

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Noe Montez, Administrative Assistant
Hidalgo County Pct. No. 1 via email: noe.montez@co.hidalgo.tx.us

From: Sandra Montalvo, Buyer
Hidalgo County Purchasing Dept.

Date: August 20, 2009

Re Bid No. 2009-368-09-11-SMA-Approval of Specifications for Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1
"Turnkey Project for Purchase and Application of Hydro-Mulch Material for Sunrise Hill Park"

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 you have any questions, please call me at (956) 318-2626 ext# 4865.

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

FUNDS AVAILABILITY: YES NO/ Other

(Specify) _____

BUDGET ACCOUNT #: 9-1211-452-00-121-013-0-439

PENDING CLARIFICATION OF LINE ITEM

<i>Noe Montez</i>	Noe Montez	Pet 1	8-20-09
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	DEPARTMENT	DATE

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, VIA FAX TO (956) 292-7612 or e-mail: sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us by no later than August 20, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m.

Enclosures

EXHIBIT "A"

Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1

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INTENT:

It is the intent of this bid to secure, on a competitive basis, the services of a bidder to provide all labor, materials, equipment, supplies, transportation and management to perform Hydro mulching Services required by Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 on “AN AS NEEDED BASIS”.

PRE BID CONFERENCE:

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2009, 10:30 A.M.** at Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Conference Room. The Purpose of the conference is to inform vendors of our needs, clarify ambiguities or differing interpretations, and to evaluate vendor recommendations concerning changes. Please use this to ask any questions you may have.

SCOPE OF WORK

Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 is requesting a Turnkey project for the purchase and application of approximately 560,072 square feet of Hydro-Mulch Material for Sunrise Hill Park (including baseball fields located at FM 1015 & Mile 11 North & ½ mile east of 1015, Mercedes, Texas.

The following are the minimum specifications for the hydro-mulch product to be supplied and applied by awarded vendor:

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1. **MULCH**-Hydro-seeding Mulch manufactured from 100% recycled paper under strict quality control processes.

Moisture	12+3%
Ash	1.5%(max)
pH	6.5=1
Weight	50lbs
Water holding capacity	12X fiber weight
Growth Inhibiting Matter	None
Packaged	4 mil plastic wrapped bales
Dye	Green-food quality dye
Performance Standards	Meets or exceeds requirements for paper-based mulch
Coverage	Meets or exceeds coverage other paper mulches mixes and flows easily through tank and hose; Spreads evenly without leaving clumps
Weed Seed	none

2. **FERTILIZER:**

50 lbs. 15-5-10 fertilizer will be applied in the hydro-mulch before application with a mechanical powered spreader. Fertilizer will not be applied after mulch is applied. The guaranteed analysis showing the minimum percent of plant food claimed in the following form:

Total nitrogen (N)	15.00%
Available phosphate (P2O5)	5.00%
Soluble Potash (K2O)	10.00%
Sulfur(S)	15.00%

3. **SEED:**

Kind	BERMUNDA GRASS
Variety	(HULLED) VNS
Lot No.	B08014-6
Hulled	BERMUDA
Pure Seed	95.00% or better
Crop Seed	00.75%

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Inert	04.15%
Weed Seed	00.10%
Noxious Weed Seed	NONE FOUND
Origin	CALIFORNIA
Test Date	Seed will be no later than one (1) yr from current date on seed label
Germination	85% or better
Net Weight	50 LBS

4. Vendor must comply with timeline by not later than September 30, 2009. Unless otherwise extended by Hidalgo County.
5. Prospective bidder will furnish to Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 representative, certification of materials purchased for work performed, or permit Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 field operator to inspect materials used during or before applications.
6. **WATERING:** watering of an area must be done until the seeded areas have at least one (1) inch of grass growth on 80% of the area hydro mulched. Bidder will guarantee a minimum of 85% live coverage of grass on areas hydro- mulched.
Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 will be supplying the water for the areas.

TERM AND CONDITIONS:

1. This Contract shall commence upon Commissioner's Court approval. Term of this agreement is upon acceptance of work by the Precinct with completion date by no later than September 30, 2009, unless otherwise extended by Hidalgo County.
2. 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 days written notice prior to cancellation.
3. Vendor must thoroughly fill in each section of the Bid Form (Exhibit "B") if applicable. Incomplete submittals shall be considered a probable cause for disqualification.
4. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of **lowest and best bid** in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, and/or to reject any or all bids.
5. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award this contract to more than one (1) vendor at the County's discretion.
6. Unless otherwise specified, any reference to make, manufacturer and/or model used in the bid specifications is merely descriptive and not restrictive, and is used only to indicate type, style, or quality of material desired.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Vendor shall have been in business (in this field) for a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Vendor must have appropriate insurance to operate our vehicles. Vendor must comply and submit all insurances as specified in Exhibit "C".
3. Prospective bidder must prove beyond any doubt to Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 that they are duly qualified, capable, bondable, etc. to fulfill and abide by the specifications herein listed.
4. **SITE CLEAN-UP**
Any remaining peat, soil, sand, rock or similar material which has been brought onto the site by work operations or otherwise, will be removed, and all other remaining debris will be disposed of. All ground area

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disturbed as a result of the sodding operations will be renovated to its original condition or to the required new condition.

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. **TIME FRAME 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.

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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, 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE TO (956) 292-7612 OR VIA E-MAIL TO sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us by NO LATER THAN Friday September 02, BY 5:00 P.M. Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile or e-mail by no later **than Wednesday, September 04, 2009 5:00 P.M.**

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1 “TURNKEY PROJECT FOR PURCHASE AND APPLICATION OF HYDRO-MULCH MATERIAL AT SUNRISE HILL PARK”

**BID OPENING DATE
SEPTEMBER 09, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 -New Administration Building
Mailing/Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
956- 318-2626

Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **“HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1- TURNKEY PROJECT FOR PURCHASE AND APPLICATION OF HYDRO-MULCH MATERIAL AT SUNRISE HILL PARK”** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. 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 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-2009-368-09-09-SMA-HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1-TURNKEY PROJECT FOR PURCHASE AND APPLICATION OF HYDRO-MULCH MATERIAL AT SUNRISE HILL PARK"** and in County's Purchasing Department, with a physical address: 2802 S. Business 281 and a mailing address: 2812 S. Business Hwy., 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **ON OR BEFORE 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2009.** **NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB 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-2009-368-09-09-SMA-HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1-TURNKEY PROJECT FOR PURCHASE AND APPLICATION OF HYDRO-MULCH MATERIAL AT SUNRISE HILL PARK"**

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFB and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFB 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 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 cards 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:**
 - 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, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
 - If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

16. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful bidder
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - d) Notation - "**HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1-TURNKEY PROJECT FOR PURCHASE AND APPLICATION OF HYDRO-MULCH MATERIAL AT SUNRISE HILL PARK**" 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:

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.

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 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/coastintr.html .**
- If the bidder is not incorporated with the 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.
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 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 and 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

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AT SUNRISE HILL PARK”**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 S. Bus. Hwy. 281
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 PACKET)

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 Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 or its 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. Further Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the successful vendor and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of said contract.

3. This Contract shall commence upon Commissioner's Court approval. Term of this agreement is upon acceptance of work by the Precinct with completion date by no later than September 30, 2009, unless otherwise extended by Hidalgo County.

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. This Agreement may be terminated by County without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

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.

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

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

By: _____

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

ATTEST:

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

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY: _____

By: _____
Printed _____ Name: _____

Title: _____

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EXHIBIT AA-1 @
**REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET**

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