

Bid No: 2011-009-03-16

Buyer: Yolanda Z. Velasquez

Tel. No: (956) 318-2626

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT "BULK GASOLINE ON-OFF HIGHWAY DIESEL FUEL PRODUCTS"

BID OPENING DATE

MARCH 16, 2011

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 S. Business Hwy 281 Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539
956 318-2626



Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **"BULK GASOLINE ON-OFF HIGHWAY DIESEL FUEL PRODUCTS - Hidalgo County"** 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-2011-009-03-16-YZV-"BULK GASOLINE ON-OFF HIGHWAY DIESEL FUEL PRODUCTS – Hidalgo County"** and in County's Purchasing Department, 2802 S Business Highway 281, Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011. 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-2011-009-03-16-YZV-RFB-BULK GASOLINE ON-OFF HIGWAY DIESEL FUEL PRODUCTS – Hidalgo County".** 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 - **"BULK GASOLINE ON-OFF HIGHWAY DIESEL FUEL PRODUCTS -Hidalgo County"** 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
Ray Eufrazio, County Auditor
2812 S. Business 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956)318-2511

17. Schedule of Events

Bid Opening, 9:30 AM	<u>MARCH 16, 2011</u>
Award of Contract	_____, 2011
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2011

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 that contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful bidder fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local

Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

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

21. If, during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.
22. Bids, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
23. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
 - **Possess and submit a Certificate of Account Status indicating bidder is in "Good Standing" with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts if such bidder is incorporated in the State of Texas. To secure a certificate of "Good Standing", you may access the following website: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/coastintr.html .**
If the bidder is not incorporated with the Texas, the bidder must submit the appropriate evidence of filing with the Texas Secretary of State stating that the business is authorized to transact business in Texas.
 - 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 awarded 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 to 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-HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BULK GASOLINE ON-OFF HIGHWAY DIESEL FUEL PRODUCTS
BID NO.: 2011-009-03-16-YZV

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 S Business Highway 281
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: _____

Exhibit "A"
HIDALGO COUNTY
"GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL (ALL GRADES)"
BID NO. 2011-009-03-16-YZV
SPECIFICATIONS

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Hidalgo County is seeking bids from qualified and interested vendors for purchases of fuel, i.e. gasoline (**all grades**) and diesel (**all grades**). Hidalgo County will contract with the lowest responsible bidder meeting all specifications and/or requirements contained herein. All purchases of gasoline and/or, diesel fuel will be on an "**As needed basis**" only. The most common fuels used for Bulk and fuel station delivery are Unleaded Regular, Unleaded Mid-Grade, Unleaded Premium, Unleaded Super, #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Dyed Diesel. There is **no guarantee** on annual volume. Hidalgo County purchases approximately 80% bulk fuel and 20% fuel from fueling stations. Bidders may bid on **Option I and/or Option II** on the Exhibit B bid page. **Hidalgo County has the option to seek purchases from state awarded vendors or any other state cooperative purchasing programs whenever it is in the County's best interest to do so.**

A Pre Bid conference will be held at the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department 2802 S. Business Highway 281 Edinburg TX. , Thursday, March 03, 2011 at 2: 30 P.M. It is strongly recommended that interested vendors attend.

BID PRICE:

Bid your lowest margin of profit for **all** gasoline and diesel grades.

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

Prices that Hidalgo County will pay for all fuel deliveries will be based upon the bidder price above or below OPIS report (Harlingen Pad) Rack Price and the profit margin. Bidder must provide a copy of the January 4, 2011 OPIS report along with the bid.

Awarded bidder must submit a relevant current OPIS report (Harlingen Pad) with each invoice with each invoice to the County

REFERENCES:

A list of a minimum of five references/ contracts for any national, state, local political subdivision, private sector or other entity must be submitted along with your bid for qualification. Information regarding point of contact and contract term should include, but not limited to, the following:

Company

Contact Person

Phone Number

Term of the contract

If bid is awarded and the awarded bidder(s) default(s) in meeting the general instructions to bidders and/or comply with contract agreement, HIDALGO COUNTY reserves the right to seek goods/services from the secondary vendor, state awarded vendors or any other cooperative purchasing programs at no additional cost to the County.

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER:

Bidders having a history of inconsistent services and unreliability will not be considered by the County to be a responsible bidder.

The business must be a well established organization and have any adequate number of trained personnel to ensure quality and performance and completion of contract within a specified time period.

Successful bidder shall provide a Countywide, major brand fleet fuel monitoring system and dispensing system and electronic capture and report of transactions, card fuel access control security system.

Successful bidder must be able to have 24 hour facility and personnel, emergency disaster fuel availability.

Successful bidder must provide the fuel cards and replacement cards as necessary at no additional cost to the County.

Successful bidder will also establish base-pricing information on a weekly basis. Base pricing information shall consist of a PAD report pricing, plus differential equaling total price.

Awarded vendor will maintain an emergency disaster fuel program available for Hidalgo County fuel locations. Emergencies may include power outages, riots, civil disobedience, etc., and disasters will be acts of God such as hurricanes, floods tornadoes, etc., 24 hour facilities and personnel, and emergency disaster fuel availability in Hidalgo County.

Fuel card tracking must include:

- Vehicle number
- Date and Time of fueling
- Identification of fueling station
- Identification of mileage of vehicle fueled
- Type and price per gallon of fuel
- Total volume and dollar amount of fuel and vehicle miles per gallon
- Electronic transaction file must match hard copy

TERM OF THE CONTRACT:

HIDALGO COUNTY is requesting bids for “**GASOLINE, AND DIESEL FUEL (ALL GRADES)**” for a one (1) year term with the County’s option to extend the contract for an additional two (2) one (1) year terms.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to extend the contract for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term due to unforeseen delay in the procurement of subsequent bid process.

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.

If termination of contract is necessary, the successful bidder will not add any termination penalties to said contract.

COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS & HIDALGO COUNTY’S RIGHT OF SELECTION:

All bidder(s) shall abide by & comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission.

Bidders will be required to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity laws and regulations.

EVALUATION OF BIDS:

All bids shall be evaluated on all factors involved, i.e., price, quality, and service, etc., whichever is in the best interest of the County.

No cash advance discount will be considered.

DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS:

All deviations from the specifications must be noted in writing , in detail by bidder at the time of submittal of the bid. Deviations will be submitted to Commissioner’s Court for discussion.

“OR EQUAL” INTERPRETATION CLAUSE:

Any time a particular manufacturer’s name brand may be specified, it shall mean any product of equal quality. Bids shall be considered on all other brands submitted and on equal quality product of other manufacturers. On all such bid, the bidder shall indicate clearly the product on which bidding, and shall supply sufficient data on his/her own letterhead to enable an intelligent comparison to be made with the particular brand or manufacturer specified. If after analyzing the bid, it is found that the bidder did not bid on the brand and model specified and a statement to the contrary is not submitted, the item will not be considered.

No substitutions will be accepted after item(s) have been awarded as specified.

REPRESENTATIONS:

The vendor represents that the items/and or services provided by the vendor hereunder shall conform to the presentations of same as represented and described in the attachments. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if for any reason Hidalgo County determines in its sole discretion, that part of or all of the items and/or services fail to meet the expectations of HIDALGO COUNTY, HIDALGO COUNTY

may on a ten (10) day notice, terminate this agreement and be relieved of any further obligation to vendor.

ERRORS IN BIDS, RELIEF OF BIDS:

Bidders or their authorized representative are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements and specifications before submitting bids, failure to do so will be at the bidder's own risk and bidder cannot secure relief of the plea or error. Neither law nor regulation makes the allowance for errors or omission or commission on the part of bidders. In case of error in extension of prices in the bid, the unit price shall govern.

PRODUCT QUALITY:

Detailed explanation of warranties must be provided with bid.

For purpose of this specification, contamination is defined as any element which enters pure refined gasoline and diesel fuel either naturally or by purposeful action which is not a product of refined crude oil. With the exception of winter additives, detergents, and identifying dyes, any amount of alcohol is considered contamination and will not be allowed. Suspected contaminated fuel will be sent to a Laboratory for testing. Should laboratory test results show fuel contains any level of alcohol or other contaminants, the vendor shall be responsible for the removal of contaminated fuel from HIDALGO COUNTY property within three (3) working days after requested to do so. The vendor shall also be responsible for all cleanup required to all HIDALGO COUNTY property, storage facilities, vehicles and equipment as a result of non-compliance with specifications. Furthermore, the vendor shall be fully responsible for any and all cost incurred by HIDALGO COUNTY for any vehicles or equipment sustaining damage which is attributed to contaminated fuel(s) which the vendor has delivered.

BID AWARD:

HIDALGO COUNTY will award bid to the bidder with the lowest margin of profit. A "Primary" and "Secondary" vendor will be awarded for purchases from this contract through the effective period of this award. In situations when the "Primary" vendor does not comply with the specifications, requirements, terms, conditions, obligations, including delivery all contained within this bid packet, departments will purchase from the "Secondary" vendor. For evaluation & consideration of items bid, samples may be requested.

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:

Delivery hours are from 8:00 A.M. through 12:00 P.M., and 1:00 P.M. through 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (Saturdays if Necessary).

Bidder shall deliver the requested amount of fuel within 24 hour of a properly executed purchase order. Partial orders will be considered as a basis of non-compliance.

BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Invoice must include:

- A) Marked- "HIDALGO COUNTY- GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL (ALL GRADES)"
- B) Copy of signed delivery ticket

County makes payments monthly upon request of a properly executed invoice & documentation from the co-signee.

Contact person for Billing & Payment questions: **Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, Physical 2802 S. Business Highway 281, Postal/Mailing 2812 S. Business Highway 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539, TEL: (956) 318-2626**

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Hidalgo County is additionally requesting loaner tanks by vendor be constructed of steel.

Filtering system for loaner tanks will be the responsibility of the awarded vendor. Sampling of the fuel must be conducted by awarded vendor along with County authorized personal to witness sampling of bulk fuel for every delivery to all County locations requiring bulk fueling. If fuel is found to be contaminated, replacement of fuel will be required to be delivered within 24 hours of findings and retested for satisfactory fuel.

Awarded vendor shall have available delivery trucks for the specified fuel requested only which fuel will be delivered to Hidalgo County.

Compliance with all specifications is required. Detailed specifications are included.

Bidder shall also be available to provide **HIDALGO COUNTY** with **additional fuel tank(s), pumps and dikes as needed or required**. Bidder must deliver fuel ordered to these locations within 24 hours of the County’s order. Tanks, pumps and/or installation of tanks, pumps and dikes will be **at no additional charge** to Hidalgo County.

Spill Containment/Dike area: Vendor is responsible for providing a spill containment/dike area for any new tank requested by Hidalgo County to be in compliance with OSHA under the OSHA Standards for general industry '1910.106(b)(2)(vi)(c).

Awarded Bidder must provide one (1) 1000 gallon Gasoline Tank,(2) Two 1000 gallon Gasoline fuel tank, (2) Two 2000 gallon Diesel fuel tanks, (4) four pumps and Spill Containment/Dike area for each new tank at the following locations.

DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT & ADDRESS	NO. OF TANKS	NO. OF PUMPS EACH
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 301 E. State- Pharr, Texas Phone: 956/787-1891	One (1) 1000 Gallon Gasoline Tank One (1) 1000 Gallon Diesel Tank	1
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 1102 N. Doolittle - Edinburg, Texas Phone No.: 956/383-3112	None	One (1) Gasoline Two (2) Diesel

Note: Any and all equipment will be honored by awarded vendor.

Bidder must provide a list of secured, contracted and operational fueling stations with bid submission. Hidalgo County reserves the right to confirm and verify fueling locations. Failure to submit will disqualify bid.

Bidder must also provide County and all of its departments the convenience and the ability to refuel gasoline or diesel, at a minimum of one (1) gasoline & diesel dispensing location open at least twelve (12) hours situated within cities listed below & one (1) gasoline dispensing location (in the Edinburg area) open at least 24 hours each day:

- a) Edinburg, Texas
- b) McAllen, Texas
- c) Mission, Texas
- d) Pharr, Texas
- e) Weslaco, Texas

Bidder shall fully service HIDALGO COUNTY vehicles and personnel from all departments and/or branches of the County in the location listed at least twelve (12) hours each day. EDINBURG location shall be open twenty-four (24) hours each day.

Bidder shall deliver the fuel ordered within 24 hours of the County’s order to County’s existing tanks at the sites listed as follows:

DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT/ ADDRESS	NO. OF TANKS EACH
Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center (Motor Pool) 713 E. El Cibolo Road- Edinburg, Texas Phone No. 956/383-8114 X-6185	One (1) 20,000 Gallon Gasoline Tank One (1) 4,000 Gallon Diesel Tank
Hidalgo County Precinct no. 1- Adm./ Shop 1902 Joe Stephens- Weslaco, Texas Phone No. 956/968-8733	One (1) 1000 Gallon Gasoline Tank One (1) 2000 Gallon Diesel Tank One (1) 2000 Gallon Dyed Diesel Tank
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 300 West Hall Acres Suite G, Texas Phone No. 956/787/1891	One (1) 3000 Gallon Diesel Tank
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3- Shop 724 N. Breyfogle Rd.- Mission, Texas Phone No. 956/585-4509	One (1) 1,000 Gallon Diesel Tank (Landfill) One (1) 200 Gallon Diesel(Anzaldua Park)
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4- Adm./ Shop 1102 N. Doolittle Road- Edinburg, Texas Phone No.: 956/383-3112	Two (2) 4000 Gallon Diesel Tank Two (2) 1000 Gallon Diesel
Old Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Department 3100 S. Highway 281 -Edinburg, Texas 78539 Phone No.: (956) 318-2649	One (1) 15,000 Gallon Diesel Tank One (1) 150 Gallon Diesel

Note: Any and all tanks will be honored by awarded vendor.

Bidder shall also deliver the fuel ordered within 24 hours of the County's order to County's existing generators at the sites listed as follows:

DESIGNATED DEPARTMENT/ADDRESS	NO. OF GENERATORS EACH
Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center 701 E. El Cibolo Road- Edinburg, Texas Phone No. 956/383-8114	Two (2) 2,400 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tanks
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office 711 E. El Cibolo Road- Edinburg, Texas Phone No. 956/383-8114	One (1) 1,000 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank One (1) 150 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (Academy) 715 E. El Cibolo Road- Edinburg, Texas Phone No. 956/383-8114	One (1) 600 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank
Hidalgo County Court House 100 E. Closner- Edinburg Texas Phone No. 956/318-2646	One (1) 250 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank One (1) 25 to 50 Gallon Natural Gas
Administration Building 2802 S. Bus. Hwy 281-Edinburg. Texas Phone No. 956/318-2646	Two (2) 265 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank
Juvenile Detention Center 1001 North Doolittle- Edinburg Texas Phone No. 956/381-8600	One (1) 300 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank
Hidalgo County - Precinct 3 (Motor Pool) 7 Mile Line & Iowa Rd- Mission Texas Phone: 956/585-4509	1-6,000 gallon – White Diesel 1-2,000 gallon-Red Diesel 1-2,000 gallon - Gasoline
Health and Human Service 1304 S. 25 th Street- Edinburg Texas Phone:956/383-6221	Two (2) 400 Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank

Note: Any and all new Generators will be honored.

In the event discounts are to be granted for rapid payment, bidder is encouraged to express any such discount in its bid.

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:

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.

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.

Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases: Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.

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.

Dollar Limit to Price Changes: The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County is requesting that any all and questions, inquiries, and clarifications regarding this bid be addressed to, Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, Physical:2802 S. Bus. Hwy. 281 Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Bus. Hwy. 281, Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE BY NO LATER THAN, Wednesday, March 09, 2011, 5:00 P.M. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than, 5:00P.M.,Friday, March 11, 2011.**

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 _____, **2011** and ending _____, **2012** and may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an additional two (2)-one (1) year period at the same rates, terms and conditions, 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
 1615 S. Closner, Suite J
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company

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

14. 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 _____, 2011.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr. County Clerk

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

COMPANY: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Approved by Commissioners Court on:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ATLAS & HALL, LLP**

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain

EXHIBIT "A" SPECIFICATIONS

EXHIBIT "B" VENDOR'S BID

EXHIBIT “C” INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

VENDOR/BIDDER APPLICATION

DEBARMENT FORM

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