



## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Edinburg is soliciting sealed bids to be received by the City Secretary's Office located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541. City of Edinburg normal business days are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and shall be closed on recognized holidays.

Bids will be received until **3:00 p.m. Central Time**, on **Tuesday, December 21, 2021**, shortly thereafter all submitted bids will be gathered and taken to the Edinburg City Hall Community Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, to be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. It is the responsibility of the bidder to see that any bid submitted shall have sufficient time to be received by the City Secretary's Office prior to the bid opening date and time. The receiving time in the City Secretary's Office will be the governing time for acceptability of the bids. Bids will not be accepted by telephone or facsimile machine. All bids must bear original signatures and figures. The Bid shall be for:

### **BID NO. 2022-21 NITROGEN GAS**

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this bid, please contact LORENA FUENTES, ASSISTANT PURCHASING MANAGER, LOCATED AT 415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, Edinburg, TX 78541 by calling (956) 388-1895 or via e-mail at: [lfuentes@cityofedinburg.com](mailto:lfuentes@cityofedinburg.com).

**If Hand-delivering Bids:** 415 West University Drive,  
c/o City Secretary Department (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

**If using Land Courier (i.e., FedEx, UPS):** City of Edinburg  
c/o City Secretary  
415 West University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78541

**If Mailing Bids:** City of Edinburg  
c/o City Secretary  
P.O. Box 1079  
Edinburg, TX 78540-1079

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City, and hold the bids for a period of **60** days without taking action.

**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.**

# CITY OF EDINBURG INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

## **DEVIATION FROM SPECIFICATION**

Please read your specifications/requirements thoroughly and be sure that the SERVICES offered comply with all specifications/requirements. Any variation from the specifications/requirements must be clearly indicated by letter attached to your bid referencing variations on a point-by-point basis. If no exceptions are noted, and you are the successful bidder, it will be required that the SERVICES be provided as specified.

## **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of these specifications/requirements and bidding documents is for the purchase of NITROGEN GAS for the City of Edinburg.

2. The SERVICES to be furnished under this bid shall be as specified in these bid documents. All specifications/requirements shown are minimum. There is no intention to disqualify any bidder who can meet these specifications/requirements.

## **SUBMITTAL OF BID**

Bids will be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank bid form attached hereto. Submit two (2) complete sets of the bid, one (1) original marked "**ORIGINAL**," and one (1) copy marked "**COPY**". Each bid must be completely filled out and SUBMITTED IN ORIGINAL FORM, complete with all supporting documentation. Bids submitted by facsimile (fax) or electronically will **NOT** be accepted. Submittal of a bid in response to this solicitation for Bids constitutes an offer by the Bidder. Bids which do not comply with these specifications/requirements may be rejected at the option of the City. Bids must be filed with the City of Edinburg, before opening day and hour. No late Bids will be accepted. They will be returned to Bidder unopened (if properly identified).

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## **PREPARATION OF BID**

Bids **MUST** give full firm name and address of bidder, and be manually signed. Failure to do so will disqualify your bid. Person signing bid must show title or AUTHORITY TO BIND HIS/HER FIRM IN A CONTRACT.

Firm name and authorized signature must appear on each page that calls for this information. The legal status of the Respondent/Bidder whether corporation, partnership, or individual, shall also be stated in the bid. A corporation shall execute the bid by its duly authorized officers in accordance with its corporate by-laws and shall also list the state in which it is incorporated. A partnership Respondent/Bidder shall give full names and addresses of all partners. All partners shall execute the bid. Partnership and Individual Respondent/Bidder shall state in the bid the names and addresses of all persons with a vested interest therein. The place of residence of each Respondent/Bidder, or the office address in the case of a firm or company, with county and state and telephone number, shall be given after the signature.

## **ALTERATIONS/AMENDMENTS TO BID**

Bids **CANNOT** be altered or amended after opening time. Alterations made before opening time must be initialed by bidder guaranteeing authenticity. No bid may be withdrawn after opening time without acceptable reason in writing and only after approval by the City of Edinburg.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

### **SALES TAX**

State sales tax must not be included in the bid.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

No substitutions or cancellations will be permitted without written approval of City of Edinburg.

### **NO BID RESPONSE**

If unable to submit a bid, bidder should return inquiry giving reasons.

### **EXCEPTIONS**

Any additions, deletions, or variations from the following specifications/requirements must be noted. The bidder shall attach to his/her bid sheet a list of any exceptions to the specifications/requirements if unable to do so, on specification sheet.

### **BRAND OR MANUFACTURER REFERENCE**

Unless otherwise specified, any catalog or manufacturer's reference or brand name used in describing an item is merely descriptive, and not restrictive, and is used only to indicate type and style of product desired. Bids on alternate brands will be considered if they meet specification requirements. If a bidder quotes on equipment other than the one(s) specified in the bid, sufficient specifications and descriptive (pictured literature) data must accompany same to permit thorough evaluation. In the absence of these qualifications, he/she will be expected to furnish the product called for.

### **DELIVERY**

Number of days required to deliver SERVICES after receiving order must be stated in the bid. Failure to so state will obligate bidder to complete service delivery within ONE day.

### **DELAY IN SERVICE DELIVERY**

When delay can be foreseen, Bidder shall give prior notice to City of Edinburg. Bidder must keep City of Edinburg advised at all times of status of order. Default in promised service delivery (without acceptable reasons) or failure to meet specifications/requirements, authorizes the City of Edinburg to purchase such SERVICES elsewhere and charge increase in cost to defaulting vendor. Acceptable reasons for delayed delivery are as follows: Acts of God (floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.), acts of government, fire, strikes, war; Actions beyond the control of the successful bidder.

### **SERVICE DELIVERED PRICING**

Bids in units of quantity specified - extend and show total. In the event of discrepancies in extension, unit prices will govern. Bids subject to unlimited price increase will not be considered.

### **VALID BID TIME FRAME**

The City may hold bids 60 days after bid opening without taking action. BIDDERS shall be required to hold their Bids firm for the same period of time.

### **RIGHT TO REJECT/AWARD**

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all Bids, and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, and to make such awards of contract as may be deemed to be the best and most advantageous to the City of Edinburg.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

### **MULTIPLE VENDOR CONTRACTS**

Bidders are advised that the City of Edinburg may award Service Contracts to multiple vendors based on low bid per item basis. All items specified on the "Bid Form" **must** reflect the individual unit prices. The City of Edinburg reserves the right to award all items individually or in any combination thereof. The City reserves the right to award each item separately or individually, award to one or multiple vendors, and accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the City.

### **INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE**

The Bidder agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City, from all suits and actions of every nature and description brought against them or any of them, for or on account of the use of patented appliances, products or processes, and he shall pay all royalties and charges which are legal and equitable. Evidence of such payment or satisfaction shall be submitted upon request of the Purchasing Agent, as a necessary requirement in connection with the final estimate for payment in which such patented appliance, products or processes are used.

### **ADDENDA**

Bidder shall carefully examine the bid forms, specifications/requirements, and instructions to Bidders. Should the bidder find discrepancies in, or omissions from bid forms, specifications/requirements, or other documents, or should he/she be in doubt as to their meaning, he/she should at once notify the Purchasing Agent at 956-388-1895 and obtain clarification by addendum prior to submitting any bid. Explanations, interpretations, and supplemental instructions shall be in the form of written Addenda which shall become a part of the Contract documents. Said Addenda shall be mailed, e-mailed, hand delivered and/or faxed, to all prospective Bidders. All Addenda issued in respect to this project shall be considered official changes to the original bid documents. Verbal statements in response to inquiries and/or requests for explanations shall not be authoritative nor binding. It shall be the Bidder(s) responsibility to ensure that they have received all Addenda in respect to this project. Furthermore, Bidders are advised that they must recognize, comply with, and attach a signed copy of each Addendum which shall be made part of their Bid Submittal. Bidder(s) signature on Addenda shall be interpreted as the bidder's "recognition and compliance to" official changes as outlined by the City of Edinburg and as such are made part of the original solicitation documents. Failure of any bidder to receive any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from its terms and requirements. The City may issue a written addendum no later than five calendar days prior to the date bids must be received. Addendums are available online at [www.cityofedinburg.com](http://www.cityofedinburg.com).

### **PAYMENT**

The City of Edinburg will execute payment by mail in accordance with the State of Texas Pay Law after SERVICES have been provided and invoiced. No other method of payment will be considered.

### **SYNONYM**

Where in this bid package ITEMS OR SERVICES is used its meaning shall refer to the purchase of NITROGEN GAS as specified.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Neither the Bidder's contract nor payment due to an awarded vendor may be assigned to a third party without the written approval of the Purchasing Department for the City of Edinburg.

### **INTERPRETATIONS**

Any questions concerning the conditions and/or specifications/requirements with regards to this solicitation for Bids shall be directed to the designated individuals as outlined in the Request for Bids. Such interpretations, which may affect the eventual outcome of this request for Bids, shall be furnished in writing to all prospective Bidders via

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

Addendum. No interpretation shall be considered binding unless provided in writing by the City of Edinburg in accordance with paragraph entitled "Addenda".

### **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

It shall be the responsibility of the successful Bidder to comply with all applicable State & Federal laws, Executive Orders and Municipal Ordinances, and the Rules and Regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the work to be performed hereunder and such shall apply to the contract throughout, and that they will be deemed to be included in the contract as though written out in full in the contract documents. (To include issues related to health, environmental, and safety to name a few.)

### **BIDDER'S EMPLOYEES**

Neither the Bidder nor his/her employees engaged in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Purchase Contract shall be considered employees of the City. The method and manner of performance of such undertakings shall be under the exclusive control of the vendor on contract. The City shall have the right of inspection of said undertakings at any time.

### **RIGHT TO WAIVE**

City of Edinburg reserves the right to waive or take exception to any part of these specifications/requirements when in the best interest of the City of Edinburg.

### **COOPERATIVE PRICING**

Bidders are advised that in addition to responding to our "local" solicitation for bids/Bids with Dealer pricing, vendors/contractors are encouraged to provide pricing on the below referenced items/products/services based on BuyBoard, TX-MAS, H-GAC and/or any other State of Texas recognized and approved cooperative which has complied with the bidding requirements for the State of Texas. If bidding other than or in addition to "dealer" pricing, kindly duplicate the bid forms for each bid being provided from a cooperative contract. Any and all applicable fees must be included. All cooperative pricing must be submitted on or before bid opening date and hour.

### **TIME ALLOWED FOR ACTION TAKEN**

The City of Edinburg may hold bids **60** days after the opening of Bids without taking action. Bidders are required to hold their Bids firm for same period of time.

### **PREPARATION OF BID**

The City of Edinburg shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by any bidder for work performed in the preparation of and production of a bid or for any work performed prior to execution of contract.

### **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Any information deemed to be confidential by the bidder should be clearly noted on the pages where confidential information is contained; however, the City cannot guarantee that it will not be compelled to disclose all or part of any public record under Texas Public Information Act, since information deemed to be confidential by the bidder may not be considered confidential under Texas Law, or pursuant to a Court order.

### **VERBAL THREATS**

Any threats made to any employee of the City, be it verbal or written, to discontinue the providing of item/material/services for whatever reason and/or reasons shall be considered a breach of contract and the City will immediately sever the contract with the Vendor on contract.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

### **MATHEMATICAL ERRORS**

In the event that mathematical errors exist in any bid, unit prices/rates -v- totals, unit prices/rates will govern.

### **AUDIT**

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to audit the vendor's books and records relating to the performance of this contract. The City of Edinburg, at its own expense, shall have the right at all reasonable times during normal business hours and upon at least twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice, to audit, to examine, and to make copies of or extracts from the books of account and records maintained by the vendor(s) with respect to the Supply/Service and/or Purchase Contract. If such audit shall disclose overpayment by City to vendor, written notice of such overpayment shall be provided to the vendor and the amount of overpayment shall be promptly reimbursed by vendor to the City. In the event any such overpayment is not paid within ten (10) business days after receipt of such notice, the unpaid amount of such overpayment shall bear interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date of such notice until paid.

### **PAST PERFORMANCE**

Vendor's past performance shall be taken into consideration in the evaluation and award of Service Contract for the Purchase of SERVICES.

### **JURISDICTION**

Contract(s) executed as part of this solicitation shall be subject to and governed under the laws of the State of Texas. Any and all obligations and payments are due and performable and payable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

### **VENUE**

The parties agree that venue for purposes of any and all lawsuits, cause of action, arbitration, and/or any other dispute(s) shall be in Hidalgo County, Texas.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR OWN LEGAL COUNSEL. COMPLIANCE IS THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PERSON OR AGENT OF A PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE FILING REQUIREMENT. AN OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 176 IS A CLASS "C" MISDEMEANOR.**

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **CHAPTER 176 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE**

Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ, the vendor or person's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. By law, this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the City of Edinburg not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code. A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor. For more information or to obtain Questionnaire CIQ go to the Texas Ethics Commission web page at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/conflict/> .

### **CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (Form 1295)**

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted [House Bill 1295](#), which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016. For more information go to the Texas Ethics Commission web page at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/1295/> .

### **HB 89**

The 85th Texas Legislature approved new legislation, effective Sept. 1, 2017, which amends Texas Local Government Code Section 1. Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code by adding Chapter 2270 which states that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

- 1) does not boycott Israel; and
- 2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract

### **SB 13 ENERGY COMPANY BOYCOTTS**

The 87th Texas Legislature approved new legislation, effective Sept. 1, 2021, which amends Texas Local Government Code 2274.001. Subtitle F, Title 10, Chapter 809 which states that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

- 1) does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Contract. If Respondent does not make that verification, Respondent must so indicate in its Response and state why the certification is not required , or
- 2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Respondent shall promptly notify Agency.

### **SB 19 FIREARM ENTITIES AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS DISCRIMINATIONS**

The 87th Texas Legislature approved new legislation, effective Sept. 1, 2021, which amends Texas Local Government Code Section 1. Subtitle F, Title 10 of the Texas Government Code 2274.002, Respondent verifies that it:

- 1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and
- 2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

If Respondent does not make that verification, Respondent must so indicate in its Response and state why the verification is not required. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Respondent shall promptly notify Agency.

### **ETHICAL STANDARD**

No City official or employee shall have interest in any contract resulting from this bid. The following forms must be completed with your bid response.

- **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement**
- **HB 89 Verification Form**
- **SB 13 Verification Form**
- **SB 19 Verification Form**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

The forms stated above MUST be returned as part of your Bid response. Failure to include these forms may result in your Bid being considered unresponsive and therefore disqualified. Sample copies of these forms are included in the Bid. \* **FORM 1295 (CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES) is not required with the bid submittal but will be required from the awarded party before entering into a contract with the City of Edinburg.**

**AWARD**

For purposes of this project, award will be contingent on approval of budget.

**CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF BIDDER'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The City may give local vendors, whose principal place of business is located within the City of Edinburg, and whose bid is within five percent (5%) of the lowest bid price preference as allowed by Section 271.9051 of the Local Government Code

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

In the event that the City of Edinburg has an immediate need for a particular service(s) that is/are on contract and the successful vendor on contract is not able to meet the special service delivery needs of the City of Edinburg, the City of Edinburg reserves the right to purchase such services elsewhere to fulfill its' immediate need.

**TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to terminate the contract if, in the opinion of the City of Edinburg, the successful vendor's performance is not acceptable, if the City is being repeatedly over charged, improperly charged, no funds are available, or if the City wishes, without cause, to discontinue this contract. Termination will be in written form allowing a 30-day notice. The bidder shall be afforded the same right to terminate this contract in the same manner.

**STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Staff may waive insurance requirements for contracts \$0 - \$4,999.99, including but not limited to contracts for food, materials, supplies, and construction. Workers' Compensation in amounts which satisfy statutory coverage shall be required for construction projects.

The following insurance requirements will be included in all City contracts of \$5,000 - \$14,999.99. In contracts not involving building and construction projects, as that activity is defined in TEX. LABOR CODE §406.096, contractors may obtain alternative form of worker accident insurance with minimum limits of liability of \$100,000 per claim.

<b>Minimum Insurance Requirements</b>	
<b>Type of Coverage</b>	<b>Limits of Liability</b>
Worker's Compensation	Statutory Coverage
Comprehensive General Liability (City named as additional insured) Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits

The following insurance requirements will be included in all City contracts of \$15,000 or more.



**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

- (1) The successful bidder will be required to carry the following insurance coverage and limits of coverage, as well as list the City as an additional insured to liability coverage as requested by the City. In addition, the successful bidder shall provide the City with evidence of coverage and furnish acceptable proof of payment of insurance premiums.
- (2) The successful bidder will be required to secure and/or have insurance coverage in force with an admitted property and casualty insurance company licensed by the State of Texas to conduct business in the State of Texas.
- (3) In contracts not involving building and construction projects, as that activity is defined in TEX. LABOR CODE §406.096, contractors may obtain alternative form of worker accident insurance with minimum limits of liability of \$100,000 per claim.

<b>Minimum Insurance Requirements</b>	
<b>Type of Coverage</b>	<b>Limits of Liability</b>
Worker's Compensation	Statutory Coverage
Employer's Liability	Bodily Injury by Accident: \$100,000 each accident  Bodily Injury by Disease: \$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy limit
Comprehensive General Liability Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits
Comprehensive Auto Liability Bodily Injury	\$100,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS (Continued):**

City's Protective Liability	
Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits

Policies must name the City of Edinburg as an Additional Insured.

Certificates of insurance naming the CITY as an additional insured shall be submitted to the CITY for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the CITY prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence that adequate replacement coverage is provided to the CITY. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, the Contract shall automatically terminate.

**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).

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

## HOUSE BILL 89 VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned representative of \_\_\_\_\_, (Company or Business name) (hereafter referred to as company) **being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, verify that the company named-above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:**

- 1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and**
- 2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.**
- 3) Is not currently listed on the State of Texas Comptroller's Companies that Boycott Israel List located at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/publications/divestment.php>**

*Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:*

*1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and*

*2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.*

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**SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE:**

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**TYPE/PRINT NAME AND TITLE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:**

**SENATE BILL 13 VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned representative of \_\_\_\_\_, (Company or Business name) (hereafter referred to as company) **being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, verify that the company named-above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Chapter 809, Government Code 2274:**

- 1) does not boycott energy companies and;**
- 2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract.**

*Pursuant to Section 2274.001, Texas Government Code:*

- 1. "Boycott energy company" has the meaning assigned by Section 809.001; and*
  - 2. "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 809.001, except that the term does not include a sole proprietorship.*
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**SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE:**

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**TYPE/PRINT NAME AND TITLE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE:**

## SENATE BILL 19 VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned representative of \_\_\_\_\_, (Company or Business name) (hereafter referred to as company) **being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, verify that the company named-above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2274:**

- (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and,**
- (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.**

*Pursuant to Section 2274.001, Texas Government Code:*

- 1) *"Ammunition" means a loaded cartridge case, primer, bullet, or propellant powder with or without a projectile.*
- 2) *"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or associations that exists to make a profit. The term does not include a sole proprietorship.*
- 3) *"Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association":*
  - a) *means, with respect to the entity or association, to:*
    - i) *refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association;*
    - ii) *refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or*
    - iii) *terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and*
  - b) *does not include:*
    - (i) *the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and*
    - (ii) *a company 's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship:*
      - (aa) *to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or*

*(bb) for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity 's or association 's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.*

- 4) *"Firearm" means a weapon that expels a projectile by the action of explosive or expanding gases.*
  - 5) *"Firearm accessory" means a device specifically designed or adapted to enable an individual to wear, carry, store, or mount a firearm on the individual or on a conveyance and an item used in conjunction with or mounted on a firearm that is not essential to the basic function of the firearm. The term includes a detachable firearm magazine.*
  - 6) *"Firearm entity" means:*
    - a) *firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, supplier, or retailer; and*
    - b) *a sport shooting range as defined by Section 250.001, Local Government Code.*
  - 7) *"Firearm trade association" means any person, corporation, unincorporated association, federation, business league, or business organization that:*
    - a) *is not organized or operated for profit and for which none of its net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual;*
    - b) *has two or more firearm entities as members; and*
    - c) *is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c) of that code.*
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**SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE:**

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**CITY OF EDINBURG  
REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR  
NITROGEN GAS**

**BID NO. 2022-21**

**BID OPENING DATE: December 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

It is the intent of this Request for Bids to describe and ultimately make it possible for the City of Edinburg to purchase the below mentioned **NITROGEN GAS.**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND AGREEMENT FOR NITROGEN GAS:**

**ULTRA PURE NITROGEN – SPECIFICATIONS:**

1. Estimated twelve (12) months requirement of Ultra-Pure Nitrogen for the Water Treatment Plant.  
**75 (150 lb. Cylinder) Nitrogen Gas (300 lbs. Minimum Shipment)**
2. Product must be compressed gas contained in approved containers.
3. Product must be 100% Ultra-Pure Nitrogen strength.
4. Product must be acceptable to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
5. A seven (7) day supply of Ultra-Pure Nitrogen must be on hand at all times: therefore, it will be necessary to maintain an extra container.
6. Approximately one (1) container will be in use at all times and approximately two (2) full containers must be in stock.
7. Material Safety Data Sheet or equivalent must accompany bid quote.

**CITY OF EDINBURG  
 BID FORM FOR  
 NITROGEN GAS**

**BID NO. 2022-21**

**BID OPENING DATE: December 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

I/We submit the following bid in **ORIGINAL FORM** for **NITROGEN GAS** according to City of Edinburg requirements, less tax:

**NOTE:** In addition to responding to our “local” solicitation for bids/proposals vendors/contractors are encouraged to provide pricing on the above referenced items/products/services based on Buyboard, H-GAC, TXMAS and/or any other **State of Texas recognized and approved cooperative** which has complied with the bidding requirements for the State of Texas (any and all applicable fees must be included). All cooperative pricing must be submitted on or before bid/proposal opening date and hour.

<b><u>CHECK ONE</u></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BUYBOARD</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>H-GAC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>TX DIR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>TFC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>TXMAS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DEALER/LOCAL</b>	<b>Specify</b>
CONTRACT NUMBER: _____ COMMODITY NUMBER: _____ (if applicable) (if applicable)	

ITEM	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	76 CYLS.	NITROGEN, COMPRESSED (300 CF. CYLINDER)	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	38 EA	DELIVERY CHARGE	\$ _____	\$ _____
3	1 EA	RENTAL FEE PER DAY/CYLINDER	\$ _____	\$ _____
4	1 EA	SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE FEE	\$ _____	\$ _____

**BID FORM FOR NITROGEN GAS (Continued):**

*All Addenda issued in respect to this project shall be considered official changes to the original bidding documents. It shall be the Bidder(s) responsibility to ensure that all Addenda have been received. Furthermore, bidders are advised that they must recognize, comply with, and attach a signed copy of each Addendum which shall be made part of their Bid Submittal. Bidder(s) signature on Addenda shall be interpreted as the vendor's "recognition and compliance to" official changes as outlined by the City of Edinburg and as such are made part of the original bidding documents.*

Does the Company have an office located in Edinburg, Texas?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Company ever conducted business with the City of Edinburg?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE/PRINT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPANY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TELEPHONE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_