



BID NO.: 6502-1/21

**OPENING: 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday
June 15, 2011**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**I N V I T A T I O N
T O B I D**

TITLE:

Welding Equipment, Supplies & Accessories, Pre-Qualified Pool of Vendors

THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS BID, AS NOTED BELOW:

- BID DEPOSIT AND PERFORMANCE BOND:.... N/A**
- CATALOGUE AND LISTS:..... N/A**
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY:..... N/A**
- EQUIPMENT LIST: N/A**
- EXPEDITED PURCHASING PROGRAM (EPP) N/A**
- INDEMNIFICATION/INSURANCE: N/A**
- LIVING WAGE: N/A**
- PRE-BID CONFERENCE/WALK-THRU: N/A**
- SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MEASURE:.. Section 2, Paragraph 2.2**
- SAMPLES/INFORMATION SHEETS:..... N/A**
- SECTION 3 – MDHA:..... N/A**
- SITE VISIT/AFFIDAVIT:..... N/A**
- USER ACCESS PROGRAM:..... Section 2, Paragraph 2.21**
- WRITTEN WARRANTY: N/A**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT**

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOCAL PREFERENCE ON
PAGE 29 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE VENDOR
INELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE**

**FAILURE TO SIGN PAGE 29 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM WILL RENDER YOUR
BID NON-RESPONSIVE**



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

INVITATION TO BID

Bid Number: 6502-1/21

Title: Welding Equipment, Supplies & Accessories, Pre-Qualified Pool of Vendors

Procurement Contracting Officer: Ana M. Rioseco

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on June 15, 2011

Bids will be publicly opened. The County provides equal access and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs or services. It is our policy to make all communication available to the public, including those who may be visually or hearing impaired. If you require information in a non-traditional format please call 305-375-5278.

Instructions: The Clerk of the Board business hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Clerk of the Board is closed on holidays observed by the County. Each Bid submitted to the Clerk of the Board shall have the following information clearly marked on the face of the envelope: the Bidders name, return address, Bid number, opening date of the Bid and the title of the Bid. Included in the envelope shall be an original and two copies of the Bid Submittal, plus attachments if applicable.

All Bids received time and date stamped by the Clerk of the Board prior to the bid submittal deadline shall be accepted as timely submitted. The circumstances surrounding all bids received and time stamped by the Clerk of the Board after the bid submittal deadline will be evaluated by the procuring department, in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, to determine whether the bid will be accepted as timely.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS:

- **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM WILL RENDER YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- **THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM CONTAINS IMPORTANT CERTIFICATIONS THAT REQUIRE REVIEW AND COMPLETION BY ANY VENDOR RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION**

SECTION 1
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1. DEFINITIONS

Bid – shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to this solicitation.

Bidder – shall refer to anyone submitting a Bid in response to this solicitation.

Bid Solicitation – shall mean this solicitation documentation, including any and all addenda.

Bid Submittal Form – defines the requirement of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with Bid. The Bidder should indicate its name in the appropriate space on each page.

County – shall refer to Miami-Dade County, Florida

DPM – shall refer to Miami-Dade County's Department of Procurement Management.

Enrolled Vendor – shall refer to a firm that has completed the necessary documentation in order to receive Bid notifications from the County.

Registered Vendor – shall refer to a firm that has completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application and has satisfied all requirements to enter into business agreements with the County.

The Vendor Registration Package – shall refer to the Business Entity Registration Application.

For additional information about on-line vendor enrollment or vendor registration contact the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL 33128, Phone 305-375-5773. Vendors can enroll online and obtain forms to register by visiting our web site at www.miamidade.gov/dpm

1.2. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**A. Bidder Qualification**

It is the policy of the County to encourage full and open competition among all available qualified vendors. All vendors regularly engaged in the type of work specified in the Bid Solicitation are encouraged to submit Bids. Vendors may enroll with the County to be included on a notification list for selected categories of goods and services. To be eligible for award of a contract (including small purchase orders), Bidders must become a Registered Vendor. Only Registered Vendors can be awarded County contracts. Vendors are required to register with the County by contacting the Vendor Assistance Unit. The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all qualified small business enterprises. For information and to apply for certification, contact the Department of Small Business Development at 111 N.W. 1 Street, 19th Floor, Miami, FL 33128-1900, or telephone at 305-375-3111. County employees and board members wishing to do business with the County are referred to Section 2-11.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code relating to Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics.

B. Vendor Registration

To be recommended for award the County requires that vendors complete a Miami-Dade County Vendor Registration Package. Effective June 1, 2008, a new Vendor Registration Package, including a Uniform Affidavit Packet (Affidavit form), must be completed by vendors and returned to the Department of Procurement Management (DPM), Vendor Assistance Unit, within fourteen (14) days of notification of the intent to recommend for award. In the event the Vendor Registration Package is not properly completed and returned within the specified time, the County may in its sole discretion, award to the next lowest responsive, responsible Bidder. The Bidder is responsible for obtaining the Vendor Registration Package, including all affidavits by downloading from the DPM website at www.miamidade.gov or from the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL 33128.

Bidders are required to affirm that all information submitted with the Vendor Registration Package is current, complete and accurate, at the time they submit a response to a Bid Solicitation, by completing the provided Affirmation of Vendor Affidavit form.

In becoming a Registered Vendor with Miami-Dade County, the vendor confirms its knowledge of and commitment to comply with the following:

1. **Miami-Dade County Ownership Disclosure Affidavit**
(Sec. 2-8.1 of the County Code)

2. **Miami-Dade County Employment Disclosure Affidavit**
(County Ordinance No. 90-133, amending Section 2-8-1(d)(2) of the County Code)
3. **Miami-Dade County Employment Drug-free Workplace Certification**
(Section 2-8.1.2(b) of the County Code)
4. **Miami-Dade Disability and Nondiscrimination Affidavit**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1.5 Resolution R182-00 Amending R-385-95)
5. **Miami-Dade County Debarment Disclosure Affidavit**
(Section 10.38 of the County Code)
6. **Miami-Dade County Vendor Obligation to County Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.1 of the County Code)
7. **Miami-Dade County Code of Business Ethics Affidavit**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1(i) and 2-11(b)(1) of the County Code through (6) and (9) of the County Code and County Ordinance No 00-1 amending Section 2-11.1(c) of the County Code)
8. **Miami-Dade County Family Leave Affidavit**
(Article V of Chapter 11 of the County Code)
9. **Miami-Dade County Living Wage Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.9 of the County Code)
10. **Miami-Dade County Domestic Leave and Reporting Affidavit**
(Article 8, Section 11A-60 11A-67 of the County Code)
11. **Subcontracting Practices**
(Ordinance 97-35)
12. **Subcontractor /Supplier Listing**
(Ordinance 97-104)
13. **Environmentally Acceptable Packaging**
Resolution (R-738-92)
14. **W-9 and 8109 Forms**
The vendor must furnish these forms as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
15. **Social Security Number**
In order to establish a file for your firm, you must provide your firm's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). If no FEIN exists, the Social Security Number of the owner or individual must be provided. This number becomes your "County Vendor Number". To comply with Section 119.071(5) of the Florida Statutes relating to the collection of an individual's Social Security Number, be aware that DPM requests the Social Security Number for the following purposes:
 - Identification of individual account records
 - To make payments to individual/vendor for goods and services provided to Miami-Dade County
 - Tax reporting purposes
 - To provide a unique identifier in the vendor database that may be used for searching and sorting departmental records
16. **Office of the Inspector General**
Pursuant to Section 2-1076 of the County Code.
17. **Small Business Enterprises**
The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all small business enterprises pursuant to Sections 2-8.2, 2-8.2.3 and 2-8.2.4 of the County Code and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
18. **Antitrust Laws**
By acceptance of any contract, the vendor agrees to comply with all antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Florida.
- C. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**
To be eligible for award of a contract, firms wishing to do business with the County must comply with the following:

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Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit Bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

D. Request for Additional Information

1. Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(f) of the County Code, all Bid Solicitations, once advertised and until an award recommendation has been forwarded to the appropriate authority are under the "Cone of Silence". Any communication or inquiries, except for clarification of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation, are to be made in writing to the attention of the Procurement Agent identified on the front page of the solicitation. Such inquiries or request for information shall be submitted to the procurement agent in writing and shall contain the requester's name, address, and telephone number. If transmitted by facsimile, the request should also include a cover sheet with Bidder's facsimile number. The requestor must also file a copy of this written request with the Clerk of the Board, 111 NW 1st Street, 17th Floor, suite 202, Miami, Florida 33128-1983 or email clerkbcc@miamidade.gov.
2. The Department of Procurement Management may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to Bid opening, which changes, adds to or clarifies the terms, provisions or requirements of the solicitation. The Bidder should not rely on any representation, statement or explanation whether written or verbal, other than those made in this Bid Solicitation document or in any addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between this Bid Solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail.
3. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda, and any accompanying documentation. The Bidder is required to submit with its Bid a signed "Acknowledgment of Addenda" form, when any addenda have been issued.

E. Contents of Bid Solicitation and Bidders' Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to become thoroughly familiar with the Bid requirements, terms and conditions of this solicitation. Pleas of ignorance by the Bidder of conditions that exist or that may exist will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County, or the compensation to be paid to the Bidder.
2. In the event a Bidder wishes to protest any part of the General Conditions, Special Conditions and/or Technical Specifications contained in the Bid Solicitation it must file a notice of protest in writing with the issuing department no later than 48 hours prior to the Bid opening date and hour specified in the solicitation. Failure to file a timely notice of protest will constitute a waiver of proceedings.
3. This solicitation is subject to all legal requirements contained in the applicable County Ordinances, Administrative Orders, and Resolutions, as well as all applicable State and Federal Statutes. Where conflict exists between this Bid Solicitation and these legal requirements, the authority shall prevail in the following order: Federal, State and local.
4. It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer, prior to conducting any lobbying regarding this solicitation to file the appropriate form with the Clerk of the Board stating that a particular lobbyist is authorized to represent the Bidder/Proposer. The Bidder/Proposer shall also file a form with the Clerk of the Board at the point in time at which a lobbyist is no longer authorized to represent said Bidder/ Proposer. Failure of a Bidder/Proposer to file the appropriate form required, in relation to each solicitation, may be considered as evidence that the Bidder/Proposer is not a responsible contractor.

F. Change or Withdrawal of Bids

1. Changes to Bid - Prior to the scheduled Bid opening a Bidder may change its Bid by submitting a new Bid, (as indicated on the cover page) with a letter in writing on the firms letterhead, signed by an

authorized agent stating that the new submittal replaces the original submittal. The new submittal shall contain the letter and all information as required for submitting the original Bid. No changes to a Bid will be accepted after the Bid has been opened.

2. Withdrawal of Bid – A Bid shall be irrevocable unless the Bid is withdrawn as provided herein. Only a written letter received by DPM prior to the Bid opening date may withdraw a bid. A bid may also be withdrawn ninety (90) days after the Bid has been opened and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the contact person identified on the front cover of this Bid Solicitation. The withdrawal letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the Bidder.

G. Conflicts Within The Bid Solicitation

Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Bid Submittal Section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: the last addendum issued, the Bid Submittal Section, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions.

H. Prompt Payment Terms

1. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County that payment for all purchases by County agencies and the Public Health Trust shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments be made on late payments. In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 218.74 and Section 2-8.1.4 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the time at which payment shall be due from the County or the Public Health Trust shall be forty-five (45) days from receipt of a proper invoice. The time at which payment shall be due to small businesses shall be thirty (30) days from receipt of a proper invoice. All payments due from the County or the Public Health Trust, and not made within the time specified by this section, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. Further, proceedings to resolve disputes for payment of obligations shall be concluded by final written decision of the County Manager, or his or her designee(s), not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the proper invoice was received by the County or the Public Health Trust.
2. The Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during bid evaluation. Bidders are requested to provide prompt payment terms in the space provided on the Bid submittal signature page of the solicitation.

1.3. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- A. The Bid submittal form defines requirements of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the Bid. Use of any other form will result in the rejection of the Bidder's offer.
- B. The Bid submittal form must be legible. Bidders shall use typewriter, computer or ink. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the Bid to be rejected.
- C. An authorized agent of the Bidder's firm must sign the Bid submittal form. **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- D. The Bidder may be considered non-responsive if bids are conditioned to modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- E. The Bidder may submit alternate Bid(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate Bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted on a separate Bid submittal marked "Alternate Bid".
- F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.
- G. An optional electronic submittal shall not be considered a part of the bid if it differs in any respect from the required manual submittal in the original hard copy.

1.4. CANCELLATION OF BID SOLICITATION

Miami-Dade County reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any Invitation to Bid when it is in the best interest of the County.

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1.5. AWARD OF BID SOLICITATION

- A. This Bid may be awarded to the responsible Bidder meeting all requirements as set forth in the solicitation. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities and to re-advertise for all or any part of this Bid Solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The County shall be the sole judge of its best interest.
- B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the County reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low Bid or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the County.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids if it is determined that prices are excessive, best offers are determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the County's best interest to do so.
- D. The County reserves the right to negotiate prices with the low bidder, provided that the scope of work of this solicitation remains the same.
- E. Award of this Bid Solicitation will only be made to firms that have completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application and that satisfy all necessary legal requirements to do business with Miami-Dade County. Firms domiciled in Miami-Dade County must present a copy of their Miami-Dade County issued Local Business Tax Receipt.
- F. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-8.1(g), the Bidder's performance as a prime contractor or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the Bid received for this Bid Solicitation.
- G. To obtain a copy of the Bid tabulation, Bidder(s) shall enclose an appropriately sized self-addressed stamped envelope or make a request by e-mail. Bid results will not be given by telephone or facsimile.
- H. The Bid Solicitation, any addenda and/or properly executed modifications, the purchase order, and any change order(s) shall constitute the contract.
- I. In accordance with Resolution R-1574-88, the Director of DPM will decide all tie Bids.
- J. Award of this Bid may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the Bid Solicitation.
- K. The County reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information from any bidder after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

1.6. CONTRACT EXTENSION

- A. The County reserves the right to exercise its option to extend a contract for up to one hundred-eighty (180) calendar days beyond the current contract period and will notify the contractor in writing of the extension.
- B. This contract may be extended beyond the initial one hundred-eighty (180) day extension period upon mutual agreement between the County and the successful Bidder(s) upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

1.7. WARRANTY

All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the County for goods and services covered by this Bid Solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the successful Bidder against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the County, the successful Bidder shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty. The Special Conditions of the Bid Solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

1.8. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Estimated quantities or dollars are for Bidder's guidance only: (a) estimates are based on the County's anticipated needs and/or usage during a previous contract period and; (b) the County may use these estimates to determine the low Bidder. Estimated quantities do not contemplate or include possible additional quantities that may be ordered by other government, quasi-government or non-profit entities utilizing this contract under the Joint Purchase portion of the County User Access Program (UAP) described in Section 2.21 of this contract solicitation and the resulting contract, if that section is present in this solicitation document. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollars that will be used during the contract period. The

County is not obligated to place any order for the given amount subsequent to the award of this Bid Solicitation.

1.9. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

It is the intent of the County to enter into an agreement with the successful Bidder that will satisfy its needs as describe herein. However, the County reserves the right as deemed in its best interest to perform, or cause to be performed, the work and services, or any portion thereof, herein described in any manner it sees fit, including but not limited to: award of other contracts, use of any contractor, or perform the work with its own employees.

1.10. LOCAL PREFERENCE

The evaluation of competitive bids is subject to Section 2-8.5 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which, except where contrary to federal and state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to local businesses. A local business shall be defined as:

1. a business that has a valid Local Business Tax Receipt, issued by Miami-Dade County at least one year prior to bid or proposal submission, that is appropriate for the goods, services or construction to be purchased;
2. a business that has physical business address located within the limits of Miami-Dade County from which the vendor operates or performs business. Post Office Boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address; and
3. a business that contributes to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include but not be limited to the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase in the County's tax base. To satisfy this requirement, the vendor shall affirm in writing its compliance with either of the following objective criteria as of the bid or proposal submission date stated in the solicitation:
 - (a) vendor has at least ten (10) permanent full time employees, or part time employees equivalent to 10 FTE ("full-time equivalent" employees working 40 hours per week) that live in Miami-Dade County, or at least 25% of its employees that live in Miami-Dade County, or
 - (b) vendor contributes to the County's tax base by paying either real property taxes or tangible personal property taxes to Miami-Dade County, or
 - (c) some other verifiable and measurable contribution to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County.

When there is a responsive bid from a Miami-Dade local business within 10% of the lowest price submitted by a responsive non-local business, the local business and the non-local low bidder shall have the opportunity to submit a best and final bid equal to or lower than the amount of the low bid previously submitted by the non-local business.

At this time, there is an interlocal agreement in effect between Miami-Dade and Broward Counties until September 2011. Therefore, a vendor which meets the requirements of (1), (2) and (3) above for Broward County shall be considered a local business pursuant to this Section.

1.11. CONTINUATION OF WORK

Any work that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the County and the successful Bidder, continue until completion at the same prices, terms and conditions.

1.12. BID PROTEST

A recommendation for contract award or rejection of award may be protested by a Bidder in accordance with the procedures contained in Sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the County Code, as amended, and as established in Administrative Order No.3-21.

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1.13. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The successful Bidder shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to provide the goods and/or services specified in this Bid Solicitation. The Bidder shall comply with all federal, state and local laws that may affect the goods and/or services offered.

1.14. LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

The awarded bidder(s) shall hold all licenses and/or certifications, obtain and pay for all permits and/or inspections, and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and building code requirements applicable to the work required herein. Damages, penalties, and/or fines imposed on the County or an awarded bidder for failure to obtain and maintain required licenses, certifications, permits and/or inspections shall be borne by said awarded bidder. The departmental contract manager shall verify the certification(s), license(s), permit(s), etc. for the awarded bidder(s) prior to authorizing work and as needed.

1.15. SUBCONTRACTING

Unless otherwise specified in this Bid Solicitation, the successful Bidder shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the County. The ability to subcontract may be further limited by the Special Conditions. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the County may result in termination of the contract for default. When Subcontracting is allowed the Bidder shall comply with County Resolution No. 1634-93, Section 10-34 of the County Code and County Ordinance No. 97-35.

1.16. ASSIGNMENT

The successful Bidder shall not assign, transfer, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of this contract, including any rights, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without the prior written consent of the County.

1.17. DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination. Freight shall be included in the proposed price.

1.18. RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER

The employee(s) of the successful Bidder shall be considered to be at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the County or any of its departments. The successful Bidder shall provide competent and physically employee(s) capable of performing the work as required. The County may require the successful Bidder to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the successful Bidder shall wear proper identification.

1.19. INDEMNIFICATION

The successful Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the successful Bidder or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The successful Bidder shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The successful Bidder expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the successful Bidder shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

1.20. COLLUSION

A contractor recommended for award as the result of a competitive solicitation for any County purchases of supplies, materials and services (including professional services, other than professional architectural, engineering and other services subject to Sec. 2-10.4 and Sec. 287.055 Fla Stats.), purchase, lease, permit, concession or management agreement shall, within five (5) business days of the filing of such recommendation, submit an affidavit under the penalty of

perjury, on a form provided by the County: stating either that the contractor is not related to any of the other parties bidding in the competitive solicitation or identifying all related parties, as defined in this Section, which bid in the solicitation; and attesting that the contractor's proposal is genuine and not sham or collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named, and that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to the proposer an advantage over any other proposer. In the event a recommended contractor identifies related parties in the competitive solicitation its bid shall be presumed to be collusive and the recommended contractor shall be ineligible for award unless that presumption is rebutted in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2-8.1.1. Any person or entity that fails to submit the required affidavit shall be ineligible for contract award.

- A. The Collusion Affidavit will be included in all solicitations and will be requested from bidders/proposers once bids/proposals are received and evaluated.
- B. Failure to provide a Collusion Affidavit within 5 business days after the recommendation to award has been filed with the Clerk of the Board shall be cause for the contractor to forfeit their bid bond.

1.21. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

The contract may be modified by mutual consent, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the contract, purchase order, change order or award sheet, as appropriate.

1.22. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the successful Bidder shall not incur any additional costs under this contract. The County shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the successful Bidder prior to notice of termination. The County shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

1.23. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or place the vendor on probation in the event the successful Bidder fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The County further reserves the right to suspend or debar the successful Bidder in accordance with the appropriate County ordinances, resolutions and/or administrative orders. The vendor will be notified by letter of the County's intent to terminate. In the event of termination for default, the County may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement cost shall be borne by the successful Bidder.

1.24. FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Pursuant to Section 2-8.4.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code, any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The County as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other contracts with such individual, corporation or entity. Such individual or entity shall be responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

1.25. ACCESS TO RECORDS

The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit to an audit by Audit and Management Services, the Commission Auditor, or other auditor of the County's choosing at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The Contractor shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for three years following expiration of the Agreement. The Contractor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

SECTION 1
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.26 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present, and proposed County and Public Health Trust programs, contracts, transactions, accounts, records and programs. The Inspector General (IG) has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records and monitor existing projects and programs. The Inspector General may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts. The cost of random audits shall be incorporated into the contract price of all contracts and shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the contract price, except as otherwise provided in Section 2-1076 of the County Code.

1.27 PRE-AWARD INSPECTION

The County may conduct a pre-award inspection of the bidder's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the bidder is capable of performing the requirements of this bid solicitation.

1.28 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Proposers are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of bid submittals will be available for public inspection after opening of bids in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes; popularly known as the "Public Record Law." The proposer shall not submit any information in response to this solicitation, which the proposer considers to be a trade secret, proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the County in connection with this solicitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any trade secret or other protection, which would otherwise be available to the proposer. In the event that the proposer submits information to the County in violation of this restriction, either inadvertently or intentionally and clearly identifies that information in the bid as protected or confidential, the County may, in its sole discretion, either (a) communicate with the Proposer in writing in an effort to obtain the Proposer's withdrawal of the confidentiality restriction or (b) endeavor to redact and return that information to the Proposer as quickly as possible, and if appropriate, evaluate the balance of the proposal. The redaction or return of information pursuant to this clause may render a proposal non-responsive.

1.29. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Any person or entity that performs or assists Miami-Dade County with a function or activity involving the use or disclosure of "individually identifiable health information (IIHI) and/or Protected Health Information (PHI) shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Miami-Dade County Privacy Standards Administrative Order. HIPAA mandates for privacy, security and electronic transfer standards that include but are not limited to:

1. Use of information only for performing services required by the contract or as required by law;
2. Use of appropriate safeguards to prevent non-permitted disclosures;
3. Reporting to Miami-Dade County of any non-permitted use or disclosure;
4. Assurances that any agents and subcontractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Bidder/Proposer and reasonable assurances that IIHI/PHI will be held confidential;
5. Making Protected Health Information (PHI) available to the customer;
6. Making PHI available to the customer for review and amendment; and incorporating any amendments requested by the customer;
7. Making PHI available to Miami-Dade County for an accounting of disclosures; and
8. Making internal practices, books and records related to PHI available to Miami-Dade County for compliance audits.

PHI shall maintain its protected status regardless of the form and method of transmission (paper records, and/or electronic transfer of data). The Bidder/ Proposer must give its customers written notice of its privacy information practices including specifically, a description of the types of uses and disclosures that would be made with protected health information.

1.30. CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SALE SURTAX

When proceeds from the Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax levied pursuant to Section 29.121 of the Code of Miami-Dade County are used to pay for all or some part of the cost of this contract, no award for those portions of a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) utilizing Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax funds as part of a multi-department contract, nor a contract utilizing Charter County Transit System Surtax funds shall be effective and thereby give rise to a contractual relationship with the County for purchases unless and until both the following have occurred: 1) the County Commission awards the contract, and such award becomes final (either by expiration of 10 days after such award without veto by the Mayor, or by Commission override of a veto); and, 2) either, i) the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has approved inclusion of the Surtax funding on the contract, or, ii) in response to the CITT's disapproval, the County Commission reaffirms award of the contract by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission's membership and such reaffirmation becomes final. Notwithstanding the other provisions of Section 1.30, award of an allocation for services in support of the CITT's oversight which does not exceed \$1000 will not require Commission or CITT approval and may be awarded by the Executive Director of the OCITT

1.31 LOBBYIST CONTINGENCY FEES

A) In accordance with Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, after May, 16, 2003, no person may, in whole or in part, pay, give or agree to pay or give a contingency fee to another person. No person may, in whole or in part, receive or agree to receive a contingency fee.

B) A contingency fee is a fee, bonus, commission or non-monetary benefit as compensation which is dependant on or in any way contingent upon the passage, defeat, or modification of: 1) any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission; 2) any action, decision or recommendation of the County Manager or any County board or committee; or 3) any action, decision or recommendation of any County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process regarding such action, decision or recommendation which foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission or a County board or committee.

1.32 COMMISSION AUDITOR – ACCESS TO RECORDS

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 03-2, all vendors receiving an award of the contract resulting from this solicitation will grant access to the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with government funds.

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2.1 PURPOSE: TO PRE-QUALIFY VENDORS

The purpose of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to establish a contract to pre-qualify bidders for future pricing competition. This initial solicitation provides for the submission of qualification requirements intended to verify that the vendor meets or exceeds the minimum criteria set forth elsewhere in this solicitation. All bidders which meet or exceed the criteria established in this solicitation shall be placed on a Pre-Qualification list that may be accessed by County departments in order to obtain price quotations for the purchase of welding equipment, supplies and accessories in conjunction with the County's needs.

2.2 SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACT MEASURES FOR SOLICITATIONS GREATER THAN \$50,000 (Bid Preference)

A Small Business Enterprise (SBE) bid preference applies to this solicitation.

A 10% percent bid preference shall apply to contracts \$1 million or less and 5% percent on contracts greater than \$1 million. A SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by the Department of Business Development (DBD) for the type of goods and/or services the Enterprise provides in accordance with the applicable Commodity Code(s) for this solicitation. For certification information, contact the Department of Business Development at 305-375-3111 or access <http://www.miamidade.gov/sba/home.asp>.

The SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by bid submission deadline, at contract award and for the duration of the contract to remain eligible for the preference.

2.3 PRE-BID CONFERENCE

Intentionally Omitted

2.4 TERM OF CONTRACT: FIVE (5) YEARS

This contract shall commence on the first calendar day of the month succeeding approval of the contract by the Board of County Commissioners, or designee, unless otherwise stipulated in the Notice of Award Letter which is distributed by the County's Department of Procurement Management, and contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required bid documents. The contract shall expire on the last day of the last month of the five (5) year period.

2.5 OPTION TO RENEW (OTR): FIVE (5) YEARS

Prior to the completion of the contract's initial term, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for an additional five (5) year period. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period is a County prerogative, not a right of the vendor. This prerogative may be exercised by the County only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the County. In the event the vendor declines the County's right to exercise an option to renew period, the County may consider the vendor to be in default which may affect the vendor's eligibility for future contracts.

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2.6 METHOD OF AWARD USING PRE-QUALIFICATION AND SUBSEQUENT SPOT MARKET PROCEDURES

2.6.1 Approved bidders will be placed on a "Pre-qualified Bidders List" which will be accessed by the various County departments, as needed, to obtain Spot Market quotations. To facilitate the quotation process, the pre-qualified vendors will be categorized by manufacturer lines/brand names for welding equipment, supplies and accessories by group. These vendors shall then be deemed to be pre-qualified to participate in subsequent spot market purchases as required by the County.

2.6.2 The solicitation is organized into the following eight groups:

- Group 1: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of electrical welding supplies and accessories
- Group 2: Group 2: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of gas welding supplies & accessories
- Group 3: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of regulators, torches, & accessories
- Group 4: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase rebuilt regulators
- Group 5: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of safety wear items
- Group 6: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of welding and metal cutting equipment & accessories
- Group 7: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of chemicals used in electric, gas and metal cutting applications
- Group 8: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of miscellaneous items

2.6.3 Award will be made to all responsive, responsible bidders who meet or exceed the minimum requirements set forth in this solicitation. The requirements are as follows:

2.6.3.1 The bidder shall maintain an office staffed by competent company representative(s) authorized to discuss matters pertaining to the contracted products, who can provide manufacturing information, and who are cognizant of the industry and industry standards. The bidder's office address shall be included in the bidder's submittal.

2.6.3.2 The bidder shall be equipped with modern office equipment, especially a dedicated phone, facsimile (FAX) machine and/or an e-mail address. All resources must be available twenty-four (24) hours a day to provide immediate support and expedite quotations. The bidder's phone number, fax number and/or e-mail address shall be included in the bidder's submittal.

2.6.3.3 The bidder shall be regularly engaged in the business of providing welding equipment, supplies and accessories. Two (2) references shall be listed in the bidder's submittal. The references listed must be customers that are currently receiving or have recently received from the bidder the products and services described in this solicitation. The references must include the customer's company name, and the name, title, address, and telephone number of the contact person who can verify that the bidder has successfully provided the products and services that the bidder is offering under this solicitation. These references shall ascertain to the

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County's satisfaction that the bidder has sufficient experience and expertise in the industry.

2.6.4 Proof of Compliance to the Solicitation's Requirements

All bidders are required to submit with their bid all the specified information, documents and attachments as proof of compliance to the minimum qualification requirements, however, Miami-Dade County may, at its sole discretion, allow the bidder to complete or supplement the qualification requirements information/documents during the bid evaluation period. Failure to provide proof of compliance to the minimum qualification requirements, as specified by the County, may result in the bidder's bid being declared non-responsive. The County shall be sole judge of the bidder's conformance with the qualification requirements and its decision shall be final. The County reserves the right to verify the information submitted by the bidder and to obtain and evaluate additional information, as it deems necessary to ascertain the bidders' conformance to the minimum qualification requirements.

2.6.5 Spot Market Quotations

Bidders meeting these minimum requirements shall then be deemed to be pre-qualified to participate in subsequent spot market purchases as required by the County on either an as needed or on a periodic basis. When such spot market purchases are initiated, the pre-qualified vendors shall be invited to offer a fixed price for a specific individual purchase, or a specific purchasing period by the user department(s). The vendor then offering the lowest fixed price and meeting all requirements, as specified in the spot market quotation, shall be awarded that spot market quotation. The award to one vendor for a specific individual action or period does not preclude the remaining pre-qualified vendors from submitting spot market offers for other purchases.

When such spot market purchases are initiated, the pre-qualified vendors for the affected manufacturer line / brand name per group shall be invited to offer a fixed price and a firm delivery time for a specific individual purchase, or a specific purchasing period. It will be the County department's prerogative to contact all the pre-qualified bidders in the affected manufacturer line / brand name of the product to request a quotation or use a rotating system to request quotations from a number of pre-qualified bidders. In general, written spot market quotes will be gathered from at least four (4) vendors whenever possible. The pre-qualified bidder offering the lowest fixed price shall be awarded the order, provided that the products proposed by the pre-qualified bidder meet the specifications and requirements. The award of the order to one bidder does not preclude the ability of the remaining pre-qualified bidders from submitting offers for other orders as requested by County departments.

2.6.6 Total Number of Pre-Qualified Vendors Shall be Determined by the County

It shall be the sole prerogative of the County as to the total number of pre-qualified vendors on this contract. During the term of this contract, the County reserves the right to receive additional submittals, add pre-qualified vendors, and add or delete manufacturer lines / brand names, as it deems necessary. If the County elects to add vendors, they must meet the same minimum requirements established for the original competition.

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2.6.7 Bidders shall clearly print and complete the manufacturer lines / brand names they are offering in Section 4. Most commonly used manufacturer lines / brand names used by the County are specified in Section 3, Paragraph 3.2. Bidders can offer additional manufacturer lines / brand names. These additional manufacturer lines / brand names must be relevant to the list in Section 3.2. The County reserves the right not to award any manufacturer lines / brand names suggested by bidders.

2.7 PRICES

Intentionally Omitted

2.8 EXAMINATION OF COUNTY FACILITIES AND INSPECTION OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT

Intentionally Omitted

2.9 EQUAL PRODUCT

Intentionally Omitted

2.10 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Intentionally Omitted

2.11 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Intentionally Omitted

2.12 BID GUARANTY

Intentionally Omitted

2.13 PERFORMANCE BOND

Intentionally Omitted

2.14 CERTIFICATIONS

Intentionally Omitted

2.15 METHOD OF PAYMENT: PERIODIC INVOICES FOR COMPLETED PURCHASES

The vendor(s) shall submit an invoice(s) to the County user department(s) after purchase has been completed, whether the specific item(s) were picked up by authorized County personnel or delivered to the site by the vendor. In addition to the general invoice requirements set forth below, the invoices shall reference the corresponding delivery ticket number or packing slip number that was signed by an authorized representative of the County user department at the time the items were delivered and accepted. Submittal of these periodic invoices shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the delivery of the items.

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Under no circumstances shall the invoices be submitted to the County in advance of the delivery and acceptance of the items.

All invoices shall contain the following basic information:

I. Vendor Information:

- The name of the business organization as specified on the contract between Miami-Dade County and vendor
- Date of invoice
- Invoice number
- Vendor's Federal Identification Number on file with Miami-Dade County

II. County Information:

- Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order or Small Purchase Order Number

III. Pricing Information:

- Unit price of the goods
- Extended total price of the goods, services of property
- Applicable discounts

IV. Goods or Services Provided per Contract:

- Description
- Quantity

V. Delivery Information:

- Delivery terms set forth within the Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order
- Location and date of delivery of goods, services or property

VI. Failure to Comply:

Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment.

2.16 SHIPPING TERMS: F.O.B. DESTINATION

All bidders shall quote prices based on F.O.B. Destination and shall hold title to the goods until such time as they are delivered to, and accepted by, an authorized County representative.

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2.17 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS: DELIVERY SHALL BE SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER DATE OF ORDER UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE SPOT MARKET QUOTATION

The vendor shall make deliveries within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the order, unless otherwise specified in the spot-market quotation. All deliveries shall be made in accordance with good commercial practice and all required delivery timeframes shall be adhered to by the vendor(s); except in such cases where the delivery will be delayed due to acts of nature, strikes, or other causes beyond the control of the vendor. In these cases, the vendor shall notify the County of the delays in advance of the original delivery date so that a revised delivery schedule can be appropriately considered by the County.

Should the vendor(s) to whom the spot market purchase is awarded fail to deliver within the specified delivery time frame, including any County authorized back-order allowance, the County may cancel the spot market purchase for default. If the spot market purchase is so terminated, it is hereby understood and agreed that the County has the authority to purchase the goods elsewhere and to charge the affected vendor with any re-procurement costs. If the vendor fails to honor these re-procurement costs, the County may terminate its contract with the vendor for default.

Certain County employees may be authorized in writing to pick-up materials under this contract. Vendors shall not release orders to County employees without the County's written authorization and County employee identification. The vendor shall maintain a copy of the written authorization and document the County employee's identification. If the vendor is in doubt about any aspect of material pick-up, the vendor shall contact the issuing department to confirm the authorization.

2.18 BACK ORDERS SHALL REQUIRE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION

The County shall not allow any late deliveries attributed to product back order situations under this contract. Accordingly, the vendor is required to deliver all items to the County within the time specified in spot market quote; and no grace period on account of back order situations shall be honored, unless written authorization is issued by the user department, and a new delivery date is mutually established. In the event that the vendor fails to deliver the products within the time specified, the County reserves the right to cancel the order, seek the items from another vendor, and charge the incumbent vendor for any re-procurement costs. If the vendor fails to honor these re-procurement costs, the County may terminate the contract for default.

2.19 WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS

Intentionally Omitted

2.20 CONTACT PERSONS

For any additional information regarding the terms and conditions of this solicitation and resultant contract, Contact: Ana M. Rioseco, at (305) 375-3704 e-mail: ariosec@miamidade.gov.

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2.21 COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP)

User Access Fee

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Budget Ordinance No. 03-192, this contract is subject to a user access fee under the County User Access Program (UAP) in the amount of two percent (2%). All sales resulting from this contract, or any contract resulting from this solicitation and the utilization of the County contract price and the terms and conditions identified herein, are subject to the two percent (2%) UAP. This fee applies to all contract usage whether by County Departments or by any other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entity.

The vendor providing goods or services under this contract shall invoice the contract price and shall accept as payment thereof the contract price less the 2% UAP as full and complete payment for the goods and/or services specified on the invoice. The County shall retain the 2% UAP for use by the County to help defray the cost of the procurement program. Vendor participation in this invoice reduction portion of the UAP is mandatory.

Joint Purchase

Only those entities that have been approved by the County for participation in the County's Joint Purchase and Entity Revenue Sharing Agreement are eligible to utilize or receive Miami-Dade County contract pricing and terms and conditions. The County will provide to approved entities a UAP Participant Validation Number. The vendor must obtain the participation number from the entity prior to filling any order placed pursuant to this section. Vendor participation in this joint purchase portion of the UAP, however, is voluntary. The vendor shall notify the ordering entity, in writing, within 3 work days of receipt of an order, of a decision to decline the order.

For all ordering entities located outside the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County, the successful vendor shall be entitled to ship goods on an "FOB Destination, Prepaid and Charged Back" basis. This allowance shall only be made when expressly authorized by a representative of the ordering entity prior to shipping the goods.

Miami-Dade County shall have no liability to the vendor for the cost of any purchase made by an ordering entity under the UAP and shall not be deemed to be a party thereto. All orders shall be placed directly by the ordering entity with the vendor and shall be paid by the ordering entity less the 2% UAP.

Vendor Compliance

If a vendor fails to comply with this section, that vendor may be considered in default by Miami-Dade County in accordance with Section 1, Paragraph 1.23 of this contract solicitation and the resulting contract.

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2.22 ACCEPTANCE OF PRODUCT BY THE COUNTY

The product(s) to be provided hereunder shall be delivered to the County in full compliance with the specifications and requirements set forth in the spot market quotation. If a vendor-provided product is determined to not meet the specifications and requirements of the spot market quotation, either prior to acceptance or upon initial inspection, the item will be returned, at vendor expense, to the vendor. At the County's own option, the vendor shall either provide a direct replacement for the item, or provide a full credit for the returned item. The vendor shall not assess any additional charge(s) for any conforming action taken by the County under this clause.

2.23 DAMAGED GOODS WHEN SHIPPING IS PROVIDED BY VENDOR

The vendor(s) shall be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting all damage claims against the shipper.

2.24 MATERIALS SHALL BE NEW AND WARRANTED AGAINST DEFECTS

The vendor(s) hereby acknowledges and agrees that all materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the vendor in conjunction with this solicitation and resultant contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for a particular purpose. In the event any of the materials supplied to the County by the vendor are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications: (1) the materials may be returned to the vendor at the vendor's expense and the contract cancelled or (2) the County may require the vendor to replace the materials at the vendor's expense.

2.25 PACKING SLIP/DELIVERY TICKET TO ACCOMPANY ITEMS DURING DELIVERY

The vendor(s) shall enclose a complete packing slip or delivery ticket with any items to be delivered in conjunction with this bid solicitation. The packing slip shall be attached to the shipping carton(s) which contain the items and shall be made available to the County's authorized representative during delivery. The packing slip or delivery ticket shall include, at a minimum, the following information: purchase order number; date of order; a complete listing of items being delivered; and back-order quantities and estimated delivery of back-orders if applicable.

2.25.1 PACKAGING OF WELDING RODS AND WIRES

Welding rods and wires shall be appropriately packaged to ensure protection against damage during shipment and storage.

2.25.2 MARKING OF PACKAGES

The following product information shall be legibly marked so as to be visible from the outside of each unit package:

1. Manufacturer's name and trade designation
2. Size and net weight
3. Lot, control or heat number

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2.25.3 PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION

The following precautionary information shall be included in all packages of welding equipment, supplies and accessories:

1. Before use, read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and your employer's safety practices.

2.26 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS

All items to be purchased under this contract shall be in accordance with all governmental standards, to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), American Standard Testing Materials (ASTM), and the American Welding Standards (AWS).

2.27 AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACT TO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

It is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency may avail itself of this contract and purchase any and all items specified herein from the successful bidder(s) at the contract price(s) established herein. Under these circumstances, a separate purchase order shall be issued by the County, which identifies the requirements of the additional County department(s) or agency (ies).

2.28 LOCAL CERTIFIED DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE

In accordance with Section 2-8.5.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code, a Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) that submits a bid for a contract shall receive a bid preference of five percent of the price bid. A VBE is a firm that is a) a local business pursuant to Section 2-8.5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and b) prior to proposal submittal is certified by the State of Florida Department of Management Services as a service-disabled veteran business enterprise pursuant to Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes. This preference will only be used for evaluating and awarding the bids and shall not affect the contract price. In procurements where Small Business Enterprises (SBE) measures are being applied, a VBE who is also an SBE shall not receive the veteran's preference provided in this section and shall be limited to any applicable SBE preferences. At the time of bid or proposal submission, the bidder must affirm in writing its compliance with the certification requirements of Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes and submit this affirmation and a copy of the actual certification along with the bid or proposal submission.

SECTION 3
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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3.0 SCOPE

The purpose of this Invitation to Bid is to establish a contract for the purchase of welding equipment, supplies and accessories for various County Departments. The contract has the following eight groups:

- Group 1: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of electrical welding supplies and accessories
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- Group 4: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase rebuilt regulators
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- Group 6: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of welding and metal cutting equipment & accessories
- Group 7: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of chemicals used in electric, gas and metal cutting applications
- Group 8: Pre-qualification of bidders for the purchase of miscellaneous items

3.1 FINISH AND UNIFORMITY

All welding rods and wires shall have a smooth finish which is free from harmful segregation, oxides, piping, seams, slivers, depressions, scratches, scale, lime or foreign matter, except as commercially permitted.

3.2 MANUFACTURER LINE / BRAND NAME

The following is a representative listing of the welding equipment, supplies and accessories manufacturer line / brand name typically used by the County:

- 3M
- Bernard
- Bosch
- Channel Lock
- DeWalt
- Ergo
- Firepower
- Harris
- Hobart
- Huntsman
- Ingersoll Rand
- Jackson
- Ken Tool
- Lawson
- Lenco
- Lincoln

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- Makita
- Miller Electric
- Milwaukee
- Reflex
- Thermo Dynamics
- Tillman
- Tweco
- S & K
- Victor
- Vise Grip
- Weldcraft

SECTION 4
BID SUBMITTAL FORM

Submit Bid To:
CLERK OF THE BOARD
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street
17th Floor, Suite 202
Miami, Florida 33128-1983

OPENING: 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday
June 15, 2011



PLEASE QUOTE PRICES F.O.B. DESTINATION, FREIGHT ALLOWED, LESS TAXES, DELIVERED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTE: Miami-Dade County is exempt from all taxes (Federal, State, Local). Bid price should be less all taxes. Tax Exemption Certificate furnished upon request.

Issued	DPM	Date Issued:	This Bid Submittal Consists of
by: Ana	Purchasing Division	05/27/2001	Pages 17 through 29 plus
Rioseco			Affidavits

Sealed bids subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Invitation to Bid and the accompanying Bid Submittal. Such other contract provisions, specifications, drawings or other data as are attached or incorporated by reference in the Bid Submittal, will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Board at the address shown above until the above stated time and date, and at that time, publicly opened for furnishing the supplies or services described in the accompanying Bid Submittal Requirement.

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A Bid Deposit in the amount of **N/A** of the total amount of the bid shall accompany all bids
A Performance Bond in the amount of **N/A** of the total amount of the bid will be required upon execution of the contract by the successful bidder and Miami-Dade County.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
ACCEPTED _____	HIGHER THAN LOW _____
NON-RESPONSIVE _____	NON-RESPONSIBLE _____
DATE B.C.C. _____	NO BID _____
ITEM NOS. ACCEPTED _____	
COMMODITY CODE:	895,895-27,895-50,895-70, 895-72, 895-74, 895-90, 895-92 & 895-94
Procurement Contracting Officer I	Ana M. Rioseco

RETURN ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF BID SUBMITTAL PAGES AND AFFIDAVITS.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOCAL PREFERENCE ON PAGE 29 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE VENDOR INELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE

FAILURE TO SIGN PAGE 29 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM, WILL RENDER YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE

**SECTION 4
 BID SUBMITTAL**

Welding Equipment, Supplies & Accessories, Pre-Qualified Pool of Vendors

FIRM NAME: _____

CHECKLIST FOR REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

This checklist must be completed by all bidders.

Refer to the details in Section 2, Paragraph 2.6.

<u>Reference:</u>	<u>Summarized Requirement:</u>	<u>Initial As Completed:</u>
Paragraph 2.6.3.1	Provide complete office address: _____ _____ _____	_____
Paragraph 2.6.3.2	Enter your firm's dedicated phone and facsimile (FAX) machine number, including area code: Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Enter your firm's e-mail address: E-mail: _____	_____

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Welding Equipment, Supplies & Accessories, Pre-Qualified Pool of Vendors

FIRM NAME: _____

Refer to the details in Paragraph 2.6 to insure that your firm's responses and attachments comply with the solicitation's requirements.	
<u>Reference:</u> Paragraph 2.6.3.3	List references from customers to whom your firm has delivered welding equipment, supplies, and accessories. These references shall ascertain to the County that your firm sufficient expertise in this industry. (1) Company Name: _____ Contact Person's Name: _____ Contact Person's Title: _____ Customer's Address: _____ Customer's Telephone #: _____ Customer's E-mail Address: _____ (2) Company Name: _____ Contact Person's Name: _____ Contact Person's Title: _____ Customer's Address: _____ Customer's Telephone #: _____ Customer's e-mail address: _____

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BID SUBMITTAL**

Welding Equipment, Supplies & Accessories, Pre-Qualified Pool of Vendors

FIRM NAME: _____

GROUP 1 – PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL WELDING SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES			
Enter the manufacturer lines / brand names for the electrical welding supplies and accessories including, but not limited to: welding rod (electrodes), ground clamps, valves gauges, cutting tips, soapstone, strikers, nozzle torches, tip cleaners that will be available from your firm (Reference: Paragraph 2.6).			
ELECTRICAL WELDING SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES	Manufacturer Lines / Brand Names ↓	Manufacturer Lines / Brand Names ↓	

(Copy this page if necessary to list additional products)

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FIRM NAME: _____

GROUP 7 – PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS USED IN ELECTRIC, GAS AND METAL CUTTING APPLICATIONS		
Enter the manufacturer lines / brand names for the chemicals used in electric, gas, and metal cutting items including, but not limited to, fluxes, lubricants, weld-through primers, splatter guard, coolants and chemical treatments that will be available from your firm (Reference: Paragraph 2.6).		
CHEMICALS USED IN ELECTRIC, GAS AND METAL CUTTING APPLICATIONS	Manufacturer Lines / Brand Names ↓	Manufacturer Lines / Brand Names ↓

(Copy this page if necessary to list additional products)

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE PART I OR PART II, WHICHEVER APPLIES

PART I:

LIST BELOW ARE THE DATES OF ISSUE FOR EACH ADDENDUM RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID

Addendum #1, Dated _____

Addendum #2, Dated _____

Addendum #3, Dated _____

Addendum #4, Dated _____

Addendum #5, Dated _____

Addendum #6, Dated _____

Addendum #7, Dated _____

Addendum #8, Dated _____

PART II:

NO ADDENDUM WAS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID

FIRM NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

TITLE OF OFFICER: _____



Bid Title: WELDING EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES, PRE-QUALIFIED POOL OF VENDORS

By signing this Bid Submittal Form the Bidder certifies that it satisfies all legal requirements (as an entity) to do business with the County, including all Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics provisions in Section 2-11 of the Miami-Dade County Code. Any County employee or member of his or her immediate family seeking to contract with the County shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission prior to submittal of a Bid response or application of any type to contract with the County by the employee or his or her immediate family and file a copy of that request for opinion and any opinion or waiver from the Board of County Commissioners with the Clerk of the Board. The affected employee shall file with the Clerk of the Board a statement in a form satisfactory to the Clerk disclosing the employee's interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed contract and the nature of the intended contract at the same time as or before submitting a Bid, response, or application of any type to contract with the County. Also a copy of the request for a conflict of interest opinion from the Ethics Commission and any corresponding opinion, or any waiver issued by the Board of County Commissioners, must be submitted with the response to the solicitation.

In accordance with Sec. 2-11.1(s) of the County Code as amended, prior to conducting any lobbying regarding this solicitation, the Bidder must file the appropriate form with the Clerk of the Board stating that a particular lobbyist is authorized to represent the Bidder. Failure to file the appropriate form in relation to each solicitation may be considered as evidence that the Bidder is not a responsible contractor.

The Bidder confirms that this Bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a Bid for the same goods and/or services and in all respects is without collusion, and that the Bidder will accept any resultant award. Further, the undersigned acknowledges that award of a contract is contingent upon vendor registration. Failure to register as a vendor within the specified time may result in your firm not being considered for award.

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Ordinance 94-34, any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture or other legal entity having an officer, director, or executive who has been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years shall disclose this information prior to entering into a contract with or receiving funding from the County.

Place a check mark here only if bidder has such conviction to disclose to comply with this requirement.

LOCAL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION: For the purpose of this certification, a "local business" is a business located within the limits of Miami-Dade County (or Broward County in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the two counties) that conforms with the provisions of Section 1.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this solicitation and contributes to the economic development of the community in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include, but not be limited to, the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase to the County's tax base.

Place a check mark here only if affirming bidder meets requirements for Local Preference. Failure to complete this certification at this time (by checking the box above) shall render the vendor ineligible for Local Preference.

LOCAL CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION: A Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise is a firm that is (a) a local business pursuant to Section 2-8.5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and (b) prior to bid submission is certified by the State of Florida Department of Management Services as a service-disabled veteran business enterprise pursuant to Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes.

Place a check mark here only if affirming bidder is a Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise. A copy of the certification must be submitted with this proposal.

COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP): Joint purchase and entity revenue sharing program

For the County's information, the bidder is requested to indicate, at 'A' and 'B' below, its general interest in participating in the Joint Purchase Program of the County User Access Program (UAP) described in Section 2.21 of this contract solicitation, if that section is present in this solicitation document. Vendor participation in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP is **voluntary**, and the bidder's expression of general interest at 'A' and 'B' below is for the County's information only and **shall not be binding** on the bidder.

A. If awarded this County contract, would you be interested in participating in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP with respect to other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entities located **within** the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County?
Yes _____ No _____

B. If awarded this County contract, would you be interested in participating in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP with respect to other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entities located **outside** the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County?
Yes _____ No _____

Firm Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

Email Address: _____

FEIN No. ____/____-____/____/____/____/____

Prompt Payment Terms: ____% ____ days net ____ days

***"By signing this document the bidder agrees to all Terms and Conditions of this Solicitation and the resulting Contract" * (Please see paragraph 1.2 H of General Terms and Conditions)**

Signature: _____ (Signature of authorized agent)

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

THE EXECUTION OF THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE UNEQUIVOCAL OFFER OF PROPOSER TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ITS PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO SIGN THIS SOLICITATION WHERE INDICATED ABOVE BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE. THE COUNTY MAY, HOWEVER, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDES AN EXECUTED DOCUMENT WHICH UNEQUIVOCALLY BINDS THE PROPOSER TO THE TERMS OF ITS OFFER.



APPENDIX

AFFIDAVITS FORMAL BIDS

**SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER LISTING
(Ordinance 97-104)**

Firm Name of Prime Contractor/Respondent: _____

Bid No.: _____ **Title:** _____

This forms, or a comparable listing meeting the requirements of Ordinance No. 97-104 **MUST** be completed, signed and submitted by all bidders and respondents on County contracts for purchases of supplies, materials or services, including professional services which involve expenditures of \$100,000 or more, and all bidders and respondents on County or Public Health Trust construction contracts which involve expenditures of \$100,000 or more. A bidder or respondent who is awarded the contract shall not change or substitute first tier subcontractors or direct suppliers or the portions of the contract work to be performed or materials to be supplied from those identified, except upon written approval of the County.
 This form, or a comparable listing meeting the requirements of Ordinance No. 97-104, **MUST** be completed, signed and submitted even though the bidder or proposer will not utilize subcontractors or suppliers on the contract. The bidder or proposer should enter the word "NONE" under the appropriate heading of sub form 100 in those instances where no subcontractors or suppliers will be used on the contract.

Business Name and Address of First Tier Subcontractor/Subconsultant	Principal Owner	Scope of Work to be Performed by Subcontractor/Subconsultant	(Principal Owner)	
			Gender	Race
Business Name and Address of Direct Supplier	Principal Owner	Supplies/Materials/Services to be Provided by Supplier	(Principal Owner)	
			Gender	Race

I certify that the representations contained in this Subcontractor/Supplier Listing are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate

Prime Contractor/Respondent's Signature

Print Name
(Duplicate if additional space is needed)

Print Title

Date

FORM 100