

REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT
C-09-162-08-18

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into effective as of the 18th day, August 2009 by and between Boots N'Jeans, Inc., a Texas Corporation ("Seller") and Hidalgo County, Texas ("Buyer").

WHEREAS, Buyer has solicited sealed bids for the supply of its requirements of Hidalgo County for the "Purchase of Straw Hats" (on an as needed basis), (the "Product") as further described in Exhibit "A", Request for Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes (the "RFB") for a period of two (2) years and;

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

WHEREAS, Buyer has determine that Seller has submitted the lowest and best bid to meet Buyer's requirements for certain of the Products, as herein after described.

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 and ship to Buyer, all of the Products listed on Exhibit "B", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by references, that Buyer may require for use by Buyer in Hidalgo County projects for a period of two (2) years, with the County's option to extend/renew for an additional one (1) year term. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates, terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for the next contract term. This Contract shall commence on September 2, 2009 and expire on September 1, 2011 and it is agreed that the Products will meet the Specifications in the Request for Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet 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. 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: Boots N' Jeans, Inc.
Attn: Martin C. Masso
2005 W. Expressway 83
Weslaco, Texas 78596

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. **Termination.** County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon giving thirty (30) days written notice.

g. **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.

h. **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.

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

j. **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.

k. **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.

l. **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.

m. **Insurance.** Company shall provide, to the extent it deems necessary, insurance in force on all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured, and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage Exhibit "C", which is attached hereto.

n. **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 ninety (90) 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).

o. **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

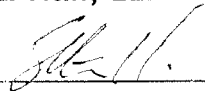
therefore pending before any department or agency of Hidalgo County.

- (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: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas & Hall, LLP



Stephen L. Crain

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

ATTEST:

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

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY:
By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET

EXHIBIT "A"
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
"Purchase of Straw Hats"
Bid No.:2009-162-07-01-SMA
Specifications

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The following are the minimum requirements and/or specifications that will be acceptable to the County. These requirements and/or specifications may be equal or better. Any bid that does not meet the minimum requirements and/or specifications will be rejected.
2. Hidalgo County is seeking to contract with a qualified vendor(s) to furnish "Straw Hats" on an "**As Needed Basis**" including, but not limited to, the following:

II. TERMS, CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

1. All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.
2. Hidalgo County has the authority to utilize State Contracts when ever it is in the County's best interest to do so.
3. All purchases will be on an "**As Needed Basis**", there are no set quantities to be purchased.
4. The initial contract term for this project will be for one (2) year with the County's option to extend for an additional one (1) year term under the same rates, terms and conditions.
5. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates, terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for the next contract term.
6. The Insurance Requirements for this project to be maintained through out the contract term are General Liability, Auto Liability (if applicable) and Workers Compensation (If applicable). Refer to limits in Exhibit "C".
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one (1) or multiple vendors if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
8. Prices must be firm for the entire contract period and each consecutive contract period.
9. 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) day's written notice prior to be cancellation
10. Award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid or may reject all bids and issues a new solicitation. If two responsible bidders submit the lowest and best bid will be made to the responsible bidder(s) submitting the lowest bid prices for the items(s) as specified.
11. This contract is to be used by any Hidalgo County Law Enforcement Officer.
12. All bid prices for items shall take into consideration shipping and handling costs.
13. All Straw Hats must be new and unused.

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III. SPECIFICATIONS

STETSONS STRAW HATS (equal or better)

STYLE:	Rancher
MATERIAL:	Genuine Shantung Panama
COLOR	Natural
CROWN HEIGHT	4 3/4"
SWEAT BAND:	Smooth Leather (Brown Color)
QUALITY:	10X
TYPE:	Round and Regular Oval
BRIM:	3.5 and 4"
CROWN EYELETS:	3 Eyelets on Both Sides
HAT BAND:	Black two cord
STOCK SIZES:	All hats shall be available in regular, wide oval, long oval or extra long oval shape in sizes 6 1/2 " thru 7 3/8"
MADE:	U.S.A.
PACKAGING:	Hats are to be shipped in individual boxes of sufficient strength to withstand transportation by common carrier and to assure carrier and to assure safe arrival at the delivery point. All hat boxes will have makings on the exterior indicating the hat size.

All hats must match officer hats presently in service.

IV. 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.

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- 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 TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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.

TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE to (956) 292-7612 or e-mail to sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us by no later than, June 24, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than Friday, June 26, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT "B"
BID PAGE

EXHIBIT "B"

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

"Purchase of Straw Hats"

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BID FORM

Vendor must thoroughly fill in each section of the Bid Page (Exhibit "B") if applicable **INCOMPLETE** submittals shall be considered a probable cause for disqualification.

***NOTE: THE BID PRICE SHOULD INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL COST

DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE
STRAW HATS 10X - Stetson Rancher	\$ 54. ⁵⁰ / _{XX}
SPECIFY ANY COMMENTS OR DEVIATION:	

COMPANY NAME: BOOTS N' JEANS INC.
ADDRESS: 2005 W. Explorerway 83
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Weslaco TEXAS 78596
PHONE NUMBER: (956) 968-8150
FAX NUMBER: (956) 969-3486
CELL NUMBER: (956) 975-0710
CONTACT PERSON: MARTIN C. MASSO
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Martin C. Masso
TITLE: OWNER
DATE: 6/24/09

OPENED

9:32am
7-01-09

Witnessed

[Signature]

(MUST SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH BID)

EXHIBIT "C"
CERTIFICATE OF
INSURANCE

ACORD™ CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
07/28/2009

PRODUCER (956)423-6986 FAX (956)423-4205
Texas Insurance Managers
410 E. Harrison
P. O. Box 531728
Harlingen, TX 78553

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURED Boots N Jeans
2005 W Expressway 83
Weslaco, TX 78596

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A: American Hallmark Ins Co of Tx	
INSURER B: Service Lloyds Insurance Co.	
INSURER C:	
INSURER D:	
INSURER E:	

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR ADD'L LTR INSR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY	44PB42493107	05/24/2009	05/24/2010	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR				MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000
					PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000
					GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000
					PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ Included
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS				
	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				
	GARAGE LIABILITY				AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN EA ACC \$
					AUTO ONLY: AGG \$
	EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE				AGGREGATE \$
					\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE				\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				\$
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY	SRZ1908109	07/15/2009	07/15/2010	WC STATU-TORY LIMITS OTH-ER
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED?				E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 500,000
	If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below				E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 500,000
	OTHER				E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Hidalgo County
Attn: Sandra Montalvo
100 E. Cano, 4th Floor
Edinburg, TX 78539

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 10 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH NOTICE SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Allan Brumley, CIC, AAI/ANG *AK Brumley*