



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Policy Council Agenda

DATE: April 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval of Specifications and Advertising for the Following Services:
a. Air Conditioning Maintenance & Repairs
b. Plumbing Repairs
c. Lawn Care

RATIONALE/NEED: Contracts to expire

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST: Yearly Estimate Cost:
a. \$25,000 Air Conditioning Maintenance & Repairs
b. \$25,000 Plumbing Repairs
c. \$26,000 Lawn Care

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDES: Specifications

INITIATED BY: Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director 

REVIEWED BY: Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Program Director 

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

**Air Conditioning &
Maintenance Repairs**

**HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**"AIR CONDITIONING
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS"**

SPECIFICATIONS

EXHIBIT "A"

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

SPECIFICATIONS FOR AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this contract is to provide full service for all "**AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS**" for Hidalgo County Head Start Program at the facilities listed herein and to include emergency service calls to keep the equipment useable and operable. Work performed shall be in accordance with manufacturer's standards. Contractor understands and agrees that this is a "**LABOR AND COST OVER PARTS**" contract and that he will supply all equipment and parts which furnish all labor, parts, materials and supplies necessary to complete this contract.

SITE VISIT: Bidders must examine air conditioning systems to ensure they are functioning properly and are in good condition. Bidder shall not be relieved of responsibility for properly estimating cost of services required, or condition of existing equipment, because of his failure to investigate and inspect the equipment. The visit must be coordinated in advance with Field Operations Director for the Hidalgo County Head Start Program, or designated representative, at (956) 383-0706 ext. 217.

SPECIFICATIONS – GENERAL: The following specifications apply to this contract:

Any job orders which are estimated to exceed \$1,000.00 must be approved by the Field Operations Director prior to being performed.

BILLING SPECIFICATIONS: All Invoices must be submitted to the Field Operations Department on a weekly basis. The following information must be listed on the submitted invoice.

1. Center Location
2. Date
3. Description of Repair(s) being performed
4. Labors Cost
5. Serial Number of unit which was worked on
6. Parts – Price
7. Parts Mark-up Price
8. Purchase Order
9. Confirmation Signature from Center Manager/Department Supervisor

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Bidders must submit three (3) letters of recommendation (example: schools, cafeterias, day cares, or other governmental entities) on services provided to any of the entities mentioned above. Original letters must be included in bid package, no copies will be accepted.

EQUIPMENT:

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The following is required on an as needed basis:

1. Diagnosing equipment, devices or systems problems and providing a cost estimate for work required.
2. Performing repairs that include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Cleaning all components, removing dust, old lubricants or contaminants to allow equipment to function as designed.
 - b. Overhaul equipment and devices not in proper working order.
 - c. Replace equipment, devices, system, compressors, or components not in proper working order.
3. Parts requiring replacement shall be the newest design available provided they are compatible with end-use equipment and functionally equivalent.
4. Steam cleaning of fan and coil units is not routine service. Cleaning shall be conducted outside normal operating hours to prevent building temperature extremes and inconvenience to building occupants. Cleaning shall be coordinated with the Field Operation Director or designated department head upon request.

Please list which certificates rating your company currently holds for Air Conditioning and/or Refrigeration:
PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF LICENSE.

- 1) Master
- 2) Journeymen
- 3) Apprentice

CERTIFICATE: A 0- Unlimited occurred Tons
Yes _____ No _____

CERTIFICATE: B 0-25 Tons
Yes _____ No _____

EMERGENCY CALLS

Contractor shall provide emergency service at no additional cost, in addition to normal maintenance and repairs as follows:

- (a) Emergency response within two (2) hours after call, on a twenty-four (24) hour a day basis, everyday, including weekends and holidays.
- (b) Contractor shall provide a current list of individuals responsible for providing emergency calls to Hidalgo County Head Start Program Field Operations Director or designated representative.
- (c) Automatic telephone answering or recording device numbers are not acceptable. One additional telephone number of someone within the company management structure shall also be provided. This additional number will be used only when there has been no response to emergency calls within two (2) hours.
- (d) Emergency service requests may only be made by the Field Operations Director or designated representatives; a copy of such listing shall be provided to vendor.

ACCESS TO BUILDINGS: Field Operations Director or designated representative of Hidalgo County Head Start Program Field Operations Director shall establish mutually agreeable schedule for performance of routine service calls, schedule of normal operating hours, points of access, and other information necessary to ensure optimum convenience to all concerned.

(a) The facilities are located at:

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(b) All keys given to Contractor must be returned within forty-eight (48) hours.

GRACE PERIOD OPTION: Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional ninety (90) day(s) Grace Period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE: The Hidalgo County Head Start Program Field Operations Director, or its designated representative for each department, is hereby designated to participate in the administration of this contract to ensure contractor's compliance with its technical requirements, including inspection and acceptance of the services for the Hidalgo County Head Start Program performance site.

TERM: The initial term of these contracts will be for one (1) year from date of award. The Hidalgo County Head Start Program may terminate the contracts upon ninety (90) days advance written notice to Contractors.

SUBCONTRACTING: The vendor awarded the contract shall not engage the service of a subcontractor without prior written consent of Hidalgo County Head Start Program. When requesting consent from Hidalgo County Head Start Program for the retention of a subcontractor to perform services hereunder, the successful bidders must present evidence that the proposed subcontractor possesses all necessary licenses and permits to perform the services described herein, and that the subcontractor and the successful vendor have obtained the required insurance coverage and policies as required by Hidalgo County Head Start Program. Payment to subcontractor must be made by vendors.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR:

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(b) Interested vendors must have the capabilities to address two or more repairs (jobs) at one time.

NEW SITES: The contracts will not automatically entitle vendors to any installation rights for any new buildings which may be acquired during the contract term.

AWARD: Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to award the bid on a lump sum basis to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.

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CM= Center Manager HC= Head Cook

EXHIBIT "C"

Insurance Requirements

The bidder/applicant awarded the contract and any subcontractor that is sub contracted by the bidder shall furnish proof of insurance. The insurance shall be in place prior to providing any services under the contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of the contract. The insurance shall include at least the following limits:

1. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, and include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence, consistent with potential exposure to County under the Texas Tort Claims Act. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims (with limits up to \$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder;
3. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
4. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the respondent is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Certificates of insurance naming County as an additional insured shall be submitted to Hidalgo County Head Start Program- Procurement Department for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence of adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

Plumbing Repairs

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR BIDS

"PLUMBING REPAIRS"

SPECIFICATIONS

EXHIBIT "A"

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLUMBING REPAIRS

OBJECTIVE: The objective of this contract is to provide full service maintenance and repairs of all plumbing systems to include emergency service calls to keep the equipment useable and operable. Work performed shall be in accordance with manufacturer's commercial practice. Contractor understands and agrees that this is a "LABOR AND COST OVER PARTS" contract and that he will supply all equipment and parts which furnish all labor, parts, materials and supplies necessary to complete this contract.

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 - Drain Cleaning service
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 - Repair broken Gas & Water Lines
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CM= Center Manager HC= Head Cook

EXHIBIT "C"

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Lawn Care Services

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR BIDS

"LAWN CARE SERVICES"

SPECIFICATIONS

EXHIBIT "A"

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

SPECIFICATIONS FOR LAWN CARE:

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this contract is to provide full service for all "**Lawn Care Services**" for Hidalgo County Head Start Program at the facilities listed herein. Work performed shall be in accordance with commercial practice. Contractor understands and agrees that they will supply all equipment and furnish all labor, materials and supplies necessary to complete this contract.

The Hidalgo County Head Start Program is requesting sealed bids for **LAWN CARE SERVICES** for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend for an additional ninety (90) day Grace period at the end of the contract for unforeseen delays.

The following work is required:

1. Awarded Vendor shall perform services in Hidalgo County as per attached list (EXHIBIT "B").
2. Awarded Vendor shall furnish all equipment (trucks, trailers, mowers, trimmers, and blowers), labor, materials, tools, permits, all required insurances and fees required to provide satisfactory service. All equipment to be used for this service must be up to date with all safety regulations and inspections for **safety precautions**.
3. Service provided shall be on a bi-weekly basis.
4. Any kind of litter/debris/objects must be removed and properly disposed from lawn and plants by awarded vendor before mowing is initiated for **safety precautions**. Sweeping/blowing of mowed grass/weeds must be initiated immediately after mowing has been completed for **safety precautions**.
5. Lawn Care Company shall mow lawn(s), trim around sidewalks, trees, plants, fencing perimeter and around building perimeter-Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise requested by the Hidalgo County Head Start Program.
6. Any extra Lawn Care Service such as trimming hedges, trees, and/or turning soil will require prior authorization from Procurement Department before any such services are conducted.
7. The Awarded Vendor representative shall sign in (Exhibit "B") Center Roster Sign-In. The report shall contain (1) the date of service, (2) arrival and departure time, (3) name of facility, and (4) staff signature. The report shall be brought or sent in to the Hidalgo County Head Start Program-Administration Office, 1901 West State Highway 107, McAllen, TX.
8. Any and all damages to property belonging to staff or Head Start done while working at the Head Start sites will be reported to the center manager or designee (i.e., broken windows, dents to automobiles, fence). Copy of the all required insurance must accompany proposal, (EXHIBIT "C").
9. Service Contract shall begin on _____, 2008 through _____, 2009 (EXHIBIT "D").

BILLING SPECIFICATIONS: All Invoices must be submitted to the Field Operations Department on a MONTHLY basis. The following information must be listed on the submitted invoice.

1. **Center Location**
2. **Date**
3. **Description of service being performed**
4. **Purchase Order**
5. **Confirmation Signature from Center Director**

ACCESS TO LAWNS: Field Operations Director or designated representative of Hidalgo County Head Start Program Field Operations Director shall establish mutually agreeable schedule for performance of routine service, schedule of normal operating hours, points of access, and other information necessary to insure optimum convenience to all concerned.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Bidders must submit three (3) letters of recommendation (example: schools, cafeterias, day cares, or other governmental entities) on services provided to any of the entities mentioned above. Original letters must be included in bid package, no copies will be accepted.

LOCATIONS:

SEE ATTACHED LIST (EXHIBIT B), OF HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM CENTER LOCATIONS

GRACE PERIOD OPTION: Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional ninety (90) days Grace Period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE: The Hidalgo County Head Start Program Field Operations Director, or its designated representative for each department, is hereby designated to participate in the administration of this contract to insure contractor's compliance with its technical requirements, including inspection and acceptance of the services for the Hidalgo County Head Start Program performance site.

TERM: The initial term of these contracts will be for one (1) year from date of award. The Hidalgo County Head Start Program may terminate the contracts upon ninety (90) days advance written notice to contractors.

SUBCONTRACTING: The vendor awarded the contract shall not engage the service of a subcontractor without prior written consent of Hidalgo County Head Start Program. When requesting consent from Hidalgo County Head Start Program for the retention of a subcontractor to perform services hereunder, the successful bidders must present evidence that the proposed subcontractor possesses all necessary licenses and permits to perform the services described herein, and that the subcontractor and the successful vendor have obtained the required insurance coverage and policies as required by Hidalgo County Head Start Program. Payment to subcontractor must be made by vendors.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR:

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- b) Interested vendors must have the capabilities to address two or more jobs at one time.

NEW SITES: The contracts will not automatically entitle vendors to any rights for any new buildings which may be acquired during the contract term.

AWARD: Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to award the bid on a lump sum basis to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.

INSURANCE: See Exhibit C

EXHIBIT "B"
Hidalgo County Head Start Program
 Center -- Roster
 West Side

2008 -2009

	CENTER	DATE	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE	CENTER PERSONNEL SIGNATURE
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2	LA JOYA HEAD START CENTER					
3	LAS MILPAS I HEAD START CENTER					
4	LAS MILPAS II HEAD START CENTER					
5	MCALLEN VI HEAD START CENTER					
6	MISSION I HEAD START CENTER					
7	MISSION II HEAD START CENTER					
8	MISSION IV HEAD START CENTER					
9	PALMVIEW I HEAD START CENTER					
10	PALMVIEW II HEAD START CENTER					
11	PALMVIEW III HEAD START CENTER					
12	PEÑITAS HEAD START CENTER					
13	WESTERN RD HEAD START CENTER					
14	H.C.H.S.P. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE					

VENDOR'S COMMENTS:

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EXHIBIT "B"

Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Center -- Roster

East Side

2008-2009

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2	DONNA I HEAD START CENTER					
3	EDCOUCH HEAD START CENTER					
4	EDINBURG IV HEAD START CENTER					
5	EDINBURG V HEAD START CENTER					
6	ELSA HEAD START CENTER					
7	GRANJENO HEAD START CENTER					
8	LA HERENCIA HEAD START CENTER					
9	MERCEDES I HEAD START CENTER					
	AN CARLOS HEAD START CENTER					
11	SAN JUAN II HEAD START CENTER					
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