

COUNTY of HIDALGO

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EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539

April 1, 2011

Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
1615 S. Clossner, Suite J
Edinburg, TX 78539

Re: Gulf Data Products

Dear Judge Garcia:

We are in receipt of invoice no. 93728 from Gulf Data Products for the purchase of "thank you" cards (purchase order no. 649295). Our concern with processing payment for this invoice is that the public purpose served by purchasing and distributing "thank you" cards is not evident.

Article III, Section 52(a) of the Texas Constitution provides:

Except as otherwise provided by this section, the Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company.

Article VIII, Section 3 of the Texas Constitution provides:

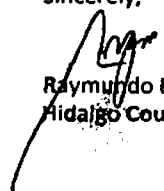
Taxes shall be levied and collected by general laws and for public purposes only.

The purpose of Article III, Section 52(a) has been held to be "to prevent the application of public [property] to private purposes." However, the use of public funds or things of value for a legitimate public purpose does not violate the Texas Constitution. The governmental body must make the determination as to whether a particular grant of public funds or thing of value serves a public purpose.

In order to process payment, we respectfully request that an item be placed on the Commissioners Court agenda in order for the Commissioner Court to declare the public purpose served by purchasing and distributing "thank you" cards.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (956)318-2511 ext. 4604.

Sincerely,


Raymundo Eufrazio, CPA
Hidalgo County Auditor

HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

RICARDO P. RODRIGUEZ, JR. JUDGE, 10th D.C. RODOLFO DELGADO JUDGE, 13th D.C. J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES JUDGE, 13th D.C. ROSE OLIVERA REYNA JUDGE, 20th D.C. JUAN R. PARTIDA JUDGE, 27th D.C. MARCO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 32nd D.C. NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 37th D.C. OVERSEER LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 38th D.C. AIDA SALINAS FLORES JUDGE, 39th D.C. ISRAEL RAMON, JR. JUDGE, 43rd D.C. JESSE CONTRERAS JUDGE, 44th D.C.

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COUNTY JUDGE

INVOICE

DATE INVOICE NO.
 1/17/2011 93728

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Hidalgo County Judges Offices
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P.O. NUMBER	TERMS	DUE DATE	REP	SHIP DATE	SHIP VIA	OUR NO.
649592	Net 30	2/16/2011	RKK	1/17/2011	Delivery	72345

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ORDERED	SHIPPED	UNIT	RATE	AMOUNT
FCF	500 - Thank You Cards with Envelopes	1	1	lot	346.00	346.00

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Goods/Services Received by: [Signature] on 1/24/11
 Invoice Received by: [Signature] on 1/24/11
 Purchase Order #: 649592
 Acct# 0-1100-413-00-110-006-0-350

Ret. PO. 649592

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PRINTING

Letterheads Envelopes Business Cards Labels Medical Forms
 Checks Invoices Statements Purchase Orders Color Printing

ADVERTISING SPECIALTIES

Pens Pencils Koozies Scratch Pads Coffee Mugs Magnets
 Thousands of items with your company logo!

Thank You For Your Order

INVOICE TOTAL	\$346.00
PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT	