

## **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

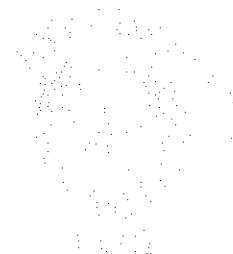
### **HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2 “GEO-GRID REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL”**

**BID OPENING DATE:**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2010**

Contact Person:

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



1. Sealed bids will be received for **"HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2- GEO-GRID REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL"** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.
2. **One (1) original and Three (3) copies** of all bids are required with the bidders name and return address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package: **"BID-2010-035-02-24-SGS-HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2"** and in County's Purchasing Department, physical address: 2802 S. Business Hwy 281, mailing address 2812 S. Business 281 New Administration Building,, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010.**

**NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE WITH REFERENCE TO "RFB-2010-035-02-24-SGS-HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2-GEO-GRID REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL".** Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFB and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFB considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: A.) separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; B.) reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; and C.) award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so."
4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Failure of the delivered item(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 bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid.
6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.

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9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.
  10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
  11. Any shipping costs are to be F.O.B., destination. (vendor pays all shipping cost and remains responsible until County takes possession)
  12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
  13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a bid or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
  14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.

15. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- . No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
- . At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
- . If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

16. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- . Invoices must include:
  - a) Name and address of successful bidder
  - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
  - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
  - d) Notation - **"HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2-GEO-GRID REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL"** 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 Precinct 2**  
**Attn: Commissioner Hector "Tito" Palacios**  
**301 E. State St.**  
**Pharr, TX. 78577**  
**(956) - 787-1891**

17. **Schedule of Events**

<b>Bid Opening, 9:30 AM</b>	<u>February 24, 2010</u>
Award of Contract	_____, 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 & 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 bidders 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 45CFR Part 76.

- Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the bidder 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

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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.

19. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

. Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person, consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful bidder fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Please Submit completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse

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

20. If, during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.
21. Bids, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services
22. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
- . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the bid;
  - . Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
  - . Have a satisfactory record of performance;
  - . Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
  - . Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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23. Successful bidder will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful bidder's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.
  24. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.
  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 bidder; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful bidder fails to:
    - A. Meet schedules;
    - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
    - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications.
  26. Successful bidder shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful bidder's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods and services provided by successful bidder.
  27. Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
  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 bidder shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.
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Bid  
For

**HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2**  
**“GEO-GRID REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL”**  
**BID NO.: 2010-035-02-24-SGS**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
2802 S. Bus. Hwy. 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

In accordance with the Specifications, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States and state and local laws, the undersigned bidder proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned bidder further agrees, upon acceptance of its bid, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Specifications within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Invitation to Bid Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Bidder understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid.

Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids, as contained in the Specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder:

Address:

By:

Printed Name:

Title:

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised Specifications)

TO: Mr. Cuellar  
Hidalgo County Precinct 2

ATTN: Roque Cavazos via email: roque.cavazos@co.hidalgo.tx.us

FROM: Sandy Suarez, Buyer  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

DATE: January 22, 2010

RE: Approval of Specifications For: HIDALGO CO. PRECINT 2 -"GEO-GRID REPLACEMENT MATERIAL"  
Bid No. 2010-035-00-00-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# 4846

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

Funds Availability:  YES /  NO

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Account No.: 0-1202-431-00-122-006-0-673 'Pending on Project'

	<u>RICARDO Cuellar</u>	<u>R.S.B</u>	<u>1/22/10</u>
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](mailto:sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us) by no later than Wednesday, January 27, 2010 @ 12:00 P.M.

Enclosures

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 2**  
**"GEO-GRID REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL"**  
**BID NO.: 2010-035-02-24-SGS**  
**SPECIFICATIONS**

**SCOPE OF SERVICE:**

Hidalgo County is requesting bids from qualified vendors to furnish Geo-Grid Reinforcement Materials to Hidalgo County Precinct 2, in accordance with the specifications/requirements specified herein and including, but not limited to all provisions set forth in the accompanying documentation.

**SPECIFICATIONS/ REQUIREMENTS:**

**MATERIALS:**

The geo-grid shall be single layer grid structure formed by a regular network of integrally connected polymeric tensile elements with apertures designed to interlock with the surrounding fill material. The structure shall be capable of maintaining dimensional stability during placement and under normal construction traffic. The geo-grid shall be resistant to damage during construction, including ultraviolet degradation, and shall have long-term resistance to chemical and biological degradation caused by the material being reinforced. No multiple layered grids are acceptable.

**PRODUCT:**

Structural Geo-grid: Tensar BX1100, Type 1 and Tensar BX1200, Type 2 – Same As or Equivalent to or better, meeting all material specifications/requirements and shall conform to the properties specified below.

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

**STRUCTURAL GEO-GRID INDEX PROPERTIES**

INDEX PROPERTY	TEST METHOD	UNITS	BX1100 -TYPE 1		BX1200 -TYPE 2	
			MD	XMD	MD	XMD
Aperture Dimensions		mm(in)	25(1.0)	33(1.3)	25((1.0)	33(1.3)
Minimum Rib Thickness		mm(in)	0.76 (0.03)	0.76 (0.03)	1.27 (0.05)	1.27 (0.05)
Rib shape			Rectangular or Square		Rectangular or Square	
<b><u>Tensile Strength</u></b>						
True Initial Modulus in Use	ASTM D6637	kN/m (lb/ft)	250 (17,140)	400 (27,420)	400 (27,420)	650 (44,550)
Tensile strength @ 2% Strain		kN/m (lb/ft)	4.1 (280)	6.6 (450)	6.0 (410)	9.0 (620)
Tensile strength @ 5% Strain		kN/m (lb/ft)	8.5 (580)	13.4 (920)	11.8 (810)	19.6 (1,340)
<b><u>Structural Integrity</u></b>						
Junction Efficiency	GRI-GG2-87	%	93	-	93	-
Flexural Stiffness	ASTM D-5732-95	mg/cm	250,000	-	750,000	-
Aperture Stability 20 kg-cm	USACE-KINNEY	kg-cm/deg	3.2	-	6.5	-
<b><u>Durability</u></b>						
Resistance to Installation Damage	ASTM D6637	%SC / %SW / %GP	90 / 83 / 70	-	95 / 89 / 86	-
Resistance to Long term Degradation	EPA 9090	%	100	-	100	-

Alternate geo-grid material will be considered. Such materials must be pre-approved in writing by the Engineer prior to Bid date. Alternate material packages must be submitted to the Engineer a **minimum of 15 days prior to Bid date**. Consideration of the alternate products will not be evaluated solely upon the index and strength properties. Product must meet all specification/requirements stated herein, but not limited.

Submittal packages must include, but not limited to the following:

1. Research documentation of full-scale laboratory testing and in-ground testing of pavement structures reinforced with the specific geo-grid, which qualifies the structural contribution of the geo-grid to the pavement structure. The increase in structural layer coefficient of the base course must meet or exceed that of the design geo-grid.
2. Independent certified tests results stating that the alternate geo-grid has a secant aperture stability modulus at 20 cm-kg when tested in accordance with the Grid Aperture Stability by In-Plane Rotation test of 3.2 or greater.
3. A list of five(5) comparable projects, similar in terms of size and applications, in the United States, where the results of the specific alternate geo-grids use can be verified after a minimum of one (1) year of service.
4. Must be in the form of an engineered design, certified by a licensed professional engineer.
5. Recommended guidelines on the installation of product provided by the manufacture and any addition information to assist the Engineer in fully evaluating the alternate product.
6. Must include a sample of the Geo-Grid and the certified specification sheets.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- A qualified experienced representative from the geo-grid manufacturer must be available on an "As Needed Basis" and visit the site at least once during the construction and /or installation of the product.
- The Geo-Grid shall be packaged in rolls with lengths between 200 feet and 250 feet and widths of 12 to 15 feet and 8 to 10 feet.
- Each roll shall be one continuous piece packaged in a suitable sheath, wrapper or container to protect the geo-grid from damage due to ultraviolet light, moisture and normal storage and handling.
- May be custom cut to specific lengths or widths to suit specific engineering designs.
- Include a sample of the geo-grid approximately 4 inches by 7 inches or larger.
- Include geo grid product data sheet and certification from the Manufacturer.
- Any damaged or defective geo-grid roll (i.e. frayed coating, separated junctions, separated

layer, tears etc.) will be repaired/replaced by the contractor before, during and after installation at no additional cost to the County.

- Replacement of damaged area shall consist of adding a 3 ft (1m) of Geo Grid beyond the limits of the affected area.
- Proposed bidder shall provide all equipment, supplies, material and labor necessary in getting the product safely to it's final destination at Precinct 2.
- Unit price, to be by roll or square yards.
- **Delivery Charges: All delivery, unloading of product and freight charges, shall be included in the bid price and F.O.B. Hidalgo County Precinct 2, 310 E. State Street, Pharr, Texas 78577 or to the address(es) specified on the purchase order during normal working hours, unless otherwise authorized by the Purchasing Agent or designee. Bidder bears freight charges. All prices must be written in ink or typewritten**

#### **TERM AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1) The initial term of the contract shall be for a period of two (2) years with the County's option to renew contract for one (1) additional year under the same rates, terms and conditions and meeting all specifications set forth hereto.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
- 4) Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until:
  - The Contract expires
  - Delivery and acceptance of products and/ performance of services ordered
  - Or termination by County with a (30) days written notice prior to cancellation/termination.
- 5) All cost and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of bids, proposals and/or quotes shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.
- 6) Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantage to the County.
- 7) After bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidder(s) and/or in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost of such item.
- 8) Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek state contracts from its memberships with their existing or new cooperatives whenever it is in the County's interest to do so.

- 9) Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the bid to MULTIPLE bidders if the county determines it is in its best interest to do so.
- 10) Insurance requirements for this project to be maintained through out the contract term (Refer to limits on the Exhibit "C" for limits).
- 11) Bidder(s) agrees that to the extent an item(s) is unavailable from Bidder(s) own inventory, Bidder(s) will be responsible for locating an alternative supplier and for providing the product or service to Hidalgo County.
- 12) Have been in business for at least two (2) years

**MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:**

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

- 1) **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.
  - A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
  - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
  - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
  - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
  - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
- 2) **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.

- 3) **Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.
- 4) **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
- 1) **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statements of qualifications be routed to: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, 2812 South Business 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539.

**TELEPHONE INQUIRES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE to (956) 292-7612 or via e-mail to [sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us), by no later than, Wednesday, FEBRUARY 17, 2010 by 5:00 P.M. Responses to said inquires will be sent to all applicants via facsimile or via e-mail by no later than Friday, FEBRUARY 19, 2010 by 5:00 P.M.**

## REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT

C-10-035-00-00

**THIS AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is entered into effective as of **April 1, 2010** by and between VENDOR'S NAME, a Corporation ("Seller") and **Hidalgo County** ("Buyer").

**WHEREAS**, Buyer has solicited proposals for the supply of its requirements of "**Geo-Grid Reinforcement Material**", as further described in Exhibit "A" Request for Bid (RFB) Procurement Packet, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes (the "RFB") for a period of one year; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Buyer has determined that Seller has submitted the lowest and best bid to meet Buyer's requirements for the Product.

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller, and Seller agrees to sell to Buyer, all of the Products that Buyer may require for use by Buyer in "**Geo-Grid Reinforcement Material for Precinct No. 2**" in the areas of Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 projects for a period of two year from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012 and may be extended with the County's discretion for an additional year and it is agreed that the Products will meet the specifications set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto; 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.

2. When Buyer determines that it needs a quantity of the Products to be delivered, it will, according to its Purchasing Policies, complete and submit to Seller a Purchase Order describing the type and quantity of the Products required.

3. Buyer agrees to pay Seller for each Purchase Order based on the prices set out in Exhibit "B". Seller shall render invoices for each Purchase Order, and the invoices shall be paid by Buyer on or before the 30th day following receipt of the invoice.

4. County and Seller agree that either party may terminate this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice at any time for any reason or no reason at all.

5. General Provisions.

a. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to

the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

b. **No Waiver.** No waiver by Buyer of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

c. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by Buyer and Seller, and not otherwise.

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

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

If to Buyer: Hidalgo County  
Attn: County Judge  
100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Seller:

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

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

g. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives,

successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

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

i. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.

j. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate

k. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by Buyer and Seller have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of Buyer and Seller in accordance with its terms.

l. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to Seller. Buyer agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

m. **Insurance.** Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit AC@ attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

n. **Purchasing Ethics.** Seller represents and warrants it has not, during the process of being awarded this contract violated the following ethical standards of Buyer and, upon and after the execution of this Agreement, agrees to abide by the following ethical standards of Buyer:

- (1) It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of Hidalgo County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of Hidalgo County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an officer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advise, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program

requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor pending before any department or agency of Hidalgo County.

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

**EXECUTED** effective as of the day and year first above written.

**APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON,** \_\_\_\_\_

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

By \_\_\_\_\_

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk**

**COMPANY:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “A”**

**REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)  
PROCUREMENT PACKET**

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**BID PAGE**

**DRAFT**

**EXHIBIT “C”**  
**CERTIFICATE OF**  
**INSURANCE**

**DRAFT**