



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS – BUDGET DEPT / 430<sup>TH</sup> 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 430<sup>th</sup> 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 430<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Bid No: 2010-346</b>	<b>Buyer: Eric Trevino</b>	<b>Tel. No: (956) 318-2626 ext. 4882</b>
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# **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

## **HIDALGO COUNTY**

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

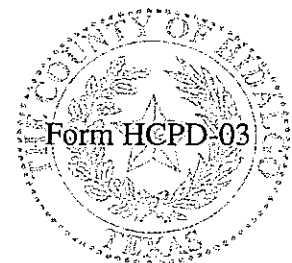
**BID OPENING DATE:**

**OCTOBER 27, 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



LEGAL NOTICE

BID NO:2010-346-10-27-ERT

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-2010-346-10-27-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, OCTOBER 27, 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-2010-346-10-27-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

<b>Bid Opening, 9:30 AM</b>	<b>OCTOBER 27, 2010</b>
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 CIO forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse**  
**COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIO 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.: 2010-346-10-27-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. 2010-346-10-27-ERT**

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**SPECIFICATIONS**

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**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. **Hidalgo County has the sole option to award the amount of square feet required.**
2. **Hidalgo County will ONLY award the amount of square feet required.**
3. The proposed office building shall consist of a minimum of 5,000 square feet of available office space for Hidalgo County.
4. Hidalgo County will determine the final configuration of the floor plan.
5. Bidder shall charge by the square foot for the rental of space on a monthly basis.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. Said building shall accommodate for Courtroom with measurements a minimum of 800 square feet for:
  - a. Lawyers Bar Wall
  - b. Judge's Bench
  - c. Jury Box
  - d. Witness Stand
  - e. Court Reporters Area
10. Said building shall accommodate a minimum of 2 offices for District Clerk staff and for a file room with a minimum of 100 square feet each.
11. Lobby to be with said measurement of a minimum of 300 square feet.
12. Restrooms as follows:
  - a. One (1) Staff (Unisex)
  - b. One (1) Unisex
  - c. One (1) Male
  - d. One (1) Female
13. Jury room with a minimum of 180 square feet.
14. Bid premises must have public restrooms, one (1) for men, one (1) for women and shall be handicapped accessible. Separate restroom facilities for employees.
15. Storage area with a minimum of 50 square feet.
16. Staff open space with a minimum of 250 square feet.
17. Judge's chambers space with a minimum of 180 square feet.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The building should be well insulated with ERA rating of minimum of eleven (11).

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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 lessors expense.
24. 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.
25. HVAC Systems must be cleaned and inspected prior to occupancy by Hidalgo County and on an annual basis at the Lessor's expense.
26. 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

27. Hidalgo County requires the Lessor to maintain a weather tight roof system throughout the term of the lease.
28. 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.
29. Security lighting must be provided on the outside of the proposed building and approved by Hidalgo County.
30. 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.
31. Building shall be in good working condition and be handicap accessible to provide services to all clients.
32. All repairs will be done on a timely manner as prioritized by Hidalgo County.
33. Bidder must provide the legal description of the property along with your bid and include a proposed "floor plan layout" of your facility.
34. Hidalgo County must have permission to install phone lines, audio, video and/or data cabling in the facility if necessary.
35. Prior to occupancy, Lessor must provide documented proof that the building is asbestos free, if applicable.
36. Upon submission of bid, Hidalgo County reserves the right to tour and visit proposed building.
37. 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.
38. 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, October 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at [eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:eric.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us) . Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than Friday, October 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m**