



INVITATION TO BID

BID #2010-59 ROLL OUT CONTAINERS

The City of Edinburg, Texas is soliciting sealed separate bids for the above referenced as requested by the Solid Waste Department. The bid shall be received no later than **3:00 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2010.** Any bid received after the time set for opening will be returned to bidder unopened. Bidder(s) must provide an original and shall be addressed to:

CITY OF EDINBURG
C/O CITY SECRETARY
415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE
P.O. BOX 1079
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540-1079

Bids must be submitted in an envelope sealed with tape and prominently marked on the lower left hand corner of the bid envelope with corresponding bid number and title. All bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the above designated time at the City of Edinburg (New City Hall) Conference Room, 1st Floor, located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas. Bids sent via facsimile shall not be accepted.

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to accept or reject bids submitted, waive formalities in bidding, accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City of Edinburg, and to hold the bids for a period of sixty (60) days without taking action thereon. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this bid, please contact Mr. Ramiro Gomez, Director of Solid Waste, at (956) 381-5635.

If you choose not to submit a bid and would like to remain on the City of Edinburg bidder's list for future bids, you must respond in writing.

Sincerely,



Lorena Fuentes, Purchasing Agent



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ASSIGNED BID NO.: 2010-59

BID TITLE: Roll Out Containers

CLOSED DATE & TIME: April 26, 2010 @ 3:00 PM SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED XX

DELIVER SEALED BID TO: CITY OF EDINBURG ADDENDUM ONLY _____
C/O CITY SECRETARY
415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE
P.O. BOX 1079
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540

Quotations are requested for furnishing materials or services described below in accordance with terms set forth herein.

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	365	96 Gallon UNIVERSAL/NESTABLE Plastic Roll Out Containers Standard Bid	\$ _____	\$ _____
OR				
1	365	96 Gallon UNIVERSAL/NESTABLE Plastic Roll Out Containers HGAC/BUYBOARD	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	Freight	Freight FOB City of Edinburg Service Center 1201 N. Doolittle Road. Freight will be based on full truck loads; bidders are encouraged to submit load capacities of their OTR haulers based on the sizes of containers.		\$ _____
		GRAND TOTAL		\$ _____
<p>Bidders may also submit alternate bid based on their State Contract or HGAC pricing, if bidder should possess such contract, bidder must include all pertinent information on such bid.</p> <p>The City reserves the right to accept or reject bids submitted in whole or in part, waive formalities in bidding, based on what is deemed most advantageous to the City, and to hold the bids for a period of sixty (60) days without taking action thereon. The City of Edinburg reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities depending on availability of funds.</p>				

GENERAL CONDITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS – READ CAREFULLY

1. The bids must be submitted on this form only.
2. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive formalities, and accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City.
3. The City reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.
4. Prices must be itemized.
5. All quotations must be F.O.B. Edinburg and include all costs for delivery and packaging.

Delivery time shall be specified by the bidder. Failure to state a firm delivery date will make an incomplete bid. Delivery time will be one of the determining factors in selecting the best bid. However, if the delivery time is not met when stated, upon notification of the same, the City may allow a ten-day grace period for delivery. If delivery is not met after the ten-day grace period allowed, the City of Edinburg reserves the right to completely cancel order and to revoke and render void the purchase order previously issued for same.

6. In cases of discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price will be taken.
7. All bids must be signed by an authorized representative.
8. Envelope containing this bid **must** be marked with **Bid No. and Bid Title** from Page 1 and sealed with tape.
9. Bid guarantee (if applicable) must be submitted with bid.
10. Any bid received after the time set for opening will be returned to bidder unopened.
11. This bid tabulation shall constitute a binding contract subject to acceptance by the City.
12. Special reference is made to bid specifications (if attached) for other conditions and instructions.
13. Failure to adhere or comply with the above general conditions and instructions will cause the bid to be rejected.
14. Bidders are advised that in addition to local bids received, the City participates in Texas Cooperatives that comply with the bidding requirements of the State of Texas; therefore, the City will include State Cooperative pricing to determine the selection of bid award that is most advantageous to the City.
15. No citizen or business shall be qualified to submit competitive bids for city purchases or improvements if it has a substantial delinquency to the City, including taxes, utility bills, or rental obligations, or has pending litigation against the City.

In compliance with the invitation for bid, and subject to all conditions thereof, the undersigned offers, and agrees, if this bid be accepted within 60 days from **time of closing**, to furnish any or all of the items or render such services upon which prices are quoted in accordance with the bid specifications applying, and at the price set opposite each item.

For bid inquiries, please call the Purchasing Agent at (956) 388-1895, Ext. 8972.

DATE: _____

BID PRICE: _____

DELIVERY DATE: _____

BIDDER NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

FEDERAL ID #: _____

BID SPECIFICATONS FOR UNIVERSAL / NESTABLE CONTAINERS FOR THE CITY OF EDINBURG, TX

1. **INSTRUCTIONS:** The specifications herein describe the minimum acceptable features, colors and performance requirements for rollout waste containers the City of Edinburg will purchase for its citizens. Bidders are to have thoroughly read and understood these specifications prior to bid submission.

All bids must be submitted on the City's form provided. Bidders shall complete the specification column with a check mark to indicate if the item being bid is exactly as specified. If an item is left blank, the City will assume the bidder cannot meet the specifications and may cause rejection of the bid.

By checking any of the "NO" spaces the bidder states that the product being bid does not conform to that specification. All variations and/or exceptions must be documented, referencing applicable paragraph(s), and explained in detail on a separate page titled "Exceptions". If the City of Edinburg determines by any means that exceptions exist which were not identified on such list, then that bid will be disqualified as being non-responsive. If no exceptions are taken, it will be assumed that the bid meets all specifications as stated.

2. **MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND MATERIALS:** Each rollout container shall consist of a body, lid, wheels, axle, and necessary accessories. The plastic resin material and the finished container must meet the minimum specifications herein.

		YES	NO
2.1	MANUFACTURING PROCESS: Each container body must be manufactured by the Rotational molding process.		
2.2	<p>PLASTIC MATERIAL: Base plastic resin must be first quality linear polyethylene supplied by a national petrochemical producer.</p> <p>Bidder must submit technical data sheet(s) from the resin producer, which verify that the resin to be used in the container body will meet the following minimum property levels:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ESCR - > 1000 hrs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Elongation - > 1000%</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Density - 0.937-0.940</p>		
2.3	<p>RESIN ADDITIVES: The plastic resin must be enhanced with color pigment and ultraviolet inhibitor, which must be uniformly distributed throughout the finished container. To ensure thorough distribution of these additives, the resin and additives must be mixed in a molted state using a hot-melt compounding process.</p> <p>Bidder must submit a statement certifying that all of the plastic resin and additives will be hot-melt blended.</p>		

3. **CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS:** The rollout containers must be compatible with standard American semi-automated bar-locking lifters (ANSI type B) as well as automated arm lifters (ANSI type G) and function as follows:

		YES	NO
3.1	<p>ANSI CONFORMANCE: Containers bid herein must meet the requirements of ANSI Z245.30-2008 and ANSI Z245.60-2008 standards for "Type B/G" containers.</p> <p>Bidder must submit independently certified copies of all ANSI test results with bid. Test results must state load (in pounds) under which tests were conducted. The load under which the tests were conducted must be the same as the load rating stated in all literature and specifications. The ANSI Appendix D test for "Loading and Unloading Test for Carts" must clearly state that the required 520 dump cycles under the cart's full rated load were performed on both a Semi-Automated Cart Lifter <u>and</u> a Fully Automated Grabber Arm.</p>		
3.2	<p>LOAD RATING: Containers must be designed to regularly receive and dump the following pounds of waste materials, excluding the weight of the container, without permanent damage or deformation. The load rating must conform with ANSI Standard Z245.30-2008.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">96 Gallon – 335 pounds</p> <p>Bidder must submit its normal printed color sales brochure which shows the exact product item bid and the corresponding load rating. Bidder must mark the location of the load rating on the brochure with a bold red arrow so as to aim directly at the load rating. Load rating stated on literature must exactly match all specifications, ANSI certification submitted with bidder's proposal, and the load rating permanently marked on the product.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">96 Gallon: STATE LOAD RATING - _____ pounds</p>		
3.3	<p>WEIGHT: The total weight of the fully assembled container shall be as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">96 Gallon – 32 pounds minimum to 37 pounds maximum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE FULLY ASSEMBLED WEIGHT –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">96 Gallon - _____ pounds</p>		

		YES	NO
3.4	<p>CAPACITY: The total capacity of the container body, excluding the lid, must be 96 U.S. gallons (+/- 2%). Bidder must include an independent test result according to ANSI Z245.30-2008, Appendix A (Volume Test), certified by an accredited professional engineer, showing the exact capacity of the cart body (to the nearest 0.1 U.S. gallon).</p> <p>96 Gallon: STATE BODY CAPACITY - _____ U.S. Gallons</p>		
3.5	<p>DIMENSIONS: The exterior dimensions of the completely assembled containers shall be as follows:</p> <p>96 Gallon –</p> <p>Height: 43.25" STATE HEIGHT - _____ "</p> <p>Length: 35.25" STATE LENGTH - _____ "</p> <p>Width: 29.75" STATE WIDTH - _____ "</p>		
3.6	<p>RIM OF BODY: The upper rim of each body must consist of a closed tubular design, similar to square steel tubing, for maximum strength during collection. The rim must also include a ledge on which the lid rests to create a tight seal between body and lid. Rolled over or other rims that are open on the underside are NOT acceptable.</p>		
3.7	<p>HANDLES: Each container must be equipped with two (2) handles, each a minimum of 1" diameter. The handles and handle mounts must be an integrally molded part of the container body. The handles shall be designed to afford the user positive control of the loaded cart at all times. The handles must not have the ability to rotate on their own axis at any time. Handles which are molded as part of the lid are unacceptable. Bolted-on handle mounts or bolted-on handles are unacceptable.</p>		
3.8	<p>LID: The lid shall be configured to ensure that it will not warp, bend, slump, or distort such an extent that it no longer fits the container properly or becomes otherwise unserviceable. The lid must be crowned in shape and designed to disallow entry of rain when in the closed position. The lid must open from a closed position through a full 270° arc. Living hinges and lid counter weights are unacceptable. Lid latches are unacceptable.</p>		

		YES	NO
3.9	BOTTOM: The bottom of the container must have a molded-in wear strip to protect against dragging. Container base must be impact resistant at all points (four corners and the center) of the base for durability. Screw-on, bolt-on, or pop-on wear guards are unacceptable.		
3.10	WHEELS: Wheels shall be 10" diameter and 1.75" wide with knobby treads. Wheels must be extra high molecular weight polyethylene capable of supporting 200 pounds per wheel.		
3.11	AXLE: The axle must be 5/8" diameter zinc chromate plated solid high strength steel fully supported by cart body. Axle must slide through two molded-in plastic journals in the cart bottom and must not be exposed to contents inside of container. Each molded-in axle journal must be at least 1" wide. Axles attached by means of bolts or rivets are unacceptable.		
3.12	STABILITY: Each container shall be stable and self-balancing when in the upright position, either loaded or empty. The container must be designed to withstand winds of up to 25 mph when empty. Containers must be easy for a citizen to tilt to the roll position when fully loaded while keeping both feet on the ground. Any container which is judged as too difficult to tilt when loaded to maximum capacity of material will be disqualified. <u>Containers that require a foot fulcrum to assist in tilting the container are unacceptable.</u>		
3.13	LIFT SYSTEM: Each container shall be equipped with attachment points which make it compatible with standard American semi-automated bar-locking lifters and fully-automated arm lifters. The upper lift point must be integrally molded into the body of the container. The lower lift bar must be designed to withstand over ten (10) years of lifter attachment, and must be 1" diameter galvanized steel. It must freely rotate a full 360° on its own axis. The lower bar must be mounted in molded-in plastic bearings so that it is not exposed to the contents inside the container. The lower bar must be factory installed and cannot be attached by means of rivets, screws, bolts, fasteners, etc. Containers with bolted on lower bars or plastic lower bars are NOT acceptable.		

		YES	NO
3.14	NESTABILITY – Containers must be designed so that each fully assembled container can be stacked inside another fully assembled container for maximum efficiency in storage and delivery. Containers that will not nest one inside another when fully assembled are NOT acceptable.		
3.15	COLOR – The container body color shall be a special “granite-like” color of base colors of gray, brown, tan, dark blue, black and green. These granite colors shall feature a pebble-like finish with multi colors in the surface blending together to create a granite-like visual impression. Surface treatments, spray-on finishes and materials that are not homogenous are not acceptable. Bidder must submit color chips of all special granite colors available.		

4. **MARKINGS:** Each container must be permanently marked with letters/numbers, as follows:

		YES	NO
4.1	SERIAL NUMBERS: Each container must have a serial number hot stamped in white on the front face of its body. The serial number shall be preceded by a letter or number code which designates the year of manufacture. Serial numbers shall be in sequence beginning with a number designated by the City. The bidder will maintain a file that will identify the date of manufacture by the serial number.		
4.2	BODY HOT STAMP: The Seal of the City shall be hot stamped onto both sides of the cart body.		
4.3	LID HOT STAMP: Custom City instructions shall be hot stamped onto cart lid.		
4.4	USER INSTRUCTIONS: Instructions for the safe use of the container must be molded into each lid. Instructions shall be in both English and Spanish.		
4.5	LOAD RATING: The load rating of the container must be raised-relief molded into the lid. Load rating shall be stated in both pounds and kilograms and in English and Spanish.		

5. **EXPERIENCE:**

		YES	NO
5.1	REFERENCES: Bidder must submit with its bid a reference list of municipalities currently using the bidder’s products. The list must include at least ten (10) municipalities who currently have at least 20,000 carts in service. Include the name of the municipality, year of installation, contact person, phone number, and quantity for each reference. Failure to include these references will result in bid disqualification.		

6. **WARRANTY:** Bidder must submit with bid a document which clearly states the exact warranty of the bidder. The warranty must be for no less than ten (10) full years and must specifically provide for no-charge replacement of any component parts which fail in materials of workmanship for a period of ten (10) years after installation. The bidders warranty is understood to include, whether stated in bidder's warranty or not, the following coverage:

		YES	NO
6.1	Failure of the lid to prevent rain water from entering the container when in the closed position.		
6.2	Damage to the container body, lid, or any component parts through opening or closing the lid.		
6.3	Failure of the body and lid to maintain their original shape.		
6.4	Damage or cracking of the container body through normal operating conditions.		
6.5	Failure of the wheels to provide continuous, easy mobility, as originally designed.		
6.6	Failure of any part to conform to minimum standards as specified herein.		
6.7	If bidder is owned by another business entity, then the owning entity must also accept full financial responsibility for the warranty of the bidder. The bidder must submit with their bid a letter from the owning entity which clearly states its obligation and commitment to honor the warranty of the bidder, should the bidder ever be in a position to not do so. Such letter shall be signed by the owning entity's top officer and notarized.		
6.8	Warranty specimen of exact warranty offered must be included with proposal.		

7. **PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:**

		YES	NO
7.1	<p>If the cost of manufacturing materials is increased through no act on the part of the contractor other than to comply with any prevailing rise in the Market Prices of materials used, prices shall be increased only to the point of absorbing additional costs of materials paid for by the Contractor. The City may request that the Contractor provide written documentation from the manufacturer/supplier of the materials to substantiate price increases.</p> <p>Contract extensions will be based on a mutual written agreement between the successful bidder and the City.</p>		

8. **LEGAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SETTLEMENTS:** The manufacturer of the cart must submit the name, contact name and telephone number for each government or agency with which it has had a legal or administrative settlement of warranty, cart failure claims or contract performance within the last ten (10) years including ongoing negotiations of settlement. Include a brief summary of the settlement or indicate if a “gag order” was imposed, and by whom it was ordered. This information must be provided on a separate page entitled “Legal or Administrative Settlements.”