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COUNTY JUDGE

Honorable Rene Ramirez  
County Judge, Hidalgo County  
P.O. Box 1356  
Edinburg, Texas 78540

**RE: EDC application for FM 493 Reconstruction and Widening, CSJ (0863-01-047),  
from Champion St. to US 281**

Dear Judge Ramirez:

The subject project is currently funded for an August 2011 letting and requires a ROW agreement. Since the project lies within the jurisdiction of both the City of Donna and Hidalgo County, we would need ROW agreements with both entities for the necessary acquisition. The City of Donna has previously been approved for an EDC reduction for ROW acquisition, and we have an executed ROW agreement with them. Similarly, the County of Hidalgo would be eligible for an EDC reduction for ROW acquisition, and we would need a ROW agreement with the County. The local governments share for ROW acquisition would be 10%. A reduction to this share is allowed through the Economic Disadvantaged County Program. Attached for your review and consideration is a partially completed EDC application and Affidavit for the subject highway project. If the County would like to apply for the Economically Disadvantaged County Program (EDC), please verify the attached information, complete the affidavit and return to us by July 2, 2010. Once processed and approved, we would execute the ROW agreement. The limits of ROW within County limits are as follows:

- *From Siites Rd. to approximately 0.25 miles north of Lott Road*
- *From 0.25 miles north of Lott Road to 1.5 mi north of US 281 (CR 1552)*
- *From 1.5 mi north of US 281 to 0.75 mi north of US 281 – East side only*

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact Jody Ellington, Director of Transportation Planning and Development or myself at (956) 702-6100. As always, we look forward to working with you toward the implementation of this project.

Sincerely,

Mario R. Jorge, P.E.  
District Engineer

MRJ/mrs  
attachment (3)  
Jesus Noriega, PE, Hector Gonzalez, P.E., Pharr Area Engineer, File

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**FY 2010 ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTIES PROGRAM  
INFORMATION SHEET**

COUNTY Hidalgo APPLICANT Hidalgo County

**District Contact Information**

Name: Melba R. Schaus Telephone: 956-702-6181

If the project is an "OFF-SYSTEM" project, is the project in the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and have a local funding agreement in place, or in a District Bank Balance Program?

(Circle as appropriate) YES or NO

If the applicant is a CITY within an eligible county, please answer the two following questions:

# 1 Economic Development Sales Tax? (Circle as appropriate) YES or NO

# 2 Population ( 2007 Census)? \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

UTP PRIORITY STATUS:	Construct
CSJ:	0863-01-047
ESTIMATED LETTING DATE	Aug, 2011

On-System? ( Circle as appropriate)  YES or NO

**LOCATION AND LIMITS - Give highway number with limits from and to**

FM 493

From: Champion Street

To: US 281

**PROJECT SCOPE- Give type of work**

Reconstruct and Add Shoulders

**ADJUSTMENT RATIONAL- Give reason why the adjustment is needed**

The unemployment and poverty rates of Hidalgo County are high. Meeting the needs of basic necessities along with addressing the infrastructure demands places a heavy burden on the County. We therefore request a reduction in our match for this project.

**ANTICIPATED PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN OF ELIGIBLE COMPONENTS**

			Total Adjustment -	88	
1. Project Component	2. Est. Total Cost (\$)	3. Local Participation (%)		4. Est. Required Local Match (\$)	5. Local Participation After Adjustment (\$)
Right of Way	\$1,281,500	10%		\$128,150	\$15,378
Eligible Utilities	\$200,000	10%		\$20,000	\$2,400
				\$0	\$0
				\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,481,500</b>			<b>\$148,150</b>	<b>\$17,778</b>

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT**

The State of Texas,

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath says:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, representing the city/county of \_\_\_\_\_, having been duly elected on \_\_\_\_\_ and having served continuously since that time, certify in my official capacity that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the said \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Official Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed or stamped name of Notary