



Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council Agenda

DATE: February 17, 2010

SUBJECT:

1. Requesting Exemption From Competitive Bidding Under The Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(4) for Professional Services in Connection With Surveying Services for Head Start Program.
2. Presentation Of Scoring Grid (for the Purposes Of Ranking By Commissioners' Court) of the Firms Graded and Evaluated Through the County's Approved "Pool" of Surveyors in Connection With Professional Surveying Services Required for Head Start Program for the marking of the Land behind the LBJ Head Start Administration Building.
 1. Quintanilla Hadley & Associates
 2. R.E. Garcia Associates
 3. CVQ Land Surveyors, LLC
3. Authority To Negotiate a Professional Surveying Service Contract with the No. 1 Ranked Firm of _____ for the Surveying of the Land Behind the LBJ Administration Building.

RATIONALE/NEED: Funding for this project was awarded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services under the American Re-Investment Recovery Act (ARRA).

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

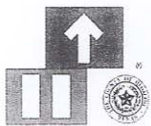
COST: \$50,000.00

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDED: Memo/Scoring Grid/Contract

INITIATED BY: Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director *at*

REVIEWED BY: Mr. Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Director *[Signature]*

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: *Teresa Flores*



HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

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TO: Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Director

FROM: Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director *at*

DATE: February 08, 2010

SUBJ: Exemption & Selection of Surveyor

We will need to request exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional surveying services for the marking of the land behind the LBJ Administration building for the Head Start nature park.

We called the County Purchasing Department to inquire about written guidelines for the evaluation process which they stated there were none. They did instruct us to call the firms for copies of the certificates of insurance. We called the three (3) surveying firms to request the copies of their insurance documents as required by the county. The evaluations will reflect the revised score based on the updates submitted.

We have selected and evaluated three (3) surveying firms as required. The evaluations were completed by Mrs. Salinas, Mr. Sandoval, and by me. The firms evaluated were Quintanilla Hadley & Associates, R.E. Garcia Associates, and CVQ Land Surveyors, LLC. Based on the evaluations we recommend the Surveying firm of Quintanilla Hadley & Associates as the Surveying firm for the nature park.

Thank you.

Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Evaluation of Surveying Firms

	Quintanilla Hadley & Assoc.				R.E. Garcia Associates				CVQ Land Surveyors, LLC			
	Evaluation			Avg.	Evaluation			Avg.	Evaluation			Avg.
	A	B	C		A	B	C		A	B	C	
1 Responsiveness	30	30	30	90	30	25	30	85	30	25	30	85
2 Firm Capabilities	45	40	45	130	45	40	45	130	45	40	45	130
3 Staffing	15	15	15	45	15	15	15	45	10	15	10	35
4 Equal Opportunity Employer	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	15
5 Meets Hidalgo County Insurance Requirement	5	5	5	15	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	15
TOTAL	100	95	100	98	95	85	95	92	95	90	95	93

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

C-09-000-00-00

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the _____ day of _____, 2010, by and between the COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS, ("County") and **VENDOR'S NAME**, a Limited Liability Corporation ("Surveyor")

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County requires Surveying services for "Professional Surveying Services For **PROJECT NAME** (on an on-call basis)"; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that the services of Professional Surveyor are sometimes necessary to carry out the required Surveying activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.002, "The Professional Services Procurement Act", Government Code, the County requested proposals from Professional Surveyor to assist the County by providing Surveying services; and

WHEREAS, the County has selected the Surveyor to provide surveying services within

Hidalgo County **DEPARTMENT NAME** in Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet and through its procured approved pool of Surveyors.

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

1. **Scope of Services.** Surveyor agrees to provide to County the services shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and entitled "Services" to be Provided by the Surveyor. Further Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the successful vendor and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of said contract.

2. **Term.** This Contract becomes effective when fully executed by both parties and will terminate one (1) year from the date of execution or unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Surveyor will not begin work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the County for each work order.

3. **Method of Payment.** Payments to the **Surveyor** for services rendered will be made while work is in progress as executed through a lump sum fee assigned to each work authorization (hereinafter referred to as "**Work Authorization**") in accordance with **Paragraph 4** herein. For each **Work Authorization**, the **Surveyor** shall prepare and submit to the **County** monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the work and in support of a request for payment

(hereinafter referred to as “**Request for Payment**”). The progress report shall indicate the percent completion of the work accomplished by the **Surveyor** during the billing period and to the date of the **Request for Payment**. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the performance of the services, the **Surveyor** shall submit to the **County** for approval a **Request for Payment**. Payment of the lump sum fee for each **Work Authorization** identified in the **Request for Payment** will be in proportion to the percent completion of the work tasks identified in such **Work Authorizations** together with a detailed breakdown of the amount and the sum of all prior payments. The **County** shall review each such **Request for Payment** and may make such exceptions as the **County** reasonably deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances then existing. About ten (10) working days after the Commissioners Court of the **County** meets approving such payment, the **County** shall make payment to the **Surveyor** in the amount approved as aforesaid subject to **Paragraph 4** herein and below.

If the **Project**, or any portion(s) thereof, are deleted or otherwise not completed, compensation to the **Surveyor** by the **County** for the **Project** or such portions of the project shall be only the amounts paid the **Surveyor** for actual work performed in accordance with the **Work Authorization(s)** approved by the **County**.

Final Payment. After final completion of the work and acceptance thereof by the **County** the

Surveyor shall submit a final request for payment ("**Final Request for Payment**") which shall set forth all amounts due and remaining unpaid to the **Surveyor** and upon approval thereof by the **County**, the **County** shall pay to the **Surveyor** the amount due ("**Final Payment**") under such **Final Request for Payment** in accordance with the provisions of **Paragraph 4** hereof. The **Final Payment** shall not be made until the **Surveyor** delivers to the **County** an affidavit that so far as the **Surveyor** has knowledge or information any and all amounts due for materials and services over which the **Surveyor** has control have been paid.

Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the **County** shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether a payment under **Paragraph 4** hereof or **Final Payment**) to the **Surveyor** hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedent exist:

- (1) The **Surveyor** is in default of any of its obligations hereunder or otherwise is in default under this Agreement or under any contract documents related to this Agreement;
- (2) Any part of such payment is attributable to the **Surveyor's** services which are not performed in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, such payment shall be made as to the part thereof attributable to the **Surveyor's** services which were performed in accordance with this Agreement.

- (3) The **Surveyor** has failed to make payments promptly to consultants or other third parties used in connection with the **Project** for which the **County** has made payment to the **Surveyor**;
- (4) If the **County**, in good faith judgment, determines that the portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the **Surveyor's** services in accordance with this Agreement, no additional payments will be due the **Surveyor** hereunder unless and until the **Surveyor**, at its sole cost, performs a sufficient portion of the **Surveyor's** services so that such portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid is determined by the **County** to be sufficient to so complete the **Surveyor's** services.

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

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

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

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

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

The estimated cost proposal for each **Work Authorization**, developed by the **Surveyor** and

approved by the **County** shall be used by the **County** to appropriate a purchase order for the **Work Authorization**. Each executed **Work Authorization** shall become a part of this **Agreement**. Upon satisfactory completion of the **Work Authorization**, the **Surveyor** shall submit the **Project's** deliverables as specified in the executed **Work Authorization** to the **County** for review and acceptance.

Work included in a **Work Authorization** shall not begin until the **County** and the **Surveyor** have signed the **Work Authorization**. All work must be completed on or before the completion date specified in the **Work Authorization**, unless extended by written agreement by the **Surveyor** and the **County**. The **Surveyor** shall promptly notify the **County** of any event that will affect completion of the **Work Authorization**. All **Work Authorizations** must be executed and completed by both the **Surveyor** and the **County** within the period established for this Agreement.

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

5. Compensation. As consideration for rendering the Services provided for in this Contract, the **County** agrees to pay the **Surveyor** the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by **Surveyor**. The **Surveyor** is authorized to

submit periodic requests for payment within thirty days after completion of each Work Authorization.

The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the County and shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and the amount due and payable as of the date of the current billing. Upon receipt of said request for payment, County shall submit a requisition for payment of said services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Surveyor 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. All payments to Surveyor shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 21, hereof.

6. Inspection of Work. The County has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Surveyor, or a subcontractor, the Surveyor shall provide and require its subcontractor to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the inspectors in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

7. Amendments. If it becomes necessary at any time during the contract period to

change the scope of work, the contract period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this contract, an amendment must be prepared and executed within the contract period. The County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Surveyor unless the County finds the proposed amendment necessary to complete the work authorized herein. Any such amendments be made in writing agreed to by all parties hereto and duly executed before the end of the contract period as specified.

If the County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Surveyor, the County shall require the Surveyor to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the Work Authorization or the Contract. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Surveyor, the County will reimburse the Surveyor for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in Exhibit "B", "Basis for Payment." If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable to be exceeded, an amendment shall be executed in accordance with the terms of this provision.

8. Reporting. The Surveyor shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the contract, including:

1. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to meet time schedules and goals, or preclude the attainment of project work units by established time periods. This disclosure shall be

accompanied by a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any County or, if Federal funds are involved, Federal assistance needed to resolve the situation.

2. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting time schedules and goals sooner than anticipated or producing more work units than originally projected.

9. **Ownership of Documents.** Upon completion or termination of this contract, all documents prepared by the Surveyor or furnished to the Surveyor by the County shall be delivered to and become the property of the County. All sketches, photographs, calculations, and other data prepared under this contract shall be made available, upon request, to the County without restriction or limitation on their further use. The Surveyor may, at its own expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished the County under this contract.

10. **Independent Contractor.** Surveyor must comply with all applicable Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, orders or ordinances applicable to the services provided by Surveyor under this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Surveyor represents and maintains that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of 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 Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's

civil service program. Surveyor agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

11. Voluntary Termination. Surveyor and County 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.

12. Insurance. Surveyor agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the services for County 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 department a certificate of insurance, Exhibit AC@, issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

13. No Assignment. Except as otherwise herein provided. Surveyor may not assign the obligations or rights under this contract to any person without the prior written consent of the County.

14. Conflict. 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.

15. Termination by County. If Surveyor fails to deliver quality service, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies and outputs set by County, or if Surveyor fails to comply with any conditions in this Contract, then County shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon the giving of ten (10) days prior written notice to Surveyor.

16. No Waiver. No waiver by County 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.

17. Entire Agreement. 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 representations 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 County and Surveyor, and not otherwise.

18. Venue. 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.

19. Hold Harmless. In the event Surveyor should cause, either directly or indirectly, damage, loss, destruction, liability, or claims against the other party as a result of intentional conduct, negligence or otherwise, Surveyor shall hold harmless and indemnify County from any and all obligations, liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that result from the Surveyor's intentional actions or negligence. This indemnification clause shall survive this Contract and be enforceable as a separate agreement in the event its survival and enforcement becomes necessary.

20. Attorney's Fees. In the unlikely event that a dispute occurs which is litigated or arbitrated, or a cause of action in law or equity is filed concerning the operation, construction, interpretation, or enforcement of this Contract, the losing party shall bear the cost of the attorney's fees incurred by the prevailing party and any and all costs applicable thereto, including, but not limited to, court costs, deposition fees, expert witness fees, out-of-pocket expenses and travel expenses which are incurred by the prevailing party.

21. Notices. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, 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 County: **DEPARTMENT NAME**
 ATTN:
 ADDRESS

If to Surveyor: **COMPANY'S NAME**
 ATTN:
 ADDRESS

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.

22. Execution of 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 Contract including the **Work Authorization Form** attached hereto as **Exhibit "D"**.

23. Binding Contract. 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.

24. Gender. 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 be appropriate

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

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ON: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

By: _____

By: _____

Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge

SURVEYOR:
COMPANY'S NAME

By:

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A"

-Services to be

Provided by Surveyor

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EXHIBIT “B”

-Fee Schedule

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EXHIBIT "C"

-Insurance Requirements

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EXHIBIT "D"

-Work Authorization Form

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HIDALGO COUNTY

Professional Surveying Services

Contract No. _____

Work Authorization Form

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _____

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Service Contract made by and between HIDALGO COUNTY, action herein by and through the Commissioner's Court, hereinafter called the "Owner," and, "Firm's Name", professional Surveyor of _____, Texas, hereinafter called "Surveyor".

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the Surveyor to provide_____.

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

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

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

PART 3. PAYMENT

**THE SURVEYOR:
(NAME OF FIRM)**

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- ATTACHMENT "A" - Service to be Provided by the Surveyor
- ATTACHMENT "B" - Payment/ Fee Schedule
- ATTACHMENT "C" - Insurance Requirements provided by Surveyor
- ATTACHMENT "D" - Work Authorization Form