

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**SERVICE CONTRACT
C-09-327-00-00**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, **2009** by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS** ("County"), and _____ ("Corporation").

WHEREAS, Company responded to advertised notices for proposal for **“Automated Tax Collection System”** (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Company submitted a proposal to provide services in accordance with the specifications as proposed, a copy of such specifications and proposal being attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B" ("Vendor’s Proposal") respectively, and incorporated herein for all purposes (the "RFP"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with Specifications, the Commissioners Court of County awarded the proposal to Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Company hereby agree that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Services to Hidalgo County. This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.

2. Company hereby promises and agrees to render and provide, during the term of this Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the Services in accordance with the Specifications within Hidalgo County following a request for Services by the Elected Official or Department Head or his designated agent. Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall be for a period beginning _____, **2009** and ending on _____, **20**_____ and unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this proposal for an additional one-hundred twenty days (120) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new proposal for next contract term, under the same rates, terms and conditions.

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services.

5. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. As consideration for rendering the Service provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay Company the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Company.

7. 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 the 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.

8. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

9. Company shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees for the defense of any action against County arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the provision of the Service by Company under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any act or failure to act by the Company, its agents or employees.

10. This Contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part by either party without prior written consent of the other party.

11. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship, that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

12. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

If to County: **The County of Hidalgo
Attn: County Judge
100 E. Cano
Edinburg, Texas 78539**

If to Company: _____

13. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

14. Any contract award to a successful proposer 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.

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

16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

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 one-hundred twenty days (120) 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).

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this ____ day of _____, 2009.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY:

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved on Commissioners Court: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Date: _____