

RFP NO: 2010-134-00-00

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

HIDALGO COUNTY

“CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES”

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE DATE
MONTH 00, 2010

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Mailing/US Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2626



Form HCPD-04

1. **Sealed Proposals** will be received for "**Hidalgo County –CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES**", in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Proposals should address all requirements set forth. Proposals may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall proposal.
2. **ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND SEVEN (7) COPIES** of all RFP's are required, with the vendor's name and address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package, "**RFP No: 2010-134-00-00-YZV-Hidalgo County-“CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES”**" and at County's Purchasing Department with a physical address: 2802 S. Business 281 and a mailing address: 2812 S. Business Hwy 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas on **or before 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, MONTH 00, 2010.**

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFP/Q 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 WITH THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: RFP NO: 2010-134-00-00-YZV-HIDALGO COUNTY “CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES”

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile to (956) 292-7612 or via email to volanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us by **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Month 00, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.** Responses will be sent to all applicants by **Friday, Month 00, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: **A)** separate and accept, or eliminate any items(s) listed under this proposal that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; **B)** reject any or all proposals/qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal for approval. Receipt of any proposal shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar proposal and; **C)** award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.
4. Failure of the delivered item(s) to perform as specified or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible proposer, or to reject all proposals and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed and/or services to be provided or rendered at a County owned or operated location, each submitter shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the proposal

and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Proposer should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the proposal.

6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, proposers are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their proposal including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No proposal may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the scheduled time to accept proposals.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced proposal opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this proposal document must be in a written addendum and signed by Hidalgo County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Proposals. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their proposal.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all RFP's.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B. destination County Prepaid.
12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County's budget for this fiscal year only. County on an annual basis has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a proposal or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security card to the Hidalgo County Auditor in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.

15. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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

16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Invoices must include:

- a) Name and address of successful submitter
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - d) Notation - "HIDALGO COUNTY-“CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES”
 - e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
- Discount payments will be considered when offered.
 - Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

Ray Eufrazio, CPA, Hidalgo County Auditor
2802 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, TX 78539
(956) 318-2511

17. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Proposal Acceptance Date:	<u>. MONTH 12, 2010</u>
Award of Contract	<u>2010</u>
Commence Work or Deliver Products	<u>2010</u>

18. ~~BID OR PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION; PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT:~~

- ~~If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and services exceeding \$100,000, all submitters shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas.~~

All participants are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.

- ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a proposal, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the proposer shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.~~
- ~~If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and materialmen have been paid.~~
- ~~If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor shall provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.~~

- For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.

19. **ETHICAL STANDARDS:**

- It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.
- It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.
- No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

20. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

- Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contract or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful Proposer fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor. Please submit complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSER.**

21. If, during the life of any contract or proposal awarded, the successful proposer's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.
22. Proposals, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
23. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Proposers: A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a proposal, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the proposal;
 - Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
 - Have a satisfactory record of performance;
 - Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
 - Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
- 24 . Successful proposer will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful proposer'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.
25. Any contract award to a successful proposer will be in effect until:
- a) the contract expires;
 - b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or;
 - c) terminated by County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.
26. County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful proposer; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful proposer fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
27. Successful proposer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful proposer, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Successful proposer indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful proposer shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against

County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful proposer's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods or services provided by successful proposer.

28. Successful proposer shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to 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 Proposal shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful proposer within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
29. This document and any disputes arising hereunder shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas, and will be performable exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.
30. The successful proposer shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.
31. Proposers shall provide with the proposal response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.
32. Proposers must provide **all** documentation requested with this Proposal in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal as non-conforming.

**Proposal for
HIDALGO COUNTY
“CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES”**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Mailing/US Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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

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

Submitter agrees that this proposal shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for accepting proposal, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder: _____
Address: _____
By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT A
REQUIREMENTS/SCOPE OF SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
“CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES”
RFP NO: 2010-134-00-00-YZV

EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
HIDALGO COUNTY- "CABLING-INSTALLATION-TIME-MATERIALS-OTHER SERVICES"
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Overview:

Hidalgo County (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") is soliciting proposals **in order to enter with a direct vendor contract** from a qualified, licensed "Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor" for "Cabling-Installation-Time-Materials-Other Services" on an "As Needed Basis". The initial term of this contract shall commence upon award for twelve (12) months with Hidalgo County's Commissioners Court sole discretion to extend for one (1) additional year, subject to approval by the Commissioner's Court under the same firm fixed prices, terms and conditions. The scope of the work/services will encompass all aspects of Hidalgo County and requires extensive knowledge and experience across all lines of coverage. The information provided in the Request for Proposals (hereinafter referred to as "RFP") is only to be used for the purpose of preparing a proposal for "Cabling-Installation-Time-Materials-Other Services". Request For Proposals will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, MONTH 00, 2010. ANY RFP RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

Deliver Submittal to:
RFP Number: 2010-134-00-00-YZV

<u>US Postal Mail Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2812 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539	<u>Physical Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539
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The Submittal Envelope Must Show The RFP Number, Name And Opening Date.

The following outlines the Request For Proposals:

SECTION I -GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hidalgo County is requesting that request for proposals be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at: 2802 South Business Hwy 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539. All inquires must be directed to Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent, Martha L. Salazar. All responses will be distributed through Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACIMILE (956) 318-2629 or emailed: yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Month 00, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.** Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile or emailed by **Friday, Month 00, 2010** **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:

Prior Contract award, respondents to this RFP must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in **Exhibit E**) certainly that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer's Affidavit or that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer's Affidavit.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Submitters, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:

Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF BIDS:

Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

Submitters must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the submitter's ability.

SUBMITTER DEFAULT:

Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of submitter default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting submitter responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or proposers procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS:

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

SIGNING OF PROPOSALS:

In order to be considered all submittals **must** be signed. **Please sign the original in [blue ink](#).**

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

SUBCONTRACTING:

The successful submitter **may not** subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF CONTRACT:

The initial term of this contract shall commence upon award for twelve (12) months with Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court sole discretion to extend for one (1) additional year, subject to approval by the Commissioner's Court under the same firm fixed prices, terms and conditions.

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

DAVIS BACON ACT:

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

SECTION II - RFP REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFP are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFP.

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED

A total of **one (1) original and seven (7) copies** of the RFP shall be submitted to the address on the cover letter.

CONTENTS:

The required contents for the RFP are presented below in the order they should be incorporated into the submitted document.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

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

PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATIONS:

Hidalgo County is soliciting to contract with an "Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor" that is qualified and licensed. The "Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor" who will directly perform the required services are required to have any and all applicable licenses, permits, credentials, qualifications to perform necessary services. Vendor must submit any and all applicable licenses, permits, credentials, qualifications with RFP. Photostat copies are acceptable.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The proposers should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided. Information regarding the proposer's credentials, education and experience with other entities is required and will be scored accordingly during the evaluation process.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATES AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain **any/all** licenses, registrations, permits, and certifications as required by the STATE OF TEXAS and HIDALGO COUNTY that you possess that deem you as a qualified licensed electrical and tele-data communications contractor.

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

SECTION III – SCOPE OF SERVICES

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Hidalgo County is soliciting to contract with a qualified license "Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor" that is qualified and license to provide the services required and requested in the RFP.

1. Except as indicated by Hidalgo County IT Telecom Services, Contractor shall provide materials and labor for cable installation work throughout Hidalgo County; to include new work as well as repairs to existing. Completed jobs shall conform to the Hidalgo County Voice and Data Wiring Specification Manual.
2. Contractor shall prepare a written job cost estimate for each job based upon a visit to the job site. Contractor must be available to visit job sites based on the following classifications of notification:
 - (a) Routine – five (5) working days of notification
 - (b) Expedite – one (1) working day of notification
 - (c) Emergency – two (2) hours of notification

3. Contractor shall provide an electronic copy of the completed request for estimate form, (see Exhibit B, page XX of this bid), to the ITTS Department based on the following classifications of notification:
 - (a) Routine – within forty-eight (48) hours after visiting the site.
 - (b) Expedite – within twenty-four (24) hours after visiting the site.
 - (c) Emergency – verbal estimate to be provided at the time of site visit with written follow-up of verbal estimate within twenty-four (24) hours of visit.

4. Once Hidalgo County has accepted a cabling job estimate through the issuance of a valid purchase order, the dollar amount reflected on the purchase order shall constitute the County's total obligation for that job. The Contractor shall endeavor to submit an accurate cost estimate. No claims for compensation will be considered or allowed for extra work resulting from ignorance of any existing conditions on the part of the proposer. However, the County recognizes that some elements of work cannot be detected until work is in progress. When latent physical conditions are discovered, the Contractor shall immediately notify the IT Telecom Manager, and before work continues, the Contractor shall submit a revised cost estimate for approval. A written change order to the existing purchase order or the issuance of an additional purchase order is the only valid approval mechanisms for additional work.

5. Contractor shall inform the IT Department of the work in progress and advise them when a job is complete. For long-term projects, (those exceeding five (5) working days), the Contractor shall meet with ITTS representative and provide a weekly, typewritten progress report. This report should be electronically submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on each Friday until the work is completed. Weekly meetings will include a site inspection to ensure compliance with established standards.

6. Permits, Fees and Notices:
 - a. The Contractor shall secure and pay for the building permit and for all required permits, governmental fees, licenses, and inspections necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work. Contractor's estimate should include cost of any permits, fees, or notices for each job.
 - b. The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the work.
 - c. If the Contractor performs any work when he knows or should know it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and shall therefore bear all costs attributable thereto.

7. Selected Contractor shall be expected to meet established schedules and deadlines for the completion of work as outlined in job estimates.

8. Selected Contractor shall be expected to adhere to current Hidalgo County Voice and Data Wiring Specification Manual. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to request any new revisions to the wiring specifications at the time an estimate is provided.

9. Proposer should have a current BICSI certified Registered Communication Distribution Designer (RCDD) on staff as a full-time employee. A copy of the RCDD certificate and BICSI member number must be provided with bidding documents

10. Proposer shall provide a representative list of three (3) or more references including contact name and telephone number. These references should represent the installation of copper and fiber optic cabling in interior, exterior, aerial, and underground environments. The Proposer should indicate which types of work have been conducted for each reference. Hidalgo County may contact these references as one means of collecting information regarding past performance of the Proposer. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH PROPOSER.

11. Proposer shall provide a document detailing the staffing level of the Proposer's firm by job classification (i.e. cable installer, installers helper and qualifications of staff). THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH PROPOSER.

12. Proposer shall provide a list of equipment owned; fiber and copper, description and any additional information as needed. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH PROPOSAL.
13. Proposer shall provide a list of certificates and cables covered by manufacturer training and certification. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH PROPOSAL.
14. Proposer shall warranty its materials, design, and workmanship for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of work completion and shall include all parts, labor, and transportation as specified.
15. Warranty information on installed equipment and cabling shall be detailed in each job estimate. Proposer shall warranty its materials, design, and workmanship for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of work completion and shall include all parts, labor, and transportation.
16. Warranty shall commence on each job on the date it is accepted as complete by Hidalgo County.
17. The Contractor shall respond with remedy to a warranty trouble call within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of such a call.
18. If it becomes necessary for the County to contact another vendor for warranty repairs due to inability or failure of the Contractor to perform such repairs, the Contractor shall reimburse the County for all invoices for labor, materials required and the shipping/handling costs thereof, to perform such repairs, within thirty (30) calendar days from presentation of such invoice. This shall only occur after the Contractor has been given reasonable time and fair opportunity to respond and correct the problem. The cost limitation for such repairs will not exceed the parts and labor replacement price of the repair.
19. All cable/equipment installed must be fully tested and meet TIA/EIA testing and installation standards for UTP/STP copper, coaxial, and SM/MM fiber optic cable. This includes certification for Cat5, Cat3, Cat6 installation, Fast Ethernet, (100MB), Gigabit Ethernet (1000 MB), FDDI, etc. **All test results shall be submitted electronically to designated Hidalgo County IT'S representative within five (5) days of test completion. Invoices will NOT be paid unless corresponding test results are received.**

PLEASE SEE/REVIEW "SPECIFICATIONS" FOR ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS.

PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

Proposer(s) is to provide a proposed fee on proposal page based on the scope of services/work requested.

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

SECTION IV – SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING

SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING PROCESS:

The evaluation consists of a 100-point scoring system based on the “Evaluation Criteria”-Exhibit B. The participants will be ranked after evaluation by Hidalgo County Commissioner’s Court. Categories under the 100-point system include response to RFP. RFP submittal evaluation will be based on the criteria outlined below.

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

Proposals will be graded on a 100-point system with emphasis on ability to service “Cabling-Installation-Time-Materials-Other Services” for Hidalgo County.

1. **ELECTRICAL AND TELE-DATA COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTOR(S):** **(20 Points)**
The “Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor(s) should provide information related to its Qualifications. Vendor must provide copy of certificates, licenses, permits, etc., as required and any other credentials/registrations or other pertinent information that demonstrates qualifications to perform the “Services” as required. A list of, and scope of, similar projects for comparative purposes shall be included in response.
2. **UNDERSTANDING THE SERVICES/METHODOLOGY:** **(20 Points)**
The “**Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor(S)**” must state, the approach and/or methodology, in achieving and rendering all services detailed and required as an “Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor(s)” in the “Request For Proposal”.
3. **COST FEES AND WARRANTY:** **(30 Points)**
Provide fees for services and warranty as detailed on requirements. Cost fee proposal should include any/all cost of permits, fees, warranty, etc.
4. **ABILITY TO COMMIT TO ALL REQUIRED “SERVICES”** **(30 Points)**
The “**Electrical and Tele-data Communications Contractor(S)**” should provide as much background information as to its experiences in providing similar services, shall secure and pay for the building permit and for all required permits, governmental fees, licenses, and inspections necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work and any additional service as described and detailed in specifications and requirements.

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Compliance with all requirements, the most proposed productive, qualified, experience, efficient and effective plan in order will be reviewed and considered. Emphasis will be placed on qualifications, experience, and capability to perform the services as well as the best proposal, and meeting the needs of the “Cabling-Installation-Time-Materials-Other Services”. Accuracy and completeness are essential. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs.

Hidalgo County or his designated agent(s). Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall be for a period beginning _____ and ending _____ and may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an _____ terms, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first. County also reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period, under the same rates terms and conditions.

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services.

5. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. As consideration for rendering the Service provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay Company the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Company.

7. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional

insured (with the coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

8. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

9. Company shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees for the defense of any action against County arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the provision of the Service by Company under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any act or failure to act by the Company, its agents or employees.

10. This Contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part by either party without prior written consent of the other party.

11. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship, that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

12. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

If to County:

**The County of Hidalgo
Attn: County Judge
100 E. Cano
Edinburg, Texas 78539**

If to Company

13. 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.

14. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

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

16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this ____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr. County Clerk

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: _____
Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge

COMPANY:

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Approved by Commissioners Court on: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain

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**EXHIBIT “A”
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET**

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**EXHIBIT “B” VENDOR’S BID
(BID TABULATION)**

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EXHIBIT “C” INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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**EXHIBIT “D”
CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM
(CIQ)**

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