/or Hidalgo County equipment number of vehicles or equipment on which tire repairs were performed, and the date when work was done by mobile service truck or at vendor's location.
- b. Tire sizes and descriptions.
- c. Accurate description of work performed (rotation, mount, removal, repair, etc.)

BID AMOUNTS: Bids shall show net prices, extensions where applicable and net total. In case of conflict between unit price and extensions, the unit price shall govern. Any ambiguity in the bid as result of omission, error, unintelligible, or illegible wording shall be interpreted in the favor of Hidalgo County.

BID AWARD:

Bid will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder meeting all specifications based upon individual line items, sections or total bid.

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| Category A- | Tire and Tube Purchases Only |
| Category B- | Tires and Service (Mounting, Dismounting, Installing Valve Stems, Weights, Pressurizing, Balancing Torque, Rotating) |
| Category C- | Tire Repairs, Mobile Services |

A "Primary" and "Secondary" vendor will be awarded for **Mobile Services Only** through effective period of this contract. In situations where the "Primary" vendor does not comply with the obligations, including delivering of services in a timely manner as contained in the bid packet, Hidalgo County will then request such services from the "Secondary" vendor.

One or more bidder(s) may be designated as approved vendor(s) for purchases of tires and/or service for Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award separate/multiple contracts when it is in the County's best interest to do so.

VOLUME: All purchases of tires and service will be on "an as needed basis" only. There is no guarantee on annual volume. Hidalgo County may seek purchases from state awarded vendors or any other cooperative purchasing programs, whenever it is in the best interest to do so.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The term of the contract will be through December 31, 2005, with the County's option to extend for an additional two, one (1) year

terms. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period, under the same rates terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for next contract term.

Ordering, pick up and service of tires through a Purchase Requisition and Purchase Order will be the responsibility of each County department. Bidder is required that tires are available and will be installed, if necessary, on vehicles no later than (5) working days after receipt of order.

Vendor(s) agree(s) that to the extent an item is unavailable from vendor's own inventory, vendor(s) will be responsible for locating an alternative supplier and for providing the product to County for the bid price.

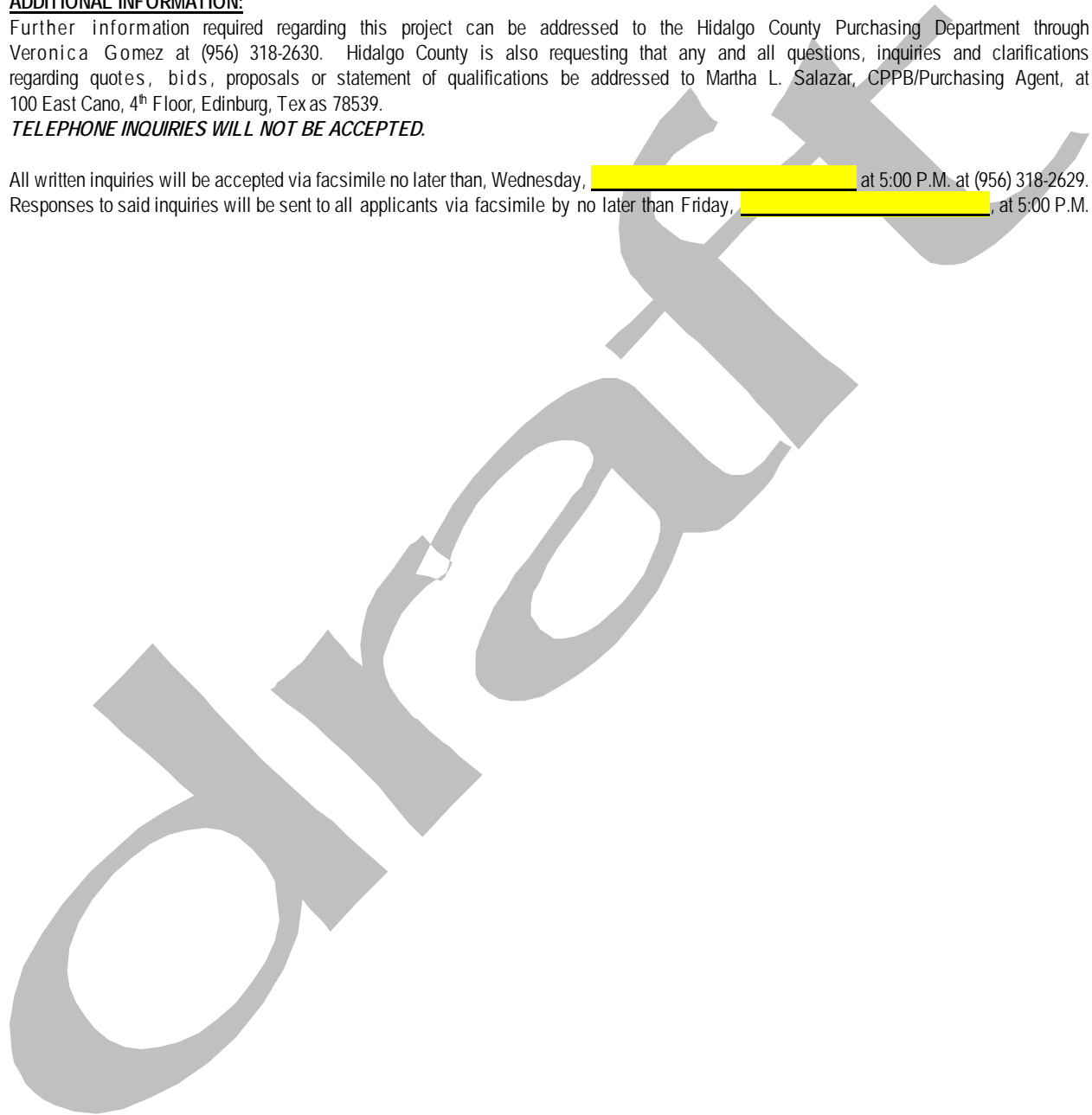
Bidder is required to make delivery no later than five (5) working days after receipt of order.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Further information required regarding this project can be addressed to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department through Veronica Gomez at (956) 318-2630. Hidalgo County is also requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statement of qualifications be addressed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB/Purchasing Agent, at 100 East Cano, 4th Floor, Edinburg, Texas 78539.

TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

All written inquiries will be accepted via facsimile no later than, Wednesday, [REDACTED] at 5:00 P.M. at (956) 318-2629. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than Friday, [REDACTED], at 5:00 P.M.



VENDOR REFERENCES

Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies where the same or similar products and/or services as contained in this specification package were recently provided.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/ Company Name:	_____
Address:	_____
Contact Persona and Title:	_____
Phone/ Fax Number:	_____
Contract Period:	_____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/ Company Name:	_____
Address:	_____
Contact Persona and Title:	_____
Phone/ Fax Number:	_____
Contract Period:	_____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/ Company Name:	_____
Address:	_____
Contact Persona and Title:	_____
Phone/ Fax Number:	_____
Contract Period:	_____