

Exhibit "A"

HIDALGO COUNTY-HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

"Contraceptives- Patch, Injection & Pill"

BID Nº 2009-014-0*-yzv**

Instructions to Bidders:

These instructions apply to all offers made to Hidalgo County (herein referred to as "County") by all prospective vendors (herein after referred to as "Bidders") on behalf of Solicitations including, but not limited to the, Invitation to Bid.

- Please review this document in its entirety. Be sure your bid is complete, and double check your bid for accuracy.
- Open records access to all information submitted. All information included will be open to the public, other bidders, media as per Open Records Act and not be confidential in nature. If you deem any information as confidential it should not be made part of your bid package.

Specifications, Requirements and/or Terms and Conditions:

All purchases of product will be on an "as needed basis only" there is no guaranteed volume.

Birth Contraceptive Patch:

Ortho-Evra (Norelgestromin/Ethinyl Estradiol Transdermal system) Ortho Evra is a transdermal Contraceptive Patch.

1. Each Contraceptive Patch has a contact surface area of 20 cm.
2. Each Contraceptive Patch will contain 6.00 mg Norelgestromin and 0.75 mg. Ethinyl Estradiol (EE).
3. It will release 150 micrograms of Norelgestromin and 20 micrograms off Ethinyl Estradiol (EE) to the bloodstream for twenty-four (24) hours.
4. Ortho-Evra should be the first weekly form of birth control. A new patch is used once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks each month with the fourth (4) week being "Patch-Free".

Birth Contraceptive Injection:

Medroxyprogesterone acetate injectable suspension, USP contraceptive injection 150mg/ml, 1 Single dose vial for intramuscular use only.

1. Each Contraceptive Injection will contain 150 mg. Medroxyesterone Acetate, 28.9 mg. Polyethylene Glycol 3350 mg. Polysorbate 80, 8.68 mg. Sodium Chloride, with the following added as preservatives: 1.37 mg. Methylparaben, 0.150mg. Propylparaben
2. When necessary, PH was adjusted with sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid.
3. Generic Brand will be compatible to Depo-provera. (or equivalent to).

Birth Control Pill:

(A) (HIGH DOSE)

1. Must be a tablet containing 0.180 mg norgestimate and 0.035 mg ethinyl estradiol.
2. Must be able to be used in an unopened box for two years from manufacturing date.
3. Generic Brand must be compatible to Ortho Tri Cycle, which is used in all Health Clinics sites.
4. Must have the capability to store dry at a room temperature (65 – 80 F.)
5. Box of 168 tablets in a 6x28 tab packet count.

(B) (LOW DOSE)

Nortrel (norethidrone and ethinyl estradiol tablets, USP) 1/35, 28 day regimen.

1. Each yellow tablet (21) must contain 1 mg Norethidrone and 0.035 mg Ethinyl estradiol.
2. Generic Brand must be compatible too Ortho-Novum,1/35 (or equivalent to).
3. Each white tablet (7) contains inert ingredients.
4. Box of 168 Tablets in a 6x28 tab packet count.

Term:

Term of contract will be for a one (1) year term, with a county's option of an additional year under the same terms and conditions.

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.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract.

Items may be substituted by vendors but, must be **equal or better** and must be approved by the Hidalgo County if quoted item is out of stock.

Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustment:

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect cost 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 to 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 are 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 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.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed on to Hidalgo County.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids proposals or statements or qualifications be addressed to, Yolanda Velasquez Buyer, Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, TX Postal/Mailing Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy 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, Month **, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than, Wednesday, Month **, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.