



COUNTY *of* HIDALGO



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To: Antonio Barco, CD Manager

From: AC Cuellar, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 1 *actj.*

Date: April 8, 2010

Re: Edcouch Testing of Pond Liners Scoring/Evaluation

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I have reviewed the Edcouch Testing of Pond Liners Scoring Evaluation Sheets submitted and evaluated by Mr. Robert Escobar, City Manager for the City of Edcouch, and I concur with his evaluation. I would like to proceed with this project as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this evaluation please contact me at 956-968-8733.



**HIDALGO COUNTY STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION  
SCORING/EVALUATION SHEET  
ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

Project Description: Hidalgo County Pct. 1/City of Edcouch Testing of pond liner at existing sewer plant  
 Department: Urban County Program

Name of Firm: RABA Kistner Consultants, Inc.

Date of Evaluation: February 4, 2010

Evaluator's Name: Antonio Barco - UCP

| <u>Selection Criteria</u>   | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team  | 20           | <u>20</u>    |
| Comments/Rationale for Points: <u>Team is highly qualified - HAVE three Engineers and a support group of trained and experienced employees. A fourth Engineer is available if needed.</u> |              |              |
| 2. Experience of Project Team   | 25           | <u>24</u>    |

**\*Note\*** Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:

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| Comments/Rationale for Points: <u>Team has over 20 yrs. in the Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo County) ONLY AASHTO Accredited Laboratory in Rio Grande Valley. Have designed and engineered numerous projects in the County.</u> |    |           |
| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager   | 20 | <u>20</u> |

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| Comments/Rationale for Points: <u>Firm is highly experienced with several Engineers as project managers who would be available and anytime if needed</u> |  |  |
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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | <u>25</u> |
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| Comments/Rationale for Points: <u>Team of qualified professionals will have no problem understanding the project requirements</u> |  |  |
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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | <u>10</u> |
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| Comments/Rationale for Points: <u>Firm is familiar with the Applicable Rules and Regulations</u> |  |  |
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Total Score 99

**HIDALGO COUNTY STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION  
SCORING/EVALUATION SHEET  
ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL & TESTING SERVICES**

Project Description: Hidalgo County Precinct No.1  
(Edcouch Project: Testing of Pond Liner at the existing Sewer Plant)

Department: County Urban County Program

Name of Firm: Raba Kistner

Date of Evaluation: January 27, 2010

Evaluator's Name: Oscar Garza, Procurement Specialist

| <u>Selection Criteria</u>              | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team | 20           | <u>20</u>    |

Comments/Rationale for Points: Various projects have been outlined on SOQ that are related to Geo-Technical services as required for this project

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| 2. Experience of Project Team | 25 | <u>25</u> |
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**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: Project engineer has the experience and team with related projects completed in Hidalgo County as identified on page 17-20 of their SOQ to include projects with TXDOT

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | <u>17</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: More than 12 Yrs of experience with related geo-technical studies as reference of page 23 yet page 58 references experience is over 14 yrs of experience as per SOQ

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | <u>25</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: SOQ outlines and makes references of on-going projects worked on city and county levels with various types of testing skills as referred to on pages 17-20 clearly identifying their understanding of project.

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | <u>10</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Prior work with Hidalgo County attests to familiarity with rules & regulations as required for compliance with related projects within the guidelines of Hidalgo County

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**HIDALGO COUNTY STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION  
SCORING/EVALUATION SHEET  
ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL & TESTING SERVICES**

Project Description: Precinct No. 1/City of Edcouch: Testing of Pond Liner @ Existing Sewer Plant

Department: Hidalgo County Urban County Program

Name of Firm: Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc.

Date of Evaluation: 2/8/2010

Evaluator's Name: Robert Escobar Jr.- Interim City Manager

| <u>Selection Criteria</u> | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team | 20 | 19 |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. has 40 years of continuous service by same executive management that provide practical, on time, on budget solutions. 75% license certifications

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| 2. Experience of Project Team | 25 | 24 |
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**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: Raba-Kistner actually has worked for the City of Edcouch regarding soil testing at the Edcouch Waster Water Plant.

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | 19 |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Headquarters located in multiple areas across the State of Texas and even Mexico. Raba-Kistners team consists of more than 350 employees company-wide.

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | 24 |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Raba-Kistner is the only AASHTO-accredited laboratory in the Rio Grande Valley. Raba-Kistner is the largest provider of Texas Department of Transportations (TXDOT services statewide.)

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | 10 |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Raba-Kistner, the independent testing laboratory, has included copies of our professional liability and general liability insurance certificates. Raba-Kistner maintains and holds required certifications for these projects.

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| <b>Total Score</b> | <b>96</b> |
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ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

Project Description: Hidalgo County Pct. 1/City of Edcouch Testing of pond liner at existing sewer plant

Department: Urban County Program

Name of Firm: L & G Engineering

Date of Evaluation: February 1, 2010

Evaluator's Name: Antonio Barco - UCP

| <u>Selection Criteria</u> | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team | 20 | <u>20</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Team is highly qualified and establish in Hidalgo Co. in 2003. Firm has 4 engineers in Hidalgo Co. office and trained support staff

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| 2. Experience of Project Team | 25 | <u>23</u> |
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**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: Team has a vast amount of experience dealing with environmental projects but have been in the valley only since 2003

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | <u>19</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Manager has 20 yrs. experience and would be readily available to manage this project

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | <u>25</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Team will have no problem understanding this project even though most of the projects in the valley have dealt with soil testing for building construction

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | <u>10</u> |
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| Total Score | <u>97</u> |
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ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL & TESTING SERVICES**

Project Description: Hidalgo County Precinct No.1  
(Edcouch Project: Testing of Pond Liner at the existing Sewer Plant)

Department: Urban County Program

Name of Firm: L & G Engineering Laboratory, LLC

Date of Evaluation: January 27, 2010

Evaluator's Name: Oscar Garza, Procurement Specialist

| <u>Selection Criteria</u> | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team | 20 | <u>20</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Professional qualifications are stronger towards transportation (i.e. street, bridges); however engineer is on board for civil engineering for related projects

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| 2. Experience of Project Team | 25 | <u>25</u> |
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**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: SOQ is favorable towards streets, ROW Purchases, bridges etc. under construction contract & mgmt which provides special services under (pg.-3); however under Section III there is no reference for project team and/or reference of geo-technical engineer.

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | <u>20</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: As per section III of SOQ I was unable to reference experience/project manager for Yara M. Corbitt P.E. and for David Saenz P.E.; under geo-technical & Bridge Design; I could only reference Mr. Reza Badiozzamani P.E. criteria indicate experience with related project.

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | <u>20</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Section I (Pg. 3) outlines knowledge of geo-technical testing's; however other areas of the SOQ does reflect this as their strongest area of expertise for proposed project.

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | <u>10</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Under Appendix "A" of their SOQ knowledge of geo-technical is evident for civil, transportation engineering & design; has many projects on going with county at present

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| <b>Total Score</b> | <u>95</u> |
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ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL & TESTING SERVICES**

Project Description: Precinct No. 1 / City of Edgewood - Testing of Pond Liner @ Existing Sewer Plant

Department: Hidalgo County Urban County Program

Name of Firm: L&G Engineering Laboratory, L.L.C.

Date of Evaluation: 02/08/2010

Evaluator's Name: Robert Escobar Jr. - Interim City Manager

| <u>Selection Criteria</u>              | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team | 20           | 18           |

Comments/Rationale for Points: RODS Surveying, Inc. is a corporation established in July, 1994 which is certified as a HUB with the State of Texas. RODS has twenty-nine years of specialized experience and performance committed to professional land surveying for parcel maps and design surveys.

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| 2. Experience of Project Team | 25 | 24 |
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**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: Resumes include Professional Civil Engineers and Industrial Arts. The extensive details of past projects shows evidence of past experience in providing assistance in the Rio Grande Valley.

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | 18 |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: The Project Manager has worked seventeen years as a civil engineer, twelve with TXDOT and ten with the Pharr District. L&G Engineering maintains 4,500 square feet of combined office and laboratory space in Mercedes and Mission.

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | 23 |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: L&G Engineering Laboratory's principals and staff are pre-certified by TxDOT to perform work in several different categories. L&G Engineering's key personnel have performed field and laboratory testing under the direction of the Texas Department of Transportation.

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | 10 |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Historically Underutilized Business Certification and Compliance Program recognition. Certificate of liability insurance

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| <b>Total Score</b> | <b>93</b> |
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ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

Project Description: Hidalgo County Pct. 1/City of Edcouch Testing of pond liner at existing sewer plant

Department: Urban County Program

Name of Firm: Terracon Consultants

Date of Evaluation: February 1, 2010

Evaluator's Name: Antonio Barco — WCP

| <u>Selection Criteria</u>   | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team  | 20           | <u>20</u>    |
| Comments/Rationale for Points: <u>Team of professionals is highly qualified specializing in the area of Asbestos and Soil testing</u> |              |              |
| 2. Experience of Project Team   | 25           | <u>23</u>    |

**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: Team of professionals and Support STAFF have extensive experience in Asbestos Remediation and Removal

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | <u>19</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Project Manager has 12 yrs experience and would be assigned to this project.

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | <u>24</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Firm understands project Have designed and completed several projects Dealing with Sewer Facilities and Drainage Improvements

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | <u>10</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Firm is familiar with Applicable Rules and Regulations

Total Score 96

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ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL & TESTING SERVICES**

Project Description: Hidalgo County Precinct No.1  
(Edcouch Project: Testing of Pond Liner at the existing Sewer Plant)

Department: Urban County Program

Name of Firm: Terracon

Date of Evaluation: January 27, 2010

Evaluator's Name: Oscar Garza, Procurement Specialist

| <u>Selection Criteria</u> | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team | 20 | <u>20</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Section 2-1 outlines their specialty that which is relevant for proposed project requiring geo-technical studies

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| 2. Experience of Project Team | 25 | <u>20</u> |
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**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: Project team leader has experience with Geo-Technical projects as it relates to this project as outlined in Section 3-4 and 3-6; not enough references with work in Hidalgo County

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | <u>20</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Firms experience us solely on Geo-Technical Services with Environmental Studies as described in Section 2-5 of SOQ; Project manager has experience as described on section 3-4 of SOQ

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | <u>20</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Section I outlines clearly the expertise in which this company specializes in geo-technical; however could not reference with projects in Hidalgo County

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | <u>10</u> |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Terracon's experience with other projects confirms their understanding and familiarity with all applicable rules & regulations required by Hidalgo County & outlined in Section 2-4 of SOQ

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| Total Score | <u>90</u> |
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Project Description: Precinct No. 1/ City of Edwoudh Testing of Pond Lines @ Existing Sewer Plant

Department: Hidalgo County Urban County Program

Name of Firm: Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Date of Evaluation: 02/08/2010

Evaluator's Name: Robert Escobar Jr.-Interim City Manager

| <u>Selection Criteria</u> | <u>Point</u> | <u>Score</u> |
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| 1. Professional Qualifications of Team | 20 | 18__ |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Terracon Consultants, Inc. has been active in the Rio Grande Valley since 1996 and specializes in Environmental Engineering and Consulting, Geotechnical Engineering, Construction Materials Engineering.

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| 2. Experience of Project Team | 25 | 23__ |
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**\*Note\* Information necessary to assess the firm on this criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients:**

Comments/Rationale for Points: Terracon at its key employees have been practicing and offering services in its areas of specialization for more than 41 years. Terracon is an employee-owned consulting engineering firm providing geotechnical, environmental, construction materials and facilities services from more than 90 offices nationwide with over 2,900 employees.

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| 3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager | 20 | 18__ |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Project Manager plays a key role in regards to meeting the County's schedules. Meeting schedules is highly dependent on communication, scheduling, and awareness of deadlines.

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| 4. Understanding of Project | 25 | 23__ |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: The most important issue with regards to personnel assignments is the qualifications required for the project. We have a number of qualified personnel in our Pharr office and in our San Antonio office or Laredo office to properly staff these projects.

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| 5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations | 10 | 10__ |
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Comments/Rationale for Points: Terracon complies with national industry standards and maintains an in house quality assurance program to make certain that the firm provides quality services and accurate testing. Terracon is licensed as a corporation in engineering and environmental testing.

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| <b>Total Score</b> | <b>92__</b> |
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