



JEFFERSON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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LEGAL NOTICE Advertisement for Invitation for Bids

October 12, 2009

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by the Jefferson County Purchasing Division for IFB 09-155/KJS, Term Contract Motor Fuel for Jefferson County. Specifications for this project may be obtained from the website, <http://www.co.jefferson.tx.us>, or by calling 409-835-8593.

Bids are to be addressed to the Purchasing Agent with the bid number and name marked on the outside of the envelope. Bidders shall forward an original and two (2) copies of their bid to the address shown below. Late bids will be rejected as non-responsive. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Jefferson County Commissioners' Courtroom at the time and date below. Bidders are invited to attend the sealed bid opening.

BID NAME: Term Contract for Motor Fuel Jefferson County
BID NO: IFB 09-155/KJS
DUE DATE/TIME: 11:00 AM, November 9, 2009
MAIL OR DELIVER TO: Jefferson County Purchasing Division
1149 Pearl Street, 1st Floor
Beaumont, Texas 77701

Any questions relating to these requirements should be directed to Karen J. Smith, MBA, Assistant Purchasing Agent, at 409-835-8593.

All interested firms are invited to submit a bid in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in this bid.

RESPONDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE INVITATION.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Clark". The signature is written over a faint, circular watermark or seal.

Deborah L. Clark
Purchasing Agent
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IFB 09-155/KJS
FOR IFB 09-155/KJS, TERM CONTRACT MOTOR FUEL FOR
JEFFERSON COUNTY
BIDS DUE: 11:00 AM, NOVEMBER 09, 2009

JEFFERSON COUNTY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR UNMARKED OR IMPROPERLY MARKED ENVELOPES.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for Jefferson County to reimburse responding bidders for any expense incurred in preparing bid in response to this request and Jefferson County will not reimburse bidders for these expenses.

All bids must be received in the Purchasing Department before opening date November 9, 2009 at 11:00AM. Bids received after the date and time above will be considered void and unacceptable and returned to the vendor unopened. Jefferson County is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, carrier, etc., and the date/time stamp in the Purchasing Office shall be the official time of receipt.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY HOLIDAYS:

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| January 19, 2009 | November 11, 2009 |
| February 16, 2009 | November 26, 2009 |
| April 10, 2009 | November 27, 2009 |
| May 25, 2009 | December 24, 2009 |
| July 3, 2009 | December 25, 2009 |
| September 7, 2009 | January 1, 2010 |

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTALS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The enclosed **Notice to Bidders** and accompanying **Specifications and Bid Forms** must be completed prior to submission. Failure to complete forms/affidavits may render your bid null and void. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Fourth Floor, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas.

In the event the Commissioners' Courtroom is in use at time of opening, bids will be opened in the Conference Room of the County Judge.

Hours for the Purchasing Department are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm central time, Monday - Friday.

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BID SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Items checked below represent components comprising this bid package. If the item **IS NOT** checked, it is **NOT APPLICABLE** to this bid. Bidders are asked to review the package to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the package is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to be thoroughly familiar with all Requirements and Specifications. Be sure you understand the following before you return your bid packet.

- 4 1. **Cover Sheet –**
- 4 2. **Table of Contents**
This page is the Table of Contents
- 4 3. **Offer and Acceptance Form**
This page is the Table of Contents
- 4 4. **General Requirements**
You should be familiar with all of the General Requirements.
- 4 5. **Special Requirements/Instructions**
Provides information you must know in order to make an offer properly.
- 4 6. **Specifications**
Contains the detailed description of the product/service sought by the County.
- 4 7. **Pricing/Delivery Information**
Used to solicit exact pricing of goods/services and delivery costs.
- 8. **Attachments**
 - a. **Bid Guaranty & Performance Bond Information & Requirements**
Applies only to certain bids/proposals. Read carefully and fill out completely.
 - b. **Bid Check Return Authorization Form**
Applies only to certain forms. Read carefully and fill out completely.
 - c. **Vehicle Delivery Instructions**
Included only when purchasing vehicles.
 - d. **Minimum Insurance Requirements**
Included when applicable (does not supersede "Hold Harmless" section of General Requirements).
 - e. **Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage Rule 110.110**
Applicable for a building or construction contract.
 - f. **Financial Statement**
When this information is required, you must use this form.
 - g. **Reference Sheet**
 - h. **Other**
From time to time other attachments may be included.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Bid Submission

Bids must be submitted in complete original form by mail or messenger to the following address:

Jefferson County Purchasing Division
1149 Pearl Street, First Floor
Beaumont, TX 77701

Bids will be accepted at the above address until the time and date specified herein, and immediately after will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be tightly sealed in an opaque envelope and **plainly marked with the Invitation for Bid number**, due date, and the bidder's name and address. Our hours of operation are

Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

All bids submitted in response to this invitation shall become the property of Jefferson County and will be a matter of public record available for review.

2. Preparation of Bids

The bid shall be legibly printed in ink or typed.

If a unit price or extension already entered is to be altered, it shall be crossed out and initialed in ink by the bidder.

The bid shall be legally signed and shall include the complete address of the bidder.

Jefferson County is exempt from Federal and State Sales Taxes, and such taxes shall not be included in bid prices.

3. Signatures

All bids, notifications, claims, and statements must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the bidder. The individual signing certifies, under penalty of perjury, that he or she has the legal authorization to bind the bidder.

4. Rejection or Withdrawal

Submission of additional terms, conditions or agreements with the bid document are grounds for deeming a bid non-responsive and may result in bid rejection. Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities and minor irregularities or defects in bids. Bids may be withdrawn in person by a bidder or authorized representative, provided their identity is made known and a receipt is signed for the bid, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the time set for receipt of bids. Bids are an irrevocable offer and may not be withdrawn within 90 days after opening date.

5. Award

The bid will be awarded to the responsible, responsive bidder(s) whose bid, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to Jefferson County – price and other factors considered. Unless otherwise specified in this IFB, Jefferson County reserves the right to accept a bid in whole or in part, and to award by item or by group, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of Jefferson County. Any bidder who is in default to Jefferson County at the time of submittal of the bid shall have that bid rejected. Jefferson County reserves the right to clarify any contractual terms with the concurrence of the Contractor; however, any substantial nonconformity in the offer, as determined by Jefferson County, shall be deemed non-responsive and the offer rejected.

In evaluating bids, Jefferson County shall consider the qualifications of the bidders, and, where applicable, operating costs, delivery time, maintenance requirements, performance data, and guarantees of materials and equipment. In addition, Jefferson County may conduct such investi-

gation as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of a bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the bidders to fulfill the contract.

Jefferson County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of **lowest and best bid** in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one offeror, and/or to reject any or all bids. In the event the lowest dollar offeror meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, Offeror may appear before the Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning Offeror responsibility after officially notifying the Office of the Purchasing Agent of Offeror's intent to appear.

6. Contract

A response to an IFB is an offer to contract with Jefferson County based upon the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in the IFB. Bids do not become contracts unless and until they are executed by Jefferson County, eliminating a formal signing of a separate contract. For that reason, all of the terms and conditions of the contract are contained in the IFB, unless any of the terms and conditions is modified by an IFB Amendment, a Contract Amendment, or by mutually agreed terms and conditions in the contract documents.

7. Waiver of Subrogation

Bidder and bidder's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Jefferson County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from bidder's performance under this agreement.

8. Fiscal Funding

A multi-year contract (if requested by the specifications) continuing as a result of an extension option must include fiscal funding out. If, for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the contract, said contract shall become null and void.

9. Bid Results

Bid results are not provided in response to telephone inquiries. A preliminary tabulation of bids received will be posted on the Purchasing web page (<http://co.jefferson.tx.us/purchasing/main.htm>) as soon as possible following bid opening. A final tabulation will be posted following bid award, and will also be available for review in the Purchasing Division.

10. Changes and Addenda to Bid Documents

Each change or addendum issued in relation to this IFB document will be on file in the Office of the Purchasing Agent. In addition, to the extent possible, copies will be mailed to each person registered as having received a set of bid documents. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to make inquiry as to change or addenda issued. All such changes or addenda shall become part of the contract and all bidders shall be bound by such addenda. Information on all changes or addenda issued will be available at the Office of the County Purchasing Agent.

11. Specifications

Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, the bid will be considered as being in accordance with Jefferson County's applicable standard specifications, and any special specifications outlined in the bid document. References to a particular trade name, manufacturer's catalogue, or model number are made for descriptive purposes to guide the bidder in interpreting the requirements of Jefferson County, and should not be construed as excluding bids on other types of materials, equipment, and supplies. However, the bidder, if awarded a contract, will be required to furnish the particular item referred to in the specifications or description unless departure or substitution is clearly noted and described in the bid. Jefferson County reserves the right to determine if equipment/ product being bid are an acceptable alternate. All goods shall be new unless otherwise so stated in the bid. Any unsolicited alternate bid, or any changes, insertions, or omissions to the terms and conditions, specifications, or any other requirements of the bid, may be considered non-responsive.

12. Delivery

Bids shall include all charges for delivery, packing, crating, containers, etc. Unless otherwise stated by the bidder, prices bid will be considered as being based on F.O.B. delivered, freight included.

13. Interpretation of Bid and/or Contract Documents

All inquiries shall be made within a reasonable time prior to the date and time fixed for the bid opening, in order that a written response in the form of an addendum, if required, can be processed before the bids are opened. Inquiries received that are not made in a timely fashion may or may not be considered.

14. Currency

Prices calculated by the bidder shall be stated in U.S. dollars.

15. Pricing

Prices shall be stated in units of quantity specified in the bid documents. In case of discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price shall govern.

16. Notice to Proceed/Purchase Order

The successful bidder may not commence work under this contract until authorized to do so by the Purchasing Agent.

17. Certification

By signing the offer section of the Offer and Acceptance page, bidder certifies:

- The submission of the offer did not involve collusion or other anti-competitive practices.
- The bidder has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to any public servant in connection with the submitted offer.
- The bidder hereby certifies that the individual signing the bid is an authorized agent for the bidder and has the authority to bind the bidder to the contract.

18. Definitions

“County” – Jefferson County, Texas.

“Contractor” – The bidder whose proposal is accepted by Jefferson County.

19. Minority-Women Business Enterprise Participation

It is the desire of Jefferson County to increase the participation of Minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the County does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BIDDING AND TERMS OF CONTRACT

By execution of this document, the vendor accepts all general and special conditions of the contract as outlined below and in the specifications and plans.

1. Bidding

1.1 Bids

All bids must be submitted on the bid form furnished in this package.

1.2 Authorized Signatures

The bid must be executed personally by the vendor, duly authorized partner of the partnership, or duly authorized officer of the corporation. If executed by an agent, a power of attorney or other evidence of authority to act on behalf of the vendor shall accompany the bid to become a valid bid.

1.3 Late Bids

Bids must be in the office of the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent before or at the specified time and date bids are due. Bids received after the submission deadline shall be rejected as non-responsive and returned unopened.

1.4 Withdrawal of Bids Prior to Bid Opening

A bid may be withdrawn before the opening date by submitting a written request to the Purchasing Agent. If time allows the bidder may submit a new bid. Bidder assumes full responsibility for submitting a new bid before or at the specified time and date bids are due. Jefferson County reserves the right to withdraw a request for bids before the opening date.

1.5 Withdrawal of Bids After Bid Opening

Bidder agrees that its offer may not be withdrawn or cancelled by the vendor for a period of ninety (90) days following the date and time designated for the receipt of bids unless otherwise stated in the bid and/or specifications.

1.6 Bid Amounts

Bids shall show net prices, extensions where applicable and net total. In case of conflict between unit price and extension, the unit price will govern. Any ambiguity in the bid as a result of omission, error, unintelligible or illegible wording shall be interpreted in the favor of Jefferson County.

1.7 Exceptions and/or Substitutions

All bids meeting the intent of the specifications and plans will be considered for award. Vendors taking exception to the specifications and plans, or offering substitutions, shall state these exceptions in the section provided. If bid is made on an article other than the one specified, which a bidder considers comparable, the name and grade of said article must be specified in the bid and sufficient specifications and descriptive data must accompany same to permit thorough evaluation. The absence of stated exceptions and/or substitutions shall indicate that the vendor has not taken any exceptions to the specifications and shall be responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications. As a matter of practice, Jefferson County rejects exception(s) and /or substitutions as non-responsive but reserves the right to accept any and/or all of the exception(s) and/or substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of Jefferson County.

1.8 Alternates

The Invitation for Bid and/or specifications may expressly allow bidder to submit an alternate bid. Presence of such an offer shall not be considered an indication of non-responsiveness.

1.9 Descriptions

Unless otherwise specified, any reference to make, manufacturer and/or model used in the bid specifications is merely descriptive and not restrictive, and is used only to indicate type, style, or quality of material desired.

1.10 Bid Alterations

Bids cannot be altered or amended after submission deadline. Any interlineations, alterations, or erasures made before opening time must be initialed by the signer of the bid, guaranteeing authenticity.

1.11 Tax Exempt Status

Jefferson County is exempt from federal excise tax and state sales tax. Unless the bid form or specifications specifically indicate otherwise, the bid price must be net, exclusive of above-mentioned taxes and will be so construed. Therefore, the bid price shall not include taxes.

1.12 Quantities

Quantities indicated are estimated quantities only and are not a commitment to buy. Approximate usage does not constitute an order, but only implies the probable quantity that will be used. Commodities will be ordered on an as-needed basis. Bidder is responsible for accurate final counts.

1.13 Bid Award

Award of contract shall be made to the most responsible, responsive bidder, whose offer is determined to be the best value, taking into consideration the relative importance of price. Jefferson County reserves the right to be the sole judge as to whether items bid will serve the purpose intended. Jefferson County reserves the right to accept or reject in part or in whole any bid submitted, and to waive any technicalities or informalities for the best interest of the County. Jefferson County reserves the right to award based upon individual line items, sections or total bid.

1.14 Silence of Specifications for Complete Units

All materials, equipment and/or parts that will become a portion of the completed work, including items not specifically stated herein but, necessary to render the service(s) complete and operational per the specifications, are to be included in the bid price. Vendor may be required to furnish evidence that the service, as bid, will meet or exceed these requirements.

1.15 Addenda

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to the specifications and plans will be made by addenda no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the bid opening. Addenda will be distributed to all known recipients of bid documents. Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda with submission of bid.

1.16 General Bid Bond/Surety Requirements

Failure to furnish bid bond/surety, if requested, will result in bid being declared non-responsive. Non-responsive bids will not be considered for award.

1.17 General Insurance Requirements

Failure to furnish Affidavit of Insurance, if required in these specifications, will result in bid being declared non-responsive. Non-responsive bids will not be considered for award.

1.18 Responsiveness

A responsive bid shall substantially conform to the requirements of this Invitation to Bid and/or specifications contained herein. Bidders who substitute any other terms, conditions, specifications and/or requirements or who qualify their bids in such a manner as to nullify or limit their liability to the contracting entity shall have their bids deemed non-responsive. Also, bids containing any clause that would limit contracting authority shall be considered non-responsive. Examples of non-responsive bids include but shall not be limited to: a) bids that fail to conform to required delivery

schedules as set forth in the bid request; b) bids with prices qualified in such a manner that the bid price cannot be determined, such as with vague wording that may include "price in effect at the time of delivery," and c) bids made contingent upon award of other bids currently under consideration.

1.19 Responsible Standing of Bidder

To be considered for award, bidder must at least: have the ability to obtain adequate financial resources, be able to comply with required or proposed delivery/completion schedule, have a satisfactory record of performance; have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics, and be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive award.

1.20 Proprietary Data

Bidder may, by written request, indicate as confidential any portion(s) of a bid that contain proprietary information, including manufacturing and/or design processes exclusive to the vendor. Jefferson County will protect from public disclosure such portions of a bid, unless directed otherwise by legal authority, including existing Open Records Acts.

1.21 Public Bid Opening

Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of bids. After the official opening of bids, a period of not less than one week is necessary to evaluate bids. The amount of time necessary for bid evaluation may vary and is determined solely by the County. Following the bid evaluation, all bids submitted are available for public review.

2. Performance

2.1 Design, Strength, and Quality

Design, strength, and quality of materials and workmanship must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing and engineering practices. The apparent silence of specifications and/or plans as to any detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications and/or plans shall be made on the basis of this statement.

2.2 Age and Manufacture

All tangible goods being bid must be new and unused, unless otherwise specified, in first-class condition, of current manufacture, and furnished ready to use. All items not specifically mentioned that are required for a complete unit shall be furnished.

2.3 Delivery Location

All deliveries will be made to the address(es) specified on the purchase order during normal working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise authorized by the Purchasing Agent or designee.

2.4 Delivery Schedule

Delivery time may be an important consideration in the evaluation of best value. The maximum number of days necessary for delivery ARO shall be stated in the space, if provided, on the bid form.

2.5 Delivery Charges

All delivery and freight charges, F.O.B. destination shown on Jefferson County purchase order, as necessary to perform contract are to be included in the bid price.

2.6 Installation Charges

All charges for assembly, installation and set-up shall be included in the bid price. Unless otherwise stated, assembly, installation and set-up will be required.

2.7 Operating Instructions and Training

Clear and concise operating instructions and descriptive literature will be provided in English, if requested. On-site detailed training in the safe and efficient use and general maintenance of item(s) purchased shall be provided as needed at the request of Jefferson County. Instructions and training shall be at no additional cost to the County.

2.8 Storage

Bidder agrees to provide storage of custom ordered materials, if requested, for up to thirty (30) calendar days.

2.9 Compliance with Federal, State, County, and Local Laws

Bids must comply with all federal, state, county and local laws, including, but not limited to, all applicable standard safety, emission, and noise control requirements. Any vehicles or equipment shall contain all standard safety, emission, and noise control requirements required for the types and sizes of equipment at the time of their manufacture. The contractor agrees, during the performance of work or service, to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of Jefferson County or the State of Texas as they may apply, as these laws may now read, or as they may hereafter be changed or amended.

2.10 OSHA

The bidder will certify all equipment complies with all regulations and conditions stipulated under the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1971, as amended. The successful bidder will further certify that all items furnished under this project will conform and comply with federal and State of Texas OSHA standards. The successful bidder will agree to indemnify and hold harmless Jefferson County for any and all damages that may be assessed against the County.

2.11 Patents and Copyrights

The successful vendor agrees to protect the County from claims involving infringements of patents and/or copyrights.

2.12 Samples, Demonstrations and Testing

At Jefferson County's request and direction, bidder shall provide product samples and/or testing of items bid to ensure compliance with specifications. Samples, demonstrations and/or testing may be requested at any point prior to or following bid award. Samples, demonstrations and/or testing may be requested upon delivery and/or any point during the term of resulting contract. All samples (including return thereof), demonstrations, and/or testing shall be at the expense of the bidder/vendor.

2.13 Acceptability

All articles enumerated in the bid shall be subject to inspection by an officer designated for that purpose by Jefferson County. If found inferior to the quality called for, or not equal in value to the specifications, deficient in workmanship or otherwise, this fact shall be certified to the Purchasing Agent, who shall have the right to reject the whole or any part of the same. Items and/or work determined to be contrary to specifications must be replaced at the vendor's expense. Inferior items not retrieved by the vendor within thirty (30) calendar days or an otherwise agreed upon time, shall become the property of the County. If disposal of such items warrants an expense, an amount equal to the disposal expense will be deducted from amounts payable to the vendor.

2.14 Maintenance

Maintenance required for equipment bid should be available in Jefferson County by a manufacturer authorized maintenance facility. Cost for this service shall be shown on the bid sheet as requested or on a separate sheet, as required. If Jefferson County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.

2.15 Material Safety Data Sheets

Under the "Hazardous Communications Act," common known as the "Texas Right to Know Act," a bidder must provide the user department, with each delivery, material safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Failure of the bidder to furnish this documentation, will be cause to reject any bid applying thereto.

2.16 Evaluation

Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which services are the most efficient and/or most economical for the County. It shall be based on all factors having a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user environment. All bids are subject to tabulation by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department and recommendation to Jefferson County Commissioners' Court. Compliance with all bid requirements and needs of the using department are considered in evaluating bids. Pricing is **not** the only criteria for making a recommendation. The Jefferson County Purchasing Department reserves the right to contact any bidder, at any time, to clarify, verify or requirement information with regard to this bid.

3. Purchase Orders and Payment

3.1 Purchase Orders

A purchase order(s) shall be generated by the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent to the successful vendor. The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices and packing slips. The County will not be held responsible for any work orders placed and/or performed without a valid current purchase order number. Payment will be made for all services rendered and accepted by the contract administrator for which a valid invoice has been received.

3.2 Invoices

All invoices shall reference the Purchase Order number. Invoices shall reference the bid item number or a detailed description for each item invoiced. If an item purchased and itemized on the invoice does not correspond to an item in any of the categories awarded to the vendor, invoice shall reference the item as "N/C" to indicate that it is a non-contract item. This requirement is to assist the County in verifying contract pricing on all invoices. Payment will be made under terms of net thirty (30) days unless otherwise agreed upon by seller and the purchasing department.

3.3 Prompt Payment

In accordance with the State of Texas Prompt Payment Act, Article 601f V.T.C.S., payment will be made after receive and acceptance by the County of the merchandise ordered and of a valid invoice. Successful bidder(s) is required to pay subcontractors within ten (10) days after the successful bidder receives payment from the County.

3.4 Funding

Jefferson County is operated and funded on an October 1 to September 30 basis; accordingly, the County reserves the right to terminate, without liability to the County, any contract for which funding is not available.

4. Contract

4.1 Contract Definition

The General Conditions of Bidding and Terms of Contract, Specifications, Plans, Bidding Forms, Addenda, and any other documents made a part of this bid shall constitute the complete bid. This bid, when duly accepted by Jefferson County, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful bidder and Jefferson County.

4.2 Contract Agreement

Once a contract is awarded, the unit prices offered by the successful bidder shall remain firm for the term of the contract. **Contract shall commence on date of award and continue with an option for up to a four (4) year period.**

4.3 Change Order

No different or additional terms will become part of this contract with the exception of a change order. No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing and at the discretion and approval of Jefferson County. No change order will be binding unless signed by an authorized representative of the County and the vendor.

4.4 Price Re-determination

A price re-determination may be considered by Jefferson County only at the twelve (12) month and twenty-four (24) month anniversary dates of the contract. All requests for price re-determination shall be in written form. Cause for such request, i.e., manufacturer's direct cost, postage rates, Railroad Commission rates, Federal/State minimum wage law, Federal/State unemployment taxes, F.I.C.A, Insurance Coverage Rates, etc., shall be substantiated in writing by the source of the cost increase. The bidder's past experience of honoring contracts at the bid price will be an important consideration in the evaluation of the lowest and best bid. Jefferson County reserves the right to accept or reject any/all requests for price re-determination as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

4.5 Termination

Jefferson County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if the bidder breached any of the terms therein, including warranties of bidder or if the bidder becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Jefferson County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or service within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Jefferson County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Contracts may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to either party unless otherwise specified. Jefferson County reserves the right to award canceled contract to the next lowest bidder. Bidder, in submitting this bid, agrees that Jefferson County shall not be liable to prosecution for damages in the event that the County declares the bidder in default.

4.6 Conflict of Interest

Employees of the County are not permitted to maintain financial interest in, or receive payment, directly or indirectly, borrow from, lend to, invest in, or engage in any substantial financial transaction with any individual, organization, supplier, or subcontractor who does business with the County without disclosure.

When conflict of interest is discovered, it shall be grounds for termination of contract.

4.7 Injuries or Damages Resulting from Negligence

Successful vendor shall defend, indemnify and save harmless Jefferson County and all its 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 vendor, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award. Successful vendor shall pay any judgment with cost which may be obtained against Jefferson County growing out of such injury or damages.

4.8 Interest by Public Officials

No public official shall have interest in this contract, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code.

4.9 Warranty

The successful vendor shall warrant that all materials utilized in the performance of this contract shall conform to the proposed specifications and/or all warranties as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title.

4.10 Uniform Commercial Code

The successful vendor and Jefferson County agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.

4.11 Venue

This agreement will be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. This agreement is performable in the County of Jefferson, Texas.

4.12 Sale, Assignment, or Transfer of Contract

The successful vendor shall not sell, assign, transfer or convey this contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Jefferson County.

4.12 Silence of Specifications

The apparent silence of these specifications as to any detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

The following requirements and instructions supersede General Requirements where applicable.

1. Bid Requirement

Each bidder should submit as a bid this entire IFB, completed where necessary, for example, the IFB cover sheet, the Price Sheets, etc. Use an opaque envelope, **clearly indicating on the outside the Job Number, Job Description**, and marked "SEALED BID". Jefferson County shall not be responsible for any effort or cost expended in the preparation of a response to this IFB. All protests should be coordinated through the Purchasing Office prior to award recommendation to Commissioners' Court.

2. Multiple Vendor Award

Jefferson County reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor at the County's discretion.

3. Delivery

If delivery is required, all items must be packaged so as to be protected from damage during shipping and handling. Any item(s) damaged in shipping must be replaced in kind, or repaired, by the contractor, at the discretion of, and at no additional charge to, Jefferson County.

4. Payment

Jefferson County will pay original invoices that clearly itemize the goods and/or services provided as to quantity, part number, description, price, applicable discount (if any), labor charges showing time differential, if applicable and if previously agreed to, and delivery, installation, and set-up costs, if applicable and if previously agreed to. Only charges as stated on the Bid Form(s) submitted as a part of the bid will be considered.

Invoices must indicate Jefferson County as applicable, the address to which the product(s) and/or service(s) were delivered, and the applicable purchase order number. Invoices will be matched to delivery tickets prior to payment; therefore, all delivery tickets should have an accurate description of the product(s) and/or service(s).

5. Usage Reports

Jefferson County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost, up to two (2) times during the contract period, a usage report detailing the products and/or services furnished to date under a contract resulting from this IFB. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) working days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by Jefferson County department, description of each item purchased, including manufacturer, quantity of each item purchased, per unit and extended price of each item purchased, and total amount and price of all items purchased.

6. Insurance

The contractor shall, at all times during the term of this contract, maintain insurance coverage's with not less than the type and requirements shown below. Such insurance is to be provided at the sole cost of the contractor. These requirements do not establish limits of the contractor's liability.

All policies of insurance shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents.

Contractor shall furnish Jefferson County with Certificate of Insurance naming Jefferson County as additional insured.

All insurance must be written by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the State of Texas.

Minimum Insurance Requirements

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Public Liability | \$300,000.00 |
| Property Damage | \$300,000.00 |
| Bodily Injury | \$300,000.00 |
| Excess Liability | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Workers' Compensation | Statutory Coverage (see attached) |

7. Workers' Compensation Insurance

7.1 Definitions:

- 7.1.1 **Certificate of coverage ("Certificate")** – A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement, TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84 showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.
 - 7.1.2 **Duration of the project** – Includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.
 - 7.1.3 **Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor") in article 406.096** – Includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services under the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractor, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" includes, without limitation, providing, hauling or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.
- 7.2 The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification code and payroll amounts and filing any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
 - 7.3 The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.
 - 7.4 If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.
 - 7.5 The Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
 - 7.5.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and
 - 7.5.2 No later than seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate ends during the duration of the project.
 - 7.6 The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
 - 7.7 The Contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

- 7.8 The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.
- 7.9 The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:
 - 7.9.1 Provide coverage, based on reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.2 Provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.3 Provide the Contractor, prior to the end of coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.4 Obtain from each person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:
 - 7.9.4.1 A certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and
 - 7.9.4.2 the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of coverage ends during the duration of the project.
 - 7.9.5 Retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.
 - 7.9.6 Notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and
 - 7.9.7 Contractually require each person with whom it contracts to perform as required by paragraphs 1.1. – 1.7., with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.
- 7.10 By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services of the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- 7.11 The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

The following requirements and specifications supersede General Requirements where applicable. Contact Karen J. Smith, MBA, Assistant Purchasing Agent (Phone: 409-835-8593; e-mail ksmith@co.jefferson.tx.us), regarding any questions or comments. Please reference bid number 09-152/KJS.

Scope

Vendor shall provide motor fuel for Jefferson County subject to the terms and conditions stated herein for a period of one year beginning on or about Date of Award.

The County shall reserve the right to award to one successful bidder for both tankwagon and transports loads. Partial bids will not be considered.

Bidder shall include brand names or trade names of products offered on the bid blank.

Delivery

Delivery will be to storage tanks, various points in Jefferson County (listed below), with delivery prepaid and allowed, and unloading charges for the account of the seller.

Taxes/Fees

The County is subject to the State Gasoline Tax and the Petroleum Product Delivery Fees.

Petroleum Product Delivery Fee Schedule

| Gasoline | | Diesel | |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| 0-2499 gallons | \$25.00 | 0-2499 gallons | \$25.00 |
| 2500-4999 gallons | \$50.00 | 2500-4999 gallons | \$50.00 |
| 5000-6999 gallons | \$75.00 | 5000-7999 gallons | \$75.00 |
| 7000-10,000 gallons | \$100.00 | 8000-10,000 gallons | \$100.00 |

Bidders are reminded to list the fee as a separate line item charge and to identify it on the invoice as "Reimbursement for Petroleum Delivery Fee." Invoice the taxes and fees as separate items. **Do not include tax/fee in your bid.** Successful bidder shall negotiate a 6416 agreement whereby the bidder will not charge the County for federal excise tax and the County will allow the bidder to collect a refund from the Internal Revenue Service. **Therefore, do not bid federal excise tax.**

Approximate Annual Usage

Items listed on page 19 indicate our approximate annual usage. No promise is made or implied that these quantities will be purchased. Orders will be placed on an **as-needed basis**, delivered to various locations in Jefferson County, for the duration of the contract. Purchase Orders will be released to the successful bidder(s) as required. **Minimum Orders Are Not Acceptable.**

Contract

This bid, when properly accepted by Jefferson County Commissioners' Court, shall constitute a contract equally binding between the successful bidder and Jefferson County. No different or additional terms will become a part of this contract.

General Specification

1. It is understood and agreed that independent laboratory tests and analysis may be required under the following conditions:
 - a. Independent laboratory test may be made from samples taken at destination. The County shall select the testing laboratory.
 - b. If the results of such test and analysis reveal the samples submitted meet the technical specifications below, Jefferson County will bear the cost of such test and analysis.
 - c. If the results of such test and analysis reveal the samples submitted do not meet the technical specifications below, the cost of such tests and analysis shall be for the successful bidder's account, and the successful bidder shall make satisfactory adjustment for all product delivered which does not comply with the County's technical specifications.
 - d. The results of the foregoing tests and analysis shall be furnished to the successful bidder and to Jefferson County.
2. The Contractor shall make adjustment and allowance in gallonage of gasoline to compensate for change in temperature of gasoline, i.e., Contractor must show temperature of gasoline at loading point at the time the gasoline was unloaded onto the transport and must show the correction and adjustment made in gallonage delivered to the County using 60 degrees F as normal temperature reading. **Such corrections and adjustment will be shown on 5,000 gallons or more on invoice billing to the County.**
3. The successful bidder shall exercise extreme care at all time during delivery to ensure all safety precautions are met.
4. The official reference for prices for fuel delivered under this specification shall be **the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) PADD 3 REPORT**, published weekly by United Communications Group, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 700, N. Bethesda, MD 20814. This publication lists weekly and daily average prices, in cents per gallon, F.O.B. Beaumont, TX, excluding taxes, for the three grades of motor fuel listed in the Technical Specification below.
5. **Prices bid shall be expressed as equal to or a differential of, in cents per gallon, either more or less, the OPIS PADD 3 report daily average prices published for Beaumont, TX. RACK PRICES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
6. Deliveries will not be made unless a purchase order has been issued by the Jefferson County Purchasing Department. The weekly prices for these orders shall be on the following basis:
 - a. OPIS averages are published on Daily.

- b. The reports are normally available on the following business day.
 - c. The prior days report will be the reference for prices for all purchases made.
7. Prices quotes shall be for transport and tankwagon loads delivered to the following County sites:

Tankwagon Delivery Locations:

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| Road & Bridge Pct. 1 Highway 90, China | Road & Bridge Pct. 2 Viterbo Road, Nederland |
| Road & Bridge Pct. 3 Jade Ave., Port Arthur | Road & Bridge Pct. 3 Hwy 124 Stockpile; Hamshire |
| Road & Bridge Pct. 4 Hebert Rd., Beaumont | Road & Bridge Pct. 4 Boyt Road, Cheek |
| Mosquito Control District Airport 1 st St., Nederland | Sub-Courthouse Lakeshore Dr., Port Arthur |
| Jefferson County Correctional Facility Hwy. 69, Nederland | Jefferson County Airport Nederland |

Transport Delivery Locations:

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| Sheriff's Department Jefferson County Airport Nederland | Service Center Orleans & Blanchette St. Beaumont |
| Jefferson County Correctional Facility Hwy. 69, Nederland | |

The County can furnish the successful bidder copies of the underground storage tank requirements for the applicable tanks.

- 8. **Successful bidder shall make deliveries within 24 hours of order.** Transport delivery vehicles shall be equipped with meters capable of printing registrations on the invoice before and after delivery. The amount delivered shall be so recorded on each delivery ticket.
- 9. **Estimated consumption of tankwagon delivery product is as follows:**

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Unleaded gasoline, 93 octane | 102,917 gallons |
| Unleaded gasoline, 87 octane | 33,077 gallons |
| Unleaded gasoline, 89 octane | 13,700 gallons |
| No. 2 Diesel | 67,416 gallons |

Estimated annual consumption of transport delivery product is as follows:

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|---|-----------------|
| Unleaded gasoline, 89 octane | 24,597 gallons |
| Unleaded gasoline, premium grade, 87 octane | 137,764 gallons |

These figures are estimates only. No promise is made or implied that these quantities will be purchased.

Technical Specification

Gasoline: Gasoline shall be petroleum motor fuels satisfactory for use in gasoline-powered internal combustion engines. Gasolines shall not be blended with alcohol or ethanol.

Grades of gasoline shall conform to the following formulas:

- Item 1. Unleaded Gasoline, Regular Grade (Tankwagon)
Minimum Octane Rating $R+M/2=87$
- Item 2. Unleaded Gasoline, Premium Grade (Tankwagon)
Minimum Octane Rating $R+M/2=93$
- Item 3. Unleaded Gasoline, Premium Grade (Transport)
Minimum Octane Rating $R+M/2=87$
- Item 4. Unleaded Gasoline, Medium Grade (Tankwagon)
Minimum Octane Rating $R+M/2=89$
- Item 5. Unleaded Gasoline, Medium Grade (Transport)
Minimum Octane Rating $R+M/2=89$
- Item 6. No. 2 Diesel Fuel

Diesel fuel shall be petroleum fuel for use in Diesel internal combustion engines. Fuel supplied under this specification shall meet minimum standards prescribed by the American Society of Testing and Materials for number 2-4 fuel (ASTM D-975) and shall meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

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|---|-------------------|
| API specific gravity | 30 min |
| Flash point, PM | 125 degrees F min |
| Viscosity CST @ 104 degrees F (40 degrees C) | 1.9 – 3.4 |
| Color, ASTM | 2.0 max |
| Cloud point | 0 – 16 degrees F |
| Sulfur, by percentage weight | 0.5% max |
| Cetane index | 40 minimum |
| Water & sediment, percentage by volume | 0.05% |
| Distillation temperature | |
| 10% point | 470 degrees F max |
| 50% point | 540 degrees F max |
| 90% point | 640 degrees F max |
| End point | 675 degrees F max |
| Copper strip corrosion 3 hrs. @ 122 degrees F | 1 B max |
| Carbon residue | 0.35 max |

BID SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Items checked below represent components comprising this bid package. If the item **IS NOT** checked, it is **NOT APPLICABLE** to this bid. Bidders are asked to review the package to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the package is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately. It is the Bidder's responsibility to be thoroughly familiar with all Requirements and Specifications. Be sure you understand the following before you return your bid packet.

- 1. **Cover Sheet –**
- 2. **Table of Contents**
- 3. **Offer and Acceptance Form**
- 4. **General Requirements**
You should be familiar with all of the General Requirements.
- 5. **Special Requirements/Instructions**
Provides information you must know in order to make an offer properly.
- 6. **Specifications**
Contains the detailed description of the product/service sought by the County.
- 7. **Bid Form**
Used to solicit exact pricing of goods/services and delivery costs.
- 8. **Attachments**
 - a. **Bid Guaranty & Performance Bond Information & Requirements**
Applies only to certain bids/proposals. Read carefully and fill out completely.
 - b. **Bid Check Return Authorization Form**
Applies only to certain forms. Read carefully and fill out completely.
 - c. **Vehicle Delivery Instructions**
Included only when purchasing vehicles.
 - d. **Minimum Insurance Requirements**
Included when applicable (does not supersede "Hold Harmless" section of General Requirements).
 - e. **Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage Rule 110.110**
Applicable for a building or construction contract.
 - f. **Financial Statement**
When this information is required, you must use this form.
 - g. **Reference Sheet**
 - h. **Other -** From time to time other attachments may be included.
 - i. Signature Page
 - j. Conflict of Interest
 - k. Good Faith Effort
 - l. Notice of Intent (HUB)
 - m. Declaration Form (HUB)
 - n. Residence Certification/Tax Form
 - o. Bid Affidavit

**BIDDER MUST RETURN THIS PAGE WITH OFFER
OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FORM**

OFFER TO CONTRACT

To Jefferson County:

We hereby offer and agree to furnish the materials or service in compliance with all terms, conditions, specifications, and amendments in the Invitation for Bid and any written exceptions in the offer. We understand that the items in this Invitation for Bid, including, but not limited to, all required certificates are fully incorporated herein as a material and necessary part of the contract.

The undersigned hereby states, under penalty of perjury, that all information provided is true, accurate, and complete, and states that he/she has the authority to submit this bid, which will result in a binding contract if accepted by Jefferson County.

We acknowledge receipt of the following amendment(s): _____, _____, _____, _____.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have the legal authorization to bind the firm hereunder:

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|---|--|
| <hr/> <p>Company Name</p> <hr/> <p>Address</p> <hr/> <p>City State Zip</p> <hr/> <p>Signature of Person Authorized to Sign</p> <hr/> <p>Printed Name</p> <hr/> <p>Title</p> | <p>For clarification of this offer, contact:</p> <hr/> <p>Name</p> <hr/> <p>Phone Fax</p> <hr/> <p>E-mail</p> |
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**BIDDER MUST RETURN THIS PAGE WITH OFFER
ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER:**

The Offer is hereby accepted for the following items: Motor Fuel for Jefferson County. Contract Term: November 10, 2003 to November 9, 2004.

The Contractor is now bound to sell the materials or services listed by the attached contract and based upon the Invitation for Bid, including all terms, conditions, specifications, amendments, etc., and the Contractor's Offer as accepted by Jefferson County.

This contract shall henceforth be referred to as Contract No. 04-005/DG. The Contractor has not been authorized to commence any billable work or to provide any material or service under this contract until Contractor receives a purchase order and/or a notice to proceed from the Jefferson County Purchasing Agent.

Countersigned:

Carl Griffith, Jr.
County Judge

Date

Debbie Usoff
County Clerk

**BIDDER MUST RETURN THIS PAGE WITH OFFER
 BID FORM**

QUOTE + OR – OPIS PAD 3 REPORT AVERAGE DAILY PRICE FOR BEAUMONT, TX

| Item | Est. Qty. (Gals) | Description | Brand | OPIS Avg. Daily for 10/7/2009 | +/- Factor | Unit Price | Total Price |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 33,077 | Unleaded Gasoline 87 Octane – Tankwagon | | \$182.85 | | \$ | \$ |
| 2 | 102,917 | Unleaded Gasoline Premium Grade 93 Octane – Tankwagon | | \$203.63 | | \$ | \$ |
| 3 | 137,764 | Unleaded Gasoline Premium Grade 87 Octane – Transport | | \$182.85 | | \$ | \$ |
| 4 | 13,700 | Unleaded Gasoline 89 Octane – Tankwagon | | \$189.82 | | \$ | \$ |
| 5 | 24,597 | Unleaded Gasoline 89 Octane – Transport | | \$189.82 | | \$ | \$ |
| 6 | 67,416 | No. 2 Diesel - Tankwagon | | \$188.22 | | \$ | \$ |

* Bidder will supply the quantity of the requested item required to meet the specifications.

Acknowledgment of Addenda (if any):

Addendum 1 _____ Date Received _____
 Addendum 2 _____ Date Received _____
 Addendum 3 _____ Date Received _____

**BIDDER MUST RETURN THIS PAGE WITH OFFER
VENDOR REFERENCES**

Please list at least three (3) companies or governmental agencies (preferably a municipality) where the same or similar products and/or services as contained in this specification package were recently provided.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

**BIDDER MUST RETURN THIS PAGE WITH OFFER
SIGNATURE PAGE**

As permitted under Article 4413 (32c) V.A.C.S., other governmental entities may wish to participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract (i.e., piggyback). In the event any other entity participates, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring supplies/services. Jefferson County shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by another entity. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract.

Would bidder be willing to allow other governmental entities to piggyback off this contract, if awarded, under the same terms and conditions? **Yes p No p**

This bid shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days from bid opening and shall be exclusive of federal excise and state and local sales tax (exempt).

The undersigned agrees, if this bid is accepted, to furnish any and all items upon which prices are offered, at the price and upon the terms and conditions contained in the Invitation for Bid, Conditions of Bidding, Terms of Contract, and Specifications and all other items made a part of the accepted contract.

The undersigned affirms that they are duly authorized to execute the contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other bidder or to any other person(s) engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid. And further, that neither the bidder nor their employees nor agents have been for the past six (6) months directly nor indirectly concerned in any pool or agreement or combination to control the price of goods or services on, nor to influence any person to bid or not to bid thereon.

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| Bidder (Entity Name) | Signature |
| Street & Mailing Address | Print Name |
| City, State & Zip | Date Signed |
| Telephone Number | Fax Number |
| E-mail Address | |