



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

MEMORANDUM
(Revised Specifications)

TO: Israel "Buddy" Silva Jr. Chief Probation Officer
Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center

ATTN: Elena Gaitan via email: elena.gaitan@jpd.co.hidalgo.tx.us

FROM: Sandy Suarez, Buyer
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

DATE: January 04, 2010

RE: Approval of Specifications For: Judge Mario Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center - "Licensed Professional Counselor(s) For Expansion Of Current Pool" RFP No.: 2010-023-00-00-SGS

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

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

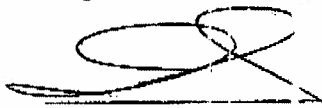
If you have any questions, please call me at (956) 318-2626 ext# 4860.

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

Funds Availability: 42,38 YES / NO

Other (Specify) _____

Budget Account No.: 0-1286-423-00-330-005-0-331

 _____ Israel Silva Jr _____ 1-4-10

SIGNATURE PRINTED NAME DEPARTMENT DATE

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. VIA FAX TO (956) 292-7612 or e-mail: sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us by no later than Wednesday, January 11 by 12:00P.M.

Enclosures

RFP NO: 2010-023-02-10	BUYER I: SANDY SUAREZ	Tel. No: (956) 318-2626
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Hidalgo County
Edinburg, Texas

**JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. - JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
"LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S) FOR EXPANSION OF CURRENT POOL"**

FEBRUARY 10, 2010

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

(956) 318-2626

Form HCPD-04

LEGAL NOTICE

RFP NO: 2010-023-02-10-SGS

1. Sealed proposals will be received for **JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER FOR "LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S) FOR EXPANSION OF CURRENT POOL"**, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Proposals should address all requirements set forth. Proposers 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 proposal.

2. One (1) original and seven (7) copies of all RFPs 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, **RFP NO: 2010-023-02-10-SGS-Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center For- Licensed Professional Counselor(s) For Expansion Of Current Pool** and in County's Purchasing Department, **physical address:** 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281; **mailing address:** 2812 S. Hwy. Business 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2010.**

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFP 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: RFP NO: 2010-023-02-10-SGS-JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER FOR- LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S) FOR EXPANSION OF CURRENT POOL.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile to (956) 292-7612 or via e-mail to: sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, February 03, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Friday, February 05, 2010. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: **A.** separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this proposal that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; **B. 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 and; **C.** 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 proposer, or to reject all proposals and re-advertise.

5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each proposer shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the proposal and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Proposer should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the proposal.
6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, proposers are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their proposal including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No proposal may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the scheduled time to open proposals.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced proposal opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this proposal 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 Proposals. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their proposal.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a 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.
14. 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.
15. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS: (If applicable)
 - . 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

16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- . Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful proposer
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - d) Notation – **“LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S) FOR EXPANSION OF CURRENT POOL”**
 - 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:

Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center
Maria Elena Gaitan, Accountant
P O Box 267
Edinburg, TX 78540
956-587-6200

17. Schedule of Events

Projected Proposal Opening, 9:30 A.M.,	<u>FEBRUARY 10,</u> 2010
Project/Anticipated Award Date:	_____, 2010
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2010

18. 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 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 material men 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.

19. Ethical Standards:

. It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.

. It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

. No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

20. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

. Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a

conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who 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 successful Proposer 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 complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 No. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSER.**

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
23. 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 proposers' 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.
24. 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.

25. 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.
26. 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 related patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods or services provided by successful proposer.
27. 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 Proposals 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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 Proposal
“JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUSTICE CENTER -
“LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S) FOR EXPANSION TO CURRENT
POOL”

RFP NO: 2010-023-02-10-SGS

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 proposer proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned proposer 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.

Proposer acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request for Proposal Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Proposer understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal.

Proposer 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 receiving proposals, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Proposer: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

EXHIBIT A

REQUIREMENTS/SCOPE OF SERVICES

JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

“LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S) FOR EXPANSION OF CURRENT POOL”

RFP NO: 2010-023-02-10-SGS

**JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

“LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S) FOR EXPANSION OF CURRENT POOL”

RFP NO: 2010-023-02-10-SGS

Overview:

Hidalgo County (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”) is soliciting proposals for “Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center – Licensed Professional Counselor(s)” in order to establish an “Expansion” to the existing “Pool” of Licensed Professional Counselors” on an “As Needed Basis”. Counseling Services “Pool/Roster” shall be effective upon approval by Commissioner’s Court with termination date to concur with current existing pool terms. The scope of the work/services will encompass all aspects of Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center and requires extensive knowledge and experience across all lines of coverage. The information provided in the Request For Proposals (hereinafter referred to as “RFP”) is only to be used for the purpose of preparing a proposal for “Licensed Professional Counselor(s) Request For Proposals will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, February 10, 2010.** ANY RFP RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.

Deliver Submittal to:
RFP Number: 2010-023-02-10-SGS

US Postal Mail Address:

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

Physical Address:

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

The Submittal Envelope Must Show The RFP 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 request for proposals 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

Physical Address:

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

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, February 03, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at (956) 318-2629. Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by Friday, February 05, 2010. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** This project will be an “Expansion” to the existing Pool of Licensed Professional Counselor(s).

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

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:

Prior Contract award, respondents to this RFP must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in **Exhibit E**) certifying that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion 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 BIDS:

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 submitter'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 Proposal (RFP) 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 proposers 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.

HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS:

Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering proposals, to make sure that it is stamped with date and time by the County Purchasing Staff.

SIGNING OF PROPOSALS:

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 CONTRACT:

It is intended that the " Expansion" to the existing Pool/Roster shall be effective upon approval by Commissioner's Court with the termination date to concur with the current existing Pool Term for one (1) year with County's option to renew/extend for an additional one (1) year term, under the same rates, terms, and conditions.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term, under the same rates, terms and conditions.

DAVIS BACON ACT:

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing specifications. (If applicable)

SECTION II - RFP REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

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

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the proposers understanding of the project needs, the services required, and any local issues or concerns. Briefly explain how long you have been organized and your business objectives. Explain how long you have been in business. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to 3 pages in length.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:

Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center is soliciting to contract with qualified licensed professional counselor(s) who are qualified as a "Licensed Professional Counselor". The person(s) directly performing the counseling services are required to be licensed counselor(s). Credentials, qualifications to perform necessary services must be submitted. Photostat copies are acceptable.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The proposers 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. Information regarding the firm's credentials, education and experience with other "Juvenile Probation Entities" is required and will be scored accordingly during the evaluation process.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATES AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain **any/all** licenses, registrations, permits, and certifications as required by the STATE OF TEXAS and HIDALGO COUNTY that you possess that deem you as a qualified license professional counselor(s).

If proposer/vendor cannot meet any of the following services/responsibilities, such exceptions must be noted on the company's cover letter.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center is soliciting to contract and establish an "Expansion" to the existing "Pool" of qualified licensed professional counselor(s) who are qualified, licensed and meet the following specifications/requirements:

1. Have experience in counseling intervention juvenile age population, family, group, etc.;
2. Be familiar with the rules, procedures and practices of the "Juvenile Intervention" programs;
3. Experience with providing counseling services with other "Juvenile Probation" entities;
4. Knowledge of family techniques;
5. Knowledge of juvenile techniques;

6. Knowledge of behavior modification and applied behavior modification;
7. Understanding of effective counseling strategies utilized to counsel juveniles, family, group;
8. Each juvenile, family, group shall remain in program until successful completion;
9. Progress report(s) required to be submitted to "Chief Probation Officer" of the "Judge Mario E. Ramirez Juvenile Justice Center" and/or designee;
10. Must submit copies of their credentials, license(s), qualifications;
11. Any/All submitting a response are subject to criminal history and background checks;
12. Required to submit outlines of Counseling Services to be provided. Such detail is required for "Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center" to understand the content, progression of submittal's understanding of mythology;
13. To provide services in the language of literacy and understanding of the juvenile, family, group, etc.;
14. Licensed Counselor(s) may be called to testify in a "Juvenile Court of Law";
15. Shall provide a written plan of service(s) regarding the prescribed counseling services for juveniles, family, group;
16. Services must be provided on an "As Needed Basis", upon request and approval by "Chief Probation Officer" of the "Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center";
17. An "Pre-Assessment" and "Final Assessment" study plan shall be submitted with a summary report upon request at any time by the "Chief Probation Officer" and/or the Court; the report shall identify progress or lack of progress that is based on clearly specified criteria, refusal or failure to attend or participate in treatment services, failing to abide by the client's treatment's plans and/or contracts, or any disclosures regarding action plan shall be provided for any areas in which the individual is not progressing;
18. The "Licensed Professional Counselor" must be available to communicate and staff cases with the "Chief Probation Officer" of the "Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center";
19. Explain how a diagnosis is determined and how recommendations are made;
20. Provide a sample of such plan for counseling service(s) to a juvenile, parent, group, before services begin and after services have been completed;
21. Consult/Orientate with the "Chief Probation Officer, Probation Officers" regarding cases assigned;
22. Licensed Professional Counselor(s) with preferred experience in the following:
 - i. criminal/gang orientation
 - ii. aggressive behavior
 - iii. lack of victim empathy
 - iv. substance abuse
 - v. educational issues
 - vi. issues with authority
 - vii. lack of pro social values
 - viii. emotional/mental health disorders
 - ix. impulsive-aggressive behaviors
 - x. low intellectual capacity
 - xi. educational issues
 - xii. chaotic home environment

PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

Proposer(s) are to provide a fee proposal as per hour, per individual, per group, per family, per sessions based on the scope of services/work requested. Cost(s) to include all typed and signed documentation/reports to the "Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center". **The department will not be financially responsible for missed appointments.**

Fees/Rate Proposals will be negotiated up to/maximum but not to exceed the rates approved under the current original pool for the "Licensed Professional Counselors" in place. This project will be an "Expansion" to the existing services. Any proposals and/or negotiations to this request will be equivalent to existing rates.

Hidalgo County-Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr.-Juvenile Justice Center reserves the right to randomly select from both the current and expansion of pool(s) on an "As Needed Basis".

All/Any costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the proposer and not reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County / Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center.

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:

Hidalgo County requires one (1) original submittal and seven (7) copies.

SECTION III – SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING

SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING PROCESS:

The evaluation consists of a 100-point scoring system based on the "Evaluation Criteria"-Exhibit B. The participants will be ranked after evaluation of "Pool/Roster" by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. Categories under the 100-point system include response to RFP. RFP submittal evaluation will be based on the criteria outlined below.

- (A) The Hidalgo County Commissioners and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by Hidalgo County Commissioners will review, score and evaluate the RFPs received in response to this "Request For Proposals".
- (B) After the RFPs have been reviewed, scored and evaluated, the committee will present the "Pool/Roster" grid to the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court for the purposes of ranking.

Proposals will be graded on a 100-point system with emphasis on ability to service Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center.

1. **LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR(S):** **(30 Points)**
The "Licensed Professional Counselor(s) should provide information related to its Qualifications. The "Licensed Professional Counselor(s) must be registered and licensed to practice in the State Of Texas. Must provide a copy of certificates, licenses, permits, etc., required by the "Texas State Of Board Of Examiners Of Professional Counselors" and any other credentials/registrations or other pertinent information that demonstrates qualifications to perform the "Counseling Services" as required. A list of, and scope of, similar projects for comparative purposes shall be included in response.
2. **UNDERSTANDING THE SERVICES/METHODOLOGY:** **(20 Points)**
The "Licensed Professional Counselor(s) must state, the approach and /or methodology, in achieving and rendering all services detailed and required as the "Licensed Professional Counselor" by the "Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. If the "Counselor" currently has an active practice, the "Counselor" must state in detail how services and requirements will be rendered as detailed for the "Request For Proposal". "Counselor(s) should include any local issues or concerns that directly affect the "Counselor(s) understanding of the project.
3. **COST:** **(20 Points)**
Provide fee cost per individual, family, group, per hour sessions as requested in scope of service and requirements.
4. **ABILITY TO COMMIT TO ALL REQUIRED "SERVICES"** **(30 Points)**
The "Licensed Professional Counselor(s) should provide as much background information as to it's experiences in providing similar counseling services to juveniles, family, groups, etc."

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Compliance with all requirements, the most cost productive, qualified, experience, efficient and effective plan in order to create a "Pool/Roster" will be reviewed and considered in order to create "Pool/Roster". Emphasis will be placed on qualifications, experience, capability to perform the services as well as meeting the needs of the "Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center for - "Counseling Services". Accuracy and completeness are essential. Hidalgo County / Judge Mario E. Ramirez Jr., Juvenile Justice Center reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs.

Fees/Rate Proposals will be negotiated up to/maximum but not to exceed the rates approved under the

current original pool for the “Licensed Professional Counselors” in place. This project will be an “Expansion” to the existing services. Any proposals and/or negotiations to this request will be equivalent to existing rates.

Hidalgo County-Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr.-Juvenile Justice Center reserves the right to randomly select from both the current and expansion of pool(s) on an “As Needed Basis”.

RFP SUBMITTED TO: An original and seven (7) copies of RFPs should be submitted to:

US Postal Mail Address:

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

Physical Address:

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

RFPs must be submitted by **no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.**

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 / Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center.

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Service Contract
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THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the _____ day of _____, **2010**, by and between **JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER**, a department of **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (hereinafter “Department”) and _____, LPC (hereinafter “Licensed Professional Counselor”) to service at the pleasure of the Department.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Department desires to contract with a person to provide the services necessary to act as a provider of “Licensed Professional Counseling Services” for the youth probationers served by Department (the “Clients”) that are more specifically set forth hereinafter; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has agreed to provide the services enumerated hereinafter for the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the mutual consideration expressed hereinafter, Department and Contractor agree as follows:

1. Contractor agrees to provide to Department and its Clients the services required of a “Licensed Professional Counselor” until replaced by Department. These services include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Conducting “Individual/Family/Group Counseling” appropriate for the needs of each client;
- (b) Conducting “Initial Clinical Intake”;

- (c) Conducting “Psychological Examinations” of the Clients as required by the Department;
- (d) Conducting “Consultation Services” as requested and required on an “As Needed Basis”;
- (e) Conducting other evaluations and tests on each Client as required by the Department;
- (f) Interpreting the results of any tests conducted under (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) or (f) stated above and submitting a written report to Department of the results of such tests and examinations, as required by Department;
- (g) Developing, implementing, monitoring and recommending to department appropriate counseling programs for the Client based on Contractor’s experience, professional training and personal observations.

All records, notes and/or reports created by Contractor and relating to services provided under this Contract shall be retained by Contractor and relating to services provided under this Contract shall be retained by Contractor for a minimum of three (3) years following the termination of this Contract, and thereafter, until any pending audit or litigation and all questions arising therefrom concerning such records are resolved by a final unappealable determination of any applicable court or agency. Contractor agrees to provide Department, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and their employees, attorneys, and/or independent auditors access to such books and/or records to the extent permitted by any obligation of confidentiality between or among the Client and Contractor.

2. Contractor represent that it employs “Licensed Professional Counselors” licensed by the State of Texas and qualified to perform and execute the services provided above. If any such license is suspended or revoked, this Contract shall automatically be terminated as to such licensed professional counselor and Contractor shall immediately notify the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of such suspension or revocation. In addition, under Section 236.006, Texas Family Code, Contractor certified that the individual or business entity named in this Contract, bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan or payment and

acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated if this certification is inaccurate.

3. Contractor shall prepare, maintain and submit all records that are designated, required or prescribed by either Department or the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. In addition, Contractor shall permit Department and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to audit or inspect records and reports, review services and/or evaluate the performance of the services provided hereunder at any time. Contractor shall provide reasonable access to all records, books, reports and other pertinent data and information needed to accomplish reviews of activities, services and expenditures of the Department.

4. Contractor shall adopt and implement workplace guidelines concerning persons with AIDS and HIV infection and shall develop and implement guidelines regarding confidentiality of AIDS and HIV-related medical information for employees of Contractor and for Clients, inmates, patients and/or residents served by Contractor.

5. As consideration for the above and forgoing, Contractor shall submit a monthly billing statement to the Department (P.O. Box 267, Edinburg, Texas 78540). Said statement must provide an itemized list of services rendered to Department during the statement period, based on the following schedule of fees:

- a) Individual Counseling Fee Per Hour – \$ _____ Maximum/Per Hour/Per Individual
- b) Family Counseling Fee Per Hour – \$ _____ Maximum/Per Hour/Per Family
- c) Group Counseling Fee Per Hour – \$ _____ Maximum/Per Hour/Per Individual/Per Group
- d) Initial Intake Fee Per Hour – \$ _____ Maximum/Per Hour/Per Intake
- e) Court Fee Cost Per Hour – \$ _____ Maximum/Per Hour
- f) Consultation Fee Per Hour – \$ _____ Maximum/Per Hour

Upon receipt of said statement, Department shall submit a requisition for payment of said

services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas.

Department will notify Contractor when state funds are used to pay for services. Contractor will account separately for the receipt and expenditure of state funds received from Department.

Contractor will comply with Department's specified accounting, reporting, and auditing requirements applicable to any state funds paid to Contractor under this Contract. In any event, Contractor agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Contract and to keep adequate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures.

6. Contractor must comply with all applicable Department and Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, orders or ordinances applicable to the services provided by Contractor under this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Contractor represents and maintains that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Department, Hidalgo County, Texas, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that it does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Department, Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. Contractor agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

7. Department and Contractor agree that either party may terminate this contract at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon the giving of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

8. Department hereby notifies Contractor that this Contract may be wholly or partially funded with state grant funds and as such, this Contract shall be subject to termination without

penalty, either in whole or in part, if funds are not available or are not appropriated by the Texas Legislature.

9. Contractor agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the Services for Department in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish County a certificate issued by the professional liability insurance insurer that such insurances is in full force and effect. In addition, Contractor agrees to hold County harmless for any and all claims arising out of any activity conducted by Contractor in providing services under this Contract.

10. Except as otherwise herein provided, Contractor may not assign the obligations or rights under this Contract to any person without the prior written consent of Department.

11. It is intended that the "Term" of the contract will be effective upon approval by Commissioners Court with termination date to concur with current existing pool under the same rates, terms and conditions. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next term, under the same rates, terms and conditions.

12. Contractor agrees to abide by all appropriate performance standards and sanctions and/or penalties that may be imposed by Department, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and/or the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor pursuant to contracts and/or grant arrangements with such entities, if any.

13. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Contract and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or

decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Contract shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

14. Department will conduct regular financial and programmatic monitoring of Contractor if Contractor is paid in whole or in part with state funds to ensure performance of and compliance with contractual provisions between Department and Contractor. If required by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, Department will complete and Contractor will cooperate with Department, upon request by Department, in furnishing such information and documentation as Department may require in completing the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Private Service Provider Contractual Monitoring and Evaluation Report to monitor Contractor's compliance with contractual requirements. If Contractor fails to deliver quality service, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies and outputs set by Department, or if Contractor fails to comply with any conditions in this Contract, then Department shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon the giving of ten (10) days prior written notice to Contractor.

15. No waive by Department of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

16. This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representation or agreements in connection with this Contract not specifically set forth herein. This Contract may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by Department and Contractor, and not otherwise.

17. This Contract shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

18. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, all notices, demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to Department: Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Justice Center
Attention: Israel "Buddy" Silva, Jr.
P.O. Box 267
Edinburg, Texas 78540

If to Contractor: _____

Each notice, demand, request or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addresses or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

19. The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Contract.

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

21. All pronouns used in this Contract shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may appropriate.

22. The execution and performance of this Contract by Department and Contractor have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Contract constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of Department and Contractor in accordance with its terms.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

DEPARTMENT:

HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

BY: _____ DATE: _____

Israel "Buddy Silva, Jr.", Director
and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

JUDGE MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

BY: _____ DATE: _____

Hon. Mario E. Ramirez, Jr., 332nd District Court
Juvenile Department Overseer

CONTRACTOR:

BY: _____ DATE: _____