

EXHIBIT A

REQUIREMENTS & SCOPE OF SERVICES

RFP NO: 2008-442-00-00

“LICENSED SEX OFFENDER COUNSELOR”

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**HIDALGO COUNTY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

“LICENSED SEX OFFENDER COUNSELOR”

RFP NO: 2008-442-00-00

Overview:

Hidalgo County (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”) is soliciting proposals for a “Licensed Sex Offender Counselor” as listed in specifications to serve as the “Licensed Sex Offender Counselor”. The initial term of this contract shall be for one (1) year with Hidalgo County’s Commissioners Court sole discretion to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms under the same rates, terms and conditions. The scope of the work/services will encompass all services necessary to act as a provider of professional medical and/or psychological counseling services for the youth probationers served as further described herein. The information provided in the Request for Proposals (hereinafter referred to as “RFP”) is only to be used for the purpose of preparing a proposal for “Licensed Sex Offender Counselor” to provide the service and expertise as the Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP). Request For Proposals will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, Month day, 2008. ANY RFP RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

Deliver Submittal to:
RFP Number: 2008-442-00-00-YSI

<u>US Postal Mail Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2812 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539	<u>Physical Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539
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The Submittal Envelope Must Show The RFP Number, Name And Opening Date.

The following information outlines the Request For Proposals:

SECTION I -GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hidalgo County is requesting that request for proposals be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Month day, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. at (956) 318-2629. Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by Friday, Month day, 2008. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as **Exhibit D**, the vendor, person consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contract or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encourage to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Please submit complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office locate at 100 No. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.**

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:

Prior to contract award, respondents to this RFP must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein as **Exhibit E**) certifying that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer's Affidavit or that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer's Affidavit.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Submitters, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:

Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF BIDS:

Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

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Submitters must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the submitter's ability. Contactor shall be in good standing with the Texas Comptroller's Office. A Contractor found to not be in good standing with the Texas Comptroller's Office shall be grounds for disqualification of its RFP or may result in termination of an active contract.

SUBMITTER DEFAULT:

Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of submitter default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting submitter responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or proposers procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the bid opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS:

Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering proposals, to ascertain its proposal is timely stamped and dated by the County Purchasing Staff.

SIGNING OF PROPOSALS:

In order to be considered all submittals **must** be signed. **Please sign the original in blue ink.**

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

SUBCONTRACTING:

The successful submitter **may not** subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF CONTRACT:

The initial term of the contract shall be for one (1) year with Hidalgo County Commissioners Court sole discretion to extend/renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms under the same rates, terms and conditions.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term, under the same rates, terms and conditions.

DAVIS BACON ACT:

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing specifications **(if applicable)**.

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SECTION II - RFP REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFP are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFP. A total of **one (1) original and seven (7) copies** of the RFP shall be submitted to the address on the cover letter.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the proposers understanding of the project needs, the services required, and any local issues or concerns. Briefly explain how long you have been organized and your business objectives. Explain how long you have been in business. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to 3 pages in length.

PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATIONS:

Hidalgo County is soliciting to contract with a "Certified Technical Supervisor" meeting the minimum requirements described in 37 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1 Section 19.6 and as stated in this RFP.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The proposers should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided. Information regarding the proposer's credentials, education and experience with other entities is required and will be scored accordingly during the evaluation process.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATES AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain ***any/all*** licenses, registrations, permits, and certifications as required by the STATE OF TEXAS and HIDALGO COUNTY that RFP respondent possesses that deem him/her qualified as a licensed sex offender treatment provider.

If proposer/vendor cannot meet any of the following services/responsibilities, such exceptions must be noted on the company's cover letter.

SCOPE OF SERVICES/REQUIREMENTS:

Hidalgo County is soliciting to contract with a licensed professional sex offender counselor who is qualified to provide service and expertise as the Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) for the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department (Department) and its Clients (Client).

The successful candidate for this RFP shall employ a LSOTP licensed by the State of Texas and qualified to perform and execute services described below but not limited to:

1. Provide to department and its clients the services required of an LSOTP until replaced by department. These services include but are not limited to:
 - a. Conducting individual family and/or group counseling appropriate for the needs of each Client;
 - b. Conducting psychosexual examinations of the Clients as required by the Department;
 - c. Conducting other evaluations and tests on each Client as required by the Department;
 - d. Interpreting the results of any test conducted under (b) or (c) above and submitting a written report to Department of the results of such test and examinations, as required by Department;
 - e. Developing implementing and monitoring appropriate counseling programs for the Client based on Contractor's experience, professional training and personal observations; and
 - f. Serving on general call on a daily basis, except when out of town. All records, notes and/or reports created by Contractor and relating to services provided under this service shall be retained by Contractor for a minimum of three (3) years following the termination of the contract and thereafter, until any pending audit or litigation and all questions arising therefrom concerning such records are resolved by a final unappealable determination of any applicable court or agency. Proposer agrees to provide Department, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and their employees, attorneys, and/or independent auditors access to such books and/or records to the extent permitted by any obligation of confidentiality between or among the Client and the proposer.
2. Proposer represents that it employs a LSOTP licensed by the State of Texas and qualified to perform and execute the services provided above.
3. Proposer must not be ineligible to receive specified grant, loan or payment as under Section 236.006, Texas Family Code.
4. Proposer shall prepare, maintain and submit all records that are designated, required or prescribed by either Department or the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. In addition proposer shall permit Department and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to audit or inspect records and reports, review services and/or evaluate the performance of the services provided hereunder at any time. Proposer shall provide reasonable access to all records, books, reports and other pertinent data and information needed to accomplish reviews of activities, services and expenditures of the Department.
5. Proposer shall adopt and implement workplace guidelines concerning persons with AIDS and HIV infection and shall develop and implement guidelines regarding confidentiality of AIDS and HIV-related medical information for employees of proposer and for Clients, inmates, patients and/or residents served by proposer.
6. Proposer agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to Department's services.
7. Proposer shall provide and maintain liability insurance covering its activities in providing the services for the Department in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act § 100.001, et seq.

Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code and shall furnish Department a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

8. Proposer agrees to abide by all appropriate performance standards and sanctions and/or penalties that may be imposed by Department, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and /or the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor pursuant to contracts and/or grant arrangements with such entities, if any.
9. Department will conduct regular financial and programmatic monitoring of proposer if proposer is paid in whole or in part with state funds to ensure performance of and compliance with contractual provisions between Department and proposer. If required by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Department will complete and proposer will cooperate with Department, upon request by Department, in furnishing such information and documentation as Department may require in completing the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Private Service Provider Contractual Monitoring and Evaluation Report to monitor proposer's compliance with contractual requirements.

PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

Proposer(s) are to provide a proposed fee on the attached fee schedule based on the scope of services/work requested.

All/Any costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the proposer and not reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:

Hidalgo County requires one (1) original submittal and seven (7) copies.

SECTION III – SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING

SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING PROCESS:

The evaluation consists of a 100-point scoring system based on the "Evaluation Criteria"- **Exhibit B**. The participants will be ranked after evaluation by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or their representatives. RFP submittal evaluation will be based on the criteria outlined below.

(A) The Hidalgo County Commissioners and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by Hidalgo County Commissioners) will review, scores and evaluate the RFPs received in response to this "Request For Proposals".

(B) After the RFPs have been reviewed, scored and evaluated, the committee will present the grid to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for the purposes of ranking.

Proposals will be graded on a 100-point system with emphasis on ability to provide services.

1. **Proposal price for services:** **(35 Points)**
 - In considering the proposal, Hidalgo County reserves the right to select the applicant that is most advantageous/qualified for the Program.

2. **Experience/Qualifications:** **(30 Points)**
Proposer's qualifications (e.g. licenses/certificates). Evidence of Proposer's previous experiences with the services being requested.

3. **Proposer's Responsiveness to the RFP:** **(20 Points)**
 - Requested information included and thoroughness of response.
 - Understanding and acceptance of the scope of services.
 - Acceptance of the RFP and Draft Contract Document.
 - Applicable certificates, licenses, permits etc. included in response.
 - All RFP Forms completed.

4. **ABILITY TO COMMIT TO ALL REQUIRED "SERVICES" (15 Points)**
The proposer should provide as much background information as to its experiences in providing similar services to other government agencies as described and detailed in specifications /requirements and understanding of commitment to Agency for such services.

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Emphasis will be placed on qualifications, experience and capability to perform the services as well as the best proposal that meets the needs of Hidalgo County. Accuracy and completeness are essential. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs.

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EXHIBIT B
EVALUATION CRITERIA

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SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING CRITERIA

The evaluation consists of a 100-point scoring system based on the "Evaluation Criteria"-Exhibit B. The participants will be ranked after evaluation by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. Categories under the 100-point system include response to RFP. RFP submittal evaluation be based on the criteria outlined below.

(A) The Hidalgo County Commissioners and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by Hidalgo County Commissioners) will review, score and evaluate the RFPs received in response to this "Request For Proposals".

(B) After the RFPs have been reviewed, scored and evaluated, the committee will present the grid to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for the purposes of ranking.

Proposals will be graded on a 100-point system with emphasis on ability to service the Alcohol Breath Test Program for Hidalgo County.

1. **Proposal price for services:** **(35 Points)**
 - In considering the proposal, Hidalgo County reserves the right to select the applicant that is most advantageous/qualified for the Program.
2. **Experience/Qualifications:** **(30 Points)**

Proposer's qualifications (e.g. licenses/certificates). Evidence of Proposer's previous experiences with the services being requested.
3. **Proposer's Responsiveness to the RFP:** **(20 Points)**
 - Requested information included and thoroughness of response.
 - Understanding and acceptance of the scope of services.
 - Acceptance of the RFP and Draft Contract Document Requirements.
 - Applicable certificates, licenses, permits etc. included in response.
 - All RFP Forms completed.
4. **ABILITY TO COMMIT TO ALL REQUIRED "SERVICES"** **(15 Points)**

The **Proposer** should provide as much background information as to it's experiences in providing similar services to other government agencies as described and detailed in specifications /requirements and understanding of commitment to Agency for such services.

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HIDALGO COUNTY-RFP EVALUATION FORM "LICENSED SEX OFFENDER COUNSELOR"

<u>Selection Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Proposal price for services:		
In considering the proposal, Hidalgo County reserves the right to select the applicant that is most advantageous/qualified for the Program.	35 Points	_____
Comments/Rationale For Points: _____		

2. Experience/Qualifications:		
Proposer's qualifications (e.g. licenses/certificates). Evidence of Proposer's previous experiences with the services being requested.	30 Points	_____
Comments/Rationale For Points: _____		

3. Proposer's Responsiveness to the RFP:		
Requested information included and thoroughness of response.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and acceptance of the scope of services. • Acceptance of the RFP and Draft Contract Document Requirements. • Applicable certificates, licenses, permits etc. included in response. • All RFP Forms completed. 	20 Points	_____
Comments/Rationale For Points: _____		

4. ABILITY TO COMMIT TO ALL REQUIRED "SERVICES"		
The "Proposer" should provide as much background information as to it's experiences in providing similar services to other government agencies as described and detailed in specifications /requirements and understanding of commitment to Agency for such services.		
	15 Points	_____
Comments/Rationale For Points: _____		

Total Score _____

Provider: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

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