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**SERVICE CONTRACT
C-10-286-00-00**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2010 by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS** ("County"), and . ("Company") a Corporation.

WHEREAS, Company responded to advertised notices for proposals for **“Repairs, Replacement and/or Retrofit of Central Heating and/or Cooling Systems”** (the “Services”) for Hidalgo County Community Service Agency, and

WHEREAS, Company submitted a proposal to provide services in accordance with the specifications as proposal, as copy of such specifications is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” respectively and incorporated herein for all purposes (the “Specifications”): and

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with Specifications within Exhibit “ A” Request for Proposals (RFP) Procurement Packet, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County awarded the proposal to Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Company hereby agree that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Services within the County of Hidalgo Community Service Agency of Hidalgo County, Texas, This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.

2. Company hereby promises and agrees to render and provide, during the term of this Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the Services in accordance with the Specifications within the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency following a request for service by the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency Executive Director. Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulation in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safe and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall begin on _____, 2010 and end on _____, 2011 with the County's option to extend the contract for four (4) additional one (1) year terms.

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. 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.

6. Company shall ensure that no funds under this Company are used, either directly or indirectly, in the support of any religious or anti-religious activity, worship or instruction.

7. None of the funds provided under this Contract shall be used for influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any legislative measure. This prohibition shall not be construed to prevent any official or employee of Company or from furnishing to any member of its governing body upon request or to any other local or state official or employee or to any citizen information in the hands of the employee or official not considered under law to be confidential information. Any action taken against an employee or official for supplying such information shall subject the person initiating the action to immediate dismissal from employment.

8. No funds provided under this contract may be used directly or indirectly to hire employees or in any other way fund or support candidates for the legislative, executive or judicial branches of government of Company, the State of Texas, or the government of the United States.

9. None of the funds provided under this Contract shall be paid to any official or employee who violates any of the provisions of this contract.

10. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons (Workers' Compensation) connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with the coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit "G" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

11. Company shall provide a sufficient amount of materials and a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services in accordance with the Specifications attached hereto.

12. Company shall establish, maintain and utilize internal control systems and procedures sufficient to prevent, detect and correct incidents of waste, fraud and abuse in Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and to provide for the proper and effective management of all program and fiscal activities funded by this Contract. Company's internal control systems and all transactions and other significant events must be clearly documented and the documentation made readily available for review by County.

13. Company shall give County complete access to all of its records, employees and agents for the purpose of monitoring or investigating the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) program. Company shall fully cooperate with Department's efforts to detect, investigate and prevent waste, fraud and abuse.

Company shall immediately notify the County of any identified instances of waste, fraud or abuse.

14. County will notify the funding source upon identification of possible instances of waste, fraud and abuse or other serious deficiencies.

15. Company may not discriminate against any employee or other person who reports a violation of the terms of this Contract or of any law or regulation to County or to any appropriate law enforcement authority, if the report is made in good faith.

16. 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.

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

18. 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 manner of performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

19. 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:

20. 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.

21. This Contract 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.

22. Any alterations, additions or deletions to the terms of this Contract which are required by changes in federal law and regulations or state statute are automatically incorporated into this Contract without written and administrative code amendment hereto, and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation

23. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that performances under this Contract must be rendered in accordance with federal law and regulations, and Texas State Law Administrative Code and the assurances and certifications made by County to federal funding agencies with regard to the operation of this program. Based on these considerations, and in order to ensure the legal and effective performance of this Contract by both parties, it is agreed by the parties hereto that the performance under this Contract may be amended in the following manner: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), from time to time during the period of performance of this Contract, shall issue policy directives which serve to establish, interpret, or clarify performance requirement under this Contract. Such policy directives shall be promulgated by the Executive Director or her designee in the form of Issuances, shall have the effect of qualifying the terms of this Contract, and shall be binding upon Company as if written herein.

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

25. Except as specifically authorized by the agency in writing or otherwise authorized by the terms of this Contract, any alterations, additions or deletions to the terms of this Contract shall be amended hereto in writing and executed by both parties to this Contract.

26. Company represents that it possesses the practical ability and the legal authority to enter into this Contract, receive and manage the funds authorized by this Contract, and to perform the services Company has obligated itself to perform under this Contract.

27. The person signing this Contract on behalf of Company hereby warrants that he/she has been authorized by Company to execute this Contract on behalf of Company and to bind Company to all terms herein set forth.

28. County shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Contract if there is a dispute as to the legal authority of either Company or the person signing this Contract to enter into this Contract or to render performances hereunder. Should such suspension or termination occur, Company is liable to County for any money it has received for performance of the provisions of this Contract.

29. After final payment and all other pending matters are closed, Company shall return all records concerning this Contract for four years after the fiscal year end of the year this Contract terminates.

30. This Agreement may be terminated by County without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to Company.

31. No person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under the Contract.

32. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1990, or with respect to an otherwise qualified disabled individual as provided in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, shall also apply to any such program or activity.

33. 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:

1. Meet schedules:
2. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
3. Otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications.

34. All contractors and sub-grants in excess of \$2,000 for construction or repair must comply with the Copland “anti-kickback” Act (18USC 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR, Part 3) (the “Act”). Any suspected or reported violations of this Act shall immediately be reported to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

35. Company covenants that neither it nor any member of its governing body presently has any interest or shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of this Contract. Company further covenants that in the performance of this Contract no person having such interest shall be employed or appointed by Company.

36. No person (1) who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or official of the Company and who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to assisted contract activities; or (2) who is in a position to participate in a decision making process or

gains inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a personal or financial interest or benefit, direct or indirect, in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties during their tenure.

37. Company is required to comply with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 relating to Equal Employment Opportunity" and as supplemented by regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Department of Labor.

38. The County may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was purchased, under an award. The Federal awarding agency (ies) reserve a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

39. The County is subject to applicable regulations governing patents and invention, including government-wide regulations issued by the Department o Commerce at 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements."

40. The Federal Government has the right to:

- (1) obtain, reproduce, publish or otherwise use the data first produced under an award: and
- (2) authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.

41. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), the federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books documents, paper, and records which are directly pertinent to this Contract.

42. Company is required to comply with all applicable standards, order or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671] 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR, Part 15).

43. Exhibits "A" through "G" (attached hereto) are fully incorporated in this Contract at this point for all purposes and shall be construed as a part of this Contract.

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

By: _____

Rene A. Ramirez, Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY:

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Approved on Commissioners' Court _____

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

By: _____