

THE STATE OF TEXAS :  
:  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

**SERVICE CONTRACT  
C-09-016-03-03**

~~THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009 by~~  
and between the County of Hidalgo, Texas ("County"), and Airgas Inc. dba Airgas Southwest, Inc. ("Corporation").

WHEREAS, Company responded to request for bids for "Industrial Welding Supplies & Services" (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Company submitted a bid to provide services in accordance with the specifications as bid, a copy of such specifications and bid being attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B" ("Vendor's Bid") respectively, and incorporated herein for all purposes (the "RFB Packet"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with Specifications, the Commissioners Court of County awarded the bid to Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Company hereby agrees that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Service to locations within Hidalgo County. This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.
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(s). 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.

3. This Contract shall be for a period beginning **March 2, 2009** and ending **March 1, 2010** and may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an additional one (1) year period, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first. 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      **Airgas, Inc. dba Airgas Southwest, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 9096**  
**Remit to: P.O. Box 676031**  
**Corpus Christi, Texas 78469**

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. 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.

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.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Juan D. Salinas, III, County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr. County Clerk

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Commissioners Court on:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Antonio Mendoza, District Attorney's Office

# RFB PACKET

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

February 9, 2009

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Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**  
Request for Bids -**"Purchase of Welding Supplies and Related Services"**  
**Bid No: 2009-016-02-23 MEG**

Dear Gentleman/Ladies:

Enclosed please find a Request for Bid (RFB) packet for your review and consideration.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the bid process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department 956/318-2626.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

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Enclosures

REQUEST FOR BIDS I



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

**REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)  
CHECKLIST**

**HIDALGO COUNTY  
“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES”  
BID NO. 2009-016-02-23-MEG**

1. Request For Bid Letter, consisting of  1  page.
2. Request for Bid, Legal Notice, consisting of  8  pages.
3. Exhibit “A” Specifications consisting of  6  pages
4. Exhibit “B” Bid Page consisting of  3  page.
5. Exhibit “C” Insurance Requirements consisting of  4  pages.
6. Exhibit “D” CIQ Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, consisting of  1  page.
7. Vendor/Bidder Application and W-9 form consisting of  6  pages.
8. Draft Requirements Agreement consisting of  5  pages.
9. Certification Regarding Debarment consists of  1  page.

The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Bid (RFB) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, advise of missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.



Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent

FEB 09 2009

Date

**BID: 09-016-02-23-MEG**

**Buyer: Elena Gomez**

**Tel. No: (956) 318-2626 Ext. 4855**

# **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

## **HIDALGO COUNTY “PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES”**

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

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
2812 S. Bus Hwy 281 New Administration Building  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

956 318-2626

Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **HIDALGO COUNTY – “PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES”** 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-09-016-02-23-MEG HIDALGO COUNTY-“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES”** and in County's Purchasing Department, 2812 S. Business Highway 281, 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-09-016-02-23-MEG.** 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-"PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES"** 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 Auditor's Office  
2808 South Highway 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
(956) 318-2511

17. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

<b>Bid Opening, 9:30 AM</b>	<b><u>February 23</u> , 2009</b>
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. Code Ch. 2253.

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 there under, 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 judgment 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**  
**“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES**  
**AND RELATED SERVICES”**  
**BID NO.: 09-016-02-23-MEG**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
2812 S Business Hwy 281 -New 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT “A”**  
**SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIRMENTS**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY**

**“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES  
AND RELATED SERVICES”**

**RFB: 2009-016-02-23-MEG**

**Exhibit "A"**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY**  
**"PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES**  
**AND RELATED SERVICES"**  
**BID NO.: 2009-016-02-23-MEG**  
**SPECIFICATIONS**

- 1) Sealed Bids will be received for the following on an "As Needed Basis"
- A: Industrial Welding Services
  - B: Welding Supplies

**A: INDUSTRIAL WELDING SERVICES:**

Vendor must perform the following services on an "As Needed Basis" for Hidalgo County:

- 1. Torch welding
- 2. Heavy duty arch welding

**SPECIFICATION/REQUIREMENTS:**

**REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1. Vendor must bill on an hourly basis.
- 2. Vendor must supply an itemized invoice
- 3. Vendor must submit invoices within 3 to 5 working days after the job is completed.
- 4. Vendor is to have own tools and supplies to perform assigned jobs.
- 5. Vendor must have a Service Truck to respond to service calls and to provide welding on miscellaneous County Vehicles and Equipment.
- 6. Vendor should preferably be situated within the Precinct jurisdiction boundaries. (In order to provide prompt service)
- 7. Vendor must comply with Hidalgo County Insurance Requirements and Regulations.
- 8. Vendor must be able to fabricate parts as required and must have own machine shop.
- 9. Vendor must be State Certified.
- 10. Vendor must have a forklift.
- 11. Vendor must have a hoist.

It is intended that the amount of "**Industrial Welding Services and Supplies**" will be on an as needed basis by Hidalgo County. It shall be agreed & understood that Hidalgo County will purchase no more material/services than is needed.

Bid price on Welding Material shall be per item.

**\*Vendor should be able to provide the following materials on an "AS NEEDED BASIS" WELDING SUPPLIES\*\* (No items are specific name brand)**

	SIZE		CASE/UNITS
	1. Metal welding Rods (different gauges) 1a Stainless steel welding Rods (different gauges)	7018	1/8
7018		5/32	50 LBS
6011		1/8	50 LBS
6011		5/32	50 LBS
6011		3/32	50 LBS
2. Rod keeper (storage system)			30 LBS
3. Aluminum welding Rods (different gauges)	#35	1/8	5 LBS
4. Cast Iron Rods 99 % Cast	#35	5/32	5 LBS
	#460	1/8	10 LBS
5. Torch RD-45	1/8 Steel		1 LB
	3/32		1 LB
6 Alloy 144 Brass Electrode	1/8		1 LB
	5/32		1 LB
7 Torch Brass	1/8		1 LB
	5/32		1 LB

(No items are specific name brand)

	CYLINDER SIZE
	8 Oxygen (for welding gas)
100 Series	
200 Series	
9 Acetylene, (for welding gas)	100 Series
10 Welding Goggles standard (square frame, flip lens preferred)	
11 Leather Welding Gloves (standard)	
12 Welding Helmets (2" with flip lens preferred)	
13 Leather Jackets for Welders (complete)	Small
	Medium
	Large

14. Doo- Rag Flame Retardant Cap and/or Beanies			
15. Welding Blanket Coated Fiberglass and Acrylic Coated		30 oz.	
16. Bid Apron Leather 36" – 48"			
17. Lens Clear Huntsman "Nitro" Auto Darkening Inner Replacement		1-13/16" x 4-1/16"	
18. Torch Lighters ( 3 way)			
19. Torch Tips  (both torch tips fit small torch and medium torch, Torch tip 1-010-1, Heating tip 1-010-1)	Small Torch 100 Series	<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equalivant to	#0-W-1 #1-W-1 #2-W-1 #3-W-1
		Heating 1-010-1 or equalivant to	Rosebud Victor 8 or equalivant to
	Medium Torch 300 Series	<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equalivant to	#0-W-1 #1-W-1 #2-W-1 #3-W-1
		Heating 1-010-1 or equalivant to	Rosebud Victor 8 or equalivant to
20. Torch Gauges-Replacement Gauges for regulators are preferred a) Victor b) Victor CSR150CR			
21. Torch Hoses	<b>Size</b>		
	25 ft x ¼		
	50 ft x ¼		
22. Torches Complete Kit is preferred with handle and cutting attachments	Small 100 Series		
	Medium 300 Series		
23. Rental of Cylinder (as needed)	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Tank Size</b>	
	Oxygen	80 Series	
		100 Series	
		200 Series	
Acetylene	100 Series		
24. No. 1 Cable (by feet)			
25. Tip cleaner- Standard			
26. Flat Soap Stone-Standard Square			

## **BID REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. **Bid Award:** Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all formalities, or to accept the bid considered the lowest, best, and most advantageous to the County, including compliance to the bid specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold the bids for a period of (90) ninety days without taking action hereon.
2. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one or more bidder(s), whichever is in the best interest of the County.
3. After bid is awarded and low bidder(s) default(s) in meeting the terms and conditions of this bid and/or comply with the contractual agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, County shall charge the successful bidder(s) the difference for any additional cost of such item(s).
4. 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.
5. It is expressly understood and agreed that in case Hidalgo County should need "Industrial Welding Services and/or Welding Supplies " not available within the time frame needed from the successful vendor during the term of this contract, Hidalgo County reserves the right to purchase these items or 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. Further, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek another vendor if, at any time, vendor's prices do not conform to public pricing.
6. The successful bidder(s) must state therein the reasons for such cancellation. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award canceled contract to next lowest bidder as it deems to be in the best interest of the County. Hidalgo County may terminate the contract upon thirty (30) days with advance written notice of Vendor.
7. The contract will be in effect for a period of **one (1) year** with the County's sole discretion to extend for a one (1) additional year under the same rates, terms and conditions.
8. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional (60) sixty day Grace Period at the end of the contract term due to unforeseen delay of award for the next contract term.
9. Insurance Certificates as per Exhibit "C" must be submitted to the Purchasing Department prior to any services being performed by the awarded bidder(s).
10. Continuing non-performance of the bidder(s) in terms of specifications shall be basis for termination of contract by the County. The County shall not pay for work, equipment, or supplies which are unsatisfactory. Bidder(s) will be given a reasonable opportunity before termination to correct the deficiencies.
11. In the event the material furnished does not meet all the above requirements (regardless of weather, test's acceptability, method of repair or other conditions), the County reserves the option to require the material supplier to replace or to reimburse the County for the unused portion of material found to be unsatisfactory.

## **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. Time frame 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**

~~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.

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, 2802 S. Bus. Hwy 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN, MONDAY FEBRUARY 16 2009, 5:00 P.M.** Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than, **5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18 2009,**

**EXHIBIT “B”**

BID PAGE

HIDALGO COUNTY

“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES  
AND RELATED SERVICES”

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**Exhibit "B"**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY**  
**"PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES**  
**AND RELATED SERVICES"**  
**BID NO. 2009-016-02-23-MEG**

**BID PAGE**

Vendor must thoroughly fill in each section of the Bid Page (Exhibit "B") if applicable  
**INCOMPLETE** submittals shall be considered a probable cause for disqualification.

	SIZE	CASE/UNITS	BID PRICE
1. Metal welding Rods (different gauges)	7018	1/8	50 LBS
1a Stainless steal welding Rods (different gauges)	7018	5/32	50 LBS
	6011	1/8	50 LBS
	6011	5/32	50 LBS
	6011	3/32	50 LBS
2. Rod keeper (storage system)		30 LBS	
3. Aluminum welding Rods (different gauges)	#35	1/8	5 LBS
	#35	5/32	5 LBS
4. Cast Iron Rods 99 % Cast	#460	1/8	10 LBS
	1/8 Steel	1 LB	
5. Torch RD-45	3/32	1 LB	
	1/8	1 LB	
6. Alloy 144 Brass Electrode	5/32	1 LB	
	1/8	1 LB	
7. Torch Brass	5/32	1 LB	
			<b>BID PRICE</b>
	80 Series		
8. Oxygen (for welding gas)	100 Series		
	200 Series		
9. Acetylene, (for welding gas)	100 Series		
10. Welding Goggles standard (square frame, flip lens preferred)			
11. Leather Welding Gloves (standard)			
12. Welding Helmets (2" with flip lens preferred)			

			<b>BID PRICE</b>	
13. Leather Jackets for Welders (complete)	Small			
	Medium			
	Large			
14. Doo- Rag Flame Retardant Cap and/or Beanies				
15. Welding Blanket Coated Fiberglass and Acrylic Coated	30 oz			
16. Bid Apron Leather 36" – 48"				
17. Lens Clear Huntsman "Nitro" Auto Darkening Inner Replacement	1-13/16" x 4-1/16"			
18. Torch Lighters ( 3 way)				
19. Torch Tips  (both torch tips fit small torch and medium torch, Torch tip 1-010-1, Heating tip 1-010-1)	Small Torch 100 Series	<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor	
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equivalent to	#0-W-1 #1-W-1 #2-W-1 #3-W-1	
		Heating 1-010-1 or equivalent to	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to	
		<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor	
	Welding Tip Victor 2 or equivalent to	#0-W-1 #1-W-1 #2-W-1 #3-W-1		
	Heating 1-010-1 or equivalent to	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to		
	20. Torch Gauges-Replacement Gauges for regulators are preferred a) Victor b) Victor CSR150CR		<b>Size</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>
		21. Torch Hoses	25 ft x ¼	
			50 ft x ¼	
			100 ft x ¼	
22. Torches Complete Kit is preferred with handle and cutting attachments	Small 100 Series			
	Medium 300 Series			
23. Rental of Cylinder (as needed)	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Tank Size</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>	
	Oxygen	80 Series		
		100 Series		
		200 Series		
	Acetylene	100 Series		
24. No. 1 Cable (by feet)				
25. Tip cleaner- Standard				
26. Flat Soap Stone-Standard Square				

**BIDDER/COMPANY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE & FAX NO.'S:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “C”**

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

**“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES  
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**EXHIBIT “C”**  
**Insurance Requirements**  
**Applicable to the Acquisition of Goods and /or Services**  
**(other than Professional Services)**

The Bidder awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the bidder in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
2. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
3. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
4. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

**Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto).** Certificates of insurance shall name Hidalgo County as additional insured and must be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

Revised 10/01/08

**ACORD**

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

**INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE**

INSURED

INSURER A:

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

**COVERAGES**

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN. THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THEIR TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Any one Mtg) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR				PER PERSON (Any one person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT PROT				PER PERSON & ADV INJURY \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY				PER OCCURRENCE - ALL AGGREGATE \$
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				PER OBJECTS - COMP OP \$
B	<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b>				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS				
	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				
	<b>GARAGE LIABILITY</b>				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN EA ACC \$
					AUTO ONLY AGG \$
C	<b>EXCESS LIABILITY</b>				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE				AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE				\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				\$
D	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY</b>				WC STATUS- <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER \$
					PER POLICY LIMITS \$
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE \$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$
	<b>OTHER</b>				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

ADDITIONAL INSURED: INSURER LETTER:

CANCELLATION

Hidalgo County  
Attn: Purchasing Department  
2812 S Highway Bus. 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER. ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

# Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorized representative for \_\_\_\_\_,  
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid awarded by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;

will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid award by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following:

Automobile Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

have already been met, see attached copy of insurance certificate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Notice to Bidder:**

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award of bid and to execute a contract between your Company and the County

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the bid award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next lowest bidder. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET**

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_, possess all of the APPLICABLE:

1. Licenses: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Bonds: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Permits: \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this bid, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

\* Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

**EXHIBIT “D”**

**CIQ FORM**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

**“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES  
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## EXHIBIT "D"

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity		<b>FORM CIQ</b>
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
<p><b>1</b> Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p> 	Date Received	
<p><b>2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p><b>3</b> Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Officer</p> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C &amp; D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p> <p>B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>  		
<p><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity      Date</p>		

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**BIDDER/VENDOR  
APPLICATION AND W-9**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

**“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES  
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**HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION**

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?:  Yes  No

If yes, by whom?:  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Certification No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?:  Yes  No

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**LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS**

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP, or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
(List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB Status:  
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable):  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip:  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( )  
Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB Status:  
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable):  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip:  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip:  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( )  
Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

Print of type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/ Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from backup withholding	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

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**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

**Sign Here**

Signature of  
U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

**U.S. person.** Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

In 3 above, if applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes, you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or
- Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.**

Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the recipient has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 4 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules regarding partnerships* on page 1.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

**Limited liability company (LLC).** If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

**Note.** You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

### Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

**Note.** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

**Exempt payees.** Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
  2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
  3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
  4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
  5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
  6. A corporation,
  7. A foreign central bank of issue,
  8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
  9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
  10. A real estate investment trust,
  11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
  12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
  13. A financial institution,
  14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
  15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt recipients listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup>However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note.** Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor ( <del>Uniform Gift to Minors Act</del> )	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the legal trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules regarding partnerships* on page 1.

**Note.** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

# **DRAFT SERVICE CONTRACT**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

**“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES  
AND RELATED SERVICES”**

**RFB: 2009-016-02-23-MEG**



with the Specifications within **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the Hidalgo County or his designated agent(s). 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.

3. This Contract shall be for a period beginning \_\_\_\_\_ and ending \_\_\_\_\_ and may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an additional one (1) year period, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first. 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. County and Seller agree that either party may terminate this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice at any time for any reason or no reason at all.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

10. 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.

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

12. 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.

13. 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**

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If to Company

14. 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.

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

16. 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.

17. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr. County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Juan D. Salinas, III, County Judge

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Commissioners Court on, \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Atlas & Hall, LLP

# **DEBARMENT**

HIDALGO COUNTY

“PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES  
AND RELATED SERVICES”

RFB: 2009-016-02-23-MEG

**Certification  
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had 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 government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the bidder is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.

# EXHIBIT "A" SPECIFICATIONS

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**Exhibit "A"**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY**  
**"PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES**  
**AND RELATED SERVICES"**  
**BID NO.: 2009-016-02-23-MEG**  
**SPECIFICATIONS**

- 1) Sealed Bids will be received for the following on an "As Needed Basis"
- A: Industrial Welding Services
  - B: Welding Supplies

**A: INDUSTRIAL WELDING SERVICES:**

Vendor must perform the following services on an "As Needed Basis" for Hidalgo County:

- 1. Torch welding
- 2. Heavy duty arch welding

**SPECIFICATION/REQUIREMENTS:**

**REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1. Vendor must bill on an hourly basis.
- 2. Vendor must supply an itemized invoice
- 3. Vendor must submit invoices within 3 to 5 working days after the job is completed.
- 4. Vendor is to have own tools and supplies to perform assigned jobs.
- 5. Vendor must have a Service Truck to respond to service calls and to provide welding on miscellaneous County Vehicles and Equipment.
- 6. Vendor should preferably be situated within the Precinct jurisdiction boundaries. (In order to provide prompt service)
- 7. Vendor must comply with Hidalgo County Insurance Requirements and Regulations.
- 8. Vendor must be able to fabricate parts as required and must have own machine shop.
- 9. Vendor must be State Certified.
- 10. Vendor must have a forklift.
- 11. Vendor must have a hoist.

It is intended that the amount of **Industrial Welding Services and Supplies@** will be on an as needed basis by Hidalgo County. It shall be agreed & understood that Hidalgo County will purchase no more material/services than is needed.

Bid price on Welding Material shall be per item.

**\*Vendor should be able to provide the following materials on an “AS NEEDED BASIS”  
WELDING SUPPLIES\*\* (No items are specific name brand)**

	SIZE		CASE/UNITS
	1. Metal welding Rods (different gauges)	7018	1/8
1a Stainless steel welding Rods (different gauges)	7018	5/32	50 LBS
	6011	1/8	50 LBS
	6011	5/32	50 LBS
	6011	3/32	50 LBS
2. Rod keeper (storage system)			30 LBS
3. Aluminum welding Rods (different gauges)	#35	1/8	5 LBS
	#35	5/32	5 LBS
4. Cast Iron Rods 99 % Cast	#460	1/8	10 LBS
	1/8 Steel		1 LB
5. Torch RD-45	3/32		1 LB
	1/8		1 LB
6 Alloy 144 Brass Electrode	5/32		1 LB
	1/8		1 LB
7 Torch Brass	5/32		1 LB
<b>(No items are specific name brand)</b>			
	CYLINDER SIZE		
	80 Series		
8 Oxygen (for welding gas)	100 Series		
	200 Series		
9 Acetylene, (for welding gas)	100 Series		
10 Welding Goggles standard (square frame, flip lens preferred)			
11 Leather Welding Gloves (standard)			
12 Welding Helmets (2" with flip lens preferred)			
	Small		
13 Leather Jackets for Welders (complete)	Medium		
	Large		

14. Doo- Rag Flame Retardant Cap and/or Beanies			
15. Welding Blanket Coated Fiberglass and Acrylic Coated		30 oz.	
16. Bid Apron Leather 36" – 48"			
17. Lens Clear Huntsman "Nitro" Auto Darkening Inner Replacement		1-13/16" x 4-1/16"	
18. Torch Lighters ( 3 way)			
19. Torch Tips  (both torch tips fit small torch and medium torch, Torch tip 1-010-1, Heating tip 1-010-1)	Small Torch 100 Series	<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equivalent to	#0-W-1 #1-W-1 #2-W-1 #3-W-1
		Heating 1-010-1 or equivalent to	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to
	Medium Torch 300 Series	<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equivalent to	#0-W-1 #1-W-1 #2-W-1 #3-W-1
		Heating 1-010-1 or equivalent to	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to
20. Torch Gauges-Replacement Gauges for regulators are preferred a) Victor b) Victor CSR150CR			
21. Torch Hoses	<b>Size</b>		
	25 ft x ¼		
	50 ft x ¼		
	100 ft x ¼		
22. Torches Complete Kit is preferred with handle and cutting attachments	Small 100 Series		
	Medium 300 Series		
23. Rental of Cylinder (as needed)	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Tank Size</b>	
	Oxygen	80 Series	
		100 Series	
		200 Series	
Acetylene	100 Series		
24. No. 1 Cable (by feet)			
25. Tip cleaner- Standard			
26. Flat Soap Stone-Standard Square			

## **BID REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. **Bid Award:** Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all formalities, or to accept the bid considered the lowest, best, and most advantageous to the County, including compliance to the bid specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold the bids for a period of (90) ninety days without taking action hereon.
2. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one or more bidder(s), whichever is in the best interest of the County.
3. After bid is awarded and low bidder(s) default(s) in meeting the terms and conditions of this bid and/or comply with the contractual agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, County shall charge the successful bidder(s) the difference for any additional cost of such item(s).
4. 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.
5. It is expressly understood and agreed that in case Hidalgo County should need AIndustrial Welding Services and/or Welding Supplies @ not available within the time frame needed from the successful vendor during the term of this contract, Hidalgo County reserves the right to purchase these items or 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. Further, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek another vendor if, at any time, vendor=s prices do not conform to public pricing.
6. The successful bidder(s) must state therein the reasons for such cancellation. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award canceled contract to next lowest bidder as it deems to be in the best interest of the County. Hidalgo County may terminate the contract upon thirty (30) days with advance written notice of Vendor.
7. The contract will be in effect for a period of **one (1) year** with the County=s sole discretion to extend for a one (1) additional year under the same rates, terms and conditions.
8. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional (60) sixty day Grace Period at the end of the contract term due to unforeseen delay of award for the next contract term.
9. Insurance Certificates as per Exhibit AC@ must be submitted to the Purchasing Department prior to any services being performed by the awarded bidder(s).
10. Continuing non-performance of the bidder(s) in terms of specifications shall be basis for termination of contract by the County. The County shall not pay for work, equipment, or supplies which are unsatisfactory. Bidder(s) will be given a reasonable opportunity before termination to correct the deficiencies.
11. In the event the material furnished does not meet all the above requirements (regardless of weather, test=s acceptability, method of repair or other conditions), the County reserves the option to require the material supplier to replace or to reimburse the County for the unused portion of material found to be unsatisfactory.

## **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. Time frame 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**

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.

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, 2802 S. Bus. Hwy 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009, 5:00 P.M.** Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than, **5:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009.**

# EXHIBIT "B" VENDOR'S BID

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**Exhibit "B"**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY**  
**"PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES**  
**AND RELATED SERVICES"**  
**BID NO. 2009-016-02-23-MEG**

**BID PAGE**

Vendor must thoroughly fill in each section of the Bid Page (Exhibit "B") if applicable  
**INCOMPLETE** submittals shall be considered a probable cause for disqualification.

	SIZE		CASE/UNITS	BID PRICE
1. Metal welding Rods (different gauges) 1a Stainless steal welding Rods (different gauges)	7018	1/8	50 LBS	74.30
	7018	5/32	50 LBS	73.35
	6011	1/8	50 LBS	76.82
	6011	5/32	50 LBS	76.00
	6011	3/32	50 LBS	81.35
2. Rod keeper (storage system)			30 LBS	301.67
3. Aluminum welding Rods (different gauges)	#35	1/8	5 LBS	29.13
	#35	5/32	5 LBS	38.76
4. Cast Iron Rods 99 % Cast	#460	1/8	10 LBS	31.43
	1/8 Steel		1 LB	3.69
5. Torch RD-45	3/32		1 LB	3.70
	1/8		1 LB	31.21 (11.5# box)
6. Alloy 144 Brass Electrode	5/32		1 LB	37.92 (11.5# box)
	1/8		1 LB	13.47
7. Torch Brass	5/32		1 LB	10.95 (10# box)
				<b>BID PRICE</b>
8. Oxygen (for welding gas)	80 Series			7.75
	100 Series			8.25
	200 Series			9.43
9. Acetylene, (for welding gas)	100 Series	per C.F.		24.07
10. Welding Goggles standard (square frame, flip lens preferred)				12.30
11. Leather Welding Gloves (standard)				3.96
12. Welding Helmets (2" with flip lens preferred)				29.17

		BID PRICE
13. Leather Jackets for Welders (complete)	Small	50.92
	Medium	56.92
	Large	56.92
14. Doo- Rag Flame Retardant Cap and/or Beanies		4.50
15. Welding Blanket Coated Fiberglass and Acrylic Coated	30 oz 6x6	27.36
16. Bid Apron Leather 36" - 48"		22.19
17. Lens Clear Huntsman "Nitro" Auto Darkening Inner Replacement	1-13/16" x 4-1/16"	No bid

18. Torch Lighters ( 3 way)				
19. Torch Tips  (both torch tips fit small torch and medium torch, Torch tip 1-010-1, Heating tip 1-010-1)	Small Torch 100 Series	<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor	13.03
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equalivnt to	#0-W-1	34.79
			#1-W-1	
			#2-W-1	
		Heating 1-010-1 or equalivnt to	#3-W-1	72.03
	Rosebud Victor 8 or equalivnt to			
	Medium Torch 300 Series	<b>Tip Type 1-010-1</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	03-101 Victor	13.03
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equalivnt to	#0-W-1	34.79
			#1-W-1	
			#2-W-1	
Heating 1-010-1 or equalivnt to		#3-W-1	72.03	
	Rosebud Victor 8 or equalivnt to			
20. Torch Gauges-Replacement Gauges for regulators are preferred a) Victor b) Victor CSR150CR				89.00
21. Torch Hoses	<b>Size</b>		<b>BID PRICE</b>	
	25 ft x 1/4		21.15	
	50 ft x 1/4		36.52	
	100 ft x 1/4		71.26	
22. Torches Complete Kit is preferred with handle and cutting attachments	Small 100 Series		209.99	
	Medium 300 Series		272.28	
23. Rental of Cylinder (as needed)	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Tank Size</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>	
	Oxygen	80 Series	4.50	
		100 Series	4.50	
		200 Series	4.50	
	Acetylene	100 Series	4.50	
24. No. 1 Cable (by feet)			1.98	
25. Tip cleaner- Standard			7.85	
26. Flat Soap Stone-Standard Square			8.00 per box	

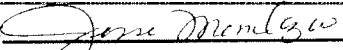
BIDDER/COMPANY NAME: Airgas

ADDRESS: 201 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: McAllen, TX 78501

PHONE & FAX NO.'S: 686-7622 682-6936

CELL PHONE: 522-6356

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: 

PRINTED NAME: Jesse Mendoza

TITLE: Account Manager

EMAIL: jesse.mendoza@airgas.com

# ADDENDUM NO. 1

February 12, 2009

## “PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES” RFB NO.: 2009-016-02-23-MEG

**NOTE the ADDITIONAL ITEMS for EXHIBIT “A” are as FOLLOW:**

1. Safety glasses dark
2. Safety glasses clear
3. Welding .030 cable liners for Milleromatic 135
4. Welding wire spools .030 flux coated
5. Tips .030 for welder Milleromatic 135
6. Milleromatic 135 nozzle tip protector – slip on type
7. Screw on 4.1/2 x 1/4 x 7/8 grinding discs
8. Screw on 4.1/2 x 3/4 x 7/8 sanding discs fine – medium – coarse grid
9. Chop saw blades 14 x 3/32 x 1
10. Striker & flints
11. Cutting dark goggles

**GAS**

- 1- Oxygen (for welding gas) cylinder size: 21 and 125 series
- 2- Acetylene (for welding gas) cylinder size: #3, #4, MC

**USE TABLE BELOW TO SUBMIT PRICES AS AN ADDITION TO EXHIBIT “B”**

<b>WELDING SUPPLY'S</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
1. Safety glasses dark	1.53
2. Safety glasses clear	2.02
3. Welding .030 cable liners for Milleromatic 135	13.82
4. Welding wire spools .030 flux coated	57.52
5. Tips .030 for welder Milleromatic 135	6.63 <small>pkg of 10 Each</small>
6. Milleromatic 135 nozzle tip protector – slip on type	8.23 <small>pkg of 10 Each</small>
7. Screw on 4.1/2 x 1/4 x 7/8 grinding discs	2.13
8. Screw on 4.1/2 x 3/4 x 7/8 sanding discs fine – medium – coarse grid	2.98
9. Chop saw blades 14 x 3/32 x 1	5.20
10. Striker & flints	4.34
11. Cutting dark goggles	5.95
<b><u>GAS</u></b>	<b>PRICE</b>
1. Oxygen (for welding gas) cylinder size	
21 series	6. <sup>00</sup>
125 series	8.25 <sup>00</sup>
2. Acetylene (for welding gas) cylinder size: #3,	19.56
Cylinder size #4, MC	10.58

I, Jesse Mendoza, acknowledge receipt of ADDENDUM NO. 1 dated, February 13, 2009, for RFB-"HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASE OF WELDING SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES"

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Airgas Southwest

Printed Bidder Name

2-20-09

Date

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT THIS ADDENDUM WITH YOUR BID PACKET, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE BID.....

# EXHIBIT "C" INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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# Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, Jesse Mendoza, authorized representative for Dargas,  
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid awarded by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid award by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following:
- Automobile Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- have already been met, see attached copy of insurance certificate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Notice to Bidder:**

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award of bid and to execute a contract between your Company and the County

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the bid award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next lowest bidder. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET**

**EXHIBIT “D”  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM  
(CIQ)**

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## EXHIBIT "D"

<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE</b> For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity		<b>FORM CIQ</b>
This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session. 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).  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.	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; margin: 10px 0;">N/A</div>	Date Received:	
2 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)		
3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.  <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">                         _____                          Name of Officer                     </div> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C &amp; D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p> <p>B Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p> <p>C Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No                 </p> <p>D Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>		
4  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <span>_____</span> <span>_____</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity</span> <span>Date</span> </div>		

# VENDOR/BIDDER APPLICATION

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# HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT Bidder/Vendor Application

Complete in print or type. Please return this application to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
thru Facsimile: (956) 318-2629 or Fax (956) 292-7612  
in person or regular mail to: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539  
or email: purchasing@co.hidalgo.tx.us

*Handwritten notes:*  
5/22/06

Company Name: <u>Airgas Southwest</u>		Telephone No. <u>(956) 686-9672</u>	
dba Name: <u>Airgas</u>			
Legal Name: <u>Airgas</u>			
Mailing Address: <u>201 N. 23<sup>1/2</sup> St.</u>		Fax No. <u>(956) 682-6934</u>	
Physical Address: <u>201 N. 23<sup>1/2</sup> St.</u>			
City, State, Zip: <u>McAllen TX 78501</u>		Tax I.D. No.	
Remit to Address: <u>201 N. 23<sup>1/2</sup> St</u>		City, State, Zip: <u>McAllen, TX 78501</u>	
E-Mail Address: <u>jesse.mendoza@airgas.com</u>			
Representative(s) Name(s) & Title(s): <u>Jesse Mendoza / Account Manager</u>			
Type of Organization (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify			
State Identification No. <u>1-74-2768918-1</u> (Please attached completed W-9 form with this application) Federal Identification No. or (if individual) SS No.			
State of Incorporation: _____ Date: _____ Other: _____			
Type of Business (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Service Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify			
Name & Title of Person(s) Authorized to Sign Bids, Proposals, and/or Contracts: <u>Jesse Mendoza Account Manager</u>			
Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Information (check application criteria)			
Small Business:		Disadvantaged Business (At Least 51% Ownership)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 125,000 annual gross receipt	<input type="checkbox"/> Black American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 250,000 annual gross receipt	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American	<input type="checkbox"/> Women	
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 499,000 annual gross receipt	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> More than 500,000 annual gross receipt			
Have you been certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Indicate Certification No.(s): _____ or are Certificate(s) attached?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
What type of product(s) is/are solicited by your company?: <u>welding and gas supplies</u>			
Would you like to be provided with specifications for procurements of such products?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
To Be Completed by the County: Rec'd by (Purchasing): _____ Date Rec'd by (Purchasing): _____			
Date Forwarded Information to Auditor's Office: _____ Entry Date: _____ Vendor No.: _____			

**HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION**

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. ~~Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered~~ as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?:  Yes  No

If yes, by whom?:  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Certification No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?:  Yes  No

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**LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS**

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP, or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: \_\_\_\_\_%  
(List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable):  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable):  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable):  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Work to be Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)  
**Airgas, Inc.**

Business name, if different from above  
**Airgas Southwest, Inc.**

Check appropriate box:  Individual/Sole proprietor  Corporation  Partnership  
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ .....  Exempt payee  
 Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)  
**P. O. Box 9096** Remit to: **P. O. Box 676031**

City, state, and ZIP code  
**Corpus Christi, TX 78469** **Dallas, TX 75267**

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	
OR	
Employer identification number	<b>74 : 2768918</b>

**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification Instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ *Rosmary Hermes* Date ▶ *11-17-08*

**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Purpose of Form**

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

**Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien.**

Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the recipient has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

**Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:**

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 4 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules regarding partnerships* on page 1.

## Penalties

**Failure to furnish TIN.** If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

**Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding.** If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

**Criminal penalty for falsifying information.** Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

## Specific Instructions

### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

**Limited liability company (LLC).** If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

**Other entities.** Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

**Note.** You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

### Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

**Note.** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

**Exempt payees.** Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), ~~any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),~~
  2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
  3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
  4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
  5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
  7. A foreign central bank of issue,
  8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
  9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
  10. A real estate investment trust,
  11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
  12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
  13. A financial institution,
  14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
  15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt recipients listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup>However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

**Enter your TIN in the appropriate box.** If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

**How to get a TIN.** If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/businesses](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

**Note.** Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

## Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

**1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

**2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

**3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

**4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

**5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

## What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

<sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the legal trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules regarding partnerships* on page 1.

**Note.** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

# DEPARTMENT FORM

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**Certification  
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had 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 government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature: *Jesse Mendoza*  
Print Name: Jesse Mendoza  
Title: Account manager  
Telephone Number: 522-0354  
Date: 2-20-09

If the bidder is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.