



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS – BUDGET DEPT / 430TH DISTRICT COURT
FROM: Eric Trevino
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
DATE: March 15, 2010
RE: Approval of Specifications For: – Hidalgo County Judicial Court-“Lease of Office Space in the City of Edinburg to House 430th District Court” Bid No. 2010-067-00-00-ERT

Please review the following **SPECIFICATIONS** and verify if all requirements are met by signing below and indicating **APPROVE** (or) **DISAPPROVE**. If specification is **NOT** met, make any and all modifications necessary and return the revised copy to the designated Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

If your answer is **DISAPPROVE**, please modify as necessary in order to meet your specifications and return the revised copy via fax to the designated Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

If you have any questions, please call us at (956) 318-2626 ext # 4882 (Eric)

APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DISAPPROVE <input type="checkbox"/>
APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS <input type="checkbox"/>	

Funds Availability: ✓ YES / NO/

Other (Specify) (Allow 430th D.C. to review our recommendation.)

Budget Account No.: 0-1100-412-00-010-001-0-441

<u>Monica Badillo</u>	<u>Monica Badillo</u>	<u>Exec. Office</u>	<u>3/19/10</u>
SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	DEPARTMENT	DATE

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, VIA FAX TO (956) 292-7612 or e-mail: eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us preferably by no later than Friday, March 19, 2010 @ 5:00 P.M. or at your earliest convenience in order to attach it to the agenda item for Commissioners Court. Thank You.

Enclosures

Bid No: 2010-260	Buyer: Eric Trevino	Tel. No: (956) 318-2626 ext. 4882
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REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY

“LEASE OFFICE SPACE - CITY OF EDINBURG - HOUSE A STATE DISTRICT COURT”

BID OPENING DATE:

AUGUST 4, 2010

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 So. Business 281 - New Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539

956 318-2626

Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **HIDALGO COUNTY – “LEASE OFFICE SPACE-CITY OF EDINBURG-HOUSE A STATE DISTRICT COURT”** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders 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 specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.
2. One (1) original and Three (3) copies of all bids are required with the 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 envelope and/or package: **BID-2010-260-08-04-ERT HIDALGO COUNTY - “LEASE OFFICE SPACE-CITY OF EDINBURG-HOUSE A STATE DISTRICT COURT”** and in County's Purchasing Department, 2812 So. Business 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2010. NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB 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 WITH REFERENCE TO REQUEST FOR BIDS-2010-260-08-04-ERT RFB-HIDALGO COUNTY – “LEASE OFFICE SPACE- CITY OF EDINBURG-HOUSE A STATE DISTRICT COURT”**. Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFB and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFB considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County. 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
3. Hidalgo County 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.”
4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. 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 bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County 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. 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.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his 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. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., 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 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 bid 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 cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office 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, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
 - . If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- . Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful bidder
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - d) Notation - **HIDALGO COUNTY - "LEASE OFFICE SPACE- CITY OF EDINBURG-HOUSE A STATE DISTRICT COURT"** 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:

Hidalgo County
Valde Guerra, Budget Officer
2818 South Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
ATTN.: Valde Guerra (956) 292-7025

17. Schedule of Events

Bid Opening, 9:30 AM	<u>AUGUST 4, 2010</u>
Award of Contract	_____, 2010
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2010

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 & services exceeding \$100,000, all bidders 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 bidders 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 45CFR Part 76.

. Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the bidder 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 material men 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 contracts 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 bidder 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 completed 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 BIDDER.

21. If, during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder'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. Bids, 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 Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. 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.
24. Successful bidder 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 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.
25. 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.
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 bidder; County 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.

27. Successful bidder 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 bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder shall pay any judgement 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 bidder'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 and services provided by successful bidder.
28. 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.
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 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 County.

Bid
For

HIDALGO COUNTY
“LEASE OFFICE SPACE-CITY OF EDINBURG -HOUSE A STATE DISTRICT
COURT”
BID NO.: 2010-260-08-04-ERT

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 So. Business 281 -- New Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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 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 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: _____

(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID)

EXHIBIT "A"
HIDALGO COUNTY
"LEASE OFFICE SPACE-CITY OF EDINBURG-HOUSE A STATE
DISTRICT COURT"
BID NO. 2010-260-08-04-ERT

SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE OF WORK:

Hidalgo County is seeking bidders to establish a contract for "Lease Office Space-City of Edinburg-House a State District Court". The proposed building should be in good habitable condition and shall consist of the following:

SPECIFICATIONS:

1. The proposed office building shall consist of a minimum of 3,500 square feet and a maximum of 4,500 square feet of available office space.
2. Bidder shall charge by the square foot for the rental of space. The bid should reflect the actual square feet of proposed office space to be utilized by Hidalgo County.
3. The proposed building should be located within a two (2) block radius of the Hidalgo County Courthouse located at 100 N Closner Blvd, Edinburg, TX.
4. The proposed building must meet all ADA Requirements including but not limited to, all entrances, restrooms and/or parking areas. An existing building must be ready for occupancy with all specifications completed and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, forty-five (45) days from the date of the awarding of the bid and execution of the lease document, or the award will become null/void.
5. If any renovations to the building are necessary in order to comply with the specifications mentioned herein, said renovations will be made by the bidder and at the bidder's expense. The renovations will be completed and constructed according to a floor plan, diagram or scheme as requested and approved by Hidalgo County Judicial Court. All remodeling or renovations will be completed ninety (90) days from the date of bid award. If completion date is not met, awarded bid and lease may become null/void.
6. Said building shall accommodate for Courtroom with measurements a minimum of 1,400 square feet for:
 - a. Lawyers Bar Wall

- b. Judge's Bench
 - c. Jury Box
 - d. Witness Stand
 - e. Court Reporters Area
7. Said building shall accommodate 5 to 7 offices with said measurements of 10' x 10' or the equivalent.
 8. Lobby to be with said measurement of a minimum of 300 square feet.
 9. Restrooms as follows:
 - a. One (1) Staff (Unisex)
 - b. One (1) Unisex
 - c. One (1) Male
 - d. One (1) Female
 10. Jury room with a minimum of 180 sq ft.
 11. Bid premises must have public restrooms, one (1) for men, one (1) for women and shall be handicapped accessible. Separate restroom facilities for employees.
 12. Storage area with a minimum of 50 square feet.
 13. Staff open space with a minimum of 250 square feet.
 14. Judge's chambers space with a minimum of 180 square feet.
 15. Building should have a minimum of three (3) fire extinguishers or amount required by the City Fire Code under federal, state, local and building codes and regulations. Floor area exits or exit access doorways must comply with the City Fire Code under federal, state and local building codes and regulations.
 16. The guest parking lot shall consist of a minimum of forty (40) parking spaces with a minimum of two (2) designated handicapped parking with the shortest accessible route, a ramp should be available leading to the building. Building access must comply with American Disability Act Parking Requirements.
 17. The building should be well insulated with ERA rating of minimum of eleven (11).
 18. Prior to occupancy or commencement of the contract and every year afterward for the duration of the contract, the Lessor must provide acceptable indoor air quality. The quality of the air in and occupied enclosed space that is within an established temperature and comfort zone and which does not contain air

contaminants in sufficient concentration to produce a negative impact on the health and comfort of the occupants. Established temperature and relative humidity comfort zones are defined as:

- Temperatures must be maintained between 68 and 76 degrees Fahrenheit depending on the season (winter 68-73; summer 73-76); relative humidity levels must be maintained between 30% and 55%, with the humidity level not less than 30% and not to exceed 55%.
 - Hidalgo County reserves the right to review the Indoor Quality Test results.
19. During the term of the lease, the building must be well ventilated as required by law: Carbon Dioxide level cannot be more than 700 ppm of contiguous outside ambient air, and Carbon Dioxide levels cannot exceed 1200 ppm. If there are gas appliances (heaters, a/c system), prior to occupancy and as required by Lessee, Lessor must provide documentation proof that all gas operating appliances have been inspected and are functioning properly to prevent the inappropriate accumulation of Carbon Monoxide levels. If Carbon Monoxide levels are identified, Carbon Monoxide Levels must not exceed 1 ppm.
 20. During the term of the lease, all air conditioning systems must comply with the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers Specifications (ASHRAE). Proof of compliance with specifications must be provided at the time of the bid. Maintenance of air conditioning, heating will be the responsibility of the lessor's expense.
 21. Prior to occupancy, plus during the term of the lease upon written request of Lessee, Lessor will provide documentation from an approved laboratory source that biological contaminant levels (i.e., mold, mold spores, fungi, yeast, etc.) within the building do not exceed more than 10% of contiguous outside air levels.
 22. HVAC Systems must be cleaned and inspected prior to occupancy by Hidalgo County and on an annual basis at the Lessor's expense.
 23. Hidalgo County requires a third party inspection, at Lessor's expense, of roof system assessment with reports on:
 - a. Age, Condition, and Warranty of the Roof
 24. Hidalgo County requires the Lessor to maintain a weather tight roof system throughout the term of the lease.
 25. Bid premises shall have water, sewer, garbage pickup in addition to electricity

- and natural gas. Building must have natural adequate lighting at each hallway and office area, with not less than 70 foot candles at any desk station.
26. Security lighting must be provided on the outside of the proposed building and approved by Hidalgo County.
 27. The bidder who will be awarded the contract/lease will ensure that the facilities (toilets, water faucets, and air conditioning, heating, etc.) within the building are working properly before and during the rental/lease of the building and will provide all upkeep and maintenance under the lease.
 28. Building shall be in good working condition and be handicap accessible to provide services to all clients.
 29. All repairs will be done on a timely manner as prioritized by Hidalgo County.
 30. Bidder must provide the legal description of the property along with your bid and include a proposed "floor plan layout" of your facility.
 31. Hidalgo County must have permission to install phone lines, audio, video and/or data cabling in the facility if necessary.
 32. Prior to occupancy, Lessor must provide documented proof that the building is asbestos free, if applicable.
 33. Upon submission of bid, Hidalgo County reserves the right to tour and visit proposed building.
 34. Hidalgo County reserves the right to have the building inspected on an as needed basis in as much as to ensure that the building is meeting up to standards requirements while contract is ongoing with the County.
 35. Building must be free of insects and rodents prior to occupancy by the Hidalgo County Judicial Court. Pest control maintenance will be at the Lessor's expense throughout the term of the contract/lease.

REQUIREMENTS:

The awarded bidder shall adhere to the following insurance requirements:

1. Bidder(s) shall provide insurance for the building to be leased against fire, accidents and natural disaster throughout the term of lease. Also, Bidder shall maintain liability insurance on the premises as indicated on Exhibit "C".
2. Certificates of insurance shall be submitted to Hidalgo County Purchasing Department for approval prior to rental services being performed by lessor

hereunder.

3. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to or longer than the term of this Lease, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date or otherwise the lease shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation or other termination of required policy of insurance hereunder.
4. Property insurance policy shall provide that any proceeds for loss or damage to building or to improvements shall be payable solely to Lessor, which sum Lessor shall use to repair and restoration purpose.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The term of the bid contract will be for a period of one (1) year. Hidalgo County may in its sole discretion elect the option to extend the contract for two (2) additional one (1) year term under the same rates, terms and conditions.
2. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term due to any unforeseen delay in the procurement process.
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantage to the County.
4. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
5. Any contract awarded 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 (30) days written notice prior to cancellation.
6. All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bid, proposals and / or quotes) shall be responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed on to HIDALGO COUNTY.
7. After bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidders(s) and/or in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next most qualified bidder(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost to the County.

8. The successful bidder will indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers, officials, and employees, agents and attorneys for any and all claims and expenses arising out of or related to the performance of the contract awarded pursuant hereto.

Additional information:

Information regarding this project can be addressed in writing, to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Hidalgo County is also requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposal or statement of qualifications be addressed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, **AT 2802 SOUTH BUSINESS HWY 281, EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL NO LATER THAN, Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us . Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than Friday, July 30, 2010 at 5 p.m

month, in which event the Term shall be extended by the number of days remaining in the month which includes the Commencement Date, and the Termination Date shall be likewise extended. If the Premises are sold to an unrelated third party (not affiliated by common ownership with Lessor) at a time when more than six (6) months remains on the unexpired portion of the term of this Lease, then the unexpired portion of this Lease may, at Lessee's option, be shortened to six (6) months from the date of such sale.

Renewal or Termination

1.2. Lessee shall have the right and option to renew and extend the term of this Lease for an additional two (2) one (1) year terms, under the same rates, terms and conditions. If Lessee desires to renew and extend the term of this Lease for a renewal period, Lessee must give Lessor written notice of such renewal at least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of the initial lease term or any extension thereof. Any renewal or extension of this Lease shall be on the terms and conditions as provided herein. This Lease shall terminate and become null and void without further notice on the expiration of the term specified in Article 1.1, unless sooner terminated or renewed and extended in accordance with this Article 1.2; and any holding over by Lessee after the expiration of that term shall not constitute a renewal of the Lease or give Lessee any rights under the Lease in or to the Leased Premises.

Holdover

1.3 If Lessee holds over and continues in possession of the Leased Premises after expiration of the term of this Lease, Lessee will be deemed to be occupying the Premises on the basis of a month to month tenancy, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Lease. The inclusion of this Article 1.2 shall not be construed as Lessor's consent for Lessee to hold over.

Termination

1.4 Lessee may declare this Lease, and all rights and interest created by it, to be terminated without cause upon giving the Lessor thirty (30) days written notice. Upon Lessee's electing to terminate, this Lease shall cease and come to an end as if the day of the termination party's election were the day originally fixed in the Lease for its expiration.

Lessor's Warranty of Quiet Enjoyment

1.5 Lessor covenants and agrees that Lessee on paying the rent and other charges herein provided for and observing and keeping the covenants, conditions, and terms of this Lease on Lessee's part to be kept or performed, shall lawfully and quietly hold, occupy, and enjoy the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease without hindrance or molestation by Lessor or any person claiming under Lessor except such portion of the Leased Premises, if any, as shall be taken under the power of eminent domain.

ARTICLE 2. RENT

Base Rent

2.1 Lessee agrees to pay to Lessor, during the term hereof, a monthly rental equal to (\$ Vendor's Bid Price) (\$ _____) per month. In the event the Commencement Date is a day other than the first day of the month, the rent for the period from the commencement date to the last day of the month shall be prorated by dividing the monthly rental by thirty (30) days, and multiplying the result by the number of days remaining in the month that includes the Commencement Date.

Time and Manner of Payment

2.2 All rent due under this article shall be paid by Lessee on a monthly basis and in

advance, on the first (1st) business day of each month commencing on the Commencement Date. All installments of rent shall be paid in lawful money of the United States to the Lessor at (Vendor's Address, City/State and Zip Code) or such other location or locations as Lessor shall from time to time designate by written notice to Lessee. Any rent due for any partial month at the beginning or the end of the term hereof shall be prorated on the basis of a thirty (30) day month.

Taxes

2.3 Lessor is responsible for rendering and paying all real estate taxes on the Property. Lessee shall be responsible for taxes, if any, on Lessee's personal property located on the Premises.

ARTICLE 3. USE OF PREMISES

Permitted Use

3.1 Lessee may use the premises for office space and for any other lawful purpose.

Waste, Nuisance, or Illegal Use

3.2 Lessee shall not use, or permit the use of, the Premises in any manner that will result in waste of the Premises or constitutes a nuisance or violates any statute, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to the premises or for any illegal purpose.

ARTICLE 4. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

4.1 Lessee shall be responsible for providing general janitorial service. Lessee shall be responsible for all repairs and maintenance in connection with damage to the Premises caused by Lessee's negligent use of Premises, and damage to fixtures and improvements resulting from negligent or willful acts of the Lessee, or the Lessee's employees, agents, licenses or invitees. In addition, Lessee shall repair all injury caused by the installation or removal of

furniture, fixtures or property permitted under this Lease to be removed from the Leased Premises. All such repairs shall be made in a good, workmanlike manner using high quality materials.

Lessor's and Lessee's Duties to Repairs

4.2 Lessor shall maintain the foundation, roof, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems ("HVAC") and structural integrity of the Leased Premises and shall make all such necessary repairs to the foundation, roof plumbing, HVAC and structural integrity of the Leased Premises, except that Lessee shall make those repairs occasioned by Lessee's negligent use of the Leased Premises.

Lessor's Duty

4.3 Lessor shall construct, repair and maintain the Leased Premises so that the Premises will have:

- (1) Effective waterproofing and weather protection of the contents of the Leased Premises by watertight roof, exterior walls, windows, and doors.
- (2) Plumbing facilities that conform to applicable law, maintained in good working order.
- (3) A water supply approved under applicable law that is under the control of Lessee, capable of producing hot and cold running water, or a system that is under the control of Lessor that produces hot and cold running water furnished to Lessee and connected to a sewage disposal system conforming to applicable law.
- (4) Heating, ventilation and air conditioning facilities conforming to applicable law which are more than adequate to heat, ventilate and air condition the improvements on the Leased Premises, and are maintained in good-working order.
- (5) Electrical lighting, with wiring and electrical equipment that conform to applicable law, maintained in good working order.
- (6) Building, grounds, and appurtenances in every part clean, sanitary, and free from all accumulations of debris, and all areas under control of Lessor kept

in every part clean, sanitary, and free from all accumulations of debris.

- (7) Floor, stairways, and railings maintained in good repair.
- (8) Landscaping (all greenery, watering, and maintenance).
- (9) Parking Lot (including painting, striping, paving, etc.)

Lessee's Right to Repair for Lessor or Vacate

- 4.4** (a) If after Lessee's notice to Lessor of repairs or maintenance which Lessor has a duty to undertake, Lessor neglects to make such repairs within thirty (30) days following written notice from Lessee, Lessee may make the repairs itself. In such a case, Lessee may deduct the expenses of the repairs from further payment of rent, terminate this Lease Agreement as of the date Lessee vacates the Premises and any rental shall be abated for the unexpired term of this Lease.
- (b) For purposes of this Section 4.4, if Lessor makes repairs at least fifteen (15) days following the date of Lessee's notice to Lessor, it will be presumed to have act in a reasonable time.

ARTICLE 5. UTILITIES

Utility Charges

Lessee shall pay all utility charges, including but not limited to, electricity and water, used in and about the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease, all such charges to be paid by Lessee directly to the utility company or municipality furnishing the same, before the same shall become delinquent.

ARTICLE 6. ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, AND IMPROVEMENTS

Consent of Lessor

6.1 Lessee shall not make any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Leased Premises without the prior written consent of Lessor. Consent for nonstructural alterations,

additions, or improvements shall not be unreasonably withheld by Lessor.

Property of Lessor

6.2 All alterations, additions, or improvements made by Lessee shall become the property of Lessor at the termination of this Lease. Lessor may, however, require that Lessee remove any or all alterations, additions, and improvements installed or made by Lessee, and any other property placed on the Premises by Lessee, upon termination of the Lease. In the event that Lessor requires Lessee to remove such alterations, additions, or improvements, Lessee shall repair any damage to the Premises caused by such removal.

ARTICLE 7. SIGNS

Signs

Subject to the written approval of Lessor, and further subject to applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, Lessee shall have the right to install signs on the Leased Premises. Lessee must remove all signs at the termination of this Lease and repair any damage resulting from the erection or removal of the signs.

ARTICLE 8. MECHANIC'S LIEN

Lessee will not permit any mechanic's lien or liens to be placed upon the Leased Premises or improvements on the Premises, and if such lien is claimed as a result of the acts of Lessee, Lessee will promptly pay the lien. If default in payment of the lien continues for twenty (20) days after written notice from Lessor, Lessor may, at its option, pay the lien or any portion of it without inquiry as to its validity. Any amounts paid by the Lessor to remove a mechanic's lien caused to be filed against the Premises or improvements on the Premises by Lessee, including expenses and interest, shall be due from Lessee to Lessor and shall be repaid to Lessor immediately on rendition of notice, together with interest at ten percent (10%) per annum until

repaid.

ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY

Property Insurance

9.1 Lessor shall, at its own expense, during the term of this Lease, keep all buildings and improvements on the Leased Premises insured against loss or damage by fire with extended coverage to include direct loss by windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, or riot attending a strike, civil commotion, aircraft, vehicles, and smoke, in the aggregate amounts of not less than the full fair insurable value of the buildings and improvements. The insurance is to be carried by one or more insurance companies licensed to do business in Texas and approved by Lessee. The policies shall provide that any proceeds for loss or damage to buildings or to improvements shall be payable solely to Lessor, which sum Lessor shall use for repair and restoration purposes as provided herein. Lessee shall maintain all insurance on Lessee's personal property located within the Leased Premises and Lessee covenants and agrees that Lessor shall have no responsibility for damage or destruction of Lessee's personal property located within the Leased Premises.

General Liability Insurance

9.2 Lessor. Lessor, at its own expense, shall provide and maintain in force during the term of this Lease, liability insurance with limits of at least Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00), naming Lessee as additional insured. Prior to occupancy of the Premises, Lessor shall provide Lessee with evidence of such insurance.

9.3 Lessee. Lessee, at its own expense, shall provide and maintain in force during the term of this Lease, liability insurance in the amounts deemed adequate by Lessee.

Remedy for Failure to Provide Insurance

9.4 Lessor shall furnish Lessee with the original of all insurance policies required by

this Article. If Lessor does not provide such policies or proof of such insurance within ten (10) days of the execution of this Lease, or if Lessor allows any insurance required under this Article to lapse after receipt of notice of cancellation or of non-renewal, or if Lessor fails to deliver proof of insurance showing coverages to Lessee prior to the effective date of such insurance and the original insurance policy within thirty (30) days thereafter, such failure shall be a default of Lessor under this Lease; or Lessee may, but shall not be required, to take out such insurance and pay the premiums on the necessary insurance to comply with Lessor's obligations under the provisions of this Article. Lessor agrees to reimburse Lessee all amounts spent by Lessor to procure and maintain such insurance within fifteen (15) days after demand from Lessor. Failure to pay such amount when due shall be a default of Lessor under this Lease.

ARTICLE 10. DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF PREMISES

Notice to Lessor

10.1 If the Leased Premises, or any structures or improvements on the Leased Premises, should be damaged or destroyed by fire, tornado, or other casualty, Lessee shall give immediate written notice of the damage or destruction to Lessor, including a description of the damage and, as far as known to Lessee, the cause of the damage.

10.2 If the building on the Leased Premises should be totally destroyed by fire, tornado, or other casualty, or if it should be so damaged that rebuilding is necessary, this Lease Agreement, at the option of the Lessee, shall terminate and rent shall be abated for the unexpired portion of this Lease, effective as of the date of said occurrence.

10.3 If the Leased Premises should be damaged by fire, tornado, or other casualty, but not to such an extent that rebuilding or repairs can reasonably be completed within thirty (30) working days from the date of the occurrence of the damage, this Lease shall not terminate, but

Lessor shall, if the casualty has occurred prior to the final six (6) months of the lease term, at Lessor's sole cost and risk proceed forthwith to rebuild or repair the Leased Premises to substantially the condition in which they existed prior to such damage. If the casualty occurs during the final six (6) months of the lease term, Lessor shall not be required to rebuild or repair such damage. If the Leased Premises are to be rebuilt or repaired and are untenable in whole or in part following such damage, the rent payable hereunder during the period in which they are untenable shall be adjusted equitably. In the working days from the date of the occurrence of the damage, Lessee may at its option terminate this Lease by written notification at such time to Lessor, whereon all rights and obligations hereunder shall cease.

ARTICLE II. CONDEMNATION

Total Condemnation

II.1 If during the term of this Lease all of the Leased Premises should be taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right of eminent domain, or should be sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, the Lease shall terminate, and the rent shall be abated during the unexpired portion of this Lease, effective as of the date of the taking of the premises by the condemning authority.

Partial Condemnation

II.2 If less than all, but more than ten percent (10%) of the Leased Premises is taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right of eminent domain, or should be sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, Lessee may terminate the Lease by giving written notice to Lessor within thirty (30) days after possession of the condemned portion is taken by the entity exercising the power of condemnation.

If the Leased Premises are partially condemned and Lessee fails to exercise the option to terminate the Lease under this section, or if less than ten percent (10%) of the Leased Premises are condemned, this Lease shall not terminate, but Lessor may, at its sole expense, restore and reconstruct the building and other improvements situated on the Leased Premises to make them reasonably tenantable and suitable for the uses for which the Premises are Leased. The rent payable under Sections 2.1 of this Lease shall be decreased equitably during the period of such restoration or reconstruction.

Condemnation Award

11.3 Lessor and Lessee shall each be entitled to receive and retain such separate awards, and portions of lump sum awards, as may be allocated to their respective interest in any condemnation proceedings. The termination of this Lease shall not affect the rights of the respective parties to such awards.

ARTICLE 12. DEFAULT

Default by Lessee

12.1 If Lessee shall allow the rent to be in arrears more than ten (10) days after written notice of such delinquency, or shall remain in default under any other condition of this Lease for a period of fifteen (15) days after written notice from Lessor, Lessor may at its option, without notice to Lessee, terminate this Lease or, in the alternative, Lessor may re-enter and take possession of the Premises and remove all persons and property without being deemed guilty of any manner of trespass and re-let the Premises, or any part of the Premises, for all or any part of the remainder of the Lease term, to a party satisfactory to Lessor and at such monthly rental as Lessor may with reasonable diligence be able to secure. Should Lessor be unable to relet after reasonable efforts to do so, or should such monthly rental be less than the rental Lessee was obligated to pay under this Lease, or any renewal of this Lease, plus the expense of reletting, then Lessee shall pay the amount of such deficiency plus reasonable attorney's fees to Lessor.

Default by Lessor

12.2 If Lessor defaults in the performance of any terms, covenants, or conditions required to be performed by it under this Lease, in addition to other remedies afforded Lessee under this Lease or at law, Lessee may elect that: Upon Lessee's notice to Lessor of repairs or maintenance which Lessor has a duty to undertake, Lessor neglects to make such repairs within

thirty (30) days following written notice from Lessee, Lessee may vacate the Premises, in which case it shall be discharged from further payment of rent, the performance of all other terms and conditions of this Lease, and this Lease shall terminate as of the date Lessee vacates the Premises and any rental shall be abated for the unexpired term of this Lease.

Cumulative Remedies

12.3 All rights and remedies of Lessor and Lessee under this Article shall be cumulative, and none shall exclude any other right or remedy provided by law or by any other provision of this Lease. All such rights and remedies may be exercised and enforced concurrently and whenever, and as often, as occasion for their exercise arises.

Waiver of Breach

12.4 A waiver by either Lessor or Lessee of a breach of this Lease by the other party does not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach of the Lease.

ARTICLE 13. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

Assignment and Subletting by Lessee

13.1 Lessee may sublet, assign, encumber, or otherwise transfer this Lease, or any right or interest in this Lease or in the Leased Premises or the improvements on the Leased Premises, with the written consent of Lessor. If Lessee sublets, assigns, encumbers, or otherwise transfers its rights or interest in this Lease or in the Leased Premises or the improvements on the Leased Premises, other than as specified herein, without the written consent of Lessor, Lessor may, at its option, declare this Lease terminated and Lessee and Lessor shall have no further obligation to each other under this Lease. In the event Lessor consents in writing to an assignment, sublease or other transfer of all or any of Lessee's rights under this Lease, the assignee or sublessee, must assume all of Lessee's obligations under this

Lease, and Lessee shall remain liable for every obligation under the Lease. Lessor's consent under this section will not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld.

Assignment by Lessor

13.2 Lessor may assign or transfer any or all of its interests under the terms of this Lease.

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS

Notices and Addresses

14.1 All notices required under this Lease will be deemed delivered when deposited in certified or registered mail, addressed to the proper party, at the following addresses:

<u>Lessor:</u>	<u>Lessee:</u>
_____	County of Hidalgo
_____	Attn: County Judge
_____	100 East Cano (2 nd Floor)/PO Box 1356
_____	Edinburg, Texas 78540

Either party may change the address to which notices are to be sent it by giving the other party written notice of the new address in the manner provided in this section.

Parties Bound

14.2 This Lease Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties to the Lease and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns when permitted by this Lease Agreement.

Texas Law to Apply

14.3 This Lease Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created by this Lease are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

Legal Construction

14.4 In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Lease Agreement shall for any reason be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of the Lease Agreement, and this Lease Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been included in the Lease Agreement.

Prior Agreements Superseded

14.5 This Lease Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter of this Lease Agreement.

Amendment

14.6 No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms of this Lease Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing, dated subsequent to the date of this Lease Agreement, and duly executed by the parties to this Lease Agreement.

Rights and Remedies Cumulative

14.7 The rights and remedies provided by this Lease Agreement are cumulative, and the use of any one right or remedy by either party shall not preclude or waive that party's right to use any or all other remedies. The rights and remedies provided in this Lease are in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise.

Attorneys' Fees and Costs

14.8 If, as a result of a breach of this Lease Agreement by either party, the other party employs an attorney or attorneys to enforce its rights under this Lease, then the breaching or defaulting party agrees to pay the other party the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred

to enforce the Lease.

Force Majeure

14.9 Neither Lessor nor Lessee shall be required to perform any term, condition, or covenant in this Lease so long as such performance is delayed or prevented by force majeure, which shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, material or labor restrictions by any governmental authority, civil riot, floods, and any other cause not reasonably within the control of Lessor or Lessee and which by the exercise of due diligence Lessor or Lessee is unable, wholly or in part, to prevent or overcome.

Real Estate Commission and Finder's Fees

14.10 Neither Lessor nor Lessee has entered into any real estate commission or finder's fee agreements with any broker, agent or finder in respect of this transaction, and Lessor and Lessee each agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses of any kind, or arrangement or understanding alleged to have been made by the indemnifying party or on its behalf with any broker, salesman or finder in connection with this Lease or the transactions contemplated hereby.

Estoppel Information

14.11 Lessee shall, at the request of Lessor, provide any and all information with respect to this Lease to any person designated by Lessor.

Time of Essence

14.12 Time is of the essence of this Lease Agreement.

Commitment of Current Revenues Only

14.13 In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Lessee under this Agreement, Lessee may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to Lessor. Lessee agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of Lessee pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

THE UNDERSIGNED Lessor and Lessee execute this Lease Agreement on the _____ day
of _____, 2010.

LESSOR:

By: _____

**LESSEE:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

By: _____

Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge

ATTEST:

By: _____
Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

Approved on Commissioners' Court _____, 2010

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

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) PROCUREMENT PACKET

EXHIBIT "B"
PROPERTY/LEGAL DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT "C"
VENDOR'S BID PRICE

EXHIBIT "D"
INSURANCE CERTIFICATE