

Towable Generator RFB Questions and Answers

1. **QUESTION:** Section I PURPOSE: "Payment for services under any contract is dependent upon the availability of County, State, and Federal funding." The way the RFB reads is that you could issue an IOU if you needed to. How is the county paying for this?

ANSWER: The purchase of this generator will be accomplished through the combination of several funding streams. The County has received approval of this purchase for some of the funding streams, but we are still waiting on approval from the others. There is a possibility the State will deny the other funding. If the additional funds are not approved, we will explore purchasing a smaller sized generator. An addendum to the RFB will follow.

2. **QUESTION:** To receive special pricing, our terms are 50% at time of Purchase Order and Balance upon delivery. Would our terms be okay to put into our bid?

ANSWER: You may include any special terms in your bid package.

3. **QUESTION:** The schedule shows you will order no later than June 3, 2011 - so if you order June 4, 2011, we would not have to honor our bid?

ANSWER: Provided funding is approved, we will award a contract on June 3, 2011. The contract expires June 30, 2011 and will include your bid as an attachment. Although we anticipate placing the order close to June 3rd, we can place the order anytime within the contract period.

4. **QUESTION:** Do you give preference to small business and local vendors?

ANSWER: Per County Administrative Manual Title 4.02.07, preference is provided to Glenn County vendors who have comparable pricing.

5. **QUESTION:** We would like to know who we are bidding against.

ANSWER: This is a sealed bid process and we are unable to release bidder names prior to opening bid packages. Bid packages will be opened on May 26, 2011 and information available at that time.

6. **QUESTION:** The RFB indicates the contract will begin June 1, 2011 and will expire on June 30, 2011, but delivery must be by September 30, 2011. Can you confirm these dates?

ANSWER: These dates are correct. Our funding source requires funds to be obligated by June 30, 2011 when our grant expires, but allows a specified period of time to expend the obligated funds. By executing a contract and issuing a PO, the funds become obligated. The funds do not become expended until after delivery when the invoice is paid. The differences in dates allows additional time (if needed) for delivery of the generator.

7. **QUESTION:** Does the bid need to be mailed or can we send it via email?

ANSWER: The bid package must be in a sealed envelopes per the SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, therefore emailed and faxed bids will not be accepted.

8. **QUESTION:** Is this RFB for rental or purchase of a generator?

ANSWER: The RFB is for purchase of a towable generator.

9. **QUESTION:** There is no bid form or signature form included in the packet. Can we use letterhead to outline the costs and sign?

ANSWER: Letterhead or your normal price quote paperwork is acceptable provided it has the information requested in the RFB to include costs, generator specs, and signature.

10. **QUESTION:** Do you want us to include sales tax?

ANSWER: Yes, please include it as a line item in your bid.

11. **QUESTION:** Will you require installation of the generator?

ANSWER: No.

12. **QUESTION:** Will you only accept the Baldor equipment or may we offer a comparable brand?

ANSWER: You may bid a comparable brand.

13. **QUESTION:** Do you know if the Baldor unit will comply with the new emissions requirements that went into effect on January 1, 2011 for trailer mounted or towable engine generator sets?

ANSWER: Our expectation is that the bidder will provide pricing on units that meet California Air Resources Board requirements.

14. **QUESTION:** If possible, might we be able to offer our 100kW as an "alternate" to your project?

ANSWER: We prefer that all bidders to provide pricing on like type products. This will help us in comparing units and determining responsiveness of bids.