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**From:** Martha Salazar [martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2008 2:07 PM  
**To:** 'Eli R. Ochoa'  
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**Subject:** RE: Courthouse Building and Grounds

Mr. Ochoa,

In reviewing your Phase I & 2, I need clarifications. In Phase I you propose "Prepare drawings of existing conditions of the site and buildings ..." . Excuse my lack of familiarity with architectural jargon, does this include or the same as "as built drawings"? Just want to be sure that the County's understanding of what it's requesting is what we conveyed to you at our meeting. Will Phase II include a structural assessment along with what is proposed? Phase III is clear on the County's intent. However, the one thing we (the County) is attempting to provide you is a timeline for the relocation of the spaces currently occupied by the District Attorney's Office and the details of how the vacated space would be converted. Obviously courtroom and ancillary spaces are priorities. If you will clarify these issues we can proceed to approve your proposed A/E services (scope of work/services) and continue to finalize your contract.

Yours truly,  
Marty Salazar

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**From:** Eli R. Ochoa [mailto:eochoa@erointernational.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 07, 2008 9:29 AM  
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**Subject:** Courthouse Building and Grounds

Martha,

The A/E Services contract you presented me is currently being reviewed by our attorney. I believe his review is nearly complete. I will forward you his comments and have him speak directly with Steve Crain regarding any legalese.

My understanding of the scope of services is as follows:

- Phase I:** Prepare drawings of existing conditions of the site and buildings located on the Courthouse Square bounded by McIntyre Street on the north, Closner Blvd. on east, Cano Street on the South and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. on the west.
- Phase II:** Perform a facilities assessment, building code assessment and deferred maintenance assessment of the site, building and physical plant.
- Phase III:** Design the renovation of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors to accommodate new courtrooms and ancillary spaces.

10. A. **Presentation for discussion and consideration of a recommendation to REJECT all responses received for RFP 2008-038-02-13-irm "Support & Maintenance of Hidalgo County Phone System" so as to draft and develop modifications to the requirements and/or specifications through Purchasing and the IT Dept.**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

- B. **Requesting authority to advertise for "Support & Maintenance of Hidalgo County Shoretel Phone System" and approval of modified requirements and/or specifications.**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

11. A. **Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A)(4) a professional service for Architectural Services in connection with "AS BUILT" drawings of the existing Courthouse to include annexes and the surrounding parking areas & sidewalks for the purposes of addressing required renovations;**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Judge Salinas, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

- B. **Presentation of scoring grid (for the purposes of ranking by CC) of the firms graded & evaluated through the County's approved "pool" of architects in connection with professional Architectural Services required for the "AS BUILT" drawings of the existing Courthouse to include annexes and the surrounding parking areas & sidewalks for the purposes of addressing required renovations;**

**1st . ERO International 96 pts.                      2nd. Stetanos/Santopetro 94 ½ pts  
3rd. Gomez, Mendez, Saenz 93 pts.**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to rank ERO International as #1, Stetanos/Santopetro as #2 & Gomez, Mendez, Saenz as #3.

- C. **Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional Architectural Services Contract with the No.1 ranked firm of ERO International for the provision of Architectural Services for "AS BUILT" drawings of the existing Courthouse to include annexes and the surrounding parking areas & sidewalks for the purposes of addressing required renovations**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval for ERO International.

At this time Commissioner Handy returns to the Court.

At this time Commissioner Palacios steps out of the Court.