

**EL PASO WATER**

1154 Hawkins Blvd, El Paso, Texas 79925, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Purchasing and Contracts

Formal Bid Solicitation Check List

**Liquid Oxygen - Rebid**

Bid # 34-22

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THIS CHECKLIST IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

**Before turning in your bid proposal did you do the following?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you check our website [www.epwater.org](http://www.epwater.org) for any addendums? **(Failure to sign addenda and include with bid proposal may deem the bidder's submission non-responsive.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you complete the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you complete the Statement of Residency?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you complete the Statement of Nondivestment from Israel?

\_\_\_\_\_ REVIEW the process associated with the Texas Ethics Commission form 1295? (Form will be required to be completed by awardee on the Friday before Public Service Board Meeting)

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you sign the Bid Proposal and provide two (2) signed bid proposals, one (1) original signed in blue ink and one (1) copy?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you complete the Excel Worksheet with all HIGHLIGHTED costs and blank spaces filled out and submit it on a USB Drive along with the sealed bid proposal? The Excel worksheet is found with the bid announcement located at [www.epwater.org](http://www.epwater.org) **(Failure to include the Excel Worksheet and submit it on a USB Drive may deem the bidder's submission non-responsive). Please Label USB Drive with Bid number and Company name.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Is your bid in a sealed envelope marked with the **Bid Number** and **Company name**? Deliver your bid to the El Paso Water Utilities Purchasing Department by **10:30 a.m. Mountain time March 22, 2022.**



# BID PROPOSAL FOR EL PASO WATER UTILITIES

1154 HAWKINS BLVD., EL PASO, TX 79925  
Phone: (915) 594-5628 Fax: (915) 594-5689

The undersigned bidder offers to furnish all the materials, supplies, equipment and /or services shown below in accordance with specifications, terms and conditions set forth herein. Note: The "INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS" are attached on the last two pages of this bid proposal document and are applicable, unless otherwise stated within the bid proposal document.

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FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Bid Proposal shall bear an original signature, in ink, of a responsible officer or agent for the company. Failure to sign will be the basis for declaring the bid proposal non-responsive.

Submit two (2) signed bid proposals, one (1) original signed in blue ink and one (1) copy. Note: Faxed and/or Email bids will not be accepted.

Any requests for clarifications and/or changes to this bid proposal shall be made in writing via email to Christina Rivas @ [crivas@epwater.org](mailto:crivas@epwater.org) or sent via fax to Christina Rivas at (915) 594-5689 by March 10, 2022. Requests submitted after this time frame, will not elicit a response. Answers to bid questions will be posted March 15, 2022

All items noted on the last two pages of the attached "INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS" will apply to this bid proposal **except** for the following:

Item(s) # 14 – Bid Security and  
# 15 – Performance and Payment Bond

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**NOTE:**

Bid openings will be live streamed until further notice. Check scheduling information on the solicitation page at [www.epwater.org](http://www.epwater.org).

**NOTE:** Bidders are to complete the attached check list and excel spreadsheet found with this Bid announcement located at [www.epwater.org](http://www.epwater.org). In the Unit Cost column, a dollar amount must be included for each bid line item. Bidder must provide a saved read only USB Drive of the provided excel spreadsheet and provide a printed, signed copy of the spreadsheet with the submitted sealed bid. USB Drive must have the bid number and company name written on the USB Drive. In the event that the printed spreadsheet does not match the USB information, the USB will take precedence. Failure to complete this may deem the bidder's submission non-responsive.

This bid will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest, responsive, responsible "Total Bid" for items 1 thru 2 as noted on the Excel spreadsheet.

\*The quantities shown on the Excel spreadsheet is an estimated annual usage. Although no obligation shall exist to purchase these quantities, the Utility reserves the right to increase, decrease and/or change these requirements to provide for continued operation during the Contract Period.

**Note:**

A current Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for **Liquid Oxygen – Rebid** shall be provided with the bid submittal. **Failure to provide the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) with the bid proposal may result in the disqualification of this bid proposal submittal.**

**THE ITEM(S) CONTAINED WITHIN THIS BID PROPOSAL IS / ARE TO BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE TO THE FOLLOWING AND OR ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS:**

**OVERVIEW**

The EPWater is soliciting bids for Liquid Oxygen for use in drinking water and wastewater treatment. The Liquid Oxygen will be used to generate ozone that will be added to wastewater effluent and drinking water as a disinfectant and for odor control at wastewater lift stations. In addition to supplying Liquid Oxygen, the SUPPLIER shall furnish and install Liquid Oxygen storage tanks with built-in vaporizing equipment at facilities where the Liquid Oxygen is to be used.

Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant (JRWTP) owns two 20,000-gallon liquid oxygen tanks. Suppliers must be able to provide the product on a seasonal basis as the JRWTP is a seasonal surface water treatment plant that only treats water during the irrigation season. The irrigation season is typically between the months of March through September but may vary with drought conditions. Typical deliveries will be made in bulk of 4,500 to 6,00 gallons. Approximately two to three truckloads will be needed per week while the JRWTP is in production.

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**REFERENCE STANDARDS**

Without limiting the generality of these specifications, the Supplier shall conform to the applicable requirements of the most recent versions of the following documents:

- A. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Standard 60
- B. American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard B304 – Liquid Oxygen for Ozone Generation for Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed Water Systems.

**PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS**

Liquid Oxygen provided under this contract shall meet the following specifications:

- A. The Liquid Oxygen shall have the following properties:

Oxygen (minimum % by volume).....	99.5
Nitrogen (maximum ppm by volume).....	100
Argon (Maximum ppm by volume) .....	5,000
Nitrogen Oxides (Maximum ppm by volume) .....	1
Water (maximum ppm by volume).....	2
Dew point (maximum, degrees F) .....	-97
Total Hydrocarbons as Methane (maximum ppm by volume.....	20
Halogenated Hydrocarbons (Maximum ppm by volume) .....	1
Carbon Monoxide & Carbon Dioxide (Maximum ppm by volume) .....	5

- B. The Liquid Oxygen shall be filtered through a 10-um nominal (40 um absolute) filter located in the line to the shipping container.
- C. In addition to the above requirements, the Liquid Oxygen shall conform to all provisions of the latest revision of AWWA Standard B304 for Liquid Oxygen, including, but not limited to, the following provisions:
  - “Materials shall comply with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and other federal regulations for potable water, wastewater, and reclaimed systems as applicable.”
  - “The Liquid Oxygen supplied in accordance with this standard shall contain no soluble inorganic or organic substances in quantities capable of producing deleterious or injurious effects on the health of those consuming the water or that would otherwise render the water that has been treated properly with Liquid Oxygen unfit for public use. When fed at the specified rate, the Liquid Oxygen shall not impart to the water any contaminants that would cause established drinking water standards to be exceeded when combined with the concentration of such contaminants already present in the water to be treated.”
- D. The Liquid Oxygen is a direct additive used in the treatment of potable water. This material shall be in compliance with ANSI/NSF Standard 60 for Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals.
- E. The Liquid Oxygen shall not contain heavy metals or other substances that would cause violations as governed by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Clean Water Act or State and Local laws.

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**CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Certificate of Analysis provided for the Product shall affirm compliance with the above requirements, including the most current version of AWWA Standard B304, and shall be based on analyses conducted using the methods described in AWWA Standard B304. The Certificate of Analysis shall include the following:
- a. Product lot number
  - b. Date of manufacturing
  - c. Oxygen content (% by volume)
  - d. Nitrogen content (ppm by volume)
  - e. Water content (ppm by volume)
  - f. Total hydrocarbons as methane (ppm by volume)
  - g. Dew point
  - h. NSF Stamp
- B. An affidavit certifying the Product’s compliance with ANSI/NSF Standard 60 for Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals—Health Effects must be submitted with the Bid and with each shipment. The affidavit shall be from one of the following laboratories accredited by ANSI to test and certify drinking water treatment chemicals in accordance with NSF/ANSI Standard 60:
- National Sanitation Foundation (NSF)
  - Underwriters Laboratory (UL)
  - Water Quality Association (WQA)

**STORAGE TANK REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The SUPPLIER shall furnish and install Liquid Oxygen storage tanks with built-in vaporizing equipment to provide the oxygen gas flow demand rates as specified from time-to-time by Utility representatives. Storage tanks shall be mounted on steel bases supported on concrete slabs at each specified location and painted white or aluminum. Appurtenant tank equipment, such as pressure regulators, flow indicating rotameters, pressure gauges and control valves, shall be furnished as an integral part of the storage tanks to provide automatic operation of the gas application. This includes universal hook-up connection for filling the tanks. Supplier shall install and maintain telemetry on each tank that provides Utility representatives with web-based access to oxygen levels in each tank.
- B. The Liquid Oxygen shall be stored and handled in accordance with the latest edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 55: Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code.
- C. The SUPPLIER shall be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the Liquid Oxygen storage tank and all appurtenant equipment. Any necessary oxygen system modifications required to meet the oxygen gas flow demands specified in writing by the Utility shall be fully at the expense of the SUPPLIER.
- D. Locations of Liquid Oxygen storage tanks and minimum oxygen system requirements are shown for each location in the “Shipping and Delivery Requirements” section below. Storage tanks and vaporizers to be supplied shall have the minimum storage and vaporizer capacities shown. Liquid Oxygen, storage tanks, and vaporizers may be required at other locations as needs arise during the Contract Period. The Utility will reimburse the Supplier for the expense of installing new tanks and vaporizers.

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- E. SUPPLIER bidder shall be expected to complete all installations within 45 days from the date of award. If the SUPPLIER needs to replace or install new storage tanks, the SUPPLIER shall be responsible to install new concrete slabs which meet current building codes and in accordance with Compressed Gas Association, Inc. Standards. If the Utility requests that a storage tank be relocated, the Utility will provide a new concrete slab. The SUPPLIER shall move the tank at no cost to the Utility. Future requests for installations or modifications shall be completed within 30 days from receipt of a written request.
- F. In case of the failure of SUPPLIER's installed equipment, EPWater will notify SUPPLIER and SUPPLIER is expected to call back within 24 hours of notification. SUPPLIER is expected to initiate repairs within 48 hours of being notified by EPWater and finalize repairs within 4 days unless an alternate time frame is approved by EPWater in writing. Failure to meet deadlines will result in liquidated damages as specified in the Invoices & Payments section contained below.
- G. Due to operational requirements, a Liquid Oxygen storage tank may no longer be required. The SUPPLIER shall remove the storage tank from the site at no cost to the Utility. The SUPPLIER shall be provided a sixty-day written notice for removal of the storage tank. The monthly rental shall terminate with the removal of the storage tank.

#### **DELIVERY AND UNLOADING REQUIREMENTS (SUPPLEMENTAL)**

Requirements in this subsection supplement those in Frontend §8. *DELIVERY AND UNLOADING REQUIREMENTS*. All cargo trailers used for delivery must be manufactured to meet American Society of Mechanic Engineers (ASME) pressure vessel code.

Delivery containers shall be cleaned and inspected by the supplier for any contamination or impurities immediately prior to filling and shall be protected against the introduction of impurities during the entire filling, transport, and delivery processes. After filling the delivery container at the loading location, all hatches and connection caps shall be sealed against tampering.

All cargo trailers and appurtenant valves used for the delivery of the chemical under this Contract shall be in good mechanical order and shall be in full compliance with the applicable requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations of the Department of Transportation, Code of Federal Regulations, as currently issued. The Supplier shall follow all applicable Federal, State and Local shipping regulations.

All appurtenant valves, pumps, and discharge hoses used for the delivery of chemicals shall be clean and free from contaminating material, including, but not limited to, de-foaming agents. If off-loading equipment is not properly cleaned, this will constitute a reason for rejection of the load.

The Liquid Oxygen shall be unloaded and handled in accordance with the latest edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 55: Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code.

The SUPPLIER shall allow up to 2 hours unloading time without demurrage.

Deliveries of Liquid Oxygen shall be made to the facilities listed below on a regularly scheduled basis or within 5 calendar days of notification. Deliveries shall be made ONLY DURING THE HOURS OF 7:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. local time, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. Deliveries not provided within this delivery time will be rejected.

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**DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:**

The utility reserves the right to request delivery to any EPW location.

A 24-hour notice of request for dock appointment shall be phoned into all listed facilities requesting product by transportation company dispatch. Dock appointment for delivery is required and EPWater will not honor or pay demurrage.

After dock appointment is made, the Supplier must email the EPWater facility at the email address listed in the specifications before the truck leaves the Supplier's facility. The email must contain the following information:

- The names of the driver and anyone accompanying the driver, including a supervisor, trainer or trainee
- The tractor and trailer numbers
- PDF or other photocopy of the Bill of Lading which includes the EPWater contract number, the name of the transport company, contract name, and the cap seal numbers.

Each delivery must be accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis conforming to all requirements contained in these Conditions and in the specifications. A single Certificate of Analysis may be used if multiple loads are from the same lot, provided that one copy is provided to each of the treatment plants receiving a delivery from that lot.

Responsibility for expediting and tracking each shipment shall be the Supplier's until delivery is accepted. The Supplier shall notify EPWater's Contract Representative and facility representative immediately of any delay while in route to the delivery location.

The container used to deliver the Product shall have a tamper-proof seal. EPWater personnel will visually inspect the delivery container prior to unsealing, opening, sampling and unloading. Seals shall not be removed prior to inspection. Prior to being unloaded, EPWater personnel must accept each delivery. In the event a delivery is rejected by EPWater, the supplier shall provide a replacement shipment meeting the requirements of this specification within 72 hours of original delivery.

EPWater reserves the right to reject any shipment it cannot identify, does not deem secure, or does not pass EPWater's screening test.

The utility reserves the right to request delivery to any El Paso Water Utilities (EPWater) location.

Personnel entering the premises of EPWater (to include drivers of delivery vehicles) are required to wear an identification badge containing the following information:

-Name

-Company Name

-Employee's Picture

**Entry to the premises of ANY EPWater facilities may be denied to individuals without identification as addressed above.**

The Supplier is responsible for unloading of the Product, and making any necessary connections to EPWater facilities, in a manner that fits EPWater facilities and procedures. If the bid is accepted, before making any chemical deliveries the supplier shall make a preliminary visit to each of the facilities to which chemicals will be delivered to become familiar with unloading conditions and necessary connections.

During the delivery/unloading process, the supplier shall follow proper safety and security procedures to the satisfaction of EPWater including safety procedures described in applicable AWWA standards and the Product SDS, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) recommended by the Product SDS. EPWater reserves the right to refuse unloading if driver does not have the proper PPE.

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The supplier will be responsible for cleaning up and disposing of any product that is leaked or spilled during unloading. The Supplier shall not clean or wash the delivery vehicle, delivery equipment, hoses, or connections on EPWater property.

## **MARKING REQUIREMENTS**

Product delivery containers shall bear legible tags showing:

- Product name
- Name and address of manufacturer
- Grade and/or concentration
- All markings required or recommended by the most recent versions of applicable Department of Transportation (DOT), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards.
- Any additional markings required by the specification.

### **1,500 Gallon Storage Tank (rental)**

#### **5,000 SCFH Vaporizer**

Sewage Lift Station Number 129  
151 Easy Way  
El Paso, Texas 79932  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)

### **1,100 Gallon Storage Tank (rental)**

#### **5,000 SCFH Vaporizer**

Sewage Lift Station Number 107  
7500 Railroad Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79918  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)

### **1,500 Gallon Storage Tank (rental)**

#### **5,000 SCFH Vaporizer**

Sewage Lift Station Number 115  
8343 South Desert Road  
El Paso, Texas 79932  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)

### **1,100 Gallon Storage Tank (rental)**

#### **5,000 SCFH Vaporizer**

Sewage Lift Station Number 113  
151 Sunland Park Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79912  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)

### **6,000 & 3,000 Gallon Storage Tanks (rental)** **Two 14,000 SCFH Vaporizers** **With Automated Vaporizer Switchover Manifold**

Sewage Lift Station Number 114  
Frontera Road & Doniphan Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79922  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)

### **1,500 Gallon Storage Tank (rental)** **5,000 SCFH Vaporizer**

Sewage Lift Station Number 121  
Grouse Street & Railroad Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79934  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)



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**For Future Use / Rental**

Sewage Lift Station Number 27  
8600 Independence Drive  
El Paso, Texas 79907  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)

**For Future Use / Rental**

Sewage Lift Station Number 134  
10675 Pico Norte  
El Paso, Texas 79935  
Contact: Eric Dubrule  
Phone: (915) 594-5460  
Email: [edubrule@epwater.org](mailto:edubrule@epwater.org)

**9,732 Gallon Storage Tank (owned by Utility)**

Fred Hervey WW Treatment Plant  
11700 Railroad Drive  
El Paso, Texas  
Mr. Robert Hernandez  
(915) 594-5721  
Email: [rhernandez@epwater.org](mailto:rhernandez@epwater.org)

**20,000 Gallon Storage Tanks (owned by Utility)**

Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Plant  
10000 Southside Road  
El Paso, Texas 79927  
Mr. Mike E. Parker  
(915) 594-5752  
Email: [meparker@epwater.org](mailto:meparker@epwater.org)

**TITLE TRANSFER**

Title of the Product shall pass from the supplier to EPWater when EPWater has received, inspected and approved the material, subject to EPWater rights to return the Product described herein.

Supplier must provide the following information with their bid:

**Brand Name/Product Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Manufacturer(s) (must include specific name(s)):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notification Time Required for Delivery of Order:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Primary Distribution Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distance (in miles) of Primary Distribution Facility from EPWater facilities:** \_\_\_\_\_ miles

**Alternate Distribution Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #1:**

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location / Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Annual Consumption: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #2:**

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location / Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Annual Consumption: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reference #3:**

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location / Facility Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Annual Consumption: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:**

**F.O.B. – El Paso, Texas. Delivery carriers must meet insurance requirements.**

**PRICE ESCALATION:**

A Price Escalation may be considered under the following conditions:

- a. Prices must be firm for at least the first 12-month period from award of the Master Contract.
- b. A request for a price increase must be accompanied by a Certified Letter from the contractor's supplier or other forms of evidence as deemed necessary by EPWater which includes the price increase to the contract. The price increase shall be effective within 14 calendar days from EPWater acceptance.
- c. EPWater reserves the right to cancel the contract resulting from this Bid Proposal and rebidding our requirements if the price escalation requested is above the current open market price. Cancellation of the contract will not affect any outstanding orders.
- d. All price increases accepted shall be effective for a 12-month period from the revised date of the Master Contract.

**PRICE DE-ESCALATION:**

If the Contractor receives a price decrease from the supplier, the Contractor is responsible to notify EPWater within two working days of the price decrease and pass the price decrease on to EPWater. The price decrease will be effective upon receipt of the price reduction from the Contractor.

**DISCOUNT:**

Unless a discount is provided as an inducement for prompt payment, EPWater is not obligated to make payment on invoice(s) for this contract until 30 days after receipt of a valid, complete and acceptable invoice. An invoice shall not be submitted prior to receipt of the **Liquid Oxygen – Rebid**, whichever is later. Any discount will be used in the evaluation of the bid submittal to determine the lowest responsive bid.

**Discount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Terms:** \_\_\_\_\_

Payment may be delayed in accordance with exceptions under the Texas Prompt Payment Act (Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code). Interest on all overdue payments shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Prompt Payment Act.

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EPWater is exempt from State and City Sales Tax

**Bidder must answer the following questions:**

1. Does the bidder that is making and submitting the bid qualify as a "**Resident Bidder**" or a "**NonResident Bidder**" under Texas Law? If the bidder is a "**Resident Bidder**", please complete and return the **Statement of Residency Form** with your bid.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. If the bidder is a "**NonResident Bidder**" does the state, in which the nonresident bidder's principal place of business is located, have a law requiring a nonresident bidder of that state to bid a certain amount or percentage under the bid of a resident bidder of that state in order for the nonresident bidder of that state to be awarded the contract on their bid in such state?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. If the answer to Question Number 2 is "Yes", by what amount or percentage must a Texas resident bidder bid under the bid of a resident bidder of that state in order to be awarded a contract on such bid in said state?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

A "**NonResident Bidder**" will not be awarded this Bid unless the nonresident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible **Texas Resident Bidder** by the same amount that a **Texas Resident Bidder** would be required to underbid the nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state where the nonresident's principal place of business is located. The definitions for the terms "**Bidder**", "**Texas Resident Bidder**" and "**NonResident Bidder**" are included in the "**Instructions to Bidders**" on the last two pages of this bid proposal.

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**STATEMENT OF RESIDENCY**

The following information is required by EPWater in order to comply with the provisions of Texas Government Code §§ 2252.001 *et. seq.* Failure to provide the required information may constitute a basis for rejection of your bid. Bidders' cooperation in this regard will avoid costly time delays in the award of bids by EPWater. Failure to provide all required information may result in the apparent low bidder being considered non-responsive and non-responsible, and the second low bidder being considered for award.

**Definitions**

*Resident Bidder:* a person whose principal place of business is in the State of Texas, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in the State of Texas.

*Nonresident Bidder:* a person who is not a resident.

*Principal Place of Business in Texas:* a permanent business office located in Texas from which a bid is submitted and from which business activities are primarily conducted for the organization other than submitting bids to governmental agencies, where at least one employee works for the business entity.

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Bidder's Complete Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State the address of your principal place of business in the space provided below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State the nature of the business conducted at your principal place of business in the space provided below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State the number of employees you have at your principal place of business: \_\_\_\_\_

*I swear and attest that the information provided above is true and correct as of the date \_\_\_\_\_ ("Bidder") submitted its bid on Bid No. \_\_\_\_\_. I further attest that I am an authorized representative of Bidder or have been duly authorized to represent Bidder in this matter. I understand that the information provided is being relied on by EPWater in order for it to comply with state purchasing laws and will materially affect its decisions in this regard. Should the information provided be false or materially misleading, any contract entered into between EPWater and Bidder will be void and EPWater may pursue any legal claims it may have against Bidder.*

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor Name  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by  
\_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, a  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_



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**1. TYPE AND TERM OF CONTRACT:**

This is a **Good(s) and/or Service(s) Contract**, under which EPWater shall order all of its requirements for the good(s) and/or service(s) described within this bid proposal from the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder, hereinafter referred to as Contractor, for the duration of the contract.

**Note:** Good(s) and/or Service(s) will be ordered on “**as-required**” basis.

The **Contract** to provide **Liquid Oxygen – Rebid** shall be from **AWARD OF BID** by the Public Service Board for a term of one year. Upon mutual agreement, the contract may be extended under the same terms and conditions for two additional one-year extensions.

Bidders are advised that only bids with a firm, fixed price, F.O.B., El Paso Texas for the above listed time period will be considered. **Bids not complying with this provision may be disqualified.**

When the successful supplier cannot furnish the required **Liquid Oxygen – Rebid** within the delivery time specified above in the Title Transfer section, under the **Notification Time Required for Delivery of Order**, the Utility reserves the right to obtain **Liquid Oxygen – Rebid** from any available source and bill the successful supplier for any additional cost over the bid amount.

This bid is to award a contract to the most responsive, responsible bidder for an initial one-year period. If upon mutual consent between both parties the contract may be extended under the same terms and conditions for two additional one-year extensions. In the event EPWater has not obtained another goods and/or services contractor by the expiration date of the existing contract term, the Contractor shall nonetheless continue for a period not to exceed six (6) months on a month-to-month basis after the end of its term, unless EPWater has notified the Contractor that EPWater has obtained another contractor.

**2. INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENTS:** (applicable to competitively procured goods/services contracts).

- a. The Utility has entered into Interlocal Purchasing Agreements with other governmental entities, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Contractor agrees to offer the same prices and terms and conditions to other eligible governmental agencies that have an interlocal agreement with the Utility.
- b. The Utility does not accept any responsibility or liability for the purchases by other governmental agencies through an interlocal cooperative agreement.

**3. INVOICES AND PAYMENTS:**

- a. The Contractor shall submit invoices, in single copy, for each contract. Invoices covering more than one contract will not be accepted.
- b. If transportation costs are allowed in the bid a separate line item will be included in the proposal.
- c. Invoices shall reflect the Contract Number and/or the Purchase Order Number.
- d. Do not include Federal tax, State tax, or City Tax. EPWater shall furnish tax exemption certificate upon request.
- e. Discounts will be taken from the date of receipt of services or date of invoice, whichever is later.
- f. EPWater obligation is payable only and solely from funds available for the purpose of this contract for good(s) and/or service(s). Lack of funds shall render this contract null and void to the extent funds are not available and any delivered but unpaid for good(s) and/or service(s) will be returned to the Contractor by EPWater.

- g. Mail invoices to:  
**EPWater Accounting Department**  
**P.O. Box 511**  
**El Paso, Texas 79961-0511**
- h. Contractor shall advise the Purchasing Department of any changes in its remittance addresses.
- i. All proper invoices received by EPWater will be paid within 30 days of EPWater receipt date of the invoice.
- j. If partial shipments or deliveries are authorized by EPWater, the Contractor shall be paid for the partial shipment or delivery as stated above.
- k. EPWater may withhold or off set the entire payment or part of any payment otherwise due to a Contractor, if good(s) or service(s) is/are defective or non-conforming.

**4. INDEMNIFICATION:**

**CONTRACTOR OR ITS INSURER WILL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD EPWATER, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, HARMLESS FOR AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIABILITY, DAMAGES OR EXPENSE, (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS) FOR ANY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF ANY PROPERTY, OR ANY ILLNESS, INJURY, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT, LOSS OF SERVICES, OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, UNLESS SUCH DAMAGE, INJURY, LOSS, ILLNESS, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT, LOSS OF SERVICE, OR DEATH RESULTS SOLELY FROM OR SOLELY INVOLVES NEGLIGENCE, OR ALLEGATIONS OF NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF EPWATER, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES. WITHOUT MODIFYING THE CONDITIONS OF PRESERVING, ASSERTING OR ENFORCING ANY LEGAL LIABILITY AGAINST EPWATER AS REQUIRED BY LAW, EPWATER WILL PROMPTLY FORWARD TO CONTRACTOR EVERY DEMAND, NOTICE, SUMMONS OR OTHER PROCESS RECEIVED BY EPWATER IN ANY CLAIM OR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONTEMPLATED HEREIN. CONTRACTOR WILL 1) INVESTIGATE OR CAUSE THEM INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS OR OCCURRENCES INVOLVING SUCH INJURIES OR DAMAGES; 2) NEGOTIATE OR CAUSE TO BE NEGOTIATED THE CLAIM AS THE CONTRACTOR MAY DEEM EXPEDIENT; AND 3) DEFEND OR CAUSE TO BE DEFENDED ON BEHALF OF EPWATER ALL SUITS FOR DAMAGES EVEN IF GROUNDLESS, FALSE OR FRAUDULENT, BROUGHT BECAUSE OF SUCH INJURIES OR DAMAGES. CONTRACTOR WILL PAY ALL JUDGMENTS FINALLY ESTABLISHING LIABILITY OF EPWATER IN ACTIONS DEFENDED BY CONTRACTOR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ALONG WITH ALL ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS INCURRED BY EPWATER INCLUDING INTEREST ACCRUING TO THE DATE OF PAYMENT BY CONTRACTOR, AND PREMIUMS ON ANY APPEAL BONDS. EPWATER, AT ITS ELECTION WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH NEGOTIATIONS OR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO THE EXTENT OF THIS INTEREST. EPWATER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THE CONTRACTOR'S PROPERTY FROM ANY CAUSE.**

**5. GRATUITIES:**

EPWater may, by written notice to the Contractor, cancel this contract without liability to Contractor if it is determined by EPWater that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Contractor, or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of EPWater with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making or any determinations with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is canceled by EPWater pursuant to this provision, EPWater shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by the Contractor in providing such gratuities.



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**6. TERMINATION:**

**I. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

EPWater may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor. The Contractor will be paid its costs, including the contract close out costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor will promptly submit its termination claim to EPWater to be paid the Contractor. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to EPWater, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner EPWater directs.

**II. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

If the Contractor fails to comply with any provision of the contract, EPWater may terminate this contract for default. Termination shall be affected by serving a notice of intent to terminate the contract, with a copy to Surety, if applicable, setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will be given an opportunity to correct the problem within a reasonable amount of time as specified by EPWater before termination notice is rendered. EPWater shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract for default if Contractor violates any local, state, or federal laws, rules or regulations that relate to the performance of this Contract.

If EPWater terminates this Contract because the Contractor failed to perform the services as required by the Contract, EPWater shall have the right to obtain like services from another vendor in substitution for those due from the Contractor. The cost of substitute services shall be determined by informal or formal procurement procedures as required by the Local Government Code. EPWater may recover the difference between the cost of the substitute services and the Contract price from the Contractor as damages. EPWater may deduct the damages from Contractor's account for services rendered prior to the termination or services rendered by Contractor pursuant to a different contract or pursue any other lawful means of recovery. The failure of EPWater to obtain substitute services and charge the Contractor under this clause is not a bar to any other remedy available for default.

**7. FORCE MAJEURE:**

If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto will be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Contract then such party will give notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, will be suspended for only thirty (30) days during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party will try to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch.

The term Force Majeure as employed herein, will mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of public enemies, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquake, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines, or canals. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts will be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure will be remedied with all reasonable dispatch will not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgment of the party having the difficulty. If a party is unable to comply with the provisions of this contract by reason of Force Majeure for a period beyond thirty days after the event or cause relied upon, then upon written notice after the thirty (30) days, the affected party shall be excused from further performance under this contract.

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**8. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:**

The awarding of this contract is dependent upon the availability of funds. In the event that funds do not become available, the contract may be terminated or the scope may be amended. A 30-day written notice will be given to the vendor and there shall be no penalty nor removal charges incurred by EPWater.

**9. VENUE:**

Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

**10. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:**

Administration of this Contract, on behalf of EPWater, is the responsibility of Christina Rivas, Procurement Analyst, Purchasing and Contract Administration, who is your point of contact for general information or specific matters concerning this contract. Christina Rivas can be reached by telephone at (915) 594-5629 , or by FAX at (915) 594-5689. Correspondence should be addressed to: EPWater, Purchasing and Contract Administration, Attn: Christina Rivas, 1154 Hawkins Blvd. El Paso, TX 79925. Please refer to Bid Number or Contract Number in all correspondence.

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**11. INSURANCE:**

For the duration of this contract and any extension hereof, Contractor shall purchase and maintain such insurance as is appropriate for the Work being performed and as will provide protection from claims which may arise out of or result from Contractor’s performance of the Work and Contractor’s other obligations under the Contract Documents, whether it is to be performed by Contractor, any Subcontractor or Supplier, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable: Workers’ compensation, Automobile Liability insurance and Commercial General Liability insurance: (a) Covering contractor and its employees and (b) For the protection of the general public and EPWater for bodily or wrongful death and property damage in the limits indicated in the following table. Insurance shall be procured from insurers or indemnity companies acceptable to Owner. Insurance or Indemnity Company furnishing insurance for the Contract shall be authorized to do business in Texas.

<b>INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>				
LIMITS OF COVERAGE FOR ALL GOODS AND SERVICES	AUTOMOBILE {Combined Single Limit} Per Accident	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY {Combined Single Limit} <b>Per Project</b>	WORKERS’ COMPENSATION {Employers’ Liability} Per Accident Per Employee Per Disease	UMBRELLA {Combined Single Limit}
CONTRACT PRICE LESS THAN \$100,000:  Occurrence General Aggregate Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$300,000	\$ 500,000 \$ 500,000 \$1,000,000	\$ 500,000 \$ 500,000 \$ 500,000	Not applicable
CONTRACT PRICE EQUAL TO \$100,000 OR GREATER AND LESS THAN \$500,000:  Occurrence General Aggregate Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$500,000	\$ 500,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$ 500,000 \$ 500,000 \$ 500,000	Not applicable
CONTRACT PRICE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN \$500,000 AND UP TO AND INCLUDING \$10,000,000:  Occurrence General Aggregate Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$2,000,000 \$2,000,000
CONTRACT PRICE GREATER THAN \$10,000,000:  Occurrence General Aggregate Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 \$2,000,000 \$2,000,000	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$5,000,000 \$5,000,000

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With respect to the above required insurance, EPWater and its officers and employees shall be named as additional insureds as their interests may appear. EPWater shall be provided with 30 days advance notice, in writing, of any cancellation or material change. EPWater shall be provided with certificates of insurance evidencing the above required insurance prior to the commencement of this contract and thereafter with certificates evidencing renewal or replacement of said policies of insurance at least 15 days prior to the expiration or cancellation of any such policies.

NOTE: The insurer waives any right of subrogation it may acquire against the Owner, its partners, agent and employees.

**Notices and Certificates required by this contract clause shall be provided to:**

EPWater  
Purchasing and Contract Administration Department  
Attn: Christina Rivas, Procurement Analyst  
1154 Hawkins Blvd.  
El Paso, Texas 79925

**Failure to submit insurance certification may result in contract cancellation.**

**Please refer to Bid Number/Contract Number and Title in all correspondence.**

**12. CONE OF SILENCE**

The “Cone of Silence” is imposed upon each RFP, RFQ or Bid from the time of advertising until it is posted on the Public Service Board Agenda for award. The Cone of Silence prohibits communications with EPWater employees to attempt to influence the purchasing decision. As such, the Cone of Silence prohibits any communication regarding RFP’s, RFQ’s or Bids between, among others:

- Potential vendors, service providers, bidders, or consultants and EPWater employees.
- Potential vendors, service providers, bidders, or consultants, any member of the Board, the President/CEO, or their respective staff and members of the respective selection committee.

The provisions do not apply to, among other communications:

- Oral communications with Sr. Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Agent, Contracts Developer Coordinator, or Procurement Analyst, provided the communications is limited strictly to matters of process or procedure already contained the solicitation document;
- The provisions of the Cone of Silence do not apply to oral communications at pre-proposal or pre-bid conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, contract negotiations during duly notice public meeting, public presentations made to the President/CEO and Board members during a duly noticed public meeting; or
- Communications in writing at any time unless specifically prohibited by the applicable, RFP, RFQ or bid document.

In addition to any other penalties provided by law, violation of the Cone of Silence by any proposer or bidder shall render that proposer’s or bidder’s RFP, RFQ or bid award voidable. Any person having personal knowledge of a violation of these provisions shall report such violations to EPWater General Counsel and the Purchasing Agent.

The “Cone of Silence” applies to any and all potential subcontractors as well.

This bid will be awarded by the Public Service Board at their regularly scheduled meeting.

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

## FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

**1** Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

**2**  Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3** Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

**4** Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes       No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       No

**5** Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

**6**  Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

## Instructions - Form 1295

Effective January 1, 2016, a governmental entity may not enter into a contract requiring board approval, unless the business entity submits a Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form 1295) at the time the business entity submits the signed contract.

The following definitions apply:

1. "Interested Party" means a person:
  - a. Who has a controlling interest in a business entity with whom a governmental entity contracts: or
  - b. Who actively participates in facilitating the contract or negotiating the terms of the contract, including a broker, intermediary, adviser, or attorney for the business entity.
2. "Intermediary" means "a person who actively participates in the facilitation of the contract or negotiating the contract, including a broker, adviser, attorney, or representative of or agent for the business entity who:
  - a. Receives compensation from the business entity for the person's participation;
  - b. Communicates directly with the governmental entity or state agency on behalf of the business entity regarding the contract; and
  - c. Is not an employee of the business entity
3. "Business Entity" means any entity recognized by law through which business is conducted, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation. "Business entity" includes a for-profit or nonprofit entity. He term does not include a governmental entity or state agency.
4. "Contract" includes an amended, extended, or renewed contract.
5. "Controlling Interest" means:
  - a. An ownership interest or participating interest in a business entity by virtue of units, percentage, shares, stock, or otherwise that exceeds 10 percent;
  - b. Membership on the board of directors or other governing body of a business entity of which the board or other governing body is composed of not more than 10 members; or
  - c. Service as an officer of a business entity that has four or fewer officers, or service as one of the four officers most highly compensated by a business entity that has more than four officers."

**A business entity must file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission using the Commission's online filing application, which can be found at:**

[https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm)

The business entity must **print a copy** of the completed form, which will include a certification of filing containing a unique certification number. The Form 1295 must be **signed by an authorized agent** of the business entity, and **the form must be notarized**. The **business entity must then submit the completed, signed, notarized Form 1295 to the contracting school district**.

# Changes to Form 1295

Changes to the law requiring certain businesses to file a Form 1295 are in effect for contracts entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The changes exempt businesses from filing a Form 1295 for certain types of contracts and replace the need for a completed Form 1295 to be notarized. Instead, the person filing a 1295 needs to complete an “unsworn declaration.”

## **What type of contracts are exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement under the amended law?**

The amended law adds to the list of types of contract exempt from the Form 1295 filing requirement. A completed Form 1295 is not required for:

- a sponsored research contract of an institution of higher education;
- an interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education;
- a contract related to health and human services if:
  - the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed; and
  - any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract;
- a contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity;\*
- a contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;\* or
- a contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code.\*

The newly exempt contract types are marked with an asterisk.

## **Why do I need to include my date of birth and address when I sign Form 1295? Was this always the case?**

In 2017, the legislature amended the law to require Form 1295 to include an “unsworn declaration” which includes, among other things, the date of birth and address of the authorized representative signing the form. The change in the law applies to contracts entered into, renewed, or amended on or after January 1, 2018. The unsworn declaration, including the date of birth and address of the signatory, replaces the notary requirement that applied to contracts entered into before January 1, 2018.



**Will my date of birth and address appear on the TEC's website when I file the form?**

No. The TEC filing application does not capture the date of birth or street address of the signatory and it will not appear on forms that are filed using the TEC filing application.

Although the TEC does not capture the date of birth and street address of the signatory, the contracting state agency or governmental agency will have a physical copy of the form that includes the date of birth and address of the signatory. The TEC cannot answer whether the contracting state agency or governmental agency may release such information. Questions regarding the Texas Public Information Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General. *See also Paxton v. City of Dall.*, No. 03-13-00546-CV, 2015 Tex. App. LEXIS 5228, at \*10-11 (App.—Austin May 22, 2015)\_(mem. op.) (pet. denied) (*available [here](#)*).

**CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FORM 1295**

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.  
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

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**1** Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

**2** Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

**3** Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

**5** Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

**6 UNSWORN DECLARATION**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
 (month) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  
 (Declarant)

**ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY**

# INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Bidders **MUST** use the form and format included in this bid document and provides all required information. The Bid Proposal shall be mailed to the Purchasing and Contracts Administration Department, El Paso Water, El Paso, Texas 79961 or delivered to the Purchasing and Contracts Administration Department, El Paso Water Building, first floor, 1154 Hawkins Boulevard, El Paso, Texas 79925 prior to the date and time specified in this bid document. Bids received after the date and time shall be returned unopened to the Bidder.
2. The unit price of each item must be given in the column headed 'Unit Price' and must be for the particular unit of measurement specified in the column headed 'Unit'. In addition, the price per unit shall be multiplied by the total number of units and the total shown in the column for 'Total Cost'. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total cost, the **unit price shall prevail**.
3. When a bid is requested for a particular item by brand name or other form of identification and the words '**or approved equal**' are used, Bidders may bid on items manufactured by other companies, provided the substituted article(s) is clearly described in terms of trade name, grade, capacity, etc. Sufficient information **MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL** to permit El Paso Water to evaluate the item(s) for compliance with bid specifications. **BIDDERS WHO FAIL TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.**
4. Additional information not requested in the bid specifications, but felt to be pertinent by the Bidder, may be included as annotations or attachments to the Bid Proposal.
5. When a date is set for merchandise to be received or for work to be performed, the merchandise **MUST BE DELIVERED OR THE WORK PERFORMED** on or before the specified date; if not, the Purchase Order or Master Contract to the delinquent party may be canceled. If the Purchase Order or Master Contract is canceled, El Paso Water shall have the right to buy the merchandise or have the unfinished work completed by another bidder. Any excess in cost for the same item(s) or service over the price specified in the Bid Proposal that was accepted by the Public Service Board will be deducted from any money deposited with this bid or subsequently due. El Paso Water reserves the right to delete the company from the Bidders List for up to twelve months.
6. All bids **MUST BE F.O.B. DESTINATION**. All reductions or refunds on freight charges will be for the account of El Paso Water.
7. The Bid Submittal shall remain subject to acceptance for (90) Ninety days after the bid opening.
8. Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of bids.
9. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Proposal, award of the bid shall be made by individual item to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the goods and/or services described in the Bid Proposal. A Bidder may qualify their bid by indicating that is based on 'All or None' for either all or part of the items.
10. The Public Service Board is not bound by the issuance of this Bid Proposal to award a contract. Any resulting order will be awarded to the lowest and best qualified responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the Bid Proposal, is most advantageous to El Paso Water. If deemed to be in the best interest of El Paso Water, the Public Service Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, award a contract for the items, either in whole or part and/or waive any irregularities. However, the contract may not be awarded to a nonresident bidder unless the nonresident's bid is lower than the lowest bid submitted by a responsible Texas resident bidder by the same amount that a Texas resident bidder would be required to underbid a nonresident bidder to obtain a comparable contract in the state in which the nonresident's principal place of business is located. If the funding of the contract involves federal funds, then the contract will be awarded to the lowest and best qualified responsible Texas resident or nonresident bidder whose bid, conforming to the Bid Proposal, is most advantageous to El Paso Water.

## DEFINITIONS:

**BIDDER** - means a person, partnership or corporation making a proposal for the performance of the work covered by the contract documents and may be a '**Texas Resident Bidder**' or a '**Nonresident Bidder**'.

**TEXAS RESIDENT BIDDER** - means a bidder whose principal place of business is in this state and includes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in the state of Texas.

**NONRESIDENT BIDDER** - means a bidder whose principal place of business is not in this state but excludes a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in the state of Texas.

11. A Bidder may withdraw their bid at any time prior to the date and time of bid opening, provided written authorization is presented to the Purchasing Agent by an officer of the firm that submitted the bid.
12. Any additional information about this bid and/or complaints, questions or comments about the bid of another vendor must **be submitted to the Purchasing Agent within 24 hours** after the bids are opened for the information or complaint to be considered.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS CONTINUED

13. Reference bid proposal for insurance requirements.
14. Each bid MUST be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to El Paso Water in an amount of five (5) percent of the Bidder's total bid and in the form of a certified or cashier's check or a Bid Bond. The Bid bond (and performance and Payment bond when required) shall be in the form prescribed by applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code and Section 7.19-1 of the Texas Insurance Code. **The bond shall be executed by a Surety authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed by the State of Texas to issue surety bonds.** This Bid Security is provided as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded a contract, will execute the contract (Purchase Order or Master Contract) to provide the material, supplies, equipment and/or services. **FAILURE OF THE BIDDER TO INCLUDE BID SECURITY WITH THE BID SUBMITTAL SHALL CONSTITUTE A NONRESPONSIVE BID AND RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BID SUBMITTAL.** THE BID SECURITY SHALL BE FORFEITED AND EL PASO WATER SHALL THEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE AWARD TO THE NEXT LOWEST RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE BIDDER OR ASK FOR NEW BIDS. The Bid Security of all bidders will be retained by El Paso Water until award of the contract to the successful Bidder by the Public Service Board. After award of the contract, the Bid Security of the successful Bidder will be retained by El Paso Water until receipt of the Performance Bond and/or Payment Bond (if required). Upon receipt of the Performance Bond and/or Payment Bond, the Bid Security will be returned. The Bid Security of the next two low bidders will be retained until execution of the successful Bidder's contract and will then be returned. The Bid Security of all remaining Bidders will be returned after award of the Bid by the Board.
15. The successful Bidder will be required to obtain a Performance Bond and Payment bond (when required) for one hundred percent (100%) of the bid as security for the faithful performance and payment of all of the Bidder's obligations. All bonds shall be in the form prescribed by all applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code and Section 7.91-1 of the Texas Insurance Code. **The bonds shall be executed by a Surety which is authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and licensed by the State of Texas to issue surety bonds.** All bonds signed by an agent must be accompanied by a certified copy of the agent's authority to act. IF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FAILS TO FURNISH THESE BONDS WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE BID AWARD, THEIR BID SECURITY SHALL BE FORFEITED. El Paso Water shall then have the right to make the award of a contract to the next lowest responsible, responsive bidder or to ask for new bids.
16. To the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, Bidders shall indemnify and hold harmless El Paso Water, The Public Service Board, its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses; direct, indirect or consequential (including, but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court costs) arising out of or resulting from the performance of its obligations under this contract and the contract documents.
17. The Bid Proposal MUST be signed by an authorized agent of the bidding company. Failure to sign the Bid Proposal or signing it with a false statement shall void the submitted bid or any resulting contract (Purchase Order or Master Contract) and the bidder may, at the option of the Public Service Board, be removed from the bid list.
18. By signing the Bid Proposal, the Bidder affirms that he has not given or offered to give nor intends to give, at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor or services to an employee or official of El Paso Water in connection with the submitted bid.
19. These INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, the Bid Proposal and all other contract documents shall constitute a binding and enforceable contract with El Paso Water. Upon award of the bid by the Public Service Board, the Bidder hereby agrees that the signature of its duly authorized agent on the first page of the Bid Proposal shall bind the Bidder to all terms and obligations of the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS, Bid Proposal and other contract documents.
20. This bid specifically prohibits communications in writing addressed in the final bullet of the cone of silence.