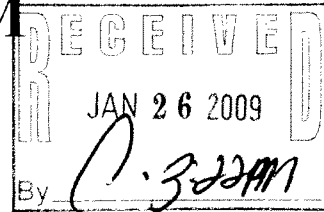


MEMORANDUM



To: Juan Tapia, Procurement Specialties
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

From: Elena Gomez, Buyer
Hidalgo County Purchasing Dept.

Date: January 20, 2009

Re: Request for Bids - **HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**
"SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS at the JAIL-LAW
ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC."
Bid No: 09-007-00-00-MEG

Please review the following SPECIFICATIONS and indicate if they meet all your requirements by marking APPROVE (or) DISAPPROVE and signing below. If you mark **DISAPPROVE**, please make any and all modifications necessary to the specifications and fax back the revised copy to the designated Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

If you have any questions, please call me at (956) 318-2626 ext# 4855.

APPROVE <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPPROVE <input type="checkbox"/>
APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

FUNDS AVAILABILITY: YES / NO / Other

(Specify) _____

BUDGET ACCOUNT #: 9-11007423-21-280-002-0-432

[Signature] Anacleto Martinez 1-26-09
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE PRINTED NAME DATE

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT,
VIA FAX TO (956) 292-7612 or e-mail: elena.gomez@co.hidalgo.tx.us by no later
than TUESDAY, January 27, 2009 at 5:00p.m.

Enclosures

EXHIBIT "A"

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office RFB NO. 09-007-02-23-MEG

"SERVICE & MAINTENANCE TO GENERATORS LOCATED AT JAIL-LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC."

SPECIFICATION

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office is requesting sealed bids for a one (1) year term for service/ maintenance and repair agreement along with a listing prices for the following P.M. 1, P.M. 2, and P.M. 3 for four (4) Caterpillar, one (1) Kohler 250 (Detroit Diesel) and one (1) Generac **SD 100 Generators** along with a repair hourly rate on and "As Needed Basis" with a mark up for parts, located at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (Adult Detention Center, Motor Pool, Academy and **Sub Station Court house**). Participants **must** be authorized factory trained and certified to work on all Caterpillar equipment and its switch gear (**I S O Links, Zenith and ASCO series 300**), along with Kohler (Detroit Diesel), **Generac SD 100 (Mitsubishi)** equipment and its switch gear. Participants **must** also use only genuine Caterpillar parts, **Detroit Diesel and Mitsubishi parts (filters oil, air, diesel, and misc. parts**, equal or better) and able to provide service/ maintenance and repair to generators in accordance with the National Electric Code (N E C), the life Safety Code, and the National Fire Protection Association and the Joint Commission. Technicians must be available (24) twenty-four hours (7) seven days a week. The following services will be provided in accordance with these specifications and the manufacturer recommendations.

Requirements, Terms & Conditions

1. Please provide with your sealed bid a technician fee on an "As needed basis" per hour (normal hours and after hours) and the percentage mark up rate for parts for repairing the mentioned generator(s)
2. All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bid, proposals and / or quotes) shall be responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto **HIDALGO COUNTY**.
3. Awarded vendor or vendors shall provide services for one year (1) with the County of Hidalgo Contract. Hidalgo County reserves the right to extend the contract for an additional year, under agreement with the same terms and conditions. No bid price increase, otherwise same price for any extension to remain firm.
4. **Hidalgo County** reserves the right to continue this bid for additional sixty (60) days Grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.
5. The contract shall remain in effect until contract expires, delivery/completion of services ordered or terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day written notice prior to any cancellation.
6. **Hidalgo County** reserves the right to award the bid to MULTIPLE bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
7. **Hidalgo County** reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, if it is in the best interest to do so.
8. The awarded vendor will maintain all insurance requirements and its limits through out the agreement term, as described and listed in Exhibit "C" Insurance requirements.

9. Hidalgo County has the authority to utilize State Contracts from its membership with their existing or new cooperatives when ever it is in the County's best interest to do so.

Description of Generators

	Manu factor	KW	Serial #	BUILDING	LOCATION
<u>1</u>	Caterpillar 3512 B	750	1GZ00708	Adult Det. Cent.	701 El Cibolo Rd. F.M. 162
<u>2</u>	Caterpillar 3512 B	750	1GZ00709	Adult Det. Cen.	701 El Cibolo Rd. F.M. 162
<u>3</u>	Cat. 3412 C	600	3FZ02548	Law Enforcement	711 El Cibolo Rd. F.M. 162
<u>4</u>	Cat. D 304	350	92B03273	Motor Pool	713 El Cibolo Rd. F.M. 162
<u>5</u>	Kohler 250 (Detroit Diesel) 12.7L/model # 250REOZ DB	600	2095562	Academy	715 El Cibolo Rd. F.M. 162
<u>6</u>	Generac SD 100 (Mitsubishi 4D34-T 3.9 L / model # 7515510100)	100	2091520	Courthouse Sally Port	100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Tx.

SCOPE OF SERVICES / MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS

PM LEVEL 1 Services are recommended Quarterly

PM LEVEL 2 Services are Recommended Annually

PM LEVEL 3 Services are Recommended every Three (3) years

TRANSFER SWITCH SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE – Recommended Annually

LOAD BANK TESTING Recommended Annually

- A. The following generators require one (1) P.M. LEVEL 2 for one of the quarters of this year.
- Gen. 1 Cat. 3512 B Gen set 750 KW 480 volt 3 PH
 - Gen. 2 Cat. 3512 B Gen set 750 KW 480 volt 3 PH
 - Gen. 3 Cat. 3412 C
- B. The following generators require one (1) P.M. LEVEL 3 for one of the quarters of this year.
- Gen. 4 Cat. D-304
 - Gen. 5 Kohler 250 (Detroit Diesel) 12.7L/model # 250REOZ DB
 - Gen. 6 Generac SD 100 (Mitsubishi 4D34-T 3.9 L / model # 7515510100)
- C. Generators will require three (3) P.M. LEVEL 1 broken down in quarters for the remainder of the year.
- * Gen. 1 Cat. 3512 B
 - * Gen. 2 Cat. 3512 B
 - * Gen. 3 Cat. 3412 C
 - * Gen. 4 Cat. D-304
 - * Gen. 5 Kohler 250 (Detroit Diesel) 12.7L/model # 250REOZ DB
 - * Gen. 6 Generac SD100 (Mitsubishi 4D34-T 3.9 L / model # 7515510100)

An annual fuel sample with a report will also be required for all generator fuel storage tanks once a year. With an optional price of service for transfer switch scheduled maintenance and load bank testing on all six (6) generators.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE SERVICE LEVELS

Scheduled Maintenance

PM LEVEL 1 – Services are recommended Quarterly

GENERAL

- Visual Inspection – Visual inspection of overall condition of unit to identify foreign objects, loose or broken fittings, guards, and components.
- Wipe off unit – Clean oil, coolant, fuel and acid deposits. Police generator area.

COOLING SYSTEM

- Radiator/Heat Exchanger – Visual inspection for leaks, damage, and debris. Check louver operation.
- Coolant – Visual inspection for correct level and condition of coolant (rust, oil, and contaminants). Check coolant conditioner concentration and temperature protection. Check filler cap gasket and sealing surface.
- Hoses and Connections – Visual inspection of all hoses for deterioration. Check tightness of connections.
- Fan Drive Pulley and Fan – Check for loose or worn pulleys and lube fan drive bearing. Check fan operation and clearance.
- Fan Belts – Inspect for wear or deterioration. Check tension and adjust as necessary.
- Jacket Water Heater – Inspect for proper operation. Check thermostat settings for proper coolant temperature.
- Water Pump – Visual and operational inspection for leaks or unusual noises.

FUEL SYSTEM

- Fuel Tank – Visually inspect fuel tank system for leaks and fuel level. Test day tank pump for proper operation. Inspect fuel condition for contaminants.
- Water Trap/Separator – Drain water from fuel tank or water separator when possible.
- Fuel Lines and Connections – Inspect for leaks and tightness of connections. Check line brackets.
- Governor and Controls – Inspect governor oil level. Inspect controls and linkage for proper operation. Add oil as necessary.
- Fuel Filters (Primary/Secondary) – Inspect for damage, leaks and proper operation.
- Fuel Pressure – Operational check of gauge and correct pressure.

AIR INDICATION AND EXHAUST SYSTEM

- Air Filter Service Indicator – Note reading. Inspect for proper operation. Reset Indicator.
- Air Filter – Inspect. Clean as necessary
- Air Inlet System – Inspect piping and air filter housing for damage, loose connections, and evidence of leaks. Clean air filters housing if air filter is cleaned or replaced. Check housing seals and gaskets.
- Turbocharger – Inspect for oil leakage or exhaust leakage. Check for unusual noises and proper operation.
- Exhaust Manifold – Inspect for damage, loose or missing hardware, evidence of exhaust leakage and wet-stacking. Load bank recommendation.
- Exhaust System – Inspect silencer and piping for damage, corrosion, or leakage. Check rain cap. Check supports for vibration damage and loose connections.

LUBE OIL SYSTEM

- Oil Level – Inspect for correct oil level and contamination. Visual inspect unit for leaks.
- Oil Pressure – Operational check of gauge for correct pressure. Operational and visual inspection of prelube pump.
- Crankcase Breather – Inspect for proper operation. Check connections and inspect hose for deterioration. Note excessive blowby.
- Scheduled Oil Sample – Obtain oil sample for analysis (optional for Level 1).

STARTING SYSTEM

- Batteries – inspect for damage or leakage, clean acid neutralizer. Clean and tighten all battery cable connections.
- Batteries (Specific Gravity) – Check electrolyte level and specific gravity.
- Battery Charger – Inspect for proper operation, loose terminals, and deteriorated wiring.
- Starting Motor – Inspect electrical connections and wiring. For air starters, inspect oil jar and feeder operation. Operational check for abnormal engagement and cranking noises.
- Alternator – Inspect for proper operation, loose connections, and mounting hardware. Check belts, pulley and voltage output.

ENGINE MONITORS AND SAFETY CONTROLS

- Safety Controls – Check for: loose connections, and wiring deterioration.
- Remote Annunciator and Alarms – Inspect all panel and system alarms.

CONTROL PANEL

- Start Controls – Manual/Auto – Operational check for proper operation. Check automatic start (if allowed).
- Voltmeter – Operational check for correct readings. Check voltage level.
- Ammeter – Operational check for correct readings, if load is available.
- Frequency Meter – Operational check for correct readings. Load and no load readings, if possible.

Scheduled Maintenance

PM LEVEL 2 Services are Recommended Annually

(Includes All Services Level 1 Inspection, AS Well As The Following).

FUEL SYSTEM

- Fuel Filter – Replace. Inspect for proper sealing and operation.

LUBE OIL SYSTEM

- Oil and Filters – Change. Inspect all gaskets and seals.
- S.O.S – Obtain oil sample for analysis.
- Crankcase Breather – Inspect and clean or replace if applicable.

AIR INDUCTION SYSTEM

- Turbocharger – Check for oil leakage or unusual noises.
- Air Filter – Inspect. Clean or replace as necessary.

ENGINE MONITORS AND SAFETY CONTROLS

- Gauge Accuracy – Check oil pressure, water temperature, and alternator gauge for accuracy.
- Safety Controls – Inspect for proper operation, loose connections, and wiring deterioration. Check all safety controls for proper operation.
- Remote Annunciator and alarms – Inspect and test alarms for proper operation.

GENERATOR

- Generator Rear Bearing – Lubricate if applicable.
- Vibration Isolators – Check for proper adjustment and condition.

CONTROL PANEL

- Circuit Breakers – Inspect for free movement and tight connections, if accessible.

Scheduled Maintenance

PM LEVEL 3 Services are Recommended every Three (3) years

(Includes All Services Previously Listed Under Level 1 and Level 2. As Well As the Following)

COOLING SYSTEM

- Coolant – Drain, flush and replace coolant.
- Thermostats – Replace
- Fan Belts – Replace
- Hoses – Replace all cooling system hoses including jacket water heater hoses.

STARTING SYSTEM

- Batteries – Test
- Alternator Belt - Replace.

AIR INDUCTION AND EXHAUST SYSTEM

- Air Filter – Replace
- Adjust Valves and replace cover gaskets (as dictated by manufacturer's Operation and Maintenance Guide).

TRANSFER SWITCH SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE – Recommended Annually

INTERIOR WIRING COMPONENTS

- Perform visual inspection of all wiring and connections for signs of tracking, overheating, and insulation deterioration.
- Check and tighten, where necessary, all control circuit wiring terminals.
- Check manual switches for free movement and contact continuity.
- Check all time delay settings and adjust to the customer's specifications.
- Check condition of main and arcing contracts and auxiliary contracts.
- Check all common and ground wires. Measure and record resistance to ground readings.
- Check lug connections and mounting insulator bolts (de-energized switch).
- Megger test generator windings and rotor for proper resistance.
- Check for proper transfer operation and sequencing of time control relays.
- Calibrate all phase and voltage sensitive relays.
- Perform infrared heat scan on all cable connections. Clean and torque as necessary.

ENCLOSURE

- Wipe down.
- Clean interior of enclosure and remove accumulated dust and/or dirt.
- Check door closure, locking bar, and mechanism for proper operation.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Record findings of the inspection. Note corrective action taken.
- Report unsafe conditions.
- Report recommendations for replacement of major components.

LOAD BANK TESTING Recommended Annually (Required Annually For Most Applications)
(SEE NFPA 110 & NFPA 99)

In addition to your Scheduled Maintenance services, we also recommend having a two – (2) hour Load Bank Test performed annually, in conjunction with your regular service. This test will prevent a condition known as “wet stacking”, which is the presence of carbon particles, unburned fuel, acids and condensed water in the exhaust system, which accumulates due to incomplete combustion caused by low combustion temperatures. The presence of continual black smoke during operation is an indication what wet stacking is occurring.

The NFPA 110 states the following regarding Load Bank Testing (this also applies to NFPA 99 for Healthcare Facilities, pertinent information is underlined):

6-4 Operational Inspection and Testing.

6-4.1* Level 1 and Level 2 EPSS's, including all appurtenant components, shall be exercised under load at least monthly.

Exception: If the generator set is being used for standby power or for peak load Shaving, such use shall be recorded and shall be permitted to be substituted for scheduled operations and testing of the generator set, provided the appropriate data are recorded.

6-4.2* Generator sets in Level 1 and Level 2 service shall be exercised at least once monthly, for a minimum of 30 minutes, using one of the following methods.

- (a) Under operating temperatures conditions or at not less than 30 percent of the EPS nameplate rating
- (b) Loading that maintains the minimum exhaust gas temperatures as recommended by the manufacturer.

The date and time of day for required testing shall be decided by the owner, based on facility operations

6-4.2.2 Diesel-powered EPS installations that do not meet the requirements of 6-4.2 shall be exercised monthly with the available EPSS load and exercised annually with supplemental loads at 25 percent of the nameplate rating for 30 minutes, followed by 50 percent of the nameplate rating for 30 minutes, followed by 75 percent of the nameplate rating for 60 minutes, for a total of 2 continuous hours.

In summary, the engine needs to be exercised at monthly intervals. This must be done at the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature, which can only achieved by running it under recommended load (usually 30 % to 50 % of the generator's designed capacity). If this is not possible due to the inability to transfer adequate building loads to the generator, a Load Bank Test will be required to satisfy the supplemental load requirement.

Load Bank Testing for a minimum of two continuous hours at 80-100 % of the nameplate rating on the customer's generator, which will exceed the requirements of the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association. Unless otherwise specified by the customer.

MEGOHMETER TESTING

Test main stator, main rotor, exciter, and exciter rotor. Record data for reference.

FUEL ANALYSIS – Recommended Annually

Property	Test Methods (*)	Low Sulfur No. 1-D	No. 1-D	Low Sulfur No. 2-D	No. 2-D	No. 4-D
Flash Point C, min	D 93	38	38	52	52	55
Water and Sediment, % vol, max	D 2709 D 1796	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Distillation temperature, C 90 % vole covered Min Max	D86	288	288	282 338		
Kinematic Viscosity, 40 C sCt Min Max	D445	1.3 2.4	1.3 2.4	1.9 4.1	1.9 4.1	5.5 24
Ash, % mass, max	D482	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.1
Sulfur, % mass,max	D2622	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	2
Copper strip corrosion, 3 hr at 50 C, max rating	D130	No. 3	No. 3	No. 3	No. 3	
Cetane number, min	D613	40	40	40	40	30
One of he following: 1) Cetain index min 2) Aromaticity, % vol, max	D976 D1319	40 35		40 35		
Ramsbottom carbon residue on 10 % distillation residue, % mass, max	D524	0.15	0.15	0.35	0.35	

Fuel analysis should include, but is not limited to testing for the following in accordance with ASTM D 975 Requirements for Diesel Fuel Oils (from Chevron “Diesel Fuels Technical Review”, Copyright 1998, P.34):

Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustments:

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

- 1) **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.
 - A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier’s advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
 - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
 - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.

- No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
 - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
- 2) **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
 - 3) **Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.
 - 4) **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
 - 5) **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hidalgo County Is Requesting That Any And All Questions, Inquiries, And Clarifications Regarding Quotes, Bids, Proposals, Or Statements Of Qualifications Be Addressed To, Martha L. Salazar, Cppb, Purchasing Agent, Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Highway 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539 **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN, MONDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2009, BY 5:00 P.M. RESPONSES TO SAID INQUIRIES WILL BE SENT TO ALL APPLICATIONS VIA FACSIMILE BY NO LATER THAN, **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2009, BY 5:00 P.M.**

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE "SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS at JAIL- LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC"

**BID OPENING DATE:
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 S. Business Highway 281 – New Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539

956 318-2626

Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE- "SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS AT JAIL-LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC"** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.
2. **One (1) original and Three (3) copies** of all bids are required with the bidders name and return address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package: **BID-09-007-02-23-MEG HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE "SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS at the JAIL-LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC"** and in County's Purchasing Department, Physical: 2802 S. Business Highway 281 Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Highway 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 A.M. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009. NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE WITH REFERENCE TO REQUEST FOR BIDS-09-007-02-23-MEG HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE- "SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS at the JAIL-LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC"** . Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFB and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFB considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: A. separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; B. reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; and C. award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so."
4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Failure of the delivered item(s) to perform as specified, or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid.

6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a bid or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.

15. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- . No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
- . At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
- . If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent
(956) 318-2626

16. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- . Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful bidder
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - d) Notation - **HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE- "SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS at the JAIL-LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC"** Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.

- . Discount payments will be considered when offered.

- . Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
711 El Cibolo Road
Edinburg Texas 78539
ATTN.: Guadalupe Lupe Trevino (956) 383-8114

17. **Schedule of Events**

Bid Opening, 9:30 AM	<u>February 23</u> , 2009
Award of Contract	_____, 2009
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2009

18. Bid or Performance Bond and Debarment Certification; Payment Under Contract:

. If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods & services exceeding \$100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas. All bidders are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR Part 76.

. Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the bidder shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.

. If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men have been paid.

. If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor *shall* provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt.

For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.

19. **Ethical Standards:**

. It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.

. It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

. No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

20. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

. **Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government**

Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person, consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful bidder fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business

with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Please Submit completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.

21. If, during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.
22. Bids, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
23. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
 - . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the bid;
 - . Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
 - . Have a satisfactory record of performance;
 - . Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
 - . Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
24. Successful bidder will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful bidder's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.
25. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.
26. County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful bidder; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful bidder fails to:
 - A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications.

27. Successful bidder shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder shall pay any judgement with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful bidder's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods and services provided by successful bidder.
28. Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
29. This document and any disputes arising hereunder shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas, and will be performable exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.
30. The successful bidder shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.

Bid
for
**HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-
"SERVICE & MAINTENANCE FOR GENERATORS at the JAIL-LAW
ENFORCEMENT CNTR-ETC" "**
BID NO.: 09-007-02-23-MEG

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 S. Business Highway 281 - Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539

In accordance with the Specifications, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States and state and local laws, the undersigned bidder proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned bidder further agrees, upon acceptance of its bid, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Specifications within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Invitation to Bid Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Bidder understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid.

Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids, as contained in the Specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder:

Address:

By:

Printed Name:

Title:

2. Company hereby promises and agrees to render and provide, during the term of this Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the services in accordance with the Specifications within **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the **Hidalgo County** or his designated agent. Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services. Further Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the successful vendor and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of said contract.

3. This Contract shall be for a period of **one (1) year ("on an as needed basis")**, commencing _____, 2009, expiring on _____, 2010. County also reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period, under the same rates terms and conditions.

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services.

5. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. As consideration for rendering the Service provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay Company the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Company.

7. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with the coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

8. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

9. Company shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees for the defense of any action against County arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the provision of the Service by Company under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any act or failure to act by the Company, its agents or employees.

10. This Contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part by either party without prior written consent of the other party.

11. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship, that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

12. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

If to County: **The County of Hidalgo
Attn: County Judge
100 E. Cano
Edinburg, Texas 78539**

If to Company: _____

13. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

14. This Agreement may be terminated by either party without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

15. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this ____ day of _____, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Atlas & Hall, LLP

By: _____

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

ATTEST:

By: _____
Juan D. Salinas, III, County Judge

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____