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AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
C-09-447-12-08

THIS AGREEMENT is made, by and between HIDALGO COUNTY, acting herein by and through the Commissioner’s Court, hereinafter called the “Owner”, and Leo L. Rodriguez Jr., dba Rodriguez Engineering, a professional engineer of Edinburg, Texas, hereinafter called the “Engineer”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Owner desires to contract with the Engineer to provide professional engineering services for: “Paving And Drainage Improvements–Victoria Road (Expressway 83–Business 83)” within Hidalgo County Precinct Number 1 hereinafter referred to as the (“Project”);

WHEREAS, the Owner has determined that the services of a professional engineering firm is necessary to carry out the required Services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254.002, (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the Owner requested proposals from a professional engineer to assist the Owner by providing the Services;

WHEREAS, Owner has selected the Engineer to provide the Services within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1, in accordance to Exhibit “A-1” Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, Owner and Engineer do mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Employment of Engineer. The Owner agrees to employ the Engineer

and the Engineer agrees to perform professional engineering services in connection with the Project as stated in the articles to follow, and for having rendered such services, the owner agrees to pay the Engineer compensation as stated in the articles to follow.

ARTICLE 2. Character and Extent of Services. This Agreement will provide for the development of the Project with the following:

2.1 Scope of Work. The Owner will furnish items and provide those services for the development of the Project and fulfillment of this Agreement, as identified in EXHIBIT "A" *Services to be Provided by the Owner*, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

The Engineer shall render professional engineering services for the development and fulfillment of this Agreement as identified in EXHIBIT "B"–*Services to be Provided by the Engineer*, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

2.2 Classification of Services For this Agreement, the professional services to be provided by the Engineer, as more particularly identified in EXHIBIT A@, attached hereto.

2.3 Schedule of Work. The Engineer shall prepare a schedule of work (hereinafter referred to as "Work Schedule" in accordance with the terms identified in EXHIBIT "C" – *Work Schedule*, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement exchange for such services.

2.4 Non-Exclusive Services of Engineer Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement

ARTICLE 3. Period of Service. Upon execution of this Agreement, the Engineer shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof.

3.1 Termination Date. This Agreement shall terminate at the close of business

upon completion of this project (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Date"), unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the Engineer and the Owner prior to the Termination Date, or otherwise terminated as provided in Article 3.4 herein and below. The Owner assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the Engineer for work performed or costs incurred by the Engineer prior to the date authorized by the Owner for the Engineer to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the Termination Date.

3.2 Extension of the Termination Date. The Engineer shall notify the Owner in writing as soon as possible if it is determined, or reasonably anticipated, that the work under this Agreement cannot be completed before the Termination Date, and the Owner may, at the Owner's sole discretion, extend the Termination Date by written supplemental agreement as provided in Article 8 hereof. The Engineer shall allow adequate time for review and approval by the Owner of the written notice and request by the Engineer to extend the Termination Date.

3.3 Suspension of Work. Should the Owner desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the Owner shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to the Engineer, followed by written confirmation from the Owner to the Engineer to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the Owner and the Engineer. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the Owner to the Engineer. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the Owner and the Engineer.

If the Owner suspends the work, the Termination Date as identified above is not affected, and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified, unless extended by written

supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**.

3.4 Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated before the stated **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 herein by any of the following conditions:

- (1) **Commitment of Current Revenues.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the **Owner** does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this Agreement, the **Owner** may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**. The **Owner** 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 the **Owner** pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. '271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).
- (2) By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both the **Engineer** and the **Owner**.
- (3) By the **Owner**, upon failure of the **Engineer** to fulfill the **Engineer's** obligations set forth herein in a satisfactory manner as determined by the **Owner** and in sole opinion of the **Owner**, after the **Owner** provides written notice to the **Engineer** of such failure and the **Engineer** has not corrected such failure within (30) days of such written notice by the **Owner**.
- (4) By the **Engineer**, upon failure of the **Owner** to fulfill the **Owner's** obligations set forth herein, after the **Engineer** provides written notice to the **Owner** of such failure and the **Owner** has not corrected such failure within thirty (30) days of such written notice by the **Engineer**.
- (5) By the **Owner** without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**.
- (6) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described herein.

Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the time of termination shall thereafter be paid to the **Engineer** notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary. In determining the value of the work performed by the **Engineer** prior to termination, the **Owner** shall be the sole judge of the value of such work performed. Compensation for work at termination will be based on a percentage of the work completed at that time. Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement

under (5) of the paragraph above, the amount charged during the thirty (30) day notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding ninety (90) days.

If the termination of this Agreement is due to the failure of the Engineer to fulfill the Engineer's obligations under this Agreement, the Owner may take over the Project and prosecute the work to completion. In such case, the Engineer shall be liable to the Owner for any additional cost occasioned by the Owner.

If the Engineer defaults in the performance of this Agreement or if the Owner terminates this Agreement for fault on the part of the Engineer, the Owner will give consideration to payment of an amount in settlement to include: the actual costs incurred by the Engineer in performing the work to the date of default, the amount of work required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the work which is usable to the Owner, the cost to the Owner of employing another consultant and/or firm to complete the work required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to the Owner of the work performed at the time of default. This Agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any default by the Engineer, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party and shall be cumulative.

The termination of the Agreement and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of the Owner and the Engineer under this Agreement, except the obligations set forth in Articles 11.2, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18.3, 19, 22 and 26 hereto.

ARTICLE 4. Progress and Coordination. The Engineer shall, from time to time during the progress of the work, confer with the Owner. The Engineer shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the Owner, in order to evaluate features of the Engineer's services and work.

At the request of the Owner or the Engineer, conferences shall be provided at the

Engineer's office, the office of the Owner, or at other locations designated by the Owner. These conferences shall also include evaluation of the Engineer's services and work when requested by the Owner.

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the Owner before the final report is issued. The Owner's comments regarding the Engineer's preliminary report will be addressed by the Engineer in the final report.

If funds by other agencies or entities are to be used for the development of the project under this Agreement, the Engineer's services and work will be subject to periodic review and approval by other agencies or entities, including those of the city, county, state and/or federal agencies.

Should it be determined that the progress in the production of the Engineer's services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved Work Schedule as provided by Exhibit "C", attached hereto, the Owner shall review the approved Work Schedule with the Engineer to determine the corrective action needed by either the Owner or the Engineer.

The Engineer shall promptly advise the Owner in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the Engineer's services and work and the approved Work Schedule, including:

- (1) problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain contract objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of Project deliverables by the Engineer within established time periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the Engineer of recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any Owner or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and
- (2) favorable developments or events which enable meeting the Work Schedule goals sooner than anticipated.

ARTICLE 5. Compensation and Fees. For and in consideration of the services to be rendered by the Engineer, the Owner shall compensate the Engineer as follows:

5.1 Services. For and in consideration of the *Services* to be rendered by the Engineer, as identified in Article 2 and more particularly identified in EXHIBIT "B", attached hereto, the

maximum amount payable by the **Owner** to the **Engineer** for *Services*, subject to adjustment in accordance with Article 6.1 herein, will be provided in each work authorization issued. An outline and breakdown of the **Services Fee** is more particularly identified in EXHIBIT "D1"–*Fee Breakdown*, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. Payments to the **Engineer** for *Services* shall be made by the **Owner**, upon presentation by the **Engineer** of the monthly **Request for Payment**, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 6 herein.

5.2 *Special Services*. Those services that may be required to provided by the **Engineer** as *Special Services* are set forth below and more particularly described in EXHIBIT "B", attached hereto. For and in consideration of these *Special Services* rendered as required by the **Engineer**, the **Owner** shall pay the **Engineer** a negotiated lump sum fee (hereafter referred to as "**Special Services Fee**" at the hourly labor rates and non-labor rates (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract Rates**" specified in EXHIBIT "D" – *Contract Rates*, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and as follows:

1. **RESIDENT OR SITE ENGINEER, INSPECTOR.** Actual performances of service of project site engineer, resident engineer and/or inspector, if required by **Owner**.
2. **DOCUMENT COPIES.** Actual performance and/or providing of additional copies (over 10) of report; additional copies (over 10) of plans (contract drawings), specifications and estimates (PS&E); additional copies (over 10) of bidding documents: additional copies (over 10) of as-built drawings.
3. **EXTRA TRAVEL.** Extra travel required of **Engineer** and authorized by **Owner** to points outside of Hidalgo County.
4. **EXPERT WITNESS.** Assistance to the **Owner** as expert witness in any litigation with third parties arising from the development or construction of the **Project**.
5. **MISCELLANEOUS.** Investigations involving detailed consideration of operation, maintenance and overhead expenses and (unless otherwise agreed) the preparation of rate schedules, earning and expense statements; preparation of feasibility studies; environmental document preparation; appraisals, valuations, and material audits; or inventories required for certification of force account construction performed by the **Owner**; preparation of change orders for extra work done by the **Contractor**.

ARTICLE 6. Method of Payment.

6.1 **Request for Payment.** Payments to the **Engineer** for services rendered will be made while work is in progress as executed through a lump sum fee assigned to each work

authorization (hereinafter referred to as "**Work Authorization**") in accordance with Article 7 herein. For each **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall prepare and submit to the **Owner** monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the work and in support of a request for payment (hereinafter referred to as "**Request for Payment**"). The progress report shall indicate the percent completion of the work accomplished by the **Engineer** during the billing period and to the date of the **Request for Payment**. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the performance of the services, the **Engineer** shall submit to the **Owner** for approval a **Request for Payment**. Payment of the lump sum fee for each **Work Authorization** identified in the **Request for Payment** will be in proportion to the percent completion of the work tasks identified in such **Work Authorizations** together with a detailed breakdown of the amount and the sum of all prior payments. The **Owner** shall review each such **Request for Payment** and may make such exceptions as the **Owner** reasonably deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances then existing. About ten (10) working days after the Commissioners Court of the **Owner** meets approving such payment, the **Owner** shall make payment to the **Engineer** in the amount approved as aforesaid subject to Article 6.4 herein and below.

If the **Project**, or any portion(s) thereof, are deleted or otherwise not constructed, compensation to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** for the **Project** or such portions of the project shall be only the amounts paid the **Engineer** for actual work performed in accordance with the **Work Authorization(s)** approved by the **Owner**. 6.2 **Final Payment**. After final completion of the work and acceptance thereof by the **Owner**, the **Engineer** shall submit a final request for payment (**Final Request for Payment**) which shall set forth all amounts due and remaining unpaid to the **Engineer** and upon approval thereof by the **Owner**, the **Owner** shall pay to the **Engineer** the amount due (**Final Payment**) under such **Final Request for Payment** in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.1 hereof. The **Final Payment** shall not be made until the **Engineer** delivers to the **Owner** an affidavit that so far as the **Engineer**

has knowledge or information any and all amounts due for materials and services over which the Engineer has control have been paid.

6.3 Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the Owner shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether a payment under Article 6.1 hereof or Final Payment) to the Engineer hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedent exist:

- (1) The Engineer is in default of any of its obligations hereunder or otherwise is in default under this Agreement or under any contract documents related to this Agreement;
- (2) Any part of such payment is attributable to the Engineer's services which are not performed in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, such payment shall be made as to the part thereof attributable to the Engineer's services which were performed in accordance with this Agreement.
- (3) The Engineer has failed to make payments promptly to consultants or other third parties used in connection with the Project for which the Owner has made payment to the Engineer;
- (4) If the Owner, in good faith judgment, determines that the portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the Engineer's services in accordance with this Agreement, no additional payments will be due the Engineer hereunder unless and until the Engineer, at its sole cost, performs a sufficient portion of the Engineer's services so that such portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid is determined by the Owner to be sufficient to so complete the Engineer's services.

6.4 No partial payment made hereunder shall be or construed to be final acceptance or approval of that part of the Engineer's services to which such partial payment related or relieves the Engineer of any of its obligations hereunder with respect thereto.

6.5 The Engineer shall promptly pay all bills for labor and material performed and furnished by others in connection with the performance of the Engineer's services.

6.6 Waiver. The making of the Final Payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the Owner except those arising from (1) faulty or defective services of the Engineer appearing after completion of the Project. (2) failure of the Engineer's services to comply with the requirements of this Agreement or any contracts or Agreements related to the Project, or (3) terms of any special warranties required by this Agreement or provided at law

or in equity. The acceptance of **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Engineer** except those previously made in writing and identified by the **Engineer** as unsettled at the time of the **Final Request for Payment**.

ARTICLE 7. Work Authorization. After execution of this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof, only as authorized by the **Owner** through an agreed **Work Authorization** document in the form identified in EXHIBIT "E" *Work Authorization Form*, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. The **Engineer** will identify, as approved by the **Owner**, the needed services for the **Project**, as required through the course of the development to the **Project**. The **Owner** shall authorize the **Engineer** to perform one or more of the agreed tasks identified in EXHIBIT "B", attached hereto, in the form of individual work authorizations. Upon authorization from the **Owner**, the **Engineer** will prepare a **Work Authorization** document, which will include a description of the work to be performed, including a description of the tasks and milestones, a work schedule, and an estimated cost proposal agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The estimated cost proposal shall set forth in detail the computation of the cost of each work task, at the hourly rates established and identified in EXHIBIT "D", attached hereto. The **Work Authorizations** shall not waive the **Owner's** and the **Engineer's** responsibilities and obligations established in this Agreement.

The estimated cost proposal for each **Work Authorization**, developed by the **Engineer** and approved by the **Owner** shall be used by the **Owner** to appropriate a purchase order for the **Work Authorization**. Each executed **Work Authorization** shall become a part of this Agreement. Upon satisfactory completion of the **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall submit the **Project's** deliverables as specified in the executed **Work Authorization** to the **Owner** for review and acceptance.

Work included in a **Work Authorization** shall not begin until the **Owner** and the **Engineer** have signed the **Work Authorization**. All work must be completed on or before the

completion date specified in the **Work Authorization**, unless extended by written agreement by the **Engineer** and the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** of any event that will affect completion of the **Work Authorization**. All **Work Authorizations** must be executed and completed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** within the period established for this Agreement as specified in Article 3 hereof.

The final acceptance by the **Owner** of each **Work Authorization** for the **Project** shall serve as evidence of completion, on the part of the **Engineer**, of all services under this Agreement insofar as they pertain to that portion of work on the **Project** identified in the applicable work authorization.

ARTICLE 8. Supplemental Agreements. The terms of this Agreement may be amended by supplemental agreement if the **Owner** determines that (1) there is a need to extend the **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 hereof, (2) there has been a significant change in the scope, complexity or character of the services to be performed by the **Engineer**, and/or (3) for any other reason agreeable to the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. All supplemental agreements will be developed in the form identified in **EXHIBIT "F"–*Supplemental Agreement Form***, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and incorporated herein by reference as "**Supplemental Agreement**".

If determined appropriate by the **Owner**, additional compensation to the **Engineer** for (1), (2) and/or (3) above shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the **Contract Rates** specified in **EXHIBIT "D"**, attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the **Supplemental Agreement**.

Any **Supplemental Agreement** must be executed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date** specified in Article 3 hereof.

It is distinctly understood and agreed that no claim by the **Engineer** for additional work, as identified in Article 9 hereof, or changes or revisions in work, as identified in Article 10 hereof, shall be made by the **Engineer** until full execution of the **Supplemental**

Agreement and authorization to proceed is granted by the **Owner**. The **Owner** reserves the right to withhold payment to the **Engineer** pending verification of satisfactory work performed by the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 9. Additional Work. If the **Engineer** is of the opinion that any work it has been directed to perform is beyond the scope of this Agreement and constitutes extra work, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** in writing, In the event the **Owner** finds that such work does constitute extra work, the **Owner** shall so advise the **Engineer** and a written supplemental agreement will be executed between the **Owner** and the **Engineer** as provided herein. The **Engineer** shall not perform any proposed additional work or incur any additional cost prior to the execution by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** of a supplemental agreement. Additional compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the Contract Rates specified in EXHIBIT "D" attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the supplemental agreement as specified in Article 8 hereof. The **Owner** shall not be liable or under any obligation to compensate the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** relating to additional work not directly associated with the performance of the work authorized in this Agreement or as amended through supplemental agreement.

ARTICLE 10. Changes or Revisions in Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request changes to the work, and the changes are within the applications of sound engineering principles, the **Engineer** shall make such revisions if requested and directed by the **Owner**.

10.1 Preliminary Work. The **Engineer** will make, without expense to the **Owner**, such revisions of any preliminary reports or drawings as may be required to meet the needs of the **Owner** and the applications of sound engineering principles.

10.2 Previously Approved or Satisfactorily Completed Work. If the **Owner** funds it necessary to request the **Engineer** to make changes to work previously approved by the

Owner or work satisfactorily completed for which the **Owner** approves or, after a definite plan has been approved by the **Owner**, if a decision is subsequently made by the **Owner**, which for proper execution involves extra services and expenses for changes in or additions to the drawings specifications or other documents, this will be considered as additional work, and compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** will be in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.3 Project Delays. If the **Engineer** is required to perform additional work due to delays by the imposition of causes not within the **Engineer's** control, such as by the re-advertisement of bids or by the delinquency or insolvency of contractors, such work associated with these delays shall be considered additional work, and the **Engineer** shall be compensated by the **Owner** for such extra services and expense in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.4 Reduction of Project Cost. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event it is necessary for the **Owner** to require changes in the final plan of the **Project** to enable it to reduce the construction cost of the **Project** to an amount within the sum estimated by the **Engineer**, the **Engineer** will be required to make such revisions or changes. These changes will only be considered additional work by the **Engineer**, if the **Engineer** previously provided these same changes as options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan for the **Project**, and the option or options were not selected or approved by the **Owner** to be incorporated into the final plan of the **Project**. Payment for this additional work will then be made to the **Engineer** in accordance with Article 9 hereof. If the **Engineer** failed to provide these changes as an option or options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan of the **Project**, these changes will not be considered additional work and no additional compensation will be made to the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 11. Ownership and Release of Documents.

11.1 Ownership of Documents. Original drawings and specifications are the property of the **Engineer** however the **Project** is the property of the **Owner**, and the **Engineer** may not use the drawings and specifications thereof for any purpose not relating to the **Project** with the **Owner's** consent. The **Owner** shall be furnished with such reproductions of drawings and specifications as the **Owner** may reasonably require. Upon completion of the work or any earlier termination of this Agreement under Article 3.4 hereof, the **Engineer** will revise drawings to reflect changes made during construction and will promptly furnish the **Owner** with one complete set of reproducible record prints. Prints shall be furnished by the **Engineer**, as an additional service, at any other time requested by **Owner**. All such reproductions shall be the property of the **Owner** who may use them without the **Engineer's** permission for any proper purpose relating to the **Project**, including but not limited to additions to or completion of the **Project**. Any additions or revisions by the **Owner** to a drawing signed, sealed, and dated by a registered professional engineer, shall be made in accordance with the Texas Engineering practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

All documents furnished to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** shall be delivered to the **Owner** upon completion or termination of this Agreement. The **Engineer**, at the **Engineer's** own expense, may retain copies of such documents or any other data under this Agreement.

11.2 Release of Documents or Information. Release of information to the public or others regarding the **Project** will be accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

ARTICLE 12. Discounts, Rebates, Refunds. In connection with procurement services rendered by the **Engineer**, if procurement services are required of the **Engineer** hereunder, all discounts, rebates and refunds shall accrue to the **Owner**. For some purchases, the **Engineer** may deem that payment within the discount period is not safe; and/or inspection, guarantees, or other considerations may dictate delay. In such cases, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** so that a course of action may be mutually agreed upon by the **Owner** and the

Engineer.

ARTICLE 13. Records, Accounting, Inspection. The Engineer shall keep full and detailed records and accounts in a manner approved by the Owner. The Engineer shall afford the Owner's authorized personnel and independent auditors, if any, full access to the work performed by the Engineer regarding the Project and to all of the Engineer's books, records, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers and other documents relating to such work under this Agreement and the Engineer shall preserve all such records for three (3) years after final payment. The Engineer shall deliver to the Owner upon completion of such work, a statement of the cost of such work detailed according to the accounting procedure and requirements of the Owner.

ARTICLE 14. Subcontracting and Assignment. The Engineer shall not assign, subcontract or transfer the Engineer's interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Owner. The Engineer shall bind every subconsultant by written subcontract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontract relieves the Engineer of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

The Engineer, and the Owner, do hereby bind themselves, their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to each other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this contract.

ARTICLE 15. Patents. The Engineer shall indemnify and save the Owner harmless from all liability for alleged or actual infringement of any patent resulting from the use of apparatus or equipment furnished or designed by the Engineer or from the use of any process designed by the Engineer or effected by said apparatus or equipment, and the Engineer shall indemnify and save the Owner harmless from and against all costs, legal fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any claim of or action for such infringement: provided, however, that the

Owner shall promptly transmit to the **Engineer** all papers served on the **Owner** in any suit involving such claim of infringement, and provided further, that the **Owner** permits the **Engineer** to have entire charge and control of the defense of any such suit. If because of actual infringement the use of such apparatus, equipment, or process is enjoined, the **Engineer** shall refund the purchase price thereof in proportion to the length of service uncompleted, the life of such apparatus or equipment being assumed as five years. The **Engineer** hereby grants to the **Owner** a non-exclusive, royalty-free license under patents now or hereafter owned by the **Engineer** covering any machines, apparatus, processes, articles, or products included in the **Engineer's** work hereunder.

ARTICLE 16. Confidential Information, Inventions and Other Restrictions.

16.1 Confidential Information. The **Engineer** shall not use in any way, commercial or otherwise, except to the extent required by the proper performance of this Agreement; and shall hold in confidence and not disclose to any person, for any reason or at any time, any information relating to the secret processes, products, compositions, machinery, apparatus or trade secrets of the **Owner**, or any other confidential information given to the **Engineer** by any of the **Owner's** commissioners, elected officials, employees, or representatives or acquired by the **Engineer** during the term of or as a result of this Agreement. Any information not generally available to the public shall be considered secret and confidential for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that any technical information which was lawfully in the **Engineer's** possession prior to such disclosure to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** or which is or shall lawfully be published or become part of general knowledge from sources other than the **Engineer** or which otherwise shall lawfully become available to the **Engineer** from a source other than the **Owner**, shall not be subject to these provisions. All the foregoing stipulations shall apply to such information and work hereunder as well as to any information and ideas originated or developed by the **Engineer** in performing such work. Such information may, of course, be disclosed to the proper officials or employees of the **Owner** if necessary to perform

the work hereunder. The **Engineer** shall, however, inform each of its employees who receive such information of these restrictions and the **Engineer** shall take all reasonable precautions and exert all reasonable efforts to assure conformance with such restrictions by all of its officers, employees, and agents, obtaining from them if necessary, agreements satisfactory to the **Owner**, effectuating the purposes of this Article.

16.2 Inventions. The **Engineer** shall communicate to the **Owner** at once, and require the **Engineer's** employees assigned to this **Project** to communicate to the **Owner** all inventions and improvements which any of the **Engineer's** employees, either alone or in conjunction with any of the **Owner's** employees may conceive, make or discover during the course of or as a result of work on this **Project** under this or any ensuing agreement with the **Owner** that relates to the processes, products, compositions, machinery or plants of the **Owner**, or relating in any way to any of the operations in which the **Owner** may be obligated to pay to the **Engineer** as compensation for services rendered by the **Engineer** under contract with the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall require its employees to execute patent applications and assignments thereof to the **Owner** or its nominees, and powers of attorney relating thereto for any country the **Owner** may designate, and shall take all other actions as the **Owner** may request to maintain and protect such inventions and improvements. The **Owner** shall pay all costs or charges incurred in protecting such inventions and improvements if the **Owner** desires to protect them. Before assigning any of the **Engineer's** employees to work under any contract with the **Owner** concerning this **Project**, the **Engineer** shall obtain from them agreements satisfactory to **Owner** complying in all respects with the terms and provisions of this Article.

16.3 The rights and obligations set forth in Article 16 shall survive the performance of this Agreement, or any termination, discharge or cancellation thereof

ARTICLE 17. Engineer's Seal, Responsibility and Warranties.

17.1 Engineer's Seal. The **Engineer** shall assign a responsible engineer or engineers

licensed to practice in the State of Texas, who shall sign, seal and date all appropriate engineering submissions to the **Owner** in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

17.2 Engineer's Responsibility. The **Engineer** shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work for the **Project** and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**. No additional compensation will be made to the **Engineer** for any necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**.

The **Engineer's** responsibility for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions will be determined by the **Owner** or a designee appointed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** will not be relieved of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions or for clarification of any ambiguities until after the construction phase of the **Project** has been completed.

17.3 Warranties.

(a) The **Engineer** warrants that engineering design work performed by the **Engineer** hereunder shall be in accordance with sound engineering design practices and in conformance with applicable code and standards established for such work.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree and acknowledge that the **Owner** is entering into this Agreement in reliance on the **Engineer's** experience and abilities with respect to performing the **Engineer's** services hereunder. The **Engineer** accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the **Owner** by this Agreement. The **Engineer** covenants with the **Owner** to use the **Engineer's** best efforts, skill, judgement and abilities to design the **Project** and to further the interests of the **Owner** in accordance with the **Owner's** requirements and procedures, in accordance with all professional standards, and in compliance with all applicable national, federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations,

codes, ordinances, orders and with those of any other body having jurisdiction. If the development of plans, specifications and estimates (hereinafter referred to as "PS&E" are identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or EXHIBIT "B", attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the Engineer for the Project, prior to the commencement of construction, the Engineer shall certify in writing to the Owner that the PS&E for the Project, and the improvements when built in accordance therewith, conform to all applicable governmental regulations, statutes and ordinances then in effect. The Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that there are no obligations, commitments or impediments of any kind that will limit or prevent performance of the Engineer's services.

(c) The Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that all of Engineer's services to be furnished by the Engineer under or pursuant to this Agreement from the inception of the Agreement until the Project has been fully completed, shall be of the standard and quality which prevail among engineers of similar experience, knowledge, skill and ability engaged in engineering practice throughout Texas under the same or similar circumstances involving the design and construction of Project.

(d) The Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that the Engineer's special talent, training and experience cause the Engineer to be the prime professional on the Project; that because of such talent and training, the Engineer envisions the construction of the Project in its entirety and possesses the special skills which enable the Engineer to recognize dangerous conditions that a reasonable, prudent engineer having such special skills could anticipate may arise from the proper use of the Project after acceptance by Owner; and that the Engineer recognizes that any commissioners, elected officials, employees and agents of the Owner, plus residents and owners of property within the area affected by the Project are within a class of foreseeable persons who will be relying on the project being designed in a professional and safe manner.

(e) If the development of PS&E is identified in this Agreement under Article 2

hereof or EXHIBIT "B", attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the Engineer for the Project, the Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that the PS&E of the Project will be accurate and free from any material errors. The Engineer additionally represents, covenants and agrees to the following: that the design of the Project will conform to its foreseeable use as a Project with all the amenities as set forth in any PS&E developed by the Engineer for the Project; that the result of such PS&E, if built in accordance therewith, will be suitable for purposes for which the Project is designed; and the Project will be inspected in a workmanlike, professional manner and will be suitable for the Project's intended purpose. The Engineer's responsibilities as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the Owner of any PS&E developed by the Engineer for the Project, nor shall the Engineer be released from any liability by reason of such approval by the Owner, it being understood that the Owner at all times is ultimately relying upon the Engineer's skill and knowledge in preparing such PS&E.

(f) In connection with the Engineer's performance of procurement services hereunder, if any, the Engineer use its best efforts to obtain from all vendors of equipment and materials, fullest possible warranties against defective materials and workmanship for the benefit of the Owner.

ARTICLE 18. Engineer=s Resources. The Engineer shall furnish and maintain, at the Engineer's own expense, office space for the performance of all services, skilled and sufficient personnel, as well as adequate and sufficient equipment to perform the services as required under this Agreement.

18.1 Project Manager. The Engineer shall provide a manager (Project Manager) for the Project that is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas. The Project manager shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable that Project Manager during the course of the Project without prior consent of the Owner. If, due to situations beyond the control of the Engineer, the Engineer must change the Project Manager prior to the

completion and acceptance of the Project, the Engineer will submit a request to change the Project Manager to the Owner for approval.

18.2 Employees of the Engineer. All employees of the Engineer shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them and required for the services under this Agreement. Any employee of the Engineer who, in the opinion of the Owner, is incompetent, or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the work required under this Agreement, shall immediately be removed from association with the Project when so instructed by the Owner. The Engineer certifies that the Engineer presently has employed sufficient and qualified personnel, and will maintain sufficient and qualified personnel for performance of the services under this Agreement.

18.3 Documents/Information Exchange The purpose of this Article is to define the required automated resources, format for graphics files, and information exchange pertaining to the Project. Taking into consideration that the Owner has a significant investment in the development of the Project, there is a need for the Engineer to provide consistency in document development for information exchange. Consistency in document development for information exchange and production will help facilitate an economically efficient Project. Therefore, the Engineer shall provide the Owner with documents and information in accordance with the special requirement outlined in EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

ARTICLE 19. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Engineer and its agents, partners, subcontractors, and consultants (collectively "Indemnitors") shall and do agree to indemnify, and hold harmless the Owner, the Owner's respective directors, elected officials, employees and agents (collectively "Indemnitees" from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any nature, kind or description (collectively "Liabilities" of any person or entity whomsoever arising out of, caused by or resulting from the negligent performance of the Engineer's services through activities of the Engineer, its agents, partners, subcontractors

and/or consultants performed under this Agreement, and which are caused by or result from error, omission, or negligent act of the Engineer or of any person employed or contracted by the Engineer provided that any such Liabilities (1) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to the injury to or destruction of tangible personal property including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting therefrom and (2) are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Engineer, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Engineer or anyone for whose acts the Engineer may be legally liable. The Engineer shall also save harmless the Owner from any and all expense, including but not limited to, attorney fees which may be incurred by the Owner in litigation or otherwise resisting said claim or liabilities which may be imposed on the Owner as a result of such activities by the Engineer, its agents partners, subcontractors and/or consultants. In this connection, it is agreed and understood that the Engineer shall not be responsible for any portion of the liability proximately caused by the Owner's negligence.

ARTICLE 20. Joint and Several Liability. In the event more than one of the Indemnitors are connected with an accident or occurrence covered by the indemnification in Article 19 hereof, then each of such Indemnitors shall be jointly and severally responsible to the Indemnitees for indemnification and the ultimate responsibility among such Indemnitors for the loss and expense of any such indemnification shall be settled by separate proceedings and without jeopardy to any Indemnitee. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification or right which the Owner or any of the Indemnitees has by law.

ARTICLE 21. Insurance. The Engineer shall obtain and maintain insurance in the limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified as follows.

- (1) Workers= Compensation, endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the Owner in accordance with the statutory obligations imposed by Worker=s Compensation or Occupational Disease laws under the Texas Workers= Compensation Law ("Statutory Texas"
- (2) Commercial General Liability, endorsed with the Owner as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the Owner

all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Engineer under Article 19 and Article 20 herein, in limits of liability not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit each occurrence and in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.

- (3) Texas Business Automobile Policy, endorsed with the Owner as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the Owner *all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Engineer under Article 19 and Article 20 herein*, in limits of liability not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) each person for bodily injury, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) each occurrence for bodily injury, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each occurrence for property damage.
- (4) Professional Liability in limits of \$1,000,000 each claim and aggregate.

The Engineer covenants and agrees to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified above. The Engineer shall furnish the Owner with a certificate of insurance (*Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance*) showing the said policy to be in full force and effect during the period of service, identified in Article 3 hereto, for this Agreement. The completed Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance shall be attached hereto and identified as EXHIBIT "G"– *Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance*. The Engineer will be considered in breach of contract should the Engineer fail to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above while performing services for and under this Agreement, and will be subject to default and termination of the Agreement as outlined in Article 3.4 hereto. Additionally, the Engineer covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above until one year following the date of the acceptance of the Project by Owner.

ARTICLE 22. Compliance with Laws. The Engineer shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement including, without limitation, worker's compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations and licensing laws and

regulations. When required the Engineer shall furnish the Owner with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

ARTICLE 23. Non-Collusion. The Engineer warrants that the Engineer has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Engineer, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that the Engineer has not paid or agreed to pay any company, engineer or any other person or entity any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or execution of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty the Owner shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in the Owner's discretion, to deduct from the *Services Fee*, or otherwise recover, the full amount of each fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 24. Gratuities. The Owner mandates that employees of the Owner shall not accept any benefits, gifts or favors from any person doing business or who reasonably speaking may do business with the Owner under this Agreement; the only exceptions allowed are ordinary business meals. Any person doing business with or who may reasonably seeking to do business with the Owner under this Agreement may not make any offer of benefits, gifts or favors to Owner employees, except as mentioned herein above. Failure on the part of the Engineer to adhere to this provision may result in the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25. Payment of Franchise Tax. The Engineer hereby certifies that the Engineer is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the Engineer is exempt from, or not subject to, such as tax. A false statement concerning corporation's franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the Owner.

ARTICLE 26. Disputes. The Engineer shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurement made by the Engineer in support of the services under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27. Severability. In the event 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.

ARTICLE 28. Notices. All notices to either party by the other required under this Agreement shall be personally delivered or mailed to such party at the following respective addresses:

OWNER:
Hidalgo County
100 E. Cano, 2nd, Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

ENGINEER:
Leo Rodriguez Jr. dba Rodriguez Engineering
5602 East Iowa--P.O. Box 1830
Edinburg, Texas 78540

The Address may be changed by either party by written notice and notice so mailed shall be effective upon mailing.

ARTICLE 29. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(a) This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the **Engineer** and the **Owner** relating to the work herein described and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral contracts between the parties respecting the subject matter defined herein. These are no previous or contemporary representations or warranties of the **Owner** or the **Engineer** not set forth herein.

(b) Except as specifically provided herein no modification, waiver, termination, rescission, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall be binding on the **Owner** unless in writing and executed by an officer or employee of the **Owner** specifically authorized to do so.

(c) No waiver of any provision of or a default under this Agreement shall affect the right of the **Owner** thereafter to enforce said provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default whether or not similar.

(d) No modification, waiver, termination, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall impair the **Owner's** right with respect to any liabilities whether or not liquidated of the **Engineer** to the **Owner** theretofore accrued.

(e) All rights and remedies of the **Owner** specified in this Agreement are in addition to the **Owner's** other rights and remedies.

(f) The **Engineer** shall remain an independent contractor and shall have no power nor shall the **Engineer** represent that the **Engineer** has any power to bind the **Owner** or to assume or to create any obligation express or implied on behalf of the **Owner** except as specifically authorized in advance by the **Owner**.

(g) The Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas and is performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

(h) This Agreement may only be amended by a written document executed by the **Owner** and the **Engineer** as provided by Article 8 herein.

ARTICLE 30. Signatory Warranty The undersigned signatory or signatories for the **Engineer** hereby represent and warrant that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he or she has executed this Agreement and that he or she has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the **Engineer**. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing the **Owner** to enter into this Agreement.

WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Agreement for Professional Services to be effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2009.

ENGINEER:
LEO RODRIGUEZ JR. DBA RODRIGUEZ ENGINEERING

BY: _____
Leo Rodriguez Jr.

OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY: _____
Rene A. Ramirez, III, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

Approved by Commissioners' Court on _____, 2009.

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

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

ATTACHMENTS:

- EXHIBIT A -Scope of Services to be Provided by the Owner
- EXHIBIT B -Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer
- EXHIBIT C -Work Schedule
- EXHIBIT D -Engineer's Rates
- EXHIBIT E -Work Authorization Form
- EXHIBIT F -Supplemental Agreement Form
- EXHIBIT G -Certificate of Insurance (*Hidalgo County*)

EXHIBIT A-1

-Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
Procurement Packet



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

December 29, 2008

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**
Request For Qualifications - **“Engineering Services-Hidalgo County”** (including all
funding sources, programs, and entities)

RFQ NO: 2009-028-01-14-MSS

Dear Respondents:

Enclosed please find a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for you review and
consideration.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the RFQ
process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department at
(956) 318-2626.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/mss

Enclosures



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) CHECKLIST

HIDALGO COUNTY (including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
"Engineering Services"
RFQ NO: 2009-028-01-14-MSS

1. Request For Qualifications Letter, consisting of 1 page.
2. Check List, consisting of 1 page.
3. Request for Qualifications, Legal Notice, consisting of 8 pages.
4. Exhibit A, Requirements, consisting of 10 pages.
5. Exhibit B, Evaluation Criteria, consisting of 3 pages.
6. Exhibit C, Insurance Requirements, consisting of 4 pages.
7. Exhibit D, CIQ Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, consisting of 1 pages.
8. Exhibit E, Proposer's Affidavit, consisting of 1 page.
9. Vendor Application and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Declaration, consisting of 2 pages.
10. IRS W-9 Form, consisting of 4 pages.
11. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters, consisting of 1 page.
12. Documentation Required on Building & Road & Bridge Construction Project, Attachment A, consisting of 1 page.
13. Professional Services Procurement Form, Attachment B, consisting of 1 page.

The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, advise of missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.


Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

12/29/08

Date

RFQ NO: 2009-028-01-14-MSS

BUYER II: MOISES SALAZAR

TEL: 956-292-7000-EXT. 4863

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Hidalgo County
Edinburg, Texas

ENGINEERING SERVICES-HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all Funding Sources, Programs and Entities)

JANUARY 14, 2009

Contact Person:

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

LEGAL NOTICE

RFQ NO: 2009-028-01-14-MSS

1. **Sealed Statements of Qualifications** will be received for "**Engineering Services-Hidalgo County**", (**Including all Funding Sources, Programs and Entities**) in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." RFQs should address all requirements set forth. Vendors 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 requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall RFQ.
2. One (1) original, seven (7) copies and Two (2) CD's on PDF format of all RFQs are required, with the vendor's name and address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package, **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS-RFQ NO: 2009-028-01-14-MSS-ENGINEERING SERVICES-HIDALGO COUNTY**" and in County's Purchasing Department, **physical address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281; mailing address: 2812 S. Hwy. Buisness 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, on or before 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2009.**

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFQ 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 THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: RFQ NO: 2009-028-01-14-MSS-ENGINEERING SERVICES-HIDALGO COUNTY.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFQs and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFQ considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile to (956) 292-7612 or via e-mail to molises.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Friday, January 09, 2009. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this request for qualifications that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal for approval. Receipt of any proposal shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar proposal. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.

4. Failure of the delivered item(s) to perform as specified, or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible vendor, or to reject all RFQs and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County-owned or operated location, each vendor shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the RFQ and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Vendor should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the RFQ.
6. No RFQ may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days from the scheduled time to accept RFQs.
7. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this RFQ 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 Qualifications. Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their RFQ.
8. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all RFQs.
9. Costs are to be net F.O.B. destination, County Prepaid.
10. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
11. 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 proposal 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.
12. 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.
13. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS (for applicable goods and/or services):
 - . No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
 - . At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, before delivery will be accepted.
 - . If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

14. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- . Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful vendor
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - d) Notation - "Engineering Services-Hidalgo County"
 - e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
- . Discount payments will be considered when offered.
- . Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

**Hidalgo County Auditor's Office
Ray Eufrazio, County Auditor
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, TX 78539
956-318-2511**

15. Schedule of Events

RFQ Acceptance, 9:30 A.M.	<u>January 14, 2009</u>
Award of Contract	_____, 2009
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2009

16. ~~Bid or Performance Bond and Debarment Certification; Payment Under Contract:~~

- . ~~If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and services exceeding \$100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas. All participants are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.~~
- . ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a proposal, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the proposer shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.~~
- . ~~If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and materialmen have been paid.~~
- . ~~If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor shall provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.~~

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

17. 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.

18. 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 forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse

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

19. If, during the life of any contract or proposal awarded, the successful proposer'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.
20. Proposals, 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.
21. **Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Proposers:** A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a proposal, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
 - . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the proposal;
 - . 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 proposer 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 proposer'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. 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 (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.
24. 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 proposer; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful proposer fails to:
 - A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
25. Successful proposer 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 proposer, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Successful proposer indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or

employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful proposer 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 proposer's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods or services provided by successful proposer.

26. Successful proposer 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 Qualifications shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful proposer 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.
27. 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.
28. The successful proposer 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.
29. Proposers shall provide with the proposal response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.
30. Proposers must provide **all** documentation requested with this Proposal in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal as non-conforming.

Request For Qualifications
for
Engineering Services-Hidalgo County
(Including all Funding Sources, Programs and Entities)
RFQ No: 2009-028-01-14-MSS

January 14, 2009

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Mailing/US Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

In accordance with the Requirements, 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 proposal, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Requirements within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Participant(s) acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request For Qualifications Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Bidder understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all RFQs and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal.

Participant(s) agrees that this proposal shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for accepting RFQs, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY

(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ENGINEERING SERVICES

2009-028-01-14-MSS

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas registered Professional Engineering firms in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Engineers on an "As Needed Basis" per project by all County Departments and/or applicable Programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Engineers will be for a period of One (1) Year. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statements of Qualifications for the provision of "**Engineering Services-Hidalgo County (including all funding sources, Programs, and Entities)-Request For Qualifications**" as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, January 14, 2009**. **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

Deliver Submittal to:
RFQ Number: 2009-028-01-14-MSS

US Postal Mail Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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The Submittal Envelope Must Show The RFQ Number, Name And Opening Date.

The following outlines the Request For Qualifications:

SECTION I -GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hidalgo County is requesting that statements of qualifications be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

US Postal Mail Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at (956) 318-2629. Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by Friday, January 9, 2009. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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 of business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk’s Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contract or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encourage to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Please submit complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk’s Office located at 100 No. Clossner, Edinburg, TX 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse. **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.**

PROPOSER’S AFFIDAVIT:

Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer’s Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit D) certainly that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit, (2) that the Respondent does not have a Conflict of Interest as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit, or that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Submitters, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:

Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RFO’s:

Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

Submitters must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the vendor's ability.

SUBMITTER DEFAULT:

Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of submitter default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting submitter responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or request for qualifications procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

RFQ DELIVERY:

Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the envelope when dropping RFQ off.

SIGNING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

In order to be considered, all submittals must be signed. Please sign the original in blue ink.

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

SUBCONTRACTING:

The successful submitter may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF POOL:

The pool term is for a period of one (1) year, or upon completion of project(s) unless project specific for more than one (1) year.

DAVIS BACON ACT:

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing project specifications.

SECTION II -RFQ REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ. A total of **one (1) original, seven (7) copies, and two (2) CDs on PDF format** of the RFQ shall be submitted to the address on the cover letter.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the submitter's understanding of the project needs, the work required, and any local issues or concerns. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to 3 pages in length.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent engineering firm(s), registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas, that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway, Bridge and General Design and Construction
- Federal, State and County-funded construction projects
- Solid Waste related projects
- Geotechnical Engineering Projects
- Mechanical Engineering Projects

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent (and varied) projects. For each project, a client contact name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided. This project list is limited to 5 pages.

What does your firm specialize in?

Minimum experience: Years? _____ Projects?

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The firm should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain any licenses, certifications and assurance as required by the FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, the STATE OF TEXAS, HIDALGO COUNTY, LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, etc. The engineering firm(s) should include copies of their Professional Liability Insurance.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The engineering services contract will encompass all project-related engineering services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

- A.**
 - Route and Design Studies
 - Social, Economic, Environmental Studies and Public Involvement
 - Right of Way Maps and Data
 - Utility Adjustments
 - Surveying
 - Pre-Design
- B.**
 - Roadway Design
 - Drainage Design
 - Solid Waste
 - Signing, Markings and Signalization
 - Traffic Control Plans
 - Bridge Design
 - Plans and Specifications
 - Bid Preparation
- C.**
 - Building Design
 - Plans, Drawings and Specifications
 - Bid Package Preparation

- **D.**
- Construction Contract Management
- Conduct Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Services
- Design for New Construction
- Design for Alterations/Renovations
- Needs Assessment
- ADA Compliance
- Code Analysis
- Cost Estimating

- **E.**
- Soil/Rock and Foundation Studies
- Excavations and Trenches
- Dams and Cut or Filled Slopes
- Pavements
- Water and Waste Retention/Disposal
- Specialized Testing and Instrumentation

Other Engineering Services include:

Project Development Management, Facility Analysis & Master Planning, Site Planning & Analysis, Roof Design, Parking Design, Security Design, Energy Conservation, Ventilation Design, Acoustical Design, Asbestos Abatement Monitoring, etc.

Additionally, this section should include, but not restricted to the following information:

- A. Firm name, address, phone number and person(s) to contact regarding the Statement of Qualifications.
- B. Qualifications and recent experience of the firm and key personnel relative to the performance of similar services for public entities. This should also include the following information:
 - 1. Copy of current license certification with state seal
 - 2. History of engineering certification from the State of Texas.
 - 3. List of projects related to the subject areas within the past year.

- C. List of in-State references including the name, address and phone number of the person most closely associated with the firm's prior project performance.
- D. Ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services.
- E. Familiarity with the geographical area.
- F. Statement regarding an Affirmative Action Program.

PARTICIPATING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL: The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq. Once selected, proposer is to provide a fee proposal for the following scope of work.

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: Hidalgo County requires one (1) original submittal, seven (7) copies and two (2) CDs on PDF format.

PART III -SELECTION / EVALUATION

SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system. The firms will be ranked after evaluation on a per project basis upon approval of roster by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court. Categories under the 100-point system include response to RFQ. RFQ submittal evaluation will be based on the criteria outlined below, and will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFQ Evaluation Form."

1. STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members shall have experience in performing similar contracts for counties, cities, irrigation districts, TX DOT or other clients as stated in the Request For Qualifications (RFQ). Similar experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix.

2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES

The provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work. The designated individuals may not be replaced during the project unless approved by the County. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person. must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience. Also, in this section, outline the firm's contingency plans for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

3. METHODOLOGY

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS

The proposal shall include the following:

- * demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- * address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- * identify information to be gathered or obtained

The firms should provide as much background information as to it's experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they

possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required).

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING:

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Architectural services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court and/or the User Department in need of Architecture Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firms;
2. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by County Commissioner's Court) will review, score, and evaluate the proposals received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Proposals;
3. A grid of the scores will be presented to Commissioners' Court for the purpose of ranking and approval for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm;

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firms will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) a "scope of service" including fees;
2. The negotiated contract including best and final offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.
3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm;

RFQ SUBMITTED TO: An original, seven (7) copies and Two (2) CDs on PDF format of RFQs should be submitted to:

US Postal Mail Address:

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Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

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Edinburg, Texas 78539

RFQs must be submitted by **no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009.** All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (rfq's, bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the participant and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

EXHIBIT B

EVALUATION CRITERIA

**HIDALGO COUNTY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

ENGINEERING SERVICES

2009-028-01-14-MSS

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The respondent's RFQ will be evaluated based on the criteria presented below. These criteria will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFQ Evaluation Form."

1. STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM (20)

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members shall have experience in performing similar contracts for counties, cities, irrigation districts, TX DOT or other clients as stated in the Request For Qualifications (RFQ). Similar experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix.

2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES (25)

The provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work. The designated individuals may not be replaced during the project unless approved by the County. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person, must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience. Also, in this section, outline the firm's contingency plans for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

3. METHODOLOGY (20)

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25)

The proposal shall include the following:

- * demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- * address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- * identify information to be gathered or obtained

The firms should provide as much background information as to its experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS (10)

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required).

**HIDALGO COUNTY
ENGINEERING SERVICES
RFQ No. 2008-028-01-14-MSS**

RFQ EVALUATION FORM

<u>Selection Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Professional Qualifications of Team Comments/Rationale For Points: _____ _____	20	_____
2. Experience of Project Team Comments/Rationale For Points: _____ _____	25	_____
3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager Comments/Rationale For Points: _____ _____	20	_____
4. Understanding of Project Comments/Rationale For Points: _____ _____	25	_____
5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations Comments/Rationale For Points: _____ _____	10	_____
Total Score		_____

Provider: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

EXHIBIT "C"

Insurance Requirements Professional Services (i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers & Surveyors)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto). Certificates of insurance naming County as an additional insured shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

ACORD **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE** DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER 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

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURER A
INSURER B
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 THEIR TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

WHEN LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	INSURER NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> WORKERS COMPENSATION <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> PERIL AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$ MED. Any one person \$ PERIL AGGREGATE \$ PERILS - COAST OF
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Per accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	GARAGE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY (EXCEPTED) \$ OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY \$
C	EXCESS LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE \$ <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$
D	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY OTHER				WILMINGTON <input type="checkbox"/> STATE TORY REPS \$11 EACH ACCIDENT \$ \$11 DISEASE PER EMPLOYEE \$ \$11 DISEASE PER POLICY \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS
 County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER Hidalgo County Attn: Purchasing Department 2812 S Highway Bus. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539	ADDITIONAL INSURED: INSURER LETTER SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	CANCELLATION
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Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ _____

Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

- have already been met, see attached copy of insurance certificate.

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Proposer:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award and to execute a contract between your Company and the County.

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next qualified vendor. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a quarterly basis to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR PACKET

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the APPLICABLE:

1. Licenses: _____

2. Bonds: _____

3. Certificates: _____

4. Permits: _____

5. Other: _____

necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this project, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

* Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the packet in order to expedite the evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your proposal/qualification.

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

Hidalgo County
Bids # 2014-0010
Awarded

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

4

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT
Exhibit "E"

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION NON-CONFLICT OF INTERST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

- (1) Affiant does hereby state neither the Proposer nor any of the Proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.
- (2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or nay of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.
- (3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County County Commissioner's Court.
- (4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the Proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

Signature/Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 200__.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: Yes No

If yes, by whom?: Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other _____

Indicate Certification No(s): _____ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?: Yes No

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP, or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: _____% (List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

**Request for Taxpayer
 Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type
 See Specific Instructions on page 2

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership Other Exempt from backup withholding

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

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Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person

Date

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

U.S. person. Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding.
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or

Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the recipient has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

- The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
- The treaty article addressing the income.
- The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester, or
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 4 for details), or
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your social security card. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your social security card on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name" line.

Limited liability company (LLC). If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required Federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name" line.

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business name, sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

Exempt payees. Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation,

- 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
- 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
- 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
- 10. A real estate investment trust,
- 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(e),
- 13. A financial institution,
- 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
- 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The chart below shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt recipients listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7

See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 5045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, and payments for services paid by a Federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, *Application for a Social Security Card*, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, *Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number*, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, *Application for Employer Identification Number*, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses/ and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Writing "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see Exempt From Backup Withholding on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ³
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ³
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ²
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ²
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the legal trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.)

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

**Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, in the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid/proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, theory, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid/proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated of cause or default.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

If the proposer is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such proposer should attach an explanation to this proposal.

HIDA' COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
ATTACHMENT "A"
DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED ON BUILDING & ROAD & BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

NOTE: All Payments require Commissioners' Court Approval and the Documents Listed Below.

PROJECT IN PROGRESS		DOCUMENT SOURCE	"X" Denotes Where Applicable		
ITEM #	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT		New Building	Building Renovation	Road Projects
1	Application & Certification of Payment	Contractor/Architect	X	X	X
2	Schedule of Values	Contractor	X	X	X
3	List of Supplier and Sub-Contractors (as applicable)	Contractor	X	X	X
4	Partial Waiver of Liens (Sub-Contractors/Suppliers)	Contractor	X	X	
5	Progress Report of Project	Engineer	X	X	X
6	Copies of Permits (Building/Plumbing/Mechanical, etc.)	Contractor	X	X	
7	Certificate of Liability Insurance	Contractor	X	X	X

For item #s 1-7, the architect and/or engineer is responsible for ensuring the performance of the work. The list of suppliers and waiver of liens is necessary to ensure that the County is not held liable for activities not under its control.

PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION		DOCUMENT SOURCE	"X" Denotes Where Applicable		
ITEM #	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT		New Building	Building Renovation	Road Projects
8	Punch List	Architect	X	X	
9	Certificate of Partial Substantial Completion	Architect	X	X	X
10	Consent of Sureties*	Bonding Agent	X	X	X
11	Consent of Surety to Reduction In or Partial Release of Retainage* (Only required when a retainage will be reduced by a portion).	Bonding Agent	X	X	X

For payment of retainage, the above items are required to confirm partial completion of work and compliance with the contract.

*Must be accompanied by a power of attorney.

PROJECT COMPLETED		DOCUMENT SOURCE	"X" Denotes Where Applicable		
ITEM#	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT		New Building	Building Renovation	Road Projects
12	Certificate of Construction Completion	Architect	X	X	X
13	General Contractor Warranty	Contractor	X	X	X
14	Certificate of Occupancy	Architect	X	X	
15	*Contractor's Affidavits of Release of Liens	Bonding Agent	X	X	X
16	*Contractor's Affidavit of Payments of Debts and Claims	Bonding Agent	X	X	X
17	*Consent of Surety Company to Final Payment.	Bonding Agent	X	X	X
18	Final Blue Prints	Architect	X	X	X
19	Manufacturer Warranties	Contractor	X	X	

These items are necessary before the County can assume ownership as well as for insurance and capitalization.

*Must be accompanied by a power of attorney.

ATTACHMENT B

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PROCUREMENT FORM
HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Name and Address of Firm:			
Principals of Firm and Titles:			
Firm's Registration No.:			
Area of Specialization:			
	Civil Engineering		Mechanical Engineering
	Structural Engineering		Environmental Engineering
	Geotechnical Engineering		Electrical Engineering
	MEP Engineering (Mech/Elec/Plumb)		Highway Engineering
Local References (Rio Grande Valley) List Four (4) Only:			
Reference #1:			
Reference #2:			
Reference #3:			
Reference #4:			
Recent Projects (Within Two [2] Years) List Four (4) Only:			
Project #1:			
Project #2:			
Project #3:			
Project #4:			
		Submitted By:	
		Signature:	
		Typed Name:	



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

January 07, 2009

RE: **ADDENDUM NO.1**
FOR RFQ No: 2009-028-01-14-MSS
"ENGINEERING SERVICES"- HIDALGO
COUNTY

Dear Gentlemen:

Attached you will find **ADDENDUM NO. 1, PAGE 1 OF 1** in connection with **"HIDALGO COUNTY"** Request for Qualifications for **"ENGINEERING SERVICES"**.

Please add this **ADDENDUM NO. 1** to your Statement of Qualifications so as to permit your company to submit a complete packet. See original packet **LEGAL NOTICE** page 3 paragraph 9.

Acknowledge receipt of ADDENDUM NO. 1 by signing and returning this notice to us **VIA FAX AT (956) 318-2629** or **VIA E-MAIL TO moises.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us**.

If you do not receive all pages of **ADDENDUM NO. 1** please notify us immediately at (956) 318-2626.

Please be advised that this **ADDENDUM NO. 1** will complete your RFQ packet for **"ENGINEERING SERVICES"-HIDALGO COUNTY**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

BY: _____

ADDENDUM NO 1
ACKNOWLEDEMENT OF RECEIPT

Firm Name

MLS/mss
Enclosures

ADDENDUM NO. 1

JANUARY 07, 2009

**HIDALGO COUNTY
“ENGINEERING SERVICES”**

RFQ NO. 2009-028-01-14-MSS

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR RFQ NO: 2009-028-01-14-MSS

1. Statement of Qualifications Opening date has been **extended** to new date of Wednesday, **January 28, 2009**, packets are due on or before 9:30 am.
2. Written Questions will be accepted via facsimile no later than the new date of Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 5:00 pm at (956) 316-2629, and/or by e-mail at: moises.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us . Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by new date of Friday, January 23, 2009. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of
ADDENDUM NO. 1 dated, January 07, 2009 for RFQ NO.: 2009-028-01-14-MSS-
HIDALGO COUNTY “ENGINEERING SERVICES.”

Printed Proposer Name

Date

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT THIS ADDENDUM WITH YOUR PACKET IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS.

EXHIBIT A

-Scope of Services to be
Provided by the Owner

EXHIBIT "A"

Services to be provided by the OWNER

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the OWNER in the development of the Project.

The OWNER will provide to the ENGINEER the following:

- (1) Authorization to the ENGINEER to begin work in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.
- (2) Payment for work performed by the ENGINEER and accepted by the OWNER in accordance with Section 6 of the Agreement.
- (3) Assistance to the ENGINEER, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies that the ENGINEER cannot easily obtain.
- (4) Provide any available relevant data the OWNER may have on file concerning the project.
- (5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the ENGINEER'S request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the ENGINEER to maintain the agreed-upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Attachment "C" of this Agreement.
- (6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by the ENGINEER.
- (7) Assist the ENGINEER in the preparation of the project mailing list; provide representation, a site and stenographer for all public meetings; additionally:

Public Meetings

- (a) Approve agenda and all exhibits prior to public meeting.
 - (b) Approve date and location of the meeting.
 - (c) Review/approve Public Meeting Report.
- (8) Attend the Preliminary Concept Conference coordinated and conducted by the ENGINEER and more particularly identified in Attachment "B" of the

Agreement.

- (9) Assist the ENGINEER as required in the coordination with the USACE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and any other coordinating agency or entity.
- (10) Review and approve the Project design criteria.
- (11) Review and approve change orders as required and prepared by the ENGINEER.

EXHIBIT B

-Scope of Services to be
Provided by the Engineer

EXHIBIT “B”
Services to be provided by the Engineer

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the **Engineer** in the development of the **Project**.

The ENGINEER will evaluate and design the Paving Improvement as follows:

- Review existing conditions to develop the design criteria;
- Conduct field surveys to obtain information on existing conditions and topography on the proposed roadways;
- Identify alignments and right of ways of proposed roadways;
- Develop typical cross sections for proposed roadways;
- Prepare plans and specifications for the improvements;
- Assist in bidding of the improvements; if needed,
- Provide construction staking and periodic inspection services during the construction phase of the improvements.

SCOPE OF SERVICES
HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINT #1 PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
VICTORIA ROAD (EXPRESSWAY 83 – BUSINESS 83)
PREPARED BY: RODRIGUEZ ENGINEERING

Hidalgo County Precinct #1 proposes to construct paving improvements for Victoria Road. The proposed improvements will consist of the acquisition of additional right-of-way and the reconstruction of the existing 20 foot asphalt paved road. The proposed road cross-section measures 38 feet edge-to-edge with a 6 inch thick subgrade, 8 inch thick flex-base, and 2 inch thick asphalt with road side ditches for drainage. The existing right-of-way is currently 40 feet in width and the county has proposed to obtain an additional 20 feet on the east side of Victoria Road for a total of 60 foot right-of-way, to construct the new 38 foot road. Right-of-way will not be acquired on the west side of Victoria Road.

Right-of-Way Acquisition Amount (\$2,800.00 per Parcel X 9 Parcels): \$25,200.00
Surveying and Engineering Design Amount: \$40,290.80
Total Combined Contract Amount: \$65,490.80

Project Tasks

TASK I – PROJECT ORIENTATION AND STARTUP

We propose that an initial project orientation meeting be scheduled so that both the Precinct and our firm may have a clear understanding of the acquisition, design, construction process, parameters to be used and the final product desired.

TASK II – SURVEY

Necessary filed information will be developed by field surveys. Record plans will be used as a guide for the survey work and for the analysis of design alternatives.

TASK III – DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

Various design alternatives will be developed using information secured from ongoing field surveys. The record plans of the Precinct will be used as a guide for design evaluations. Each alternative will be evaluated with regard to the Project's goals being met. Cost estimates will be developed for the various alternatives.

TASK IV – DESIGN

This task will assure that the streets designed and incorporated in the plans are adequate for the area.

TASK V – PRELIMINARY PLANS AND ESTIMATES

The preliminary set of plans which will result from Task IV along with cost estimates will be reviewed with Precinct staff for input and guidance.

TASK VI – FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Final plans, specifications and estimates will be prepared during this task. The output of this task will be the documents necessary for bidding and constructing the project.

TASK VIII – BIDDING AND AWARD

VII a. Bidding Process

A pre-bid meeting will be schedule if necessary in order to brief potential bidders and suppliers on the project. Necessary clarifications or addendum will be issued. We will attend the bid opening and assist as the Precinct desires.

VII b. Bid Recommendations

After receipt of bids by the Precinct, we will tabulate the bids and make recommendations in consultation with Precinct staff.

VII c. Award

We will prepare necessary contract documents for execution after award by the Precinct.

TASK VIII – CONSTRUCTION

During this stage we will observe ongoing work, provide construction staking of the contractor and certify periodic payment requests. Upon completion, a final inspection will be scheduled with the contractor and Precinct staff. The outcome of this final inspection will be a certificate of completion or a punch list of items for the contractor to complete.

TASK IX – AS BUILTS

We will provide the Precinct will reproducible “as-builts” of the project along with a diskette on AutoCAD.

EXHIBIT C

-Work Schedule

EXHIBIT “C”

Work Schedule

For this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall perform the work identified in EXHIBIT “B” in accordance with the following schedule:

- Conduct field surveys to obtain information on existing roadways.
- Prepare plans and specifications
- Provide construction staking and periodic inspections during construction phase of improvements.

The **Engineer** will diligently pursue the completion of this work authorization as defined by the milestones and deliverable due dates outlined in the approved work schedule.

The **Engineer** will inform the **Owner** (in reasonable advance of the delay) should the **Engineer** encounter delays that would prevent the performance of all work in accordance with the established work schedule.

EXHIBIT D

-Engineer's Contract Rates

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EXHIBIT "D"
ENGINEER'S CONTRACT RATES

HOURLY RATES:

Principal	\$120.00/Hr.
Project Manager	\$78.00/Hr.
Project Engineer	\$70.00/Hr.
R.P.L.S.	\$70.00/Hr.
G.P.S. Survey Crew	\$95.00/Hr.
3 Man Survey Crew	\$80.00/Hr.
2 Man Survey Crew	\$70.00/Hr.
Party Chief	\$40.00/Hr.
CADD/Designer	\$48.00/Hr.
Clerical	\$15.00/Hr.

EXHIBIT "D1"
Fee Breakdown

For and in consideration of the **Services** attached to this Agreement and to be rendered by the **Engineer**, the **Owner** shall pay the **Engineer** the **Fee** as defined in this Agreement, and as more particularly identified as follows:

Right-of-Way Acquisition Fee	=	\$25,200.00
Field Data Collection	=	25% of the Services Fee
ROW Map and Metes & Bounds	=	75% of the Services Fee
Final Submittal for Recording	=	25% of the Services Fee
Surveying and Engineering Design Fee	=	\$40,290.80
Field Surveying	=	25% of the Services Fee
Final Design	=	75% of the Services Fee
Construction Staking	=	25% of the Services Fee

**ROADWAY EXPANSION
PRELIMINARY PROJECT COST ESTIMATE**

11-Nov-09

Project Name: VICTORIA ROAD, DONNA, TX

VICTORIA ROAD

CIVIL IMPROVEMENTS					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	ITEM TOTAL
1	6" ROAD GRADER WORK (DENS CONT.) SUBGRADE	14,500	SY	\$4.00	\$58,000.00
2	6" FL BS (DC) (TY D GR6 CL III)	13,800	SY	\$6.00	\$82,800.00
3	PRIME COAT ASPH MATRL (MC-30)	2,760	GAL.	\$5.00	\$13,800.00
4	DENSE-GRADED HOT-MIX ASPH CONC TY D	13,100	SY	\$8.00	\$104,800.00
5	ROADSIDE DITCHES	5,600	LF	\$2.00	\$11,200.00
6	TURNOUTS	5	EA	\$1,500.00	\$7,500.00
7	DRIVEWAYS TO HOUSES & BUS BARN	725	SY	\$20.00	\$14,500.00
8	DEMOLISION	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
9	15" RCP, CL III	540	LF	\$18.00	\$9,720.00
10	18" RCP, CL III w/ S.E.T.	320	LF	\$28.00	\$8,960.00
11	RELOCATION OF EXIST IRRIGATION LINES	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
12	STRIPING INCLUDING PVMT MARKERS	1	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL					\$366,280.00

RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	ITEM TOTAL
13	RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS	1	LS	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL					\$125,000.00

Total Estimated Construction Cost

Civil Improvements	\$	366,280.00
Railroad Improvements	\$	125,000.00
Contingency (10% of Total)	\$	49,128.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$	540,408.00

Professional Costs

Basic Engineering Services (10% of Total Estimated Civil Improvements Construction Cost)	\$	40,290.80
SUB-TOTAL	\$	40,290.80

PROJECT TOTAL \$ 580,698.80

Notes:

1. Railroad improvements is not included in engineering fees.
2. Hidalgo County Pricinct No. 1 will provide geotechnical services.

EXHIBIT E

-Work Authorization

HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services
Contract #
Work Authorization Form

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _____

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section I.A. of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, action herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**," and, _____ professional engineers of _____ Texas, hereinafter called "**Engineer**".

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the **Engineer** to provide _____.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Owner** is identified in *EXHIBIT "A" – Scope of Services to be Provided by the Owner* attached hereto.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Engineer** is identified in *EXHIBIT "B" – Scope of Services to be Provided by the Engineer* attached hereto.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is _____. This amount is based upon the costs outlined in the Estimated **Cost Proposal** attached hereto as **EXHIBIT "D"**.

PART 3. PAYMENT

Compensation and payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with Article/Part/Section _____ of the Agreement.

PART 4. FUNDING

This Work Authorization No. __ shall be funded through funding source:

Account No. - - - - -

Requisition Number _____ (MUST BE INCLUDED AFTER CC APPROVAL)

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate upon completion of scopes of the work authorization or (DATE).

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the **Agreement**.

PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Acknowledgement and confirmation by Hidalgo County Precinct No. ____
Commissioner _____ as to content and detail of this Work Authorization No. #
_____.

HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. __:

BY: _____

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County
Commissioners' Court on ____ (DATE) ____ as indicated below and effective as of ____
day of _____, 2005.

THE ENGINEER:
Dannenbaum Engineering Company-
McAllen, LLC

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

By: (TYPE NAME) _____

Juan D. Salinas III, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- ATTACHMENT "A" - Service to be Provided by the Owner
- ATTACHMENT "B" - Services to be Provided by the Engineer
- ATTACHMENT "C" - Work Schedule
- ATTACHMENT "D" - Cost Proposal

EXHIBIT F

-Supplemental Agreement Form

EXHIBIT "F"

Supplemental Agreement Form

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. ____
TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Article 8 of the Agreement made by and between HIDALGO COUNTY, acting herein by and through the Commissioner's Court, hereinafter called the "Owner", and _____, Professional Engineers of, _____, Texas, hereinafter called the "Engineer".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Owner and the Engineer executed the Agreement on the ____ day of ____ 2009 concerning engineering for _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, Article ___ of the Agreement, (article title), establishes _____; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the contract to _____

A. AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the Owner and the Engineer agree that said Agreement is amended as follows:

- I. Article ___ of the Agreement, (article title), is revised to

All other provisions are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the _____ day of _____, 20__.

THE ENGINEER:
ENGINEER

BY: _____

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY: _____
Juan D. Salinas III, County Judge

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(as required)

EXHIBIT G

-Certificate of Insurance (*Hidalgo County*)



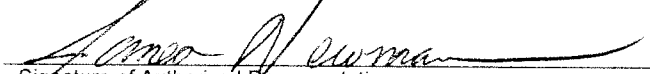
CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

SUCH INSURANCE AS RESPECTS THE INTEREST OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED BELOW WILL NOT BE CANCELED OR OTHERWISE TERMINATED WITHOUT GIVING 10 DAYS PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL THIS CERTIFICATE BE VALID MORE THAN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE WRITTEN. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CHANGE THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY ANY POLICY DESCRIBED BELOW.

- This certifies that:
- STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois
 - STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois
 - STATE FARM COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS of Dallas, Texas
 - STATE FARM INDEMNITY COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois, or
 - STATE FARM GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois

has coverage in force for the following Named Insured as shown below:

NAMED INSURED: LEO L. RODRIGUEZ JR DBA RODRIGUEZ ENGINEERING							
ADDRESS OF NAMED INSURED: 5602 E IOWA RD EDINBURG TX 78542-2758							
POLICY NUMBER	119 4980-E06-53						
EFFECTIVE DATE OF POLICY	11/06/09-05/06/10						
DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE (Including VIN)	2001 FORD F150 1FTZX17271NB99777						
LIABILITY COVERAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
LIMITS OF LIABILITY							
a. Bodily Injury	250,000						
Each Person							
Each Accident	500,000						
b. Property Damage							
Each Accident	300,000						
c. Bodily Injury & Property Damage							
Single Limit							
Each Accident							
PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGES							
a. Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ 500 Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible
b. Collision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ 500 Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ Deductible
EMPLOYERS NON-OWNED CAR LIABILITY COVERAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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		AGENT	53-6442	11/16/2009
Signature of Authorized Representative		Title	Agent's Code Number	Date
Name and Address of Certificate Holder		Name and Address of Agent		
CERTIFICATE HOLDER: HIDALGO COUNTY 100 N. CLOSNER BLVD. EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539		STATE FARM INSURANCE JAMES NEWMAN, AGENT 903 PECAN BLVD. MCALLEN, TEXAS 78501		



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)
08/03/09

PRODUCER South Side Insurance P.O. Box 1526 McAllen, TX 78505 Phone (956)664-2246 Fax (956)664-2279		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 LEO L. RODRIGUEZ, JR DBA RODRIGUEZ ENGINEERING 5602 E. IOWA EDINBURG, TX 78540		INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
		INSURER A: HARTFORD LLOYDS INS CO	
		INSURER B: LANDMARK AMERICAN INS CO	
		INSURER C:	
		INSURER D:	
		INSURER E:	
		INSURER F:	

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED 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 LTR	ADD'L INSRD	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS	
A		GENERAL LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC	61SBMRR4037DX-1	06/26/09	06/26/10	EACH OCCURRENCE	1000000
		DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)				100000	
		AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	
		GARAGE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> _____				BODILY INJURY (Per person)	
		EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	
A		WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR / PARTNER / EXECUTIVE OFFICER / MEMBER EXCLUDED? If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below	61WECNV8909-1	06/26/09	06/26/10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	1000000
						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	
						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	
B		OTHER PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	LHR719319	08/03/09	08/03/10	E & O	1000000

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

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**
 COUNTY OF HIDALGO
 2802 S BUS HWY 281
 EDINBURG, TX 78539

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 DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE