

Exhibit "A"

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Hidalgo County  
"LABORATORY SERVICES"  
Bid No.: 2008-196-00-00-otm/ysi

**SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Hidalgo County is seeking to contract with a qualified vendor(s) to furnish "Laboratory Services."
2. The following are the minimum requirements and/or specifications that will be acceptable to the Hidalgo County. These requirements and/or specifications must be **equal or better**, including, but not limited to, the following:

**REQUIREMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.
2. Hidalgo County Health Department has the authority to utilize State Contracts from its membership with their existing or new cooperatives when ever it is in the County's best interest to do so.
3. All services will be on an "**As Needed Basis**", there are no set quantities to be requested only approximations.
4. The initial contract term for this project will be for one (1) year with the County's option to extend for an additional two (2) one (1) year terms.
5. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates, terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for the next contract term.
6. Insurance requirements for this project to be maintained through out the contract term (Refer to limits on the Exhibit "C" for limits).
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one (1) or multiple vendors which ever is more valuable to the County.
8. All bid prices for items shall take into consideration shipping and handling costs and any other items mentioned on specifications as part of the fixed item price.

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9. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add/delete items as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.
10. Specimens will be collected by Hidalgo County Staff.
11. Provide at least 1 (one) accessible lab location to refer patients for collection if specimen can not be collected by Hidalgo County staff (i.e. Edinburg). Laboratory will be responsible for delivery/processing of such specimens when necessary.
12. Electronic Lab results are required.
13. Lab must schedule and provide pick up services for all specimens from each facility listed below. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete locations as it deems in the best interest of the County.  
Current locations are as follows:
  - Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center  
1001 N Doolittle, Edinburg, TX 78541
  - Hidalgo County Jail  
701 El Cibolo Rd. - Edinburg, TX 78539
14. All certificates, licenses, etc. for laboratory to operate in the State of Texas are required and copies must be submitted with bid.
15. **All supplies must be provided to Hidalgo County for all required testing and results must be available and provided within 24 hours.**

**Services required:**

16. VDRL.
17. CBC w/ diff and platelets.
18. Cultures (wound and urine)
19. H & H.
20. Lithium levels.
21. H-pylori.
22. Chem 24.
23. UA.
24. Occult Blood.
25. Carbamazepine levels.
26. Valproic acid levels.

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27. Dilantin levels.
28. TSH.
29. Hgal c.
30. Liver enzyme panel.
31. Drug screens (serum and urine).
32. Acute Hepatitis Panel.
33. Basic Metabolic Panel.
34. Comp Metabolic Panel
35. Electrolyte Panel.
36. Hepatic Function Panel.
37. Lipid Panel.
38. Renal Function Panel.
39. CBC w Diff w Plt.
40. CBC w Diff w/o Plt.
41. CBC w/o Diff w Plt.
42. CBC w/o Diff w/o Plt.
43. Hematocrit.
44. Hemoglobin.
45. Platelet Count.
46. RBC Count.
47. WBC Count.
48. WBC Differential.
49. ABO and Rh.
50. Amylase.
51. Antinuclear Antibodies. *Results*
52. B<sub>12</sub> and Folate.

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53. BUN.
54. CEA.
55. Cholesterol, Total.
56. Creatinine.
57. Digoxin.
58. FSH and LH.
59. Glucose, Plasma.
60. hCG, Beta Subunit, Qual.
61. hCG, Beta Subunit, Quant.
62. Helicobacter pylori IgG.
63. Hemoglobin A1c w/MBG.
64. Hep B Surface Antibody.
65. Hep B Surface Antigen.
66. Hep C Antibody.
67. HIV-1 Antibodies.
68. Iron and IBC.
69. Magnesium.
70. Phenytoin.
71. Potassium.
72. PreGen-Plus.
73. Prolactin.
74. PSA.
75. Prothrombin Time (PT).
76. PTT Activated.
77. Rheumatoid Arthritis Factor.
78. RPR.

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79. Rubella Antibodies, IgG.
80. Sed Rate, Westergren.
81. T<sub>3</sub> Uptake.
82. Thyroid Cascade Profile.
83. Thyroxine (T<sub>4</sub>).
84. Testosterone.
85. TSH, 3<sup>rd</sup> generation.
86. Urinalysis (Microscopic on Positives).
87. Aerobic Bacterial Culture.
88. Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/confirmation on positives.
89. Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/out confirmation.
90. Genital Culture, Routine.
91. Group B Strep Colonization Detection Cult/DNA Probe.
92. Herpes Culture.
93. Ova & Parasites.
94. Stool Culture.
95. Throat, Beta-Hemolytic Strep Cult, Group A.
96. Upper Respiratory Culture, Routine.
97. Urine Culture, Routine.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statements of qualifications be addressed to, Olga Montero, Buyer or Yvette Islas, Buyer, Physical: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN, Wednesday, Month day, 2008 by 5:00 P.M.. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than, Friday, Month day, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.**