

Bid No: 2009-018-09-25CGV	Buyer: CRIS VILLARREAL	Tel. No: (956) 318-2626
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Hidalgo County
Edinburg, Texas

RFB EN-1 Road Stabilizer-Hidalgo County
February 25, 2009

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
New Administration Building
2802 So. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

(956) 318-2626

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid No: 2009-018-09-25

1. Sealed bids will be received for **"RFB EN-1 Road Stabilizer-Hidalgo County,"** in accordance with the specifications attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.
2. One (1) original and three (3) copies of all bids are required, with the bidders name and address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package, **BID NO.: 2009-018-09-25CGV- "RFB EN-1 Road Stabilizer-Hidalgo County"** and in County's Purchasing Department, 2812 So. Business Hwy 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2009. NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY BID RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE WITH REFERENCE TO: "REQUEST FOR BIDS 2009-018-09-25CGV RFB EN-1 Road Stabilizer-Hidalgo County".** Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all bids and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: A. separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; B. reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; and C. award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Failure of the delivered item(s) to perform as specified, or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid.

6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a bid or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security card to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.
15. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS: (IF APPLICABLE)
 - . No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.

- At least seventy-two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.

- If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
 Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
 (956) 318-2626

16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Invoices must include:
 - Name and address of successful bidder
 - Name and address of receiving department or official
 - Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - Notation - **"RFB EN-1 Road Stabilizer-Hidalgo County"**
 - Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
- Discount payments will be considered when offered.
- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

Hidalgo County Auditors' Office
Ray Eufrazio, Auditor
2808 So. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, TX 78539
(956) -2511

17. Schedule of Events

Bid Opening, 9:30 AM	February 25, 2009
Award of Contract	_____ , 20__
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____ , 20__

18. Bid or Performance Bond and **Debarment Certification**; Payment Under Contract:

If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and services exceeding \$100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas. All bidders are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.

. Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the bidder shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.

. If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men have been paid.

. If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor *shall* provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.

. For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.

19. Ethical Standards:

. It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor pending before any department or agency of the County.

. It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

- . No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

20. **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 successful Proposer fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged 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 located at 100 No. Closser, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE Proposer.**

21. If, during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.
22. Bids, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
23. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
 - . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the bid;
 - . Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
 - . Have a satisfactory record of performance;
 - . Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;

- . Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
24. Successful bidder will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful bidder's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.
25. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.
26. County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful bidder; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful bidder fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications.
27. Successful bidder shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful bidder's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods or services provided by successful bidder.
28. Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications

shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.

29. This document and any disputes arising hereunder shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas, and will be performable exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.
30. The successful bidder shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.

Bid
for
RFB EN-1 Road Stabilizer-Hidalgo County
Bid No: 2009-018-09-25CGV
February 25, 2009

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 So. Business Hwy 281- New Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539

In accordance with the Specifications, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States and state and local laws, the undersigned bidder proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned bidder further agrees, upon acceptance of its bid, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Specifications within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Invitation to Bid Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Bidder understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid.

Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids, as contained in the Specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT "A"
HIDALGO COUNTY
"EN-1 ROAD STABILIZER"
BID NO.: 2009-018-00-00-CGV

BID SPECIFICATIONS

I. DESCRIPTION:

These specifications shall govern for any liquid stabilizer equal or approved equal to patented EN-1 intended primarily as a material stabilizer for mixing and compacting material in accordance with specifications governing base and/or subgrade courses. The approved stabilizer must be able to enhance the compressive strength, increase load bearing capacity of soil, increase flexural strength, reduce swelling, shrinkage and permeability, insure proper compaction and reduce maintenance upkeep through reduction of potential failures.

Purchases of **EN-1 Soil Stabilizer** will be on an **"As Needed Basis"** only by Hidalgo County including all funding sources, Departments, Programs and Entities (i.e. CIP, CAP and R&B).

Any brand name mentioned in this request for bids is for description only and is not intended to exclude any products of equal quality or compatibility. Bidders desiring to substitute items may do so provided that brand names and specifications are indicated in the bid and that items fully meet herein specifications.

II. MATERIALS:

Roadbond (EN-1) Soil Stabilizer is a sulfonated D-limonene bioenzyme which contains a strong oxidizer, a powerful solvent and natural dispersant that interacts with natural road materials. The interaction of these components activates the naturally occurring mineral cements in the soil and bonds the soil grains together to form a material analogous to most sedimentary rocks and alluvial soils. This stabilizing solvent acts to scrub the soil and allows the oxidizer access to a wider array of mineral ions evenly throughout the mixture, thereby increasing particle attraction (bonding), greatly decreasing voids in the road strata. In clay soils, it attacks the clay lattice of the soil, which will alter the ionic charge in the clay, and it creates a chemical bond between clay particles. This material is a corrosive in its concentrated state, once mixed with required volume of water; it becomes a non-corrosive, which has been approved by EPA.

III. BID AWARD:

- Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation.

- Award of contract will be contingent on availability of Hidalgo County funds.
- Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all formalities, or to accept the bid considered the lowest, best, and most advantageous to the County, including compliance to bid specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold the bids for a period of (90) ninety days without taking action hereon.
- Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one or more bidder(s) whichever is in the best interest of the County,

IV. CONTRACT TERM:

- The contract will be in effect for a period of one (1) year with the County's option to extend for an additional One (1) year term based on performance evaluation and contingent upon cost remaining unchanged, and/or sixty (60) day grace period extension at the end of the contract for any unforeseen delays on subsequent contract. Bid Price must remain firm during the contract period.
- It is intended that the amount of "**EN-1 Road Stabilizer Material**" required by Hidalgo County will be purchased on an **as needed basis**.
- This contract shall remain in effect until contract expires, delivery/completion of services ordered or terminated by either party with a (30) thirty day written notice prior to any cancellation. The successful bidder must state therein the reasons for such cancellation. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award canceled contract to next lowest bidder as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

V. REQUIREMENTS:

1. Roadbond liquid stabilizer shall be stored and handled in closed, five (5) gallon weatherproof containers until immediate distribution on the road.
2. Roadbond materials must be stored in covered storage and well ventilated with adequate protection from flooding or damage.
3. For mixing ease and safety, round off to the nearest 5-Gallon increments (i.e. 72-Gallons up to 75-Gallons).
4. The following concentrated quantities are to be mixed with 300 gallons of water to each gallon of EN-1. Strict application instructions.

ROAD WIDTH IN FT.	6" IN DEPTH * .0056 GA/SY	8" IN DEPTH * .0075 GA/SY	10" IN DEPTH * .0089 GA/SY
20' Wide Road	66 Gallons Per Mile	88 Gallons Per Mile	104 Gallons Per Mile
22' Wide Road	73 Gallons Per Mile	97 Gallons Per Mile	120 Gallons Per Mile
24' Wide Road	80 Gallons Per Mile	106 Gallons Per Mile	132 Gallons Per Mile
26' Wide Road	86 Gallons Per Mile	115 Gallons Per Mile	143 Gallons Per Mile
28' Wide Road	93 Gallons Per Mile	124 Gallons Per Mile	154 Gallons Per Mile
30' Wide Road	99 Gallons Per Mile	132 Gallons Per Mile	165 Gallons Per Mile
Square Yards treated/gallon	180 Square Yards	135 Square Yards	108 Square Yards
Square Yards treated/gallon (when using CTB)	171 Square Yards	128 Square Yards	103 Square Yards

**Use 5" more EN-1 Road Stabilizer than the chart calls for when treating Cement Treated Base;

(Calculate 28.5 cubic yards per Gallon)

*** Application rate per square yard = Length (feet) x Width (feet) X Appl. Rate * 9 SF

5. **EN-1 Road Stabilizer Material** shall conform to Texas Department of Transportation (TX DOT), Standard Specifications for Construction of Highways, Streets and Bridges.
6. Product must be registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a soil stabilizer.
7. Vendor must furnish test results and documentation from independent sources as the effectiveness of the stabilizer. These test reports must include CBR, Triaxial Compression Test, Falling Weight Deflectometer, Resilient Modulus or other relevant test to determine strength. Reduction in swelling of clay soils must be verified by relevant test performed by a reputable lab.
8. The product must be easily applied by personnel with equipment commonly used by road construction and maintenance crews.
9. A material safety data sheet (MSDS) on the EN-1 Road Stabilizer product being bid must be submitted with the bid.
10. Insurance certificates as per "**Exhibit C**" must be submitted to the Purchasing Department prior to any services being performed by the awarded bidder.
11. When requested, samples shall be furnished free of expense to Hidalgo County.
12. Random sampling/Testing may be performed at the request of Hidalgo County anytime during the length of the contract through an independent testing laboratory.

13. Continuing non-performance of the bidder in terms of specifications shall be basis for the termination of the contract by the County.
14. The County shall not pay for work, equipment, or supplies which are unsatisfactory. Vendors will be given a reasonable opportunity before termination to correct the deficiencies.
15. In the event the material furnished does not meet all the above requirements (regardless of weather, test's acceptability, method of repair or other conditions), the County reserves the option to require the material supplier to replace or to reimburse the County for the unused portion of material found to be unsatisfactory.

VI. 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, Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, 2802 So. 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, _____, 2009 by 5:00 P.M.** Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than, **Friday, _____, 2009 by 5:00 P.M.**

Contact Personnel for County Precincts	
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 Noe Montes, Assistant Administrator 1902 Joe Stephens Weslaco, Texas 78593 956-968-8733	Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 Mr. Ricardo Cuellar, Field Operations Foreman 301 E. State Pharr, Texas 78577 956-787-1891
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3 Saul Ramirez, Field Operations Foreman 400 W. 13 th Mission, Texas 78572 956-545-4509	Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 Mr. Juan Carranza, Chief Administrator 1102 N. Doolittle Edinburg, Texas 78539 956-383-3112

EXHIBIT "B"
BID FORM PAGE

EXHIBIT "B"
HIDALGO COUNTY
"EN-1 ROAD STABILIZER"
BID NO.: 2009-018-00-00-CGV

BID PAGE

MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE
EN-1 ROAD STABILIZER (5 gal containers)	\$

BIDDER'S INFORMATION:

BIDDER/COMPANY NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:	
PHONE & FAX NO.'S:	
CELLULAR & BEEPER NO.'S:	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	
PRINTED NAME:	
TITLE	

REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT
C-00-000-00-00

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into effective as of _____, **2009** and between _____ ("Seller") and **HIDALGO COUNTY** ("Buyer").

WHEREAS, Buyer has solicited proposals for the supply of its requirements of Hidalgo County " _____ ," as further described in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes (the "Products") for a period of six months; and

WHEREAS, Seller has submitted a proposal to supply Buyer's requirements; and

WHEREAS, Buyer has determined that Seller has submitted the lowest and best bid to meet Buyer's requirements for the Product.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller, and Seller agrees to sell to Buyer, all of the Products that Buyer may require for use by Buyer in " _____ " in the areas of **HIDALGO COUNTY** projects for a period of **one(1) year** from _____ to _____ **2009** with the option to renew for an additional one (1) year under the same rates, terms, and conditions, and /or sixty (60) day grace period extension at the end of the contract for unforeseen delays on subsequent contract, and it is agreed that the Products will meet the specifications set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

2. When Buyer determines that it needs a quantity of the Products to be delivered, it will, according to its Purchasing Policies, complete and submit to Seller a Purchase Order describing the type and quantity of the Products required. The Products are to be delivered by Buyer to the location in Hidalgo County specified by Buyer in its Purchase Order.

3. Buyer agrees to pay Seller for each Purchase Order based on the prices set out in Exhibit "B". Seller shall render invoices for each Purchase Order, and the invoices shall be paid by Buyer on or before the 30th day following receipt of the invoice.

4. County and Seller agree that either party may terminate this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice at any time for any reason or no reason at all.

5. General Provisions.

a. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

b. **No Waiver.** No waiver by Buyer of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

c. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by Buyer and Seller, and not otherwise.

d. **Texas Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

e. **Notice.** Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to Buyer: Hidalgo County
Attention: County Judge
100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas, 78539

If to Seller:

Attn: _____

Each notice, demand, request or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

f. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

g. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

h. **Assignment.** This Agreement shall not be assignable.

i. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.

j. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

k. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by Buyer and Seller have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of Buyer and Seller in accordance with its terms.

l. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to Seller. Buyer agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. § 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

m. **Insurance.** Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

n. **Purchasing Ethics.** Seller represents and warrants it has not, during the process of being awarded this contract violated the following ethical standards of Buyer and, upon and after the execution of this Agreement, agrees to abide by the following ethical standards of Buyer:

(1) It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of Hidalgo County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of Hidalgo County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an officer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advise, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor pending before any department or agency of Hidalgo County.

(2) It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for Hidalgo County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

EXECUTED effective as of the day and year first above written.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON, _____.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas & Hall, L.L.P

By: _____

HIDALGO COUNTY

Faint, illegible text, possibly a stamp or header.

By: _____
Juan D. Salinas, III, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

Vendor _____
By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

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