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Hidalgo County Judge J.D. Salinas  
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Dear Judge Salinas,

For over 20 years Breath Test Services has taken care of the alcohol breath testing program for Hidalgo County, as well as for the rest of the Rio Grande Valley. My services include program certification, repair and maintenance of the instrument, court testimony, operator recertification and training. Although I am a private business, my services are provided on behalf and under the direction of the state scientific director. I am the only business in the Rio Grande Valley meeting stringent state requirements and recognized by the state to provide these services. Recently, the scientific director, Mack Cowan, issued a letter requiring the replacement of older breath testing equipment. Currently, Hidalgo County has four Intoxilyzer 5000-68 instruments that will need to be replaced. These instruments are at the following locations: 1) at the Sheriff's office in Edinburg, 2) San Juan PD, 3) Palmview PD, and 4) Weslaco PD. These instruments will need to be replaced by the county by January 2010. My suggestion would be for the county to purchase two new instruments in 2008 and three in 2009. The instrument replacements would also include four simulators. Each instrument has one attached simulator and function as a set. I can provide county purchasing agents with vendor and purchasing information for these instruments and simulators.

Furthermore, my services contract with the county has remained unchanged for the past 10 years. I can no longer afford to continue providing these services to the county at rates set 10 years ago. Enclosed you will find an updated contract with my new service rates for your review. My new service rates are effective April 1, 2008. Please forward my office a signed copy of the contract upon acceptance. I am also enclosing a copy the letter from the scientific director. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Cordially,



Mary Ann Peralez  
Breath Test Services