

April 21, 2011

Williamson County Purchasing Department
Attn: Kerstin Hancock
301 SE Inner Loop -- Suite 106
Georgetown, TX 78626

RE: Renewal – Medical Grade Oxygen contract # 11WCA030

Ms. Hancock:

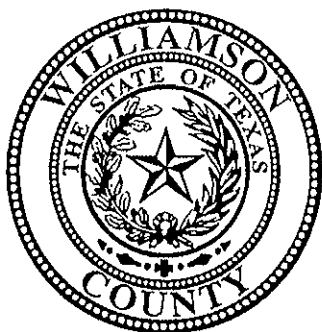
This letter is to inform Williamson County that Round Rock Welding wishes to renew our current Medical Grade Oxygen contract at the same pricing, terms and conditions as the existing contract.

The renewal period will be for the next fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis McClain", written in a cursive style.

Dennis McClain
Round Rock Welding Supply



**WILLIAMSON COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
301 SE INNER LOOP – SUITE 106
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626**

<http://www.wilco.org/purchasing>

Oct. 1, 2010

Round Rock Welding Supply
PO Box 429
Round Rock, TX 78680
Attn: Sharon Tomlinson

RE: Contract # 11WCA030 Medical Grade Oxygen

Dear Ms. Tomlinson,

The bid process for Williamson County has been completed, and I would like to personally thank you for the valuable time you put into submitting your bid.

The Williamson County Commissioners Court has approved awarding the contract for Medical Grade Oxygen to your company for the contract period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Your contract number is 11WCA030. The bid tabulation is located on our County web site at the following link: <http://www.wilco.org/purchasing>. Click "All Past Bids" to locate the bid you are interested in.

If you have any questions or if I can be of additional assistance, please contact me at (512) 943-1546 or email me at khancock@wilco.org.

Thank you again for your participation.

Sincerely,

Kerstin Hancock

Kerstin Hancock
Assistant Purchasing Agent
Williamson County

WILLIAMSON COUNTY BID FORM

MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMS

ANNUAL CONTRACT - BID NUMBER: 11WCA030

NAME OF BIDDER: Round Rock Welding Supply

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 429

City: Round Rock State: TX Zip: 78680

Email Address: sharon@dupuyoxigen.com

Telephone: (512) 828-3200

Fax: (512) 255-9888

Vendor may bid any or all items.

Estimated # of Cylinders	Description	Unit Cost (Per cylinder)	Refill Cost (per cylinder)	Lease Cost (per cylinder)
200	Exchange filled for empty, and delivery, of Type D (Steel) oxygen cylinders at various EMS Stations within Williamson County on a regular route basis. The route exchange and delivery shall be at a minimum of once per week (delivery day to be agreed upon by vendor and customer).		4.25	.107/day
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200	Exchange filled for empty, and delivery, of Type D (Aluminum) oxygen cylinders at various EMS Stations within Williamson County on a regular route basis. The route exchange and delivery shall be at a minimum of once per week (delivery day to be agreed upon by vendor and customer).		4.25	.107/day
30	Exchange filled for empty, and delivery, of Type M or H (Steel) oxygen cylinders at various EMS Stations within Williamson County on a regular route basis. The route exchange and delivery shall be at a minimum of once per week (delivery day to be agreed upon by vendor and customer).		6.95	.107/day
200	Inspection and certification of cylinders in accordance with Federal Law.		N/A	N/A
Varies	Pick-up/Delivery of cylinders to site.		7.50	7.50

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ low item basis. (Will accept award on "any or all" items.)

☒ "all or none" basis. (Will accept award of "all" items only. If left blank, low item will apply.)

By signing this form:

- The bidder confirms that he/she has read the entire document and agrees to the terms herein.
- The bidder is acknowledging the Conflict of Interest Clause and agrees to follow necessary requirements

The undersigned, by his/her signature, represents that he/she is authorized to bind the bidder to fully comply with the terms and conditions of the attached Invitation for Bid, Specifications, and Special Provisions for the amount(s) shown on the accompanying bid sheet(s).

Sharon C. Tomlinson Date of Bid: 7-7-10
Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid

Printed Name and Title of Signer: Sharon C. Tomlinson - Regional Support Manager

DO NOT SIGN OR SUBMIT WITHOUT READING ENTIRE DOCUMENT
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH BID



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<http://www.wilcogov.org/purchasing>

MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMS

ANNUAL CONTRACT

BID NUMBER: 11WCA030

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: JULY 20, 2010 – 1:30 PM

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED: JULY 20, 2010 – 2:00 PM

ADDENDUM # 1

July 6, 2010

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REPLACE THE EXISTING BID FORM WITH THE ATTACHED BID FORM

Column **refill cost (per cylinder)** and
Column **lease cost (per cylinder)** have been added

All bidders must acknowledge receipt of Addendum # 1

Name Sharon Tomlinson Title Regional Manager
Date 7-7-10

COMPLETED FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID

Sincerely,

Kerstin Hancock

Assistant Purchasing Agent
Williamson County



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMS

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BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED: JULY 20, 2010 – 2:00 PM

BID SUBMISSION

DEADLINE: Bids must be received in the Williamson County Purchasing Department on or before **1:30 pm on Tuesday, July 20, 2010**. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 pm or soon thereafter in the Williamson County Purchasing Department, Williamson County Inner loop Annex, 301 SE Inner Loop – Suite 106, Georgetown, Texas.

METHODS: Sealed bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to the *Williamson County Purchasing Department, Attn: Kerstin Hancock, Williamson County Inner Loop Annex, 301 SE Inner Loop – Suite 106, Georgetown, Texas 78626*.

FAX/EMAIL: Facsimile and electronic mail transmittals are acceptable. For instructions regarding electronic submissions, please visit:
<http://www.wilco.org/vendorinfo>
Failure to follow these instructions may cause your bid to be rejected

BID REQUIREMENTS

SUBMITTAL: An original bid must be submitted. The bid consists of the COMPLETED AND SIGNED Bid Form and any other required documentation.

SEALED: All bids must be returned in a sealed envelope with the bid name, number, opening date and time clearly marked on the outside. If an overnight delivery service is used, the bid name, number, opening date and time must be clearly marked on the outside of the delivery service envelope.

REFERENCES: Williamson County may require bidder to supply a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm if vendor has not done business with the County within the past five (5) years. Include name of firm, address, telephone number and name of representative

LEGIBILITY: Bids must be legible and of a quality that can be reproduced.

FORMS: All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in this bid document. Changes to bid forms made by bidders shall disqualify the bid. Bids cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline.

LATE BID: Bids received after submission deadline will not be opened and will be considered void and unacceptable. Williamson County is not responsible for lateness of mail, courier service, etc.

RESPONSIBILITY: It is expected that a prospective bidder will be able to affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder should be able to meet the following requirements:

- a) have adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources as required;
- b) be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- c) have a satisfactory record of performance;
- d) be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

Williamson County may request representation and other information sufficient to determine bidder's ability to meet these minimum standards listed above.

AWARD

THIRTY DAYS: Awards should be made approximately thirty (30) days after the bid opening date. Results maybe obtained by contacting the Purchasing Contact.

REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE: No more than one bid will be awarded for any item, single department or area. Bids may be rejected for some items, departments or areas, even though awards are made for others. The convenience of having a single source for similar items will be taken into consideration together with price in determining the lowest and best bid.

It is understood that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids for any or all materials and/or services covered in this bid request, and to waive informalities or defects in the bid or to accept such bid it shall deem to be in the best interest of Williamson County.

CONTRACT: This Bid, when properly accepted by Williamson County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful bidder and Williamson County.

The successful bidder may be required to sign an additional agreement containing terms necessary to ensure compliance with the bid.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: Under this contract, Kenny Schnell, Director of Operations, Williamson County EMS, shall be the contract administrator with designated responsibility to ensure compliance with contract requirements, such as but not limited to, acceptance, inspection and delivery. The contract administrator will serve as liaison between Williamson County Commissioner's Court and the successful bidder.

CONTRACT PERIOD(S): The Initial Contract Period is October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Possible extensions include:

October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012
October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS: At the end of the current fiscal year, the Commissioners Court reserves the right to extend this contract, by mutual agreement of both parties, as it deems to be in the best interest of the county. This extension will be in twelve (12) month increments for up to an additional twenty-four (24) months, with the terms and conditions remaining the same; and with a price escalation at renewal time each year of no more than the consumer price index, All urban consumers (CPI-U), US City Average, all items, as

MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN FOR EMS BID

published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The yearly increase in the CPI shall be the latest index published one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the end of the contract year. The total period of this contract, including all extensions will not exceed a maximum combined period of thirty-six (36) months. The extension of this contract is contingent on the appropriation of necessary funds by Commissioner's Court for the fiscal year in question. Upon the failure of Commissioner's Court to so appropriate in any year, the Vendor may elect to terminate this agreement, with no additional liability to the County. The County and the Vendor agree that termination shall be the Vendor's sole remedy under this circumstance.

BID CONTACTS

Any questions, clarifications or requests for general information should be directed to the contacts listed below. Question submittals must be made via email, and are **due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 15, 2010**. Every effort will be made to answer questions within 24 hours of receiving them, with an email response.

All submitted questions with their answers will be posted and updated on a daily basis to the Williamson County portal, <http://wilco-online.org/ebids/bids.aspx>

PURCHASING CONTACT:

Kerstin Hancock
301 SE Inner Loop, Suite 106
Georgetown, TX 78626
(512) 943-1546
khancock@wilco.org

TECHNICAL CONTACT:

Butch Dennis, Capt., Support Services
303 Martin Luther King Jr. St.
Georgetown, TX 78626
(512) 563-0812
Bdennis@wilco.org

MISCELLANEOUS

FOB DESTINATION: All of the items listed are to be Free On Board to final destination (FOB Destination) with all transportation charges if applicable to be included in the price, unless otherwise specified in the Invitation for Bids. The title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to the County until receipt and acceptance takes place at the FOB point.

FIRM PRICING: All of the items listed are to be on a "per unit" basis, stating a firm price per unit or unit quantity of each item. This price must be good from the date of bid opening for a fixed period of time. Unless the Bid expressly states otherwise, this period shall be until the end of the current fiscal year on September 30, 2011. Bids which do not state a fixed price, or which are

subject to change without notice, will not be considered. The Court may award a contract for the period implied or expressly stated in the lowest and best bid, but for no longer than the current fiscal year.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES: The estimated quantity of each item listed in the notice is only an estimate -- the actual quantity to be purchased may be more or less. The County is not obligated to purchase any minimum amount, and the County may purchase any reasonable amount greater than the estimate for the same unit price. Any limit on quantities available must be stated expressly in the bid.

FUNDING: Funds for payment have been provided through the Williamson County budget approved by Commissioners Court for the October 1, 2010 thru September 30, 2011 fiscal year.

SALES TAX: Williamson County is by statute, exempt from the State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax.

STATEMENTS: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions, plans and/or specifications stated in the various Bid Packages and/or Bid Instructions/Requirements.

DELIVERY: The delivery time and location for the commodity and/or service covered by this bid shall be as stated in the various bid packages.

PURCHASE ORDER: If required by the Williamson County Purchasing Department a purchase order(s) may be generated to the successful bidder for products and/or services. If a purchase order is issued the purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and/or requests for payment.

PAYMENT: Payment shall be made by check from the County upon satisfactory completion and acceptance of items and submission of the Invoice to the ordering department for work specified by this Contract Document. All payments owed will be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the goods or services are received OR the date that the invoice is received by the Auditor's Office whichever is later. As a minimum, invoices shall include:

- (1) Name, address, and telephone number of Vendor and similar information in the event the payment is to be made to a different address
- (2) County contract, Purchase Order, and/or delivery order number
- (3) Identification of items or service as outlined in the contract
- (4) Quantity or quantities, applicable unit prices, total prices, and total amount
- (5) Any additional payment information which may be called for by the contract

Payment inquiries should be directed to the Auditor's Office, Accounts Payable Department: Donna Baker, 943-1558

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No public official shall have interest in a contract, in accordance with Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 171.

As of January 1, 2006 Vendor's are responsible for complying with Local Government Code Title 5, Subtitle C, Chapter 176. Additional information may be obtained from the County website at the following link: <http://www.wilco.org/CountyDepartments/Purchasing/ConflictOfInterestDisclosure/tabid/689/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

ETHICS: The bidder shall not accept or offer gifts or anything of value nor enter into any business arrangement with any employee, official or agent of Williamson County.

DOCUMENTATION: Bidder shall provide with this bid response, all documentation required by this bid. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the bid.

TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT: Williamson County reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default of this contract. Non-Performance of the bidder in terms of specifications shall be a basis for the termination of the contract by the County. The County shall not pay for commodities/services which are unsatisfactory. Vendors will be given a reasonable opportunity before termination to correct the deficiencies. This, however, shall in no way be construed as negating the basis for termination for non-performance.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of these specifications as to any detail or to the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of the profession and the execution of duties under this bid including the TEXAS HAZARD COMMUNICATION ACT and THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM POLICY.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

This contract contemplates services that do not require worker's compensation insurance coverage. However, if it becomes necessary that the bidder provide services related to the project such as delivering equipment or

materials, an amended contract will be executed which fully complies with the Texas Labor Code and the Texas Worker's Compensation Commission requirements.

BID SPECIFICATIONS

Williamson County EMS uses medical grade oxygen in the delivery of patient care. In that accord, the vendor shall supply medical grade oxygen according to the terms listed below.

During the initial and any extended term of this agreement the Vendor shall maintain its license with the Texas Department of Health and, as manufacturer of pharmacopoeic oxygen, its registration with the FDA/CDER. The Vendor shall comply with all laws, codes, statutes and ordinances pertaining to the provision of pharmacopoeic oxygen, including, but not limited to: U.S. DOT, CFR-49 Part 100-185, revised October 1, 1996, Sections 178.35 – 178.68; the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as applicable, and the standards set forth in Volume 22, U.S. Pharmacopoeic Manual. Furthermore, all licenses and registrations required by this agreement and by any regulatory body having authority over the provision of the services addressed herein, must be kept current by the Vendor.

All quantities shown are **Estimated Quantities**. The actual quantity purchased may be more or less. The county is not obligated to purchase any minimum amount and the county may purchase any reasonable amount greater than the estimate for the same unit price.

Williamson County does not own and will require the lease of all oxygen cylinders.

Vendor shall present one bill per cycle (month, quarter, etc) for all stations serviced, not an individual bill for each station.

In the event of a disaster or major incident, the vendor agrees to deliver oxygen to the disaster or major incident site, if so requested.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY BID FORM

MEDICAL GRADE OXYGEN FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMS

ANNUAL CONTRACT - BID NUMBER: 11WCA030

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

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Signature of Person Authorized to Sign Bid

Date of Bid: _____

Printed Name and Title of Signer: _____

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- » Up to 15% for nitrogen, oxygen, argon, hydrogen, and carbon dioxide;
- » Up to 20% for helium;
- » Up to 15% for facility fees or monthly bulk product charges and cylinder rental rates;
- » Up to 6% on equipment and consumables.

Price adjustments may be higher or lower than these ranges in accordance with contract provisions.

These adjustments are being implemented in response to continuing premium production, distribution and feedstock sourcing costs; current supply/demand imbalances in some products; hardgoods vendor increases; and to improve and maintain infrastructure necessary to reliably supply our customers.

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Media Contact: Maureen Fama, (203) 837-2025

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