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July 29, 2008

Mr. Scott Lyford, Partner
Mills Shirley, L.L.P.
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Via Facsimile: (210) 733-9131

RE: Proposed Contract Changes for Hidalgo County Courthouse Renovation Project

Dear Mr. Lyford:

You asked us to review proposed modifications to the AIA B-141-1997 regarding architectural services to be provided by ERO International for the Hidalgo County Courthouse Renovation Project.

We cannot recommend that Hidalgo County agree to most of the changes you proposed with a few exceptions as outlined below:

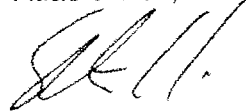
1. We agree with your proposed language regarding paragraph 3.2.
2. We agree to remove the text in paragraph 4.10 and insert, "Intentionally Left Blank" in its place.
3. 4.12. We agree to new language for paragraph 4.12 in which the language reflects that Professional Liability Insurance will initially cover the value of the Project as estimated by the Architect. Once bids are accepted, then the coverage should reflect at a minimum, the total cost of all bids accepted by the Owner for the Work.

Please be aware that ERO International has agreed to all terms presented by Hidalgo County in the past. However, if this contract is not acceptable to ERO International, please notify Marty Salazar, Director of Purchasing, at your earliest convenience so that the County can examine its options for the Project.

S. Lyford/ERO
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Sincerely,

Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Crain", written over the company name.

By: Stephen L. Crain

cc: Marty Salazar
Director of Purchasing



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

March 14,2008

Mr. Eli R. Ochoa, Managing Partner
ERO International, LLP
300 South 8th Street
McAllen, Texas 78501

Re: "As Built" drawings of the existing Courthouse to include annexes and the surroundings parking areas & sidewalks for the purpose of addressing required renovations.

Dear Mr. Ochoa:

Pursuant to Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court action on, February 26, 2008, your firm has been ranked and selected to commence negotiations on an architectural services contract in connection with "As Built" drawings of the existing Courthouse to include annexes, surroundings parking areas and sidewalks for the purpose of addressing required renovations.

We are scheduling a meeting at 10:30 a.m. on March 19, 2008 at the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department located at the below reference address to discuss in detail this project. Thereafter, we will request that you develop and submit a Scope of Services and Compensation Rate/Fee for further consideration and negotiations. If negotiations prove successful, we will proceed to finalize an AIA agreement (the Purchasing Dept. will provide you a delineated draft approved through our legal counsel).

We look forward to working with your firm and appreciate your attention in this matter. If require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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