



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 09/17/2024

**SUBJECT: BID NO. 2022-195 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR WELDING
EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL/MEDICAL GASES -
COUNTYWIDE - WESTAIR GASES & EQUIPMENT, INC. -
EXERCISE SECOND AND FINAL OPTION FOR RENEWAL - SAME
FIRM FIXED PRICES AND DISCOUNT FROM LIST PRICE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Bid No. 2022-195, Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases, for the second and final optional twelve (12) month renewal period at the same firm fixed prices and discount from list price.

BACKGROUND

On October 18, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #139475, awarded Bid No. 2022-195, Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases, Countywide, to the following vendor:

WestAir Gases & Equipment, Inc. 2 of 3 Sections

The award was based upon low bid meeting specifications and contained options to renew for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods.

On August 15, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141502, approved the first renewal option.

This contract is used for the purchase and rental of industrial and medical gases and gas containers used by various County departments. Facilities Management and the four (4) Precincts use this contract for welding gases. Public Health and the Medical Examiner's Office use this contract for gases used in the operation of medical equipment. Containers are refilled on an ongoing, as-needed basis.

The vendor notified Purchasing in writing that their prices will remain firm through October 21, 2025.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of Purchasing that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of Bid No. 2022-195, Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases, for another twelve (12) month period.

SUBMITTED BY: Purchasing

PREPARED BY: Brad Richards, NIGP-CPP
APPROVED BY: Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP



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FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$27,853.00. Services are provided on an as-needed basis. The departments have included funding in the FY 2025 budget request.



TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Complete this form for any county action that involves the adoption of a regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Project/Regulation Name: Bid No. 2022-195 - Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases - Countywide - Westair Gases & Equipment, Inc. - Exercise Second and Final Option for Renewal - Same Firm Fixed Prices and Discount from List Price

County Department: PURCHASING

Contact Person: Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P.

Phone Number for Contact Person: (817) 884-3245

Type of TIA Performed: SHORT TIA or FULL TIA. Circle one after answering the questions in Sections II and III below.

I. Stated Purpose

Attach to this checklist an explanation of the purpose of the regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Note: The remainder of this Takings Impact Assessment Checklist should be completed in consultation with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

II. Potential Effect on Private Real Property

1. Does the county action require a physical invasion, occupation, or dedication of real property?

Yes _____ No ✓

2. Does the county action limit or restrict a real property right, even partially, or temporarily?

Yes _____ No ✓

If you answered yes to either question, go to Section III. If you answered no to both, STOP HERE and circle SHORT TIA at the top of the form.

RFB 2022-195 Annual Contract for Welding Equipment Supplies and Industrial/Medical Gases

			WestAir Gases & Equipment, Inc. San Diego, CA HUB - No CO-OP - No	
Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Ext Price
SECTION 1: Welding Supplies and Materials				
1	Welder/AC Generator, Miller Blue Star 185, MIL907664 or approved equal	1 ea	*	No Bid
2	Welder, Stick, Miller Gold Star 452 60HZ 200/230/460V 3-Phase or approved equal	1 ea	*	No Bid
3	Liquid Nitrogen LN2 Withdrawl Device 30 Liter, Brymil Bry502 or approved equal	2 ea	*	No Bid
4	LN2 Storage Dewar, 30 Liter Brymil Bry501-30 or approved equal	2 ea	*	No Bid
5	Welding Wire, .030 ER70S-6 Radnor P/3 S-6 Carbon Steel MIG Wire, 2 LB, 4" Plastic Spool, RAD64004177 or approved equal	16 lb	\$ 3.09	\$ 49.44
		Alternate	WestAir - 70S6-030x2	
6	Welding Wire, .045 ER70S-6 Radnor S-6 Carbon Steel MIG Wire, 44 LB, 12" Steel Spool, RAD64004017 or approved equal	132 lb	\$ 1.95	\$ 257.40
		Alternate	WestAir - 70S6-045x33	
7	Welding Wire, .035 ER70S-6 Radnor Steel MIG Wire, 33 LB, RAD64004011 or approved equal	33 lb	\$ 1.98	\$ 65.34
		Alternate	WestAir - 70S6-035x33	
8	Welding Rods, 5/32 X 14" Stooddy 19 Hard Facing Electrode 10 LB or approved equal	10 lb	\$ 8.99	\$ 89.90
9	Electrode, Plasma MIL176655 Packaged 5 Each per PK or approved equal	10 pk	\$ 48.50	\$ 485.00
10	Tip, Plasma 25 Amp MIL176656 Packaged 5 Each per PK or approved equal	10 pk	\$ 23.25	\$ 232.50
11	Holder, Electrode Radnor Model PA-316 250 Amp RAD640020060 or approved equal	5 ea	\$ 16.96	\$ 84.80
		Alternate	WestAir A316	
12	Welding Hose, 1/4" X 25' Red and Green EPDM Synthetic Rubber, RAD64003325 with BB Hose Fittings or approved equal	4 ea	\$ 34.95	\$ 139.80
Percent Discount			0%	
Section Total			\$ 1,404.18	

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			WestAir Gases & Equipment, Inc. San Diego, CA HUB - No CO-OP - No	
Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Ext Price
8	Industrial Grade Argon, Size 150 Cylinder	2	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00
9	Industrial Grade Argon, Size 300 Cylinder	2	\$ 56.00	\$ 112.00
10	25% Carbon Dioxide Balance Argon Industrial Shielding Gas Mix, Size 150 Cylinder	5	\$ 42.00	\$ 210.00
11	25% Carbon Dioxide Balance Argon Industrial Shielding Gas Mix, Size 150 Cylinder	3	\$ 42.00	\$ 126.00
12	25% Carbon Dioxide Balance Argon Industrial Shielding Gas Mix, Size 300 Cylinder	34	\$ 53.00	\$ 1,802.00
13	Argon Ultra High Purity Grade 5.0 Size 300	1	\$ 74.00	\$ 74.00
14	USP Grade Medical Carbon Dioxide, Size 50 Pound Cylinder	10	\$ 35.00	\$ 350.00
15	Helium, Ultra High Purity 5.0 Grade, Size 300 Cylinder	3	\$ 789.00	\$ 2,367.00
16	Helium, Zero 4.8 Grade, Size 300 Cylinder	3	\$ 789.00	\$ 2,367.00
17	Zero Grade 4.8 Hydrogen, Size 300 Cylinder	6	\$ 68.00	\$ 408.00
18	Liquid Nitrogen 30LTR Dewar	3	\$ 54.00	\$ 162.00
19	Industrial Grade Liquid Nitrogen, 180 Liter Cylinder	2	\$ 82.00	\$ 164.00
20	Industrial Grade Nitrogen, Size 200 Cylinder	24	\$ 15.00	\$ 360.00
21	Nitrogen, Ultra High Purity 5.0 Grade Size 300 Cylinder	1	\$ 44.00	\$ 44.00
22	Industrial Grade Oxygen, Size 125 Cylinder	6	\$ 13.00	\$ 78.00
23	Industrial Grade Oxygen, Size 150 Cylinder	32	\$ 13.00	\$ 416.00
24	Industrial Grade Oxygen, Size 200 Cylinder	110	\$ 17.00	\$ 1,870.00
25	Oxygen Turbo Torch	70	\$ 8.00	\$ 560.00
26	Medical USP Grade Oxygen, Size E Cylinder	2	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00
Percent Discount			0%	
Section Total			\$ 23,853.00	
Total for Sections 2 and 3			\$ 36,827.08	

Notes: *There is no award for Section 1. Response from Airgas USA LLC was deemed non-responsive because the vendor is delinquent on taxes owed to Tarrant County. Response from WestAir Gases & Equipment, Inc. for Section 1 did not meet specifications for failing to bid all lines in a section as required.