

COMMISSARY SERVICES - JAIL & DETENTION CENTERS
RFP# 090904
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
BATCH # 2
RELEASE DATE 11-05-09

(Will also be posted on Purchasing web site)

1. *If a vendor offers more than thirty five percent because he can keep his costs down and run a leaner operation,*

1. Sheriff has set 35% as a cap.

does that mean the vendor is automatically disqualified?

Yes

2. *Does having a conflict because of the nepotism rule automatically disqualify a vendor from pursuing the contract?*

2. No

3. *Shouldn't a vendor be disqualified if clearly having a conflict and wouldn't it better to avoid an appearance of impropriety when pursuing the commissary contract?*

3. No - because Local Govt. Code 176.003 only requires that a government official file a disclosure statement if the official meets one of the criteria of Section 176.003. Section 176.006 applies to vendors. However, if the government official has a conflict pursuant to Section 171.002, then that official should comply with 171.004, which would be to file an affidavit and to abstain from voting on this contract.

4. *Who are the individuals that will be in the evaluation committee?*

4. please review Addm # 1 on web site

http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/purchasing/specs_notices.htm

5. *Will these individuals be employees of the sheriff dept?*

5. (2 individuals are) (3 individuals are not)

6. *Will these committee be comprised of members appointed by Sheriff Lucio and Gus Reyna?*

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7. Or will these committee members be truly independent?

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1. Will the County be considering or accepting a sign-in Bonus with this RFP?

1. NO - will not accept - will not consider

1. Is it mandatory to provide indigent (20% of the average daily population) at the expense of the vendor?

1. Yes

2. Is the commission percentage offered to Cameron County capped at 35% for all vendors as stated in the RFP? That means no vendor will be allowed to offer more than 35% commission rate, correct?

2. Refer to RFP

3. In the RFP page. 15, 5.23, you state gross sales \$644,308 for 9 months. That translates to yearly sales of \$859,077. Will the facility allow an annual dollar guarantee in addition to a commission percentage rate? If so will that guarantee be capped at 35% of the annual gross sales? This would mean the annual guarantee should be capped at \$300,677, correct?

3. Refer to RFP

1. How many housing units are in each facility and how many inmates are in each housing unit?

**OCJ; 1ST floor 36
2nd floor 85
3rd floor 137**

DC1; 12 DORMS = 276 & 12 SINGLE CELLS

DC2; 8 DORMS = 192

CRDC; 9 DORMS, 36 SINGLE CELLS, 4 NEG. PRES. CELLS, 48 MO CELLS, 3 INF MO CELLS, 2 INF SINGLE CELLS, 24 SEPERATION CELLS = 652

2. Who presently enters the commissary orders into the current system? Cameron staff or vendor staff?

2. Vendor Staff

3. If we are to understand that Golden Eagle will continue to be used for 'all automated commissary functions', (page 14, 5.17, paragraph 2), why is 30% of the evaluation criteria weighted towards the vendor's accounting software and capabilities?

3. 30% is not weighted towards the Vendors Acct. software & capabilities.

As per RFP 30% = the proposed product meeting Cameron County's needs and requirements including acct. software capabilities. Vendor has option to do a card point of sale - your software must interface to the Golden Eagle system to do so.

Your software is also factored as part of the evaluation in this category.