

July 12, 1999

Financial Affairs  
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF BID #066-VV07 - WELDING GASES**

The purpose of this bid, opened on September 25, 1997, was to establish a contract, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of welding gases, for various schools and departments. The terms of agreement, as contained in the subject bid, awarded by the Board on November 5, 1997, and renewed on October 7, 1998, provided, that by mutual agreement between the successful vendor and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the contract may be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period. The contract is currently in its first renewal period. The awardee has agreed to renew, for the final ninety (90) day renewal period, by letter, on file. It is considered to be in the best interest of the Board to renew this bid, for an additional ninety (90) day renewal period, at the current prices, to provide continuity of service. Staff is in the process of reviewing and revising the bid specifications.

Fund Source  
0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility  
None

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade, County, Florida, **RENEW** Bid #066-VV07 - WELDING GASES, to establish a contract, to purchase, at firm unit prices, quantities, as may be required, of welding gases, for various schools and departments, during the term of the bid, effective August 1, 1999, through October 31, 1999, as follows:

1. PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION SOUTHEAST  
P.O. BOX 3287  
TEQUESTA, FL 33469 ESTIMATE \$4,738.56  
OWNER: DOUGLAS B. PORTER, PRESIDENT

Total Low Unit Price: Items 1 through 15, and 16 through 30.

Item 1 - Rental of Acetylene, in a 10 cubic feet "MC" cylinder @ \$4 per cylinder.

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- Item 2 – Rental of Acetylene, in a 40 cubic feet, “B” cylinder @ \$7 per cylinder.
- Item 3 – Rental of Acetylene, in a 230-300 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.1067 per cubic foot.
- Item 4 – Rental of Acetylene, in a 420 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.1067 per cubic foot.
- Item 5 – Rental of Oxygen, in a 122 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0287 per cubic foot.
- Item 6 – Rental of Oxygen, in a 244 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0146 per cubic foot.
- Item 7 – Rental of Oxygen, in a 300 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0146 per cubic foot.
- Item 8 – Rental of Oxygen, in a 20 cubic feet, “R20” cylinder @ \$3 per cubic foot.
- Item 9 – Rental of Argon, in a 250 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0450 per cubic foot.
- Item 10 – Rental of Argon, in a 300 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0450 per cubic foot.
- Item 11 – Rental of Nitrogen, in a 58 cubic feet cylinder @ \$3 per cylinder.
- Item 12 – Rental of Nitrogen, in a 50 per cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0600 per cubic foot.
- Item 13 – Rental of Nitrogen, in a 275 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0189 per cylinder.
- Item 14 – Rental of Nitrogen, in a 304 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0189 per cubic foot.
- Item 15 – Rental of Arcox, in a 345 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0423 per cubic foot.
- Item 16 – To fill Acetylene, in a 10 cubic feet, “MC” cylinder @ \$4 per cylinder.
- Item 17 – To fill Acetylene, in a 40 cubic feet, “B” cylinder @ \$7 per cylinder refill.
- Item 18 – To fill Acetylene, in a 230-300 cubic feet cylinder @ \$26.67 per cylinder refill.
- Item 19 – To fill Acetylene, in a 420 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.1067 per cubic foot.
- Item 20 – To fill Oxygen, in a 125 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0287 per cubic foot.
- Item 21 – To fill Oxygen, in a 281 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0146 per cubic foot.
- Item 22 – To fill Oxygen, in a 337 cubic feet cylinder @ \$4.92 per cylinder refill.

- Item 23 – To fill Oxygen, in a 21 cubic feet, “R20” cylinder @ \$3 per cylinder refill.
- Item 24 – To fill Argon, in a 336 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0450 per cubic foot.
- Item 25 – To fill Argon, in a 300 cubic feet cylinder @ \$12 per cylinder refill.
- Item 26 – To fill Nitrogen, in a 58 cubic feet cylinder @ \$3 per cylinder.
- Item 27 – To fill Nitrogen, in a 50 cubic feet cylinder @ \$3 per cylinder.
- Item 28 – To fill Nitrogen, in a 304 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0189 per cubic foot.
- Item 29 – To fill Nitrogen, in a 304 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0189 per cubic foot.
- Item 30 – To fill Arcox, in a 336 cubic feet cylinder @ \$.0423 per cubic foot.

**(Final Ninety (90) Day Renewal Period)**

2. Authorize the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$4,738.56. The award shall be made subject to the resolution of bid protests, if any.

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