



Hidalgo County Head Start Program

Bid No: 2010-019-03-30	Procurement Director: Ambrosio Tovar	Tel. No: (956) 380-4149
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HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR BIDS

LAWN CARE SERVICES

BID #2010-019-03-30

McAllen, Texas

March 30, 2010

Contact Person:

Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director
Hidalgo County Head Start Program
1901 W. State Hwy 107
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REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) CHECKLIST

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
"LAWN CARE SERVICES BID #2010-019-03-30
for Hidalgo County Head Start Program

1. Request for Bid Letter, consisting of 1 page.
2. Request for Bid, Legal Notice, consisting of 6 pages.
3. Specifications, Exhibit A, consisting of 5 pages.
4. Hidalgo County Head Start Program & Center Roster/Sign-In, Exhibit B consisting of 3 pages.
5. Insurance Requirements, Exhibit C, consisting of 3 pages.
6. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, Exhibit D, consisting of 3 pages.
7. Proposer's Affidavit, Exhibit E, consisting of 1 page.
8. Bid Page consisting of 1 page
9. Bidder/Vendor Application, consisting of 1 page.
10. Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Declaration, consisting of 1 page.
11. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension consisting of 1 page.
12. Bid Tabulation Sheet consisting of 1 page.
13. Draft Contract consisting of 6 pages.
14. W-9 Form (Request for Taxpayer ID) consisting of 4 pages.

The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Bid (RFB) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Procurement Department by calling (956) 380-4149, to advise of missing documentation, and Procurement will forward information either through facsimile or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.

Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director

March 30, 2010



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Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM**
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
"LAWN CARE SERVICES"
BID Nº 2010-019-03-30

Dear Respondents:

Enclosed please find a Request for Bid (RFB) packet for you review and consideration.

Hidalgo County Head Start Program welcomes and appreciates your participation in the bid process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Procurement Department 956-380-4149.

Sincerely,

Ambrosio Tovar
Procurement Director
Hidalgo County Head Start Program

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid No: 2010-019-03-30

1. Sealed bids will be received for **"LAWN CARE SERVICES" FOR HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth; Bidders guarantees products/services offered will meet, or exceed, the written specifications identified in the bid. Bidders may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). All deviations from the specifications must be noted in writing, in detail, by the bidder at the time of submittal of the bid. Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the specifications. The absence of a written list of specification deviations will hold the bidder strictly accountable to the County to the specifications as written. Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid. Any deviation from the specifications as written which the bidder did not previously submit prior to bid opening, as required, will be grounds for rejection of the materials/goods/services and/or equipment when delivered.
2. One (1) original and three (3) copies of bid are required with 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 enveloped and/or package, **"BID- LAWN CARE SERVICES" FOR HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM** located 1901 West State Highway 107, McAllen, Texas, **on or before 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY BID 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 IN REFERENCE TO BID.** Hidalgo County Reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all bids and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County Head Start Program will not be responsible for miss-sent or misplaced bids.
3. Hidalgo County Head Start Program 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.

One or more vendors may be designated as approved "Primary" and/or "Secondary" vendors for purchases for this contract through the effective period of the award. In situations when purchasing from the Primary Vendor(s) is not in the best interest of the County (e.g., when vendor fails to meet established delivery schedules), departments may purchase from the Secondary Vendor(s)

If a vendor is in default on an order, the County reserves the right to purchase the item in default and change the increase in price, if any, and coast of handling to the vendor. Failure to pay a damage assessment is cause for contract cancellation and/or suspension or removal of the vendor from the County's Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL)

4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County Head Start Program. Once a contract is awarded, no substitutions of products on the orders will be allowed without prior written consent from ordering department(s). Substitutions must be approved prior to shipment on a trial basis only, until original item(s) becomes available. Outstanding orders are not automatically amended by an approved substitution.

Failure to the delivered item(s) to perform as specified, or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County Head Start Program from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, Head Start may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise. The County may purchase on the open market any commodity reported by a vendor to be on back order when the resultant delivery time is unsatisfactory. Damage may be applicable in cases of a pattern of back orders. Back orders received after the delivery scheduled date will not be accepted.

5. For work to be performed at a Hidalgo County Head Start Program 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 Head Start Program. 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. A bid cannot be altered or amended after the bid opening date and time. Any alterations made before the opening date and time shall be initialed by the bidder or the bidder's authorized agent identified in the bid.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening. No bid can be withdrawn after the bid opening date and time without approval of County. All approvals shall be based upon an acceptable written reason for the action. Prices submitted for the bid must be current and in effect at the time of the bid opening and shall remain firm throughout the contract term, including any contract extensions. NO price increases are allowed. Vendors are required to implement immediately any price decreases, roll backs, etc. that may become available. The County must be notified in writing of any decreases for file updating purposes and notice to contract users.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the Hidalgo County Head Start Program Director or 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. Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., Hidalgo County Head Start Program Prepaid.
12. Hidalgo County Head Start Program 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. Both unit prices and extensions must be submitted. In case of discrepancies, unit prices shall govern.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the Hidalgo County Head Start Program budget for this fiscal year only. Hidalgo County Head Start 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 Hidalgo County Head Start which is payable out Purchases orders shall be generated by the Hidalgo County Head Start to the successful bidder(s). The purchase order number must appear on all itemized invoices, packing slips and delivery tickets. Hidalgo County Head Start will not be held responsible for nay orders placed/delivered without a valid, signed purchase order.
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 Head Start Finance Department in order to establish an account with the Head Start Program. All awarded vendors must submit a complete W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.
15. POST AWARD PRODUCTS DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:
 - Materials and supplies must be shipped within 72 hours from arrival of purchase order.
 - Deliveries shall be accepted between 8:00 AM, Monday-Friday, unless prior approvals for after-hours deliveries have been obtained from respective department(s) contact person(s) before delivery will be accepted, unless other delivery arrangements have been made.

- At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to, Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director before delivery will be accepted, unless other delivery arrangements have been made.

Deliveries not made within delivery schedule shall be considered delinquent. Delinquent orders shall constitute a breach of contract. The vendor must notify the requesting department of orders that exceed the delivery schedule to either cancel the order or extend the delivery schedule for that order.

At least seventy-two (72) hours prior to notice of a foreseen delivery delay shall also be given to appropriate departments(s) contact person(s). The County has the right to extend the delivery date if reasons appear valid. The vendor must keep the County advised at all times of the status of the order(s). If the vendor has orders in their possession which have not been completed within the specified delivery time, the Head Start Program reserves the right to withhold issuances of further orders until all orders have been filled and acceptable assurance has been given that the event will not be repeated.

For items not in stock at the time of order, vendor is to contact respective department(s) for approval, or cancellation, of a delivery time and date.

The Head Start Program reserves the right to pick up orders during emergency situations.

If you need additional information contact information will be provided upon contract award.

16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

All vendors doing business with the Head Start Program must have on file a Form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certifications. A copy of this form is included for your use and is to be submitted with your bid, if not on file.

Invoices must include:

- a) Name and address of successful bidder
- b) Name and address of receiving department or official (signed delivery tickets)
- c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
- d) Notation- "HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM"
- e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.

Vehicle title paperwork must be properly filled out and provided at time of delivery.

The following documentation must be included:

- a) Certificate of Origin (signed title, if used vehicle purchase)
- b) Application for Texas Certificate Of Title (Form 130-U)
- c) Odometer Disclosure Statement

Discount payment will be considered when offered. Price decreases are acceptable. Volume discount on products are acceptable by Hidalgo County Head Start Program. The Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to negotiate the price of any product listed in the catalog when large quantities are requested by a user department.

Contract person for Billing and Payment questions:

Attn: Hidalgo County Head Start Program
Elma Keller Finance Department
1901 W. State Hwy 107
McAllen, TX. 78504
(956) 383-0706

17.	Schedule of Events	<u>April 27, 2010</u>
	Bid Opening, 3:00 P.M.	<u>May 25, 2010</u>
	Project Award of Contract or Issuance of Purchase Order	<u>September 1, 2010</u>
	Project Commence Work or Deliver Products	

18. Ethical Standards:

- . It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any 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 Hidalgo County Head Start Program.

- . 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 Head Start Program (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 Hidalgo County Head Start Program. 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 that contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County Head Start Program 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 Head Start Program 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 Head Start Program office located at 1901 W. State Hwy 107 McAllen, TX 7804 – Head Start Program

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

Bids, and all goods and services provided hereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services. Vendor must provide, at no cost, at least one (1) copy of any applicable Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with each shipment during the term of the contract. If OSHA or Federal or State laws provide for additional requirements are in addition to the MSDS requirement. All items must meet all applicable OSHA standards and regulations and all electrical items must bear the appropriate listing form UL, FMRC, or NEMA.

20. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder must be a well established organization and have an adequate number of trained personnel to ensure quality and performance and completion of contract within a specified time period. 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.
21. Successful bidder will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to Hidalgo County Head Start Program 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.
22. 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 Hidalgo County Head Start Program in the event of breach or default by successful bidder; Hidalgo County Head Start Program 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.
23. 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.
24. 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 Head Start Program, Texas.
25. 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 Hidalgo County Head Start Program.

Bid
**"LAWN CARE SERVICE BID #2010-019-03-30
FOR HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM**

March 30, 2010

To: Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director
Hidalgo County Head Start Program
1901 West State Highway 107
McAllen, TX 78504

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 Head Start Program 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 Head Start Program 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: _____

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR BIDS

"LAWN CARE SERVICES"

EXHIBIT "A"

SPECIFICATIONS

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

SPECIFICATIONS FOR LAWN CARE:

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this contract is to provide full service for all "**Lawn Care Services**" for Hidalgo County Head Start Program at the facilities listed herein. Work performed shall be in accordance with commercial practice. Contractor understands and agrees that they will supply all equipment and furnish all labor, materials and supplies necessary to complete this contract.

The Hidalgo County Head Start Program is requesting sealed bids for **LAWN CARE SERVICES** for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend for an additional ninety (90) day Grace period at the end of the contract for unforeseen delays.

The following work is required:

1. Awarded Vendor shall perform services in Hidalgo County as per attached list.(EXHIBIT "B")
2. Awarded Vendor shall furnish all equipment (trucks, trailers mowers, trimmers, and blowers), labor, materials, tools, permits, all required insurances and fees required to provide satisfactory service. All equipment to be used for this service must be up to date with all safety regulations and inspections for **safety precautions**.
3. Service provided shall be on a bi-weekly basis.
4. Any kind of litter/debris/objects must be removed and properly disposed from lawn and plants, by awarded vendor before mowing is initiated for **safety precautions**. Sweeping/Blowing of mowed grass/weeds must be initiated immediately after mowing has been completed for **safety precautions**.
5. Lawn Care Company shall mow lawn(s) trim around sidewalks, trees, plants, fencing perimeter and around building perimeter-Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise requested by the Hidalgo County Head Start Program.
6. Any extra Lawn Care Service such as trimming hedges, trees, and/or turning soil will require prior authorization from Procurement Department before any such services are conducted.
7. The Awarded Vendor representative shall sign in (Exhibit "B") Center Roster Sign-In. The report shall contain the date of (1) service, (2) arrival and departure time, (3) name of facility, and (4) staff signature. The report shall be brought or sent in to the Hidalgo County Head Start Program-Administration Office, 1901 West State Highway 107, McAllen, TX.
8. Any and all damages to property belonging to staff or Head Start done while working at the Head Start sites will be reported to the center manager or designee. (i.e., broken windows, dents to automobiles, fence)Copy of the all required Insurances must accompany proposal. (EXHIBIT "C")
9. Service Contract shall begin on September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 (EXHIBIT "D").

BILLING SPECIFIACTIONS:

All Invoices must be submitted to the Field Operations Department on a MONTHLY basis. The following information must be listed on the submitted invoice.

- 1) Center Location
- 2) Date
- 3) Description of service being performed
- 4) Purchase Order
- 5) Confirmation Signature from Center Director

ACCESS TO LAWNS:

Field Operations Director or designated representative of Hidalgo County Head Start Program Field Operations Director shall establish mutually agreeable schedule for performance of routine service, schedule of normal operating hours, points of access, and other information necessary to insure optimum convenience to all concerned.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Bidder must submit three letters of recommendation (example: schools, cafeterias, day cares, or other government entities) on services provided to any of the entities mentioned above. Original letters must be included in bid package, no copies will be accepted.

LOCATIONS:

SEE ATTACHED LIST (EXHIBIT B), OF HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM CENTER LOCATIONS

GRACE PERIOD OPTION:

Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional ninety (90) days Grace Period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.

INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE:

The Hidalgo County Head Start Program Field Operations Director, or its designated representative for each department, is hereby designated to participate in the administration of this contract to insure contractor's compliance with its technical requirements, including inspection and acceptance of the services for the Hidalgo County Head Start Program the performance site.

TERM:

The initial term of these contracts will be for one (1) year from date of award. The Hidalgo County Head Start Program may terminate the contracts upon ninety (90) days advance written notice to contractors.

SUBCONTRACTING:

The vendor awarded the contract shall not engage the service of a subcontractor without prior written consent of Hidalgo County Head Start Program. When requesting consent from Hidalgo County Head Start Program for the retention of a subcontractor to perform services, hereunder, the successful bidders must present evidence that the proposed subcontractor possesses all necessary licenses and permits to perform the services described herein, and that the subcontractor and the successful vendor have obtained the required insurance coverage and policies as required by Hidalgo County Head Start Program. Payment to subcontractor must be made by vendors.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR:

- a) The vendor awarded the contract shall present evidence, that vendor possesses all necessary licenses and permits to perform the services described herein, and that the successful vendor has obtained the required insurance coverage and policies as required by Hidalgo County Head Start Program. Termination, suspension or revocation of required licenses or permits are grounds for immediate termination of any awarded contract.
- b) Interested vendors must have the capabilities to address two or more jobs at one time.

NEW SITES:

The contracts will not automatically entitle vendors to any rights for any new buildings which may be acquired during the contract term.

AWARD:

Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to award the bid on a lump sum basis to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
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"LAWN CARE SERVICES"

EXHIBIT "B"

CENTER DIRECTORY

Head Start Center Directory

<p>ALAMO H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: ENEDELIA FRICKS</p> <p>303 South 7th Alamo, TX 78516 Phone #: 787-4318 Fax #: 283-0573</p>	<p>ALTON H/S CENTER</p> <p>C. M.: SIMONA PENA 202 W. Dawes Ave. Mission, TX 78572 Phone #: 581-8854 Fax #: 583-6016</p>	<p>DONNA I H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: MARIA H. NAJERA 1402 Silver Ave. Donna, TX 78537 Phone #: 464-2443 Fax #: 464-5373</p>	<p>DONNA II H/S CENTER</p> <p>C. M.: ALICIA ZAMORA 1715 Miller Ave. Donna, TX 78537 Phone #: 464-2561 Fax #: 461-3830</p>	<p>EDINBURG IV H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: ESTEFANA BARCO 3215 Richardson Rd. Edinburg, TX 78539 Phone #: 383-4730 Fax #: 316-0432</p>
<p>EDINBURG V H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: ANA VILLAURRUTIA 3500 E. F.M. 2812 Edinburg, TX 78539 Phone #: 383-0665 Fax: 383-2760</p>	<p>ELSA H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: ALICIA BECERRA 700 Northwest Hidalgo Elsa, TX 78543 Phone #: 262-4542 Fax #: 262-3644</p>	<p>LA HERENCIA H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: LUISA BARRERA RR 3 Box 3059 Mercedes, TX 78570 Phone #: 514-4828 Fax #: 514-4917</p>	<p>LA JOYA H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: MARISSA GUERRA 105 E. 5th & Leo Ave. La Joya, TX 78569 Phone #: 581--2022 Fax #: 584-7298</p>	<p>LAS MILPAS I H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: VIRGINIA MONTANEZ 714 Zapata Ave. Pharr, TX 78577 Phone #: 783-1723 Fax #: 781-2696</p>
<p>MERCEDES I H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: RAMONA PENA 1100 W. Expressway 83 Mercedes, TX 78570 Phone #: 565-5062 Fax #: 514-1163</p>	<p>MISSION I H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: ZORAIDA GARCIA 115 Mayberry Mission, TX 78572 Phone #: 581-2031 Fax #: 585--7802</p>	<p>MISSION II H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: ESTELA GONZALEZ 1105 East 8th St. Mission, TX 78572 Phone #: 581-3635 Fax #: 583-6218</p>	<p>PALMVIEW I H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: CYNTHIA GONZALEZ ¼ M. N. 495 on FM 2062 Palmview, TX 78572 Phone #: 580-1394 Fax #: 519-7373</p>	<p>PALMVIEW II H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: BEATRIZ NINO Corner Hwy 495 & Schuerbach Rd. Palmview, TX 78572 Phone #: 583-4435 Fax #: 584-3178</p>
<p>SAN CARLOS H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: IRMA GONZALEZ 5 Mile E. Hwy 107 San Carlos, TX 78539 Phone #: 381-9119 Fax #: 381-9307</p>	<p>SAN JUAN II H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: NORMA DONOVA 601 Earlling Rd. San Juan, TX 78589 Phone #: 782-1056 Fax #: 781-9022</p>	<p>SULLIVAN CITY H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: MIRTA TRIGO Highway 83 Sullivan City, TX 78595 Phone #: 485-2996 Fax #: 485-9597</p>	<p>WESLACO II H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: NATALIA SALAS 9 Mile W. 5 Mile N. Weslaco, TX 78596 Phone #: 969-3064 Fax #: 447-1789</p>	<p>WESLACO III H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: ROSALIA MARROQUIN 6 ½ W. & Expressway 83 Weslaco, TX 78596 Phone #: 968-9751 Fax #: 969-8668</p>
<p>WESTERN RD H/S CENTER</p> <p>C.M.: NOE GONZALEZ Corner of 2221 & Western Rd Mission, TX 78572 Phone #: 583-9700 Fax #: 581-8155</p>		<p>ADMINISTRATION OFFICE</p> <p>1901 W. State Hwy 107 McAllen, TX 78504 P.O. Box 0117 Edinburg, TX 78540-0117 Phone #: 383-0706 Fax #: 380-2588</p>		

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
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"LAWN CARE SERVICES"

EXHIBIT "C"

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

EXHIBIT “C”

Insurance Requirements Professional Services

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

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

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

INSURANCE REQUIREMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, authorized representative for _____
Company/Vendor
hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid awarded by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; (*An insurance certificate for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Procurement Department in order to qualify for award of bid and to execute a contract between our Company and the County.)
- will acquire additional amount needed to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid awarded by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court: currently carry the following:

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

(*An insurance certificate for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Procurement Department in order to qualify for award of bid and to execute a contract between our Company and the County.) **OR**

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

Authorized Representative

Date

NOTICE TO BIDDER: Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance at Purchasing Department will cause the bid award to be rescinded and then awarded to next lowest bidder. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored/verified on a quarterly basis to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

- 1) Licenses: _____
- 2) Bonds: _____
- 3) Certificates: _____

- 4) Permits: _____
- 5) Other: _____

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

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

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR BIDS

“LAWN CARE SERVICES”

EXHIBIT “D”

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

EXHIBIT D

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

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

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

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

Name of Officer

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

4

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

EXHIBIT "E"
PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING FOR "LAWN CARE SERVICES"

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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

- (1) Affiant does hereby state neither the Proposer nor any of the Proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.

- (2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or any of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.

- (3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

- (4) Affiant further States no officer, or stockholder of the Proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

Signature/ Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____, 2010

**HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

“Lawn Care Services”

EXHIBIT E

**PROJECT REQUIREMENT
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Hidalgo County Head Start Program
LAWN CARE SERVICE
BID# 2010-019-03-30

BID PAGE

BID PRICE **MONTH** PER CENTER: _____
(Note: Mowing to be conducted two times a month per Center)

BIDDER'S NAME: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM Bidder/Vendor Application

Complete in print or type. It is the vendor's responsibility to return this application to Hidalgo County Head Start Program Procurement Department.

Company Name	Telephone No. ())
Mailing Address	Fax No. ())
City, State, Zip	Tax I.D. No.
Remit to Address	City, State, Zip
Representative(s) Name(s) & Title(s)	
Type of Organization (check one): ___ Individual ___ Partnership ___ Corporation ___ LLC ___ Other, Specify Federal Identification No. or (if individual) SS No.	
State of Incorporation: _____ Other: _____	
Type of Business (check one): ___ Manufacturer ___ Wholesaler ___ Retailer ___ Broker ___ Distributor ___ Service Organization ___ Other, Specify	
Name & Title of Person(s) Authorized to Sign Bids, Proposals, and/or Contracts:	
Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Information (check application criteria) Small Business: • Less than 125,000 annual gross receipt • Less than 250,000 annual gross receipt • Less than 499,000 annual gross receipt • More than 500,000 annual gross receipt Disadvantaged Business (At Least 51% Ownership) • Black American • Native American • Hispanic American • Women • Asian Pacific American • Other Have you been certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: • Yes • No Indicate Certification No.(s): _____ or are Certificate(s) attached?: • Yes • No	
What type of product(s) is/are solicited by your company?: Would you like to be provided with specifications for procurements of such products?: • Yes • No	

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

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

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

If yes, by whom?: · State General Services Commission · Other

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

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

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

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): · State General Services Commission · other

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact
Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____ Subcontract Amount:
\$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____
HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): · State General Services Commission · Other

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact
Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____ Subcontract Amount:
\$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____
HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): · State General Services Commission · Other

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____ Subcontract
Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

Certification For Primary Covered Transactions

1. The _____ (Vendor Name) certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this request for qualifications had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the _____ (Vendor Name) is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective vendor shall attach an explanation to this RFQ.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

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

Print or type
See specific instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name, if different from above

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

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

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

Social security number								
OR								
Employer identification number								

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

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

Purpose of Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Provider will service and repair on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the following Provider and Program agree as follows:

- A. 1. Provider represents that he is licensed by the State of Texas and qualified to perform and execute services provided in the Agreement. If such license is suspended or revoked, this Contract shall automatically be terminated and Provider shall immediately notify the Program of such suspension or revocation.
2. The Provider shall prepare, maintain and submit all records that are designated, required or prescribed by the Program federal grantor agency or County of Hidalgo. In addition, the Provider shall permit the Program, the Department of Health and Human Services and the County of Hidalgo to audit or inspect records and reports, review services and /or evaluate the performance of the services provided hereunder at any time. The Provider 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 Program.
3. As consideration for the above and foregoing, the Provider shall submit a monthly billing statement to the Program at:

**Hidalgo County Head Start Program
P.O. Box 0117
Edinburg, Texas, 78540**

Said statement must provide an itemized list of services rendered to the Program during the statement period. Upon receipt of said statement, the Program shall

submit a requisition for payment of said services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by the Program. The Provider shall be compensated based on the Program's fee schedule, a copy of which is attached As Exhibit "B" hereto.

4. The Provider must comply with all applicable Program and Hidalgo County policies. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the Provider represents and maintains that he is an independent provider and is not an employee of the Program, Hidalgo County, Texas, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that he does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of the Program, Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. The Provider agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

5. The Program and the Provider 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. Proper notice will be submitted through certified letter to:

Teresa Flores, Executive Director
Hidalgo County Head Start Program
P.O. Box 0117
Edinburg, Texas 78540-0117

OR

6. Provider agrees to provide professional liability, premises liability and auto liability insurance (if providing transportation to the Head Start children) covering

his and his employee's activities in the services for the Program in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §101.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish the Program a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

7. Except as otherwise herein provided, the Provider may not assign the obligations or right under this Contract to any person without the prior written consent of the Program.

B. The Provider's employees, if any, who perform services for the Program under this Agreement shall be bound by the provisions of the terms of this Agreement. At the request of the Program, the Provider shall provide adequate evidence that such persons are the Provider's employees.

C. The Provider will indemnify and hold the Program and the County of Hidalgo, its employee's, officers and agent harmless from any and all claims, actions, liability, and expenses including all cost of judgments, settlements, court cost, and attorney's fees regardless of the outcome of such claim or (action) caused by, resulting from, or alleging negligent or intentional acts or omissions or any failure to perform any obligation undertaken or any covenant in this Agreement, whether such act, omission, or failure to perform any obligation undertaken or any covenant in this Agreement, whether such act, omission, or failure was Provider's or that of any person providing services hereunder through or for Provider. Upon written notice from the County and the Program, Provider will resist and defend at its own expenses, and by counsel reasonably satisfactory to the County and the

Program, any such claim or action.

- D. 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 performance in Hidalgo County, Texas.
- E. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- F. Contract Extension. Hidalgo County Head Start Program reserves the right to extend this agreement for ninety (90) days from the date of termination (_____, 2010) of the Contract period at the same rate and terms. A thirty (30) day written notice of intention to extend will be provided prior to expiration by Hidalgo County Head Start Program.
- G. No amendment, modification or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding unless the same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof and duly executed by the parties hereto.
- H. Provider will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or handicap in providing the services under this Agreement or in the selection of associates, employees, or independent providers.
- I. Provider will perform its services at all times in compliance with federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, the policies, rule and regulations of the Program, and all currently accepted and approved methods and practices of the professional specialty relating to the services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their names to be hereunto subscribed personally or by a duly authorized officer or agent of each party, effective the day and year first written above.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

PROVIDER:

HIDALGO COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

BY: _____
(Provider's Name)

BY: _____
Rene Ramirez, County Judge

(Print Name)

By: _____
Teresa Flores, Executive Director

(Title)

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OXFORD & GONZALEZ

By: _____
Ricardo Gonzalez

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

By: _____

Date approved:
Policy Council 03/24/2010
Commissioners Court 03/30/2010

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Completed form should be given to the requesting department or the department you are currently doing business with.

Name (List legal name, if joint names, list first & circle the name of the person whose TIN you enter in Part I-See Specific Instruction on page 2)

Business name, if different from above. (See Specific Instruction on page 2)

Check the appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership Other ▶

Legal Address: number, street, and apt. or suite no. **Remittance Address:** if different from legal address number, street, and apt. or suite no.

City, state and ZIP code **City, state and ZIP code**

Phone # () Fax # () Email address:

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instruction on page 2. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 2.
Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 2 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

□□□-□□-□□□□

OR

Employer identification number

□□-□□□□□□

Vendors:
Dunn and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS)

DUNS

□□□□□□□□

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am an U.S. person (including an U.S. resident alien).
- I am currently a Commonwealth of Massachusetts's state employee: (check one): No Yes If yes, in compliance with the State Ethics Commission requirements.

Certification instructions: You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply.

Sign Here **Authorized Signature ▶** **Date ▶**

Purpose of Form

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

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

- Certify the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify you are not subject to backup withholding

If you are a foreign person, use the appropriate Form W-8. See Pub 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Corporations.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must withhold a designated percentage, currently 28% and pay to the IRS of such payments under certain

conditions. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

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

- You do not furnish your TIN to the requester, or
- You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 2 for details), or
- The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN, or
- The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the Part II instructions on page 2.

Penalties

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

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

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

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

Please print or type