

HIDALGO COUNTY  
"LUBRICANTS (GREASE, OIL, HYDRAULIC FLUIDS) & ANTI-FREEZE PRODUCTS"  
BID NO.: 2011-079-00-00-MEG

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**SPECIFICATIONS:**

Hidalgo County has invested taxpayer dollars in the acquisition of equipment that due to either manufacturer or warranty requirements may call for the use of name brand products. The information contained further describes and specifies lubricants or oil products requested in THIS BID. It is not the intent of Hidalgo County to restrict these bids in such cases, but to comply with either manufacturer or warranty requirements or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items.

Bidder may offer lubricants/oil products that are the "same" or "equivalent" and burden of proof rests with the Bidder. Supporting documentation which clearly illustrates the composition and chemical equivalent of the lubricants and/or oil products must be submitted with this Bid. Further any additional information confirming use of the equivalent products will comply with manufacturer or warranty requirements must also be provided in this Bid. If an "equal" item is used then the bidder is responsible for any damage caused to County equipment which is a result of using such product not covered by the warranty.

Detailed specifications are included. Compliance with all specifications and conditions is required. All bids must include a detailed statement of exceptions taken to any part of the request.

Hidalgo County, Texas invites bids on lubricant, oil, hydraulic fluid and antifreeze products for a period of ninety (90) days with the County's discretion of beginning from bid award date.

Bidders shall provide the lubricant, oil, hydraulic fluid and antifreeze to the following locations and deliver the products ordered to those locations within 24 hours of the County's order to the following locations:

- a. Precinct #1: 1902 Joe Stevens Ave., Weslaco, TX.
- b. Precinct #2: 301 E. State, Pharr, TX.
- c. Precinct #3: 400 W. 13th Street, Mission, TX.
- d. Precinct #4: 1102 N. Doolittle Road, Edinburg, TX.
- e. Sheriff's Dept: PO Box 1228, Edinburg, TX

Hidalgo County will not accept "factory seconds" or otherwise inferior goods and reserves the right to return such item(s) within thirty (30) days of receipt at vendor's expense.

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.

**ERRORS IN BIDS, RELIEF OF BID:**

Bidders or their authorized representatives 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 on the plea of error. Neither law nor regulation make the allowance for errors of omission or commission on the part of bidders. In case of error extension of prices in the bid, the unit price shall govern.

**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 or all of such hardware, software and/or services fails to meet the expectation of Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County may on thirty (30) days notice terminate this Agreement and receive the pro-rata portion of the contract sum paid to the Vendor by Hidalgo County for the un-expired term of this Agreement.

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- A) All oil, hydraulic fluid and antifreeze shall be furnished and priced in sizes as specified on specifications, with unbroken seals, that are sealed by the manufacturer.
- B) Size and/or weight shall be stated for lubricant grease and it shall be furnished In container and/or cartridge, with unbroken seals, that are sealed by the manufacturer.
- C) Each container shall be labeled, or bear a decal or placard indicating the name and grade of the lubricant, including but not limited to, all specifications of the product contained therein. This will guarantee proper identification of each container by County employees.
- D) If the products bid are repackaged locally, vendors shall make those facilities available to the appropriate County employees to insure cleanliness and proper handling. Repackaged product should also be labeled as stated above. **Only Products that meet manufacturer's equipment standards will be permitted.**

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

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

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. No substitutes will be accepted after item(s) have been awarded as specified.
2. To expedite evaluation of the bids it is mandatory that Hidalgo County forms be used to submit pricing information.
3. Bid on each item separately. Provide unit price on quantity specified and extended amount. In the event of error in extensions, the unit price shall govern
4. The bid price will include all shipping and handling charges.
5. Bidder will be required to comply with all applicable equal employment opportunity laws and regulations.
6. Bids are to be net F.O.B. at the County Precincts' locations and Sheriff's Office specified herein.
7. No cash advance discount will be considered.
8. Failure to bid may disqualify a vendor from providing products or services for the term of the contract.
9. Supplier or vendor with bid submission must furnish **Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)** information for all product bids. Literature submitted is the most current reflecting item(s) being bid.
10. **BID PRICE:** Bid your lowest delivery price as of the bid opening date.
11. Detailed explanation of warranties must be provided with bid.

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:**

**COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS AND HIDALGO COUNTY RIGHT OF SELECTION:**

The bidder shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission.

**EVALUATION OF BID:** 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.

**DEVIATIONS FROM SPECIFICATIONS:** All deviations from the specifications must be noted in writing, in detail by the bidder at the time of submittal of the bid. The absence of a written list of specification deviations will hold the bid strictly accountable to the County to the specifications as written. Any deviations from the specifications as written not previously submitted, as required, will be grounds for rejection of the materials and/or equipment when delivered.

**"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 bids, the bidder shall indicate clearly the product on which he is 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.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. Bid prices are to remain for a period of one (1) year with Hidalgo County's sole discretion to continue this bid for an additional one (1) year period under the same rates, terms and conditions.
2. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids ninety (90) days after bid opening before Commissioners' Court action and to award the bid most advantageous to the County
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day "Grace Period" at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.
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. The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or part of the bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of the County.
6. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to bid opening date without the expressed consent of the County.
7. All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

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8. After bid is awarded and low bidder(s) default(s) in meeting the general instructions to bidders and/or comply with contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next low bidder. In such event, County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost of such item.
9. Hidalgo County shall award the bid on a lump sum basis and/or item by item bid basis to one bidder, multiple bidders, primary or secondary vendor(s) whichever is in the best interest of the County. For evaluation and consideration of items bid, samples will be submitted upon request.
10. Hidalgo County reserves the right to review and renew and/or terminate contract at the expiration of each budget period. The contract is for current revenues only. If termination of contract is necessary, the successful bidder will not add any termination penalties of said contract.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM -- NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION**

I/We have read instructions to bidder and specifications. My/Our bid conforms with all bid specifications, conditions, and instructions as outlined by Hidalgo County. Signing the Acknowledgment Form confirms that our company will enter into a binding contract with Hidalgo County for item(s) awarded to our company.

The undersigned Bidder, by signing and executing this bid, certifies and represents to Hidalgo County that Bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit, as defined by §1.07(a)(6) of the Texas Penal Code, or any other thing of value, as consideration for the receipt of information or any special treatment or advantage relating to this bid; the Bidder also certifies and represents that Bidder has not offered, conferred or agreed to confer any pecuniary benefit or other things of value as consideration for the recipient's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote or other exercise of discretion concerning this bid; the Bidder certifies and represents that Bidder has neither coerced nor attempted to influence the exercise of discretion by any officer, trustee, agent or employee of Hidalgo County concerning this bid on the basis of any consideration not authorized by law; the advantage with respect to this bid; the Bidder further certifies and represents that Bidder has not violated any state, federal or local law, regulation or ordinance relating to briber, improper influence, collusion or the like and that Bidder will not in the future offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit or other thing of value any officer, trustee, agent or employee of Hidalgo County in return for the person having exercised the person's official discretion, power or duty with respect to this bid; the Bidder certifies and represents that it has not now and will not in the future offer, confer or agree to confer a pecuniary benefit or other thing of value to any officer, trustee, agent or employee of Hidalgo County in connection with information regarding this bid, the submission of this bid, the award of this bid or the performance, delivery or sale pursuant to this 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:

- a) **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.

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- i) 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.
  - ii) 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.
  - iii) The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
  - iv) No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
  - v) 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.
- b) **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.
- c) **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.
- 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.
- d) **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.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Further information required for this project can be addressed to, Elena Gomez, Buyer, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department (956) 318-2626. Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries, and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals, or statement of qualifications be addressed to Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent, 2802 S Hwy Bus Hwy 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN, day, Month, date, 2011, 5:00 P.M.** Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than, 5:00 P.M., **day, Month, date, 2011.**

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Company Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Authorized Signature:	
Authorized Signature (Print):	
Title:	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Number:	
Fax Number:	