



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Economic Development Administration  
504 Lavaca, Suite 1100  
Austin, Texas 78701-2858

April 18, 2007

The Honorable J.D. Salinas  
Hidalgo County Judge  
P.O. Box 1356  
Edinburg, Texas 78540

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COUNTY JUDGE

Dear Judge Salinas:

The County's request for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding assistance to develop and implement a countywide comprehensive economic development strategy has been reviewed. Based on its merit and competitiveness, EDA invites you to submit an application for funding.

The application will be processed for approximately ~~\$333,995~~ <sup>\$323,995</sup> of EDA funds under the criteria established for the Fiscal Year 2007 Planning Program. This invitation to apply does not guarantee that EDA will award a grant or approve your application. Applications will be invited that exceed available funds for the Fiscal Year. Your project will compete with many other worthy applications for available funding.

To apply for Fiscal Year 2007 funding, the Application for Federal Assistance should be completed. The application forms entitled "Application for Investment Assistance" and "Construction Investments Program Requirements" are available on the EDA website at [www.eda.doc.gov](http://www.eda.doc.gov). Your point of contact, Ms. Linda Rubio, is available to provide technical assistance to your application team. Ms. Rubio may be reached at (512) 381-8159 or by electronic mail, [LRubio@eda.doc.gov](mailto:LRubio@eda.doc.gov). *Rick*

Please submit the original and one copy of the completed application to the Austin regional office by Friday, May 18, 2007. An accurate and complete application will facilitate timely processing. The enclosed "*Frequently Asked Questions*" also provides information critical to completing your application.

We look forward to working with you on this investment opportunity.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Pedro R. Garza  
Regional Director

Enclosures

cc: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
EDA, Office of External Affairs and Communications

## Frequently Asked Questions *State of Texas Investments*

The following represents the most commonly asked question by EDA applicants when completing Application for Federal Assistance, particularly construction investments. By following these instructions, you ensure your application will be processed quickly and avoid delays due to missing information.

### **1. Who is my State Single Point of Contact (SPOC)?**

You are required to have SPOC comments from your Regional Councils of Governments (COG). There are 24 COGs in the State of Texas. If you are uncertain which COG your organization is in, please contact EDA or Ms. Dennis Francis, Texas State Clearinghouse, Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711, Phone (512) 463-1778.

### **2. Our project is not in a flood plain. Does EDA still need a FEMA or USGS topographic map?**

Whether or not your project is in a flood plain these maps are required for construction projects. Note these are not required for non-construction projects. Make sure the project location and boundaries are clearly shown on the map. In remote areas where a map is not available, a letter and sketch from an engineer will be required showing the flood plain areas in relation to the project.

### **3. What if the Preliminary Engineering Report costs do not match the Budget Information Form?**

Please ensure the detailed construction cost estimate totals from the Preliminary Engineering Report match the Budget Information Form (SF-424C) and the estimated funding total on the SF-424.

**APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:</b> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		<b>2. DATE SUBMITTED</b>	Applicant Identifier
Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		<b>3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE</b>	State Application Identifier
		<b>4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY</b>	Federal Identifier
<b>5. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
Legal Name:		<b>Organizational Unit:</b>	
County of Hidalgo		Department: Office of Hidalgo County Judge	
Organizational DUNS: 103110834		Division: Economic Development	
Address:		Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)	
Street: 100 E. Cano		Prefix:	First Name: Sofia
City: Edinburg		Middle Name Maricela	
County: Hidalgo		Last Name Hernandez	
State: Texas	Zip Code 78539	Suffix:	
Country: USA		Email: sofia.hernandez@co.hidalgo.tx.us	
<b>6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):</b> 74-6000717		Phone Number (give area code) 9563182600	Fax Number (give area code) 9563182699
<b>8. TYPE OF APPLICATION:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:</b> (See back of form for Application Types) B - County Government Other (specify)	
<b>10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER:</b> 11-302		<b>9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:</b> Economic Development Administration	
TITLE (Name of Program): Planning Grant		<b>11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b> Hidalgo County Strategic Planning Project	
<b>12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> Hidalgo County, Texas			
<b>13. PROPOSED PROJECT</b>		<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b>	
Start Date: June 1, 2007	Ending Date: Mat 31, 2009	a. Applicant 15, 26	b. Project 15, 26
<b>15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:</b>		<b>16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>	
a. Federal	\$ 323,995 <sup>00</sup>	a. Yes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON	
b. Applicant	\$ 81,000 <sup>00</sup>	DATE:	
c. State	\$ <sup>00</sup>	b. No. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
d. Local	\$ <sup>00</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
e. Other	\$ <sup>00</sup>	<b>17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b>	
f. Program Income	\$ <sup>00</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
g. TOTAL	\$ 404,995 <sup>00</sup>		
<b>18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.</b>			
<b>a. Authorized Representative</b>			
Prefix	First Name Juan	Middle Name de Dios	
Last Name Salinas			Suffix
b. Title Hidalgo County Judge			c. Telephone Number (give area code) 956-318-2600
d. Signature of Authorized Representative			e. Date Signed