



State of West Virginia  
 Department of Administration  
 Purchasing Division  
 2019 Washington Street East  
 Post Office Box 50130  
 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

# Request for Quotation

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BUYER 33 304-558-2402

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<p>WELDING GASES</p> <p>OPEN END CONTRACT</p> <p>THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE PURCHASING DIVISION FOR THE AGENCY, THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, IS SOLICITING BIDS FOR AN OPEN END CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ALL LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO SUPPLY OXYGEN, ACETYLENE AND ARGON IN CYLINDERS, PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS.</p> <p>EXHIBIT 3</p> <p>LIFE OF CONTRACT: THIS CONTRACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UPON AWARD, AND EXTENDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR OR UNTIL SUCH "REASONABLE TIME" THEREAFTER AS IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A NEW CONTRACT OR RENEW THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT. THE "REASONABLE TIME" PERIOD SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) MONTHS. DURING THIS "REASONABLE TIME" THE VENDOR MAY TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT FOR ANY REASON UPON GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.</p> <p>UNLESS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ARE STIPULATED ELSEWHERE IN THIS CONTRACT DOCUMENT, THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PRICING SET HEREIN ARE FIRM FOR THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT.</p> <p>RENEWAL: THIS CONTRACT MAY BE RENEWED UPON THE MUTUAL WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SPENDING UNIT AND VENDOR,</p>						

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SIGNATURE <i>Jim Cole</i>	TELEPHONE <i>304 353 6481</i>	DATE <i>7-6-11</i>
TITLE <i>Mgr</i>	FEIN <i>611237230</i>	ADDRESS CHANGES TO BE NOTED ABOVE

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## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the State of West Virginia.
2. The State may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
3. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required \$125 fee.
4. All services performed or goods delivered under State Purchase Order/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contracts, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for these services or goods this Purchase Order/Contract becomes void and of no effect after June 30.
5. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
6. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
7. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
8. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
9. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
10. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the *Legislative Rules* of the Purchasing Division shall govern the purchasing process.
11. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
12. **BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, the State may deem this contract null and void, and terminate such contract without further order.
13. **HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM:** The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, is available online at [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.htm) and is hereby made part of the agreement. Provided that the Agency meets the definition of a Cover Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.
14. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/noticeConfidentiality.pdf>.
15. **LICENSING:** Vendors must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, and the West Virginia Insurance Commission. The vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.
16. **ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to any agency for the State of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to the bidder.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, or person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or Fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Purchasing Division. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
2. Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternates offered by the bidder as **EQUAL** to the specifications must be clearly defined. A bidder offering an alternate should attach complete specifications and literature to the bid. The Purchasing Division may waive minor deviations to specifications.
3. Unit prices shall prevail in case of discrepancy. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
4. All quotations must be delivered by the bidder to the office listed below prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Failure of the bidder to deliver the quotations on time will result in bid disqualifications: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, 2019 Washington Street East, P.O. Box 50130, Charleston, WV 25305-0130
5. Communication during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited (W.Va. C.S.R. §148-1-6.6).



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<p>SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. SUCH RENEWAL SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS.</p> <p>CANCELLATION: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE VENDOR IF THE COMMODITIES AND/OR SERVICES SUPPLIED ARE OF AN INFERIOR QUALITY OR DO NOT CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BID AND CONTRACT HEREIN.</p> <p>OPEN MARKET CLAUSE: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING MAY AUTHORIZE A SPENDING UNIT TO PURCHASE ON THE OPEN MARKET, WITHOUT THE FILING OF A REQUISITION OR COST ESTIMATE, ITEMS SPECIFIED ON THIS CONTRACT FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IN EMERGENCIES DUE TO UNFORESEEN CAUSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DELAYS IN TRANSPORTATION OR AN UNANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF WORK.)</p> <p>QUANTITIES: QUANTITIES LISTED IN THE REQUISITION ARE APPROXIMATIONS ONLY, BASED ON ESTIMATES SUPPLIED BY THE STATE SPENDING UNIT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE CONTRACT SHALL COVER THE QUANTITIES ACTUALLY ORDERED FOR DELIVERY DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, WHETHER MORE OR LESS THAN THE QUANTITIES SHOWN.</p> <p>ORDERING PROCEDURE: SPENDING UNIT(S) SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN STATE CONTRACT ORDER (FORM NUMBER WV-39) TO THE VENDOR FOR COMMODITIES COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT. THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THE WV-39 SHALL BE MAILED TO THE VENDOR AS AUTHORIZATION FOR SHIPMENT, A SECOND COPY MAILED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION, AND A THIRD COPY RETAINED BY THE SPENDING UNIT.</p>						

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<p>BANKRUPTCY: IN THE EVENT THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE STATE MAY DEEM THE CONTRACT NULL AND VOID, AND TERMINATE SUCH CONTRACT WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER.</p> <p>THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY AND ALL SUBSEQUENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH MAY APPEAR ON ANY ATTACHED PRINTED DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PRICE LISTS, ORDER FORMS, SALES AGREEMENTS OR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM SUCH AS CD-ROM.</p> <p>REV. 05/26/2009</p> <p>EXHIBIT 4</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES: UNLESS THE VENDOR INDICATES IN THE BID HIS REFUSAL TO EXTEND THE PRICES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID TO COUNTY, SCHOOL, MUNICIPAL AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES, THE BID SHALL EXTEND TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. IF THE VENDOR DOES NOT WISH TO EXTEND THE PRICES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID TO ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, THE VENDOR MUST CLEARLY INDICATE SUCH REFUSAL IN HIS BID. SUCH REFUSAL SHALL NOT PREJUDICE THE AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT IN ANY MANNER.</p> <p>REV. 3/88</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p>A SIGNED BID MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION</p>						

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PURCHASING DIVISION BUILDING 15 2019 WASHINGTON STREET, EAST CHARLESTON, WV 25305-0130						
THE BID SHOULD CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF THE ENVELOPE OR THE BID MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED:						
SEALED BID						
BUYER:		PAUL REYNOLDS		FILE 33		
RFQ. NO.:		09110412				
BID OPENING DATE:		JUNE 29, 2011				
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PLEASE PROVIDE A FAX NUMBER IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING YOUR BID:						
----- 304 343-9598 -----						
CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):						
----- Jim COLVIN -----						

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## **Specifications**

Purpose: TO SUPPLY OXYGEN, ACETYLENE AND ARGON FOR WELDING

### **1.0 DEFINITIONS**

- A. The "Agency" shall be defined as the West Virginia Division of Highways
- B. The "Vendor" shall be defined as the successful bidder.
- C. The "Purchase Order" shall be defined as the binding agreement that is entered into between the State of West Virginia and the Vendor to provide the services as herein specified.
- D. "Mandatory Requirements: The terms "must", "will", "shall", "minimum", "maximum", or "is/are required" identify a mandatory item or factor. Decisions regarding compliance with any mandatory requirements shall be at the sole discretion of the State.

### **2.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

The successful Vendor shall provide CYLINDERS OF OXYGEN, ACETYLENE AND ARGON

- 2.1 Technical Requirements: TO PROVIDE OXYGEN, ACETYLENE AND ARGON IN CYLINDERS. FULL CYLINDERS WILL BE DELIVERED AND EMPTY CYLINDERS WILL BE PICKED UP ON A WEEKLY BASIS AT 2 LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED HEREIN. TANK RENTAL TO BE QUOTED BASED UPON A WEEKLY RATE. SHOULD A CYLINDER BE LOST OR STOLEN WHILE IN THE POSSESSION OF WV DEPT OF HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT NINE, THE VENDOR SHALL, UPON REQUEST, REPLACE AND INVOICE AGAINST THIS CONTRACT
- 2.2 Freight: QUOTED UNIT PRICES TO BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL FREIGHT & DELIVERY CHARGES. NO SEPARATE FREIGHT INVOICES WILL BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

### 2.3 Delivery: 2 LOCATIONS

2.3.1 19 CYLINDERS OF OXYGEN AND 32 CYLINDERS OF ACETYLENE DELIVERED TO 331 BRUSH Rd.  
LEWISBURG, WV 24901

2.3.2 55 CYLINDERS OF OXYGEN, 43 CYLINDERS OF ACETYLENE AND 4 CYLINDERS OF ARGON ( 3 EA 75% ARGON AND 25% CARBON DIOXIDE 1 EA 7.5 ARGON 90% HELIUM 2.5 CARBON DIOXIDE) DELIVERED TO 704 NORTH JEFFERSON ST, LEWISBURG, WV 24901

## 3 INVOICING

3.1 Payment MONTHLY INVOICE REQUIRED WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT ACCEPTED

3.1.2 The Vendor must send an invoice to:  
WV DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION-DIV OF HIGHWAYS  
103 ½ CHURCH ST  
LEWISBURG, WV 24901

## 4 AWARD

PURCHASE ORDER WILL BE AWARDED COMPLETE AND NOT SPLIT

# Cost Sheet

LOCATION	Estimated Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
	USAGES	331 BRUSH RD LOCATION		
1	8 CYLINDERS-MONTHLY	OXYGEN 125 CUBIC FEET CYLINDERS	14.57 Cyl	
2	4 ACETYLENE-MONTHLY	ACETYLENE 140 CUBIC FEET CYLINDERS	0.28 Cu Ft	
3				
4		704 N JEFFERSON ST		
5	6 CYLINDERS-MONTHLY	OXYGEN 125 CUBIC FEET CYLINDERS	14.57 Cyl	
6	2 CYLINDERS-MONTHLY	ACETYLENE 140 CUBIC FEET CYLINDERS	0.28 Cu Ft	
7	1 CYLINDER-MONTHLY	75% ARGON 25% CARBON DIOXIDE 300 CUBIC FEET CYLINDERS	83.65 Cyl	
8	1 CYLINDER-MONTHLY	7.5% ARGON 90% HELIUM 2.5% CARBON DIOXIDE 200 CUBIC FEET CYLINDERS	83.65 Cyl	
9				
10		CYLINDER RENTAL PER MONTH	3,30 Per Cyl	

TOTAL

GRAND TOTAL





# Cost Sheet

LOCATION	Estimated Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
		LOST OR STOLEN CYLINDERS		
1				
2	PER CYLINDER	OXYGEN 125 CUBIC FEET	225.00 G/L	
3	PER CYLINDER	ACETYLENE 140 CUBIC FEET	225.00 G/L	
4	PER CYLINDER	ARGON 300 CUBIC FEET	225.00 G/L	
5	PER CYLINDER	ARGON 200 CUBIC FEET	225.00 G/L	
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
			TOTAL	



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# State of West Virginia VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Certification and application\* is hereby made for Preference in accordance with **West Virginia Code**, §5A-3-37. (Does not apply to construction contracts). **West Virginia Code**, §5A-3-37, provides an opportunity for qualifying vendors to request (at the time of bid) preference for their residency status. Such preference is an evaluation method only and will be applied only to the cost bid in accordance with the **West Virginia Code**. This certificate for application is to be used to request such preference. The Purchasing Division will make the determination of the Resident Vendor Preference, if applicable.

1. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**

- Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
- Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or** 80% of the ownership interest of Bidder is held by another individual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,
- Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or**,

2. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**

- Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or**,

3. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**

- Bidder is a nonresident vendor employing a minimum of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a minimum of one hundred state residents who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees or Bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or**,

4. **Application is made for 5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**

- Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; **or**,

5. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**

- Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; **or**,

6. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**


- Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two immediately preceding years.

Bidder understands if the Secretary of Revenue determines that a Bidder receiving preference has failed to continue to meet the requirements for such preference, the Secretary may order the Director of Purchasing to: (a) reject the bid; or (b) assess a penalty against such Bidder in an amount not to exceed 5% of the bid amount and that such penalty will be paid to the contracting agency or deducted from any unpaid balance on the contract or purchase order.

By submission of this certificate, Bidder agrees to disclose any reasonably requested information to the Purchasing Division and authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose to the Director of Purchasing appropriate information verifying that Bidder has paid the required business taxes, provided that such information does not contain the amounts of taxes paid nor any other information deemed by the Tax Commissioner to be confidential.

**Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), Bidder hereby certifies that this certificate is true and accurate in all respects; and that if a contract is issued to Bidder and if anything contained within this certificate changes during the term of the contract, Bidder will notify the Purchasing Division in writing immediately.**

Bidder: ARGAS MID AMERICA

Signed: 

Date: 7-10-11

Title: MGR.

\*Check any combination of preference consideration(s) indicated above, which you are entitled to receive.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
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**PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT**

West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states: No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owned is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate

**DEFINITIONS:**

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, Limited Liability Company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions. "Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentality established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentality established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities. "Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

**EXCEPTION:** The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (*West Virginia Code* §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

**WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE**

Vendor's Name: AIRGAS MID AMERICA

Authorized Signature: Jim Colan Date: 7-6-11

State of West Virginia

County of Kanawha, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

My Commission expires November 18, 2012

AFFIX SEAL HERE

NOTARY PUBLIC Debra Ward

