



REQUEST FOR BID No. 201309-241

TANEY COUNTY MISSOURI
Purchasing Department
132 David Street / P. O. Box 1630
Forsyth, Missouri 65653

Attn: **Ron Erickson, Director of Purchasing**
Phone: 417-546-7281 / FAX: 417-546-3931
rone@co.taney.mo.us

Commodity Title: **PROPANE**
PLEASE MARK YOUR ENVELOPE "SEALED BID #201309-241"
RETURN ONE (1) ORIGINAL AS WELL AS A DIGITAL CD COPY,
or THREE (3) HARD COPIES. *(Failure to submit copies, as indicated here MAY*
result in being declared "Non-Responsive" disqualifying your entire Bid Response.)

Bid Submission Address and Deadline

Day / Date: **Monday October 7, 2013**
Time: **2:00 P.M. C.D.T. (No late Bids will be accepted)**
Location / Mail Address: Taney County Purchasing Department
132 David St. / P. O. Box 1630
Forsyth, MO 65653
Directions: The Purchasing office is located on the second floor of the
old courthouse in downtown Forsyth, between the
Commission Offices and the Recorder of Deeds Offices.

Bid Opening

Day / Date: **Tuesday October 8, 2013**
Time: **9:30 A.M. C.D.T.**
Location / Address: Taney County Commission Hearing Room
132 David Street
Forsyth, MO 65653

The undersigned certifies that they have the authority to bind this company in an agreement to supply the commodity or service in accordance with all terms, conditions, and pricing specified herein or to offer a "No Bid." Please type or print the information below. Bidder is REQUIRED to complete, sign and return this form with their submittal of Bid as well as all pages initialed. *An authorized signature is **mandatory**, lack thereof will result in a determination of "Non-Responsive". Also required is a direct email address in order to receive award results. We do not use USPS for results notification *only* email. Final results will also later be posted on our website at: www.taneycounty.org. **Please do not call for results.**

_____ Company Name		_____ Authorized Person (Print)	
_____ Address		_____ *Signature	
_____ City/County/State/Zip		_____ Title	
_____ Telephone #	_____ Fax #	_____ Date	_____ Tax ID #
_____ E-mail		_____ Entity Type (Corporation, LLC, Sole Proprietor, Partnership)	

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MISCELLANEOUS BIDDING PROCESS INFORMATION

The Purchasing Department is responsible for the Bid opening at the time and place noted in the request. If a Vendor is interested in a copy of the Bid tabulation they must include a direct email address, not website, in order to receive results. Obviously sealed Bids cannot be emailed so they must either be delivered by hand, courier, or USPS. (Please note USPS concerns on page #3, item #3.)

A formal invitation for Bid is utilized when the total purchase exceeds \$4,500. The County also uses this method when the life of a term and supply contract is valued more than \$4,500. The Bid Package will contain well-defined standard technical specifications for the nature of the service or product requested. A formal closing date and time is specified. The Bidder must comply with this requirement in order to be considered for award. All Formal Invitations for Bid are handled by the Taney County Purchasing Department. Technical specifications are the responsibility of the specific requesting department.

Bid Response Tips:

1. Read ALL Bid documents immediately upon receipt. Note any special dates or requirements.
2. Contact the Taney County Purchasing Department with any questions relating to the Bid prior to the Bid opening. (Email to: rone@co.taney.mo.us.)
3. Use ink to fill in all blanks. (If I can't read your handwriting your Bid **will** be rejected.)
4. PER PAGE #1 - COPIES ARE REQUIRED, marking copies vs. original. (*Failure to submit copies, as requested, MAY result in being declared "Non-Responsive" disqualifying your entire Bid Response.*)
5. Turn your Bid in as soon as possible. The deadline dates and times are strictly adhered to. The County cannot accept any late Bids. In the event of only one response the County may reject the entire Bid and re-let it.
6. Attend pre-Bid conferences, if any. (Most are Mandatory.)
7. Pay close attention to the terms *must, shall, should* or *may*. **READ EVERYTHING.**
8. Include an updated **W-9** form completed with your company information and signature.
9. Include, if applicable, current **prevailing wage** considerations within your Bid.
10. Remember to sign the Bid sheet as this is mandatory.

Please Note...

There are several steps, requirements and legalities which must be followed when engaging in an effort to respond to any certain Bid. Here I hope I have served to assist any/all participants in making sure everyone has a fair and pleasant experience with my County. Please keep in mind that it is entirely possible that this sheet, along with all of the other information as detailed within this Bid, may NOT include everything to cover every possible situation. Should that occur please let me know.

Thank you for your interest in Taney County Missouri.

Sincerely,




RON ERICKSON
Director of Purchasing
Taney County Missouri

Instructions and General Conditions

1. **Delivery of:** Sealed Bids, subject to Instructions and General Conditions and any special conditions set forth herein, will be received at the Taney County Purchasing Office until the Bid closing date and time indicated herein for furnishing the County with goods, and or, services as detailed in the following Request for Bid.
2. **Copies:** For the convenience of all a digital – CD copy may be submitted in lieu of three additional hard copies – with the original, as indicated on page #1. If sending all hard copies please mark each to differentiate between the original and the three copies. (Copies are required – NOT optional.)
3. **Closing:** Sealed Bids must be delivered before **2:00 P.M.** central time on **Monday October 7, 2013** to the Taney County Purchasing Department as listed on page one. Bidders should take into account all possible risks of their Bid not arriving in time when electing to mail in Bids too close to the above closing date. Often the Post Office leaves a “pick up slip” in our PO Box which may / may not allow us time to retrieve said item. It is the Bidders responsibility, not the county, nor the Post Office – to ensure their sealed Bids are **delivered** in time to the Purchasing Department. (Be extra careful when your Bid response involves a large package or box.)
4. **Late Packages:** The County will not accept any Bids received after the above listed closing date/time and will consider such late Bids as **NON-RESPONSIVE**. They will remain on file un-opened.
5. **Opening:** Bids will be opened publicly at **9:30 AM** on **Tuesday October 8, 2013** and read aloud. All Bid responses will be considered public information as soon as they are opened and become a part of public record to be released to any person or firm that requests it.
6. **Award.** Recommendation for award will be made formally to the Taney County Commission at a later date after a full and complete review process – often within a few days of the Bid opening.
7. **Withdrawals:** Bids may be withdrawn on written request from the Bidder at the address shown in this RFB prior to the time of acceptance of the Bid.
8. **Sealed & Marked:** Bids **must** be submitted in a single sealed envelope identified with the Bid number and dates of closing & opening. List the Bid number on the outside of the box or envelope and note “Response to Request for Bid enclosed”. Also include a return name & address. **No fax or electronic transmitted Bids will be accepted.**
9. **No Bid:** If you do not want to submit a Bid, please return the *No Bid Response Form* on page #6 of this package, and note your reason.
10. **Bidder Expenses:** This County is not responsible for any expenses which proposers may incur in estimating, inspecting, nor preparing and submitting Bids called for in this Request for Bid.
11. **Presentations:** The County reserves the right to conduct personal interviews or require presentations of any or all proposers prior to selection. The County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the proposer in connection with such interviews or presentations (i.e. travel accommodations, etc.)
12. **Bid Term:** All Bids submitted shall be binding, and remain firm for ninety (90) calendar days following the opening. Pricing / Costs submitted within this response **MUST BE HONORED** within that set timeframe. Bidders should NOT respond unless certain on this point.
13. **Bid Rejection:** The Taney County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, when such rejection is in the best interest of the County.
14. **Multiple Awards:** Bids may be awarded to one company or multiple companies; when such award is deemed in the best interest of the County.
15. **Payment Terms:** County standard payment terms are Net 30 after receipt of invoice.
16. **Effective:** This agreement shall take effect upon the approval by the Taney County Commission.
17. **Alterations:** Any alterations, changes, lining out, or margin notes to any of these instructions will result in being determined as non-responsive to this Bid and thus be disqualified.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Taney County Purchasing Department is seeking sealed bids for propane, propane tanks and delivery of propane to various locations including, but not limited to Taney County Road & Bridge West, Taney County Road & Bridge East, Taney County Mt. Branson Shop and the Taney County Extension Office. Estimated usage of propane at the various locations stated above is approximately 8,000 gallons during a one year period. **ALSO SAID PRICING MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ONE FULL YEAR - ENDING AS CLOSE TO THE END OF THE MONTH OF AWARD.** In this case we expect a contract to end on, or about, *October 31, 2014.*

For questions concerning **actual required specifications, or any other technical questions**, please contact:

Randy Haes,
Coordinator
Taney County Road & Bridge
417-546-7268 (off) / 417-546-7924 (cell)
randyh@co.taney.mo.us

3. SPECIFICATIONS / DELIVERY LOCATION INFORMATION / BID FORM

Delivery Will Be Provided To Each County Owned Facility As Listed Below.

NAME	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
3.1 Taney County Road & Bridge	Mt. Branson shop	1377 State Hwy 76	Branson	Mo.	65616
3.2 Taney County Road & Bridge	West	274 Buchanan Rd.	Branson	Mo.	65616
3.3 Taney County Road & Bridge	East	195 Gilbert Lane	Hilda	Mo.	65680
3.4 Taney County Extension Office	Downtown	122 Felkins Ave.	Forsyth	Mo.	65653

4. Billing / Payments: Invoices MUST be submitted to each county office. Payment will be made within 30 days from receipt of accurate invoice. Taney County reserves the right to make payment for goods and/or services with a County credit card without incurring any additional fees from the vendor.

5. Propane Bid Pricing Form: (All prices and notations must be in ink or typewritten. No erasure permitted. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections typed adjacent and must be initialed and dated in ink by person signing bid. All bids must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee on page #1 of this package. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.)

5.1 Price per Gallon: _____

5.2 Additional price (if any) for tanks: _____

5.3 Additional price (if any) for deliver: _____

5.4 Total Cost per Gallon to the County: _____

5.5 TOTAL COST TO THE COUNTY: _____



NO BID RESPONSE FORM

**Taney County, Missouri
RFB# 201309-241 Propane**

NOTE: Complete and return this form only if you **do not** want to submit a bid. If you do not wish to respond to this RFB, please fill this form out and return it to the Purchasing Department preferably via email, but it may also be mailed or faxed.

_____ Company Name	_____ Authorized Person (Print)
_____ Address	_____ *Signature
_____ City/County/State/Zip	_____ Title

Reason(s) for not bidding:

Thank you.

By,
Ron Erickson, Director of Purchasing
132 David Street / P.O. Box 1630 Forsyth, Mo. 65653
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E-mail: rone@co.taney.mo.us



STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Responses shall include all charges for packing, delivery, installation, etc., (unless otherwise specified) to the Taney County Department identified in this Request for Bid.
2. The Taney County Commission has the right to accept or reject any part or parts of all bids, to waive technicalities, and to accept the offer the County Commission considers the most advantageous to the County. Taney County reserves the right to award this bid on an item-by-item basis, or an "all or none" basis, whichever is in the best interest of the County.
3. Bidders must use the bid forms provided for the purpose of submitting bids, must return the bid and bid sheets comprised in this bid, give the unit price, extended totals, and **sign the bid**.
4. When products or materials of any particular producer or manufacturer are mentioned in our specifications, such products or materials are intended to be descriptive of type or quality and not restricted to those mentioned.
5. **Do not include Federal Excise Tax or Sales and Use Taxes in bid process, as law exempts the County from them.**
6. The delivery date shall be stated in definite terms, as it will be taken into consideration in awarding the bid.
7. The County Commission reserves the right to cancel all or any part of orders if delivery is not made or work is not started as guaranteed. In case of delay, the Contractor must notify the Purchasing Department.
8. In case of default by the Contractor, the County of Taney will procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the Bidder responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby.
9. Failure to deliver as guaranteed may disqualify Bidder from **future** bidding.
10. Prices must be as stated in units of quantity specified, and must be firm.
11. No bid transmitted by fax machine or e-mail will be accepted.
12. The County of Taney, Missouri expressly denies responsibility for, or ownership of any item purchased until same is delivered to the County and is accepted by the County.
13. The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple respondents. The County also reserves the right to not award any item or group of items if the services can be obtained from a state or other governmental entities contract under more favorable terms. (Cooperative Purchase.)
14. The County, from time to time, uses federal grant funds for the procurement of goods and services. Accordingly, the provider of goods and/or services shall comply with federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to the funds used by the County for said procurement, and contract clauses required by the federal government in such circumstances are incorporated herein by reference. These clauses can generally be found in the Federal Transit Administration's Best Practices Procurement Manual – Appendix A. Any questions regarding the applicability of federal clauses to a particular bid should be directed to the Purchasing Department prior to bid opening.
15. In the event of a discrepancy between a unit price and an extended line item price, the unit price shall govern.
16. Should an audit of Contractors invoices – during the term of the Agreement, and any renewals thereof, indicate that Taney County has remitted payment on invoices that constitute an over-charging to the County above the pricing terms agreed to herein, the Contractor shall issue a refund check to the County for any over-charges within 30 days of being notified of the same.