



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

FROM: Eric Trevino  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

DATE: July 20, 2009

RE: Approval of Specifications For: Hidalgo County Health Department – “Portable Bathroom-Shower-Sink Trailer” Bid No. 2009-308-00-00-ERT

Please review the following **SPECIFICATIONS** and verify if all requirements are met by signing below and indicating **APPROVE** (or) **DISAPPROVE**. If specification is **NOT** met, make any and all modifications necessary and return the revised copy to the designated Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

If your answer is **DISAPPROVE**, please modify as necessary in order to meet your specifications and return the revised copy via fax to the designated Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

If you have any questions, please call us at (956) 318-2626 ext # 4882 (Eric)

APPROVE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISAPPROVE	<input type="checkbox"/>
APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Funds Availability: YES / NO/

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Account No.: 9-1293-441-00-340-041-9-248

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DEPARTMENT

DATE

**SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, VIA FAX TO (956) 292-7612 or e-mail: [eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us) by no later than July 22, 2009 @ 5:00 P.M.**

Enclosures

<b>Bid No: 2009-308-08-19-ERT</b>	<b>Buyer: Eric Trevino</b>	<b>Tel. No.: (956) 318-2626 x-4882</b>
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## **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

### **HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**“One (1) Personal Hygiene Trailer”**

**Bid No. 2009-308-08-19-ERT**

**BID OPENING DATE: AUGUST 19, 2009**

Contact Person:

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

956/318-2626

1. Sealed bids will be received for "**HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT- One (1) Personal Hygiene Trailer**" in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth; Bidder guarantees products/services offered will meet, or exceed, the written specifications identified in the bid. Bidders may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). All deviations from the specifications must be noted in writing, in detail, by the bidder at the time of submittal of the bid. Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the specifications. The absence of a written list of specification deviations will hold the bidder strictly accountable to the County to the specifications as written. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid. Any deviation from the specifications as written which the bidder did not previously submit prior to bid opening, as required, will be grounds for rejection of the materials/goods/services and/or equipment when delivered.
  
2. One (1) original and Three (3) copies of all bids are required with bidders name and return 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.: 2009-308-08-19-ERT-HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT-ONE (1) PERSONAL HYGIENE TRAILER**" and in County's Purchasing Department, 2802 S. Business Highway 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 19, 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 IN REFERENCE TO BID.** 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. Hidalgo County will not be responsible for mis-sent or misplaced bids.
  
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.

One or more vendors may be designated as approved "Primary" and/or "Secondary" vendors for purchases from this contract through the effective period of the award. In situations when purchasing from the Primary Vendor(s) is not in the best interest of the County (e.g., when vendor fails to meet established delivery schedules), departments may purchase from the Secondary Vendor(s).

If a vendor is in default on an order, the County reserves the right to purchase the item in default and charge the increase in price, if any, and cost of handling to the vendor. Failure to pay a damage assessment is cause for contract cancellation and/or suspension or removal of the vendor from the

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County's Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL).

4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Once a contract is awarded, no substitutions of products on the orders will be allowed without prior written consent from ordering department(s). Substitutions must be approved prior to shipment on a trial basis only, until original item(s) becomes available. Outstanding orders are not automatically amended by an approved substitution.
5. Failure of the delivered item 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. The County may purchase on the open market any commodity reported by a vendor to be on back order when the resultant delivery time is unsatisfactory. Damage may be applicable in cases of a pattern of back orders. Back orders received after the delivery scheduled date will not be accepted.
6. For work 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.
7. 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.
8. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids. A bid cannot be altered or amended after the bid opening date and time. Any alterations made before the opening date and time shall be initialed by the bidder or the bidder's authorized agent identified in the bid.
9. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening. No bid can be withdrawn after the bid opening date and time without approval of County. All approvals shall be based upon an acceptable written reason for the action. Prices submitted for the bid must be current and in effect at the time of the bid opening and shall remain firm throughout the contract term, including any contract extensions. No price increases are allowed. Vendors are required to implement immediately any price decreases, roll backs, etc. that may become available. The County must be notified in writing of any decreases for file updating purposes and notice to contract users.
10. 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.
11. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
12. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.

13. 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. Both unit prices and extensions must be submitted. In case of discrepancies, unit prices shall govern.
14. 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. Purchase orders shall be generated by the County to the successful bidder(s). The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices, packing slips and delivery tickets. County will not be held responsible for any orders placed/delivered without a valid, signed purchase order.
15. 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.
16. **POST AWARD PRODUCTS DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**
  - Materials and supplies must be shipped within 72 hours from arrival of purchase order.
  - Deliveries shall be accepted between 8:00 AM, Monday- Friday, unless prior approvals for after-hours deliveries have been obtained from respective department(s) contact person(s) before delivery will be accepted, unless other delivery arrangements have been made.
  - At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to. Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted, unless other delivery arrangements have been made.
  - Deliveries not made within delivery schedule shall be considered delinquent. Delinquent orders shall constitute a breach of contract. The vendor must notify the requesting department of orders that exceed the delivery schedule to either cancel the order or extend the delivery schedule for that order.
  - At least seventy-two (72) hours prior to notice of a foreseen delivery delay shall also be given to appropriate department(s) contact person(s). The County has the right to extend the delivery date if reasons appear valid. The vendor must keep the County advised at all times of the status of the order(s). If the vendor has orders in their possession which have not been completed within the specified delivery time, the County reserves the right to withhold issuances of further orders until all orders have been filled and acceptable assurance has been given that the event will not be repeated.
  - For items not in stock at the time of order, vendor is to contact respective department(s) for approval, or cancellation, of a delivery time and date.
  - The County reserves the right to pick up orders during emergency situations.
  - If you need additional information, contact information will be provided upon contract award

**17. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- All vendors doing business with the County must have on file a Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certifications. A copy of this form is included for your use and is to be submitted with your bid, if not on file.
- Invoices must include:
  - a) Name and address of successful bidder
  - b) Name and address of receiving department or official (signed delivery tickets)
  - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
  - d) Notation- "**HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT-ONE (1) PERSONAL HYGIENE TRAILER**"
  - e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
- Vehicle title paperwork must be properly filled out and provided at time of delivery.

The following documentation must be included:

- a) Certificate of Origin (signed Title, if used vehicle purchase)
- b) Application For Texas Certificate Of Title (Form 130-U)
- c) Odometer Disclosure Statement
- Discount payments will be considered when offered. Price decreases are acceptable. Volume discount on products are acceptable by County. The County reserves the right to negotiate the price of any product listed in the catalog when larger quantities are requested by a user department.
- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

Attn: Josie Escalante  
 Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department  
 1304 S. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Edinburg, Texas 78542  
 (956) 383-6221

**18. Schedule of Events**

Bid Opening, 9:30 A.M.	<u>August 19, 2009</u>
Projected Award of Contract or Issuance of Purchase Order	<u>                    </u> , 2009
Projected Commence Work or Deliver Products	<u>                    </u> , 2009

**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 therefore 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 contracts 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 bidder 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 completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse

**COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.**

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. Vendors must provide, at no cost, at least one (1) copy of any applicable Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with each shipment during the term of the contract. If OSHA or Federal or State laws provide for additional requirements, those requirements are in addition to the MSDS requirement. All items must meet all applicable OSHA standards and regulations and all electrical items must bear the appropriate listing from UL, FMRC, or NEMA.

21. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder must be a well established organization and have an adequate number of trained personnel to ensure quality and performance and completion of contract within a specified time period. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to

County that it meets the following requirements:

- Possess and submit a Certificate of Account Status indicating bidder is in “Good Standing” with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts if such bidder is incorporated in the State of Texas. To secure a certificate of “Good Standing”, you may access the following website: [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/coasintr.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/coasintr.html) . If the bidder is not incorporated in Texas, the bidder must submit the appropriate evidence of filing with the Texas Secretary of State stating that the business is authorized to transact business in Texas
  - 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to 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.
25. 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.
26. 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  
HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
“ONE (1) PERSONAL HYGIENE TRAILER”  
Bid No: 2009-308-08-19-ERT**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
2802 S. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID)**

# EXHIBIT “A”

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## SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT  
REQUEST FOR BID  
“ONE (1) PERSONAL HYGIENE TRAILER”  
RFB No. 2009-308-08-19-ERT

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department**  
**"One (1) Personal Hygiene Trailer"**  
**BID NO. 09-308-08-19-ERT**

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The County Of Hidalgo is accepting sealed bids for One (1) personal hygiene trailer to include two (2) private showers stalls accordingly and 2 separate toilet facilities with accessories for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department for use in the event of a disaster or emergency.

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

IT'S ONE (1) PERSONAL HYGIENE TRAILER TO INCLUDE TWO (2) PRIVATE SHOWERS STALLS ACCORDINGLY AND TWO (2) SEPARATE TOILET FACILITIES WITH ACCESSORIES.

1. Towable tongue trailer with a body size no less than 6' x 12' and DOT Safety requirements
2. Dual axle with spare tire
3. Electric brakes
4. Two toilet/shower/sink rooms
5. 12 volt electrical system
6. Central AC unit
7. DOT Exterior Lighting
8. Water resistant plywood throughout
9. Propane on demand water heater
10. Pressurized water system
11. 250 gallon or greater fresh water tank
12. 500 gallon or greater gray water tank
13. 200 gallon or greater black water tank
14. Water level monitoring system for all tanks
15. City sewer hookup
16. City water hookup
17. Low flow shower heads (2.5 gal/minute)
18. Integrated door stairs/steps with handrails
19. Lockable doors
20. Odor traps on all plumbing
21. Load Levelers
22. Safety glass mirrors
23. Soap dispensers
24. Natural lighting/skylights
25. Paper towel dispenser

26. Toilet paper dispenser
27. 7 foot inside height minimum

## **REQUIREMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bid, proposals and / or quotes) shall be responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed on to HIDALGO COUNTY.**
2. **HIDALGO COUNTY reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, if it is in the best interest to do so.**
3. Hidalgo County may utilize “**State Awarded Contracts**” when it is in the County best interest to do so.
4. Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until;
  - a) The contract expires
  - b) Delivery acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or
  - c) Terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to be cancellation.
5. Vendor(s) agrees that to the extent an item is unavailable from Vendor(s) own inventory, vendor(s) will be responsible for locating an alternative supplier and for providing the product to County for the bid price.
6. After bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidders(s) and/or in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost to the County.
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/offers, and to select any part or parts thereof without accepting the entire bid/offer. Hidalgo County may purchase through the source that provides the lowest and best bid/offer to the County. Successful bidder will be notified of award as promptly as a thorough analysis of bids/offers will permit, and shall have ten (10) calendar days following date of notification of award in which to supply certificate of insurance as may be required herein.
8. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to MULTIPLE vendors if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.

## **DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS:**

Any one or more of the following causes may be considered sufficient for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of his/her bid or bids:

1. Evidence of collusion among bidders.
2. Lack of responsibility as revealed by either financial, experience or equipment statements, as submitted.

3. Lack of expertise as shown by past work, and judged from the standpoint of workmanship and performance history.
4. Uncompleted work under other contracts which, in the judgment of Hidalgo County might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of additional work if awarded.
5. Failure to comply with the submittals of this specification.

**Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustments:**

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

1. **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.
  - A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
  - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
  - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
  - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
  - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
2. **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
3. **Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase

extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.

4. **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
5. **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquires and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statements of qualifications be addressed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, 2812 South Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Tx 78539

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE (956) 292-7612 OR VIA E-MAIL [eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us) NO LATER THAN Tuesday August 11, 2009 by 5:00 P.M. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than Friday August 14, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.**