



Hidalgo County Purchasing Office
 2812 S. Business Highway 281
 New Administration Building
 Edinburg, Texas 78539
 (956) 318-2626/ Fax: (956) 318-2629

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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| Hon. Joel Quintanilla, Commissioner Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 ATTN: Noe Montez | Hon. Hector "Tito" Palacios, Commissioner Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 ATTN: Ricardo Cuellar/ Yolanda Cisneros |
| Hon. Joe Flores, Commissioner Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3 ATTN: Mingo Villarreal/Norma Ceballos | Hon. Joseph Palacios, Commissioner Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 ATTN: Marcos Lopez/ Gloria Beltran |

FROM: Sandra Montalvo, Buyer II
 Hidalgo County Purchasing Dept.

DATE: August 4, 2011

RE: **BID AWARD RECOMMENDATION/CONCURRENCE REQUEST**
 Bid No. 2011-186-08-03-SMA- Hidalgo County-TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES"

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We would like to present your recommendation on the next Commissioner's Court Meeting; therefore, we need your response **August 12, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. or if possible earlier.** Please indicate your recommendation or any concerns on the space provided below and reply to the Purchasing Department via fax to (956) 318-2629 or via email to: sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us

APPROVE **DISAPPROVE and/or REJECT**

BUDGET ACCOUNT#: 1-1100-432-00-121-001-0-421

Recommendations/Concerns: RECOMMEND AWARD TO
TEXAS LAND RECLAMATION THE LOW
BIDDER.

Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to call me at 318-2626- ext. 4865. Thank you for your attention and cooperation to this matter.

Noe Montez Noe Montez PLT. 1 8-10-11
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE PRINTED NAME DEPARTMENT DATE

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BUDGET ACCOUNT#: 1/1100 432.00.122.001.0/431

Recommendations/Concerns: UTW TIRE Collection

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Ricardo Cuellar RICARDO CUELLAR P&B Sales/SAU. TATION 8/9/11
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BUDGET ACCOUNT#: 1-1100-432-00-123-001-0-421

Recommendations/Concerns: Lowest Bidder - Texas Land Reclamation LLC, UTW Jm Collector

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Joe M. Flores Joe M. Flores Precinct #3 8/8/11
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Recommendations/Concerns: Award to lowest bidder, Texas Land Reclamation LLC, USU Tire Collection

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Gloria A Beltran Gloria A. Beltran Pct 4 8/4/11
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HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATING BIDDER'S LOG

BID OPENING DATE: August 03, 2011

BID OPENING TIME: 9:30 A.M.

DEPARTMENT/BID DESCRIPTION: *Hidalgo County-"TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES"*

BID NO.: 2011-186-08-03-SMA

Buyer: Sandra Montalvo

| NAME OF VENDOR COMPANY/FIRM | BID REQUES T *VIA | SIGNATURE (IF APPLICABLE) OR INITIALS OF STAFF | DATE | MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE No & E-MAIL ADDRESS |
|--|----------------------------|---|----------|---|
| 1) CAMERON LAND & CATTLE INC. Attn: Julie Wood | BLM | Sandra Montalvo | 07/19/11 | 7132 Oak Dr San Antonio, TX 78256 210-698-5282 (o) 210-698-5148 (f) 210-387-8951 (Julie Wood-cell) jbwood@satx.rr.com |
| 2) UTW TIRE CO. Attn: Servando De La Garza | BLM | Sandra Montalvo | 07/19/11 | P.O. BOX 450692 Laredo, Tx 78045 Office-956-723-8484 Fax -956-723-9918 After hrs. 956-285-2651 utwtire@gmail.com |
| 3) SOUTH TEXAS TIRE RECYCLING, LLC Attn: Mark Lopez | BLM | Sandra Montalvo | 07/19/11 | 219 E. Frontage Rd. Alamo, Tx 78516 Cell- 956-358-8508 allvalleymetal@yahoo.com |
| 4) SANTA ANITA RECLAMATION, LLC Attn.Lance Walker | BLM | Sandra Montalvo | 07/19/11 | 25385 FM 1017 P.O. BOX 354 LINN, TX 78563 office:956-287-8473 cell: 956-802-4655 fax: 956-287-0135 sarllc101@gmail.com |
| 5) Prime Vendor Inc Attn: Alix Sechrest | BLM | Sandra Montalvo | 07/27/11 | 4622 Cedar Avenue, Suite 123 Wilmington, North Carolina 28403-4429 Phone: 800 746-9554 Fax: 800 746-8307 bids17@prime-vendor.com |

*VIA:
IN PERSON (IP)
TELEPHONE REQUEST (TR)
BIDDER LIST MAIL OUT (BLM)
E-MAIL (EM)

**HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
BID TABULATION SHEET**

BID OPENING DATE: August 03, 2011

OPENING TIME: 9:30 A.M.

DESCRIPTION OF BID: *Hidalgo County-Tire Disposal Services*

BID NO: 2011-186-08-03-SMA

BUYER: Sandra Montalvo

| TIRE SIZE & DESCRIPTION | PARTICIPATING VENDORS | |
|---|--|--|
| | Santa Anita Reclamation, LLC Linn, Tx | Texas Land Reclamation LLC, UTW Tire Collection Laredo, Tx |
| Passenger and Light Truck Tires up to 19.5 bead | \$0.89 | \$0.65 |
| Truck Tires from 20" to 24.5" Bead | \$4.00 | \$2.75 |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires | \$0.89 | \$0.65 |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires w/rims | \$0.89 | \$0.65 |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires | \$4.00 | \$2.75 |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires w/rims | \$4.00 | \$2.75 |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. Tires | \$15.00 | \$7.50 |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. w/rims | \$15.00 | \$7.50 |
| Baled Tires (Tire Bales)* | \$75.00 | \$50.00 |
| Collection Receptacles (i.e. roll-offs or trailers) | 30 yd-\$185.00 40 yd-\$205.00 48 ft-\$890.00 53- \$1,015.00 | \$5.83 c. yard |

HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT COMPARISON GRID

BID OPENING DATE: August 03, 2011

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BID NO: 2011-186-08-03-SMA

BUYER: Sandra Montalvo

| TIRE SIZE & DESCRIPTION | PROPOSED VENDORS | | CURRENT CONTRACT |
|---|--|--|--|
| | Santa Anita Reclamation, LLC Linn, Tx | Texas Land Reclamation LLC, UTW Tire Collection Laredo, Tx | Texas Land Reclamation LLC, UTW Tire Collection, Laredo Tx |
| Passenger and Light Truck Tires up to 19.5 bead | \$0.89 | \$0.65 | \$0.98 ea. |
| Truck Tires from 20" to 24.5" Bead | \$4.00 | \$2.75 | \$3.98 ea |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires | \$0.89 | \$0.65 | \$0.98 ea. |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires w/rims | \$0.89 | \$0.65 | \$1.98 ea. |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires | \$4.00 | \$2.75 | \$3.98 ea. |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires w/rims | \$4.00 | \$2.75 | \$7.98 ea. |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. Tires | \$15.00 | \$7.50 | \$17.00 ea. |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. w/rims | \$15.00 | \$7.50 | \$24.00 ea. |
| Baled Tires (Tire Bales)* | \$75.00 | \$50.00 | \$79.00 ea. See attachment |
| Collection Receptacles (i.e. roll-offs or trailers) | 30 yd-\$185.00 40 yd-\$205.00 48 ft-\$890.00 53- \$1,015.00 | \$5.83 c. yard | \$365.00 30yd \$485.00 40yd \$1175.00 48ft trailer \$1300.00 53ft trailer |

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 **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the **Commissioners' Court** or their designated agent. Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall be for a period of one year effective **October 6, 2011**, and ending on **October 5, 2012**. Hidalgo County at its sole discretion elect the option to extend the contract for two (2) one (1) year at the same rates, terms and conditions and may further extend an additional sixty (60) days grace period at the end of the contract term due to any unforeseen delay in the procurement process, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first.

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. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or

and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. 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.

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

8. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

9. 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.

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

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

12. 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: Hidalgo County
Attention: County Judge
1615 S. Closner, Suite J
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company **Texas Land Reclamation LLC**
P.O. Box 450692
Laredo, Texas 78045

13. 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.

14. 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 without cause by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

15. The contract may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days

written notice by County.

16. This Agreement 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.

17. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Seller. Buyer 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 Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

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

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this _____ day of _____, 2011.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

ATTEST:

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY: Texas Land Reclamation

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

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

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONES COURT: _____

**EXHIBIT “A”
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET**



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

July 18, 2011

Bidder's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**
Request for Bids - -**"TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES**
Bid No: 2011-186-08-03-SMA

Dear Prospective Bidders:

Enclosed please find a Request for Bid (RFB) packet for your review and consideration.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the bid process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department 956/318-2626.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/sma

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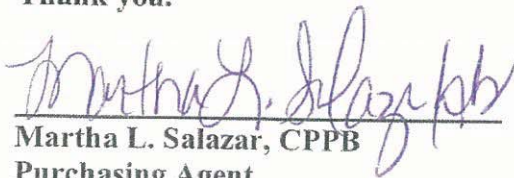
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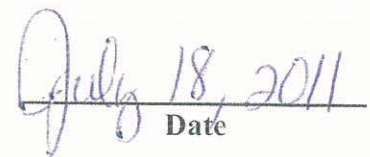
**REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)
CHECKLIST
HIDALGO COUNTY
"TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES"
Bid No: 2011-186-08-03-SMA**

1. Request for Bid Letter, consists of 1 page.
2. Request for Bid, Legal Notice, consisting of 8 pages.
3. Exhibit "A" Specifications, consisting of 6 pages.
4. Exhibit "B" Bid Page, consisting of 2 page.
5. Exhibit "C" Insurance Requirements, consisting of 4 pages.
6. Exhibit "D" CIQ Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, consists of 1 page.
7. Vendor/Bidder Application and W-9 form, consisting of 6 pages.
8. Certification Regarding Debarment consists of 1 page.
9. Draft Service Contract, consisting of 8 pages.

The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Bid (RFB) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, advise of missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile, U.S. Mail or e-mail.

Thank you.


Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Purchasing Agent


Date

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY

“TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES”

RFB No. 2011-186-08-03-SMA

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY “TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES”

BID OPENING DATE: August 03, 2011

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical location: 2802 S. Business Highway 281 - Administration Building
Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Highway 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

1. Sealed bids will be received for **"HIDALGO COUNTY -TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES"** 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-2011-186-08-03-SMA- HIDALGO COUNTY- TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES"** and in County's Purchasing Department, physical address: 2802 S. Business Hwy 281, mailing address 2812 S. Business 281 New Administration Building,, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 03, 2011.**

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-2011-186-08-03-SMA-"HIDALGO COUNTY-TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES".

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

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 and Contract Number** (if any)
 - d) Notation - **"HIDALGO COUNTY-TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES"**
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 Auditor's Office
2808 S. Bus. Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Attn: Elizabeth Cano
956-318-2511**

17. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bid Opening, 9:30 AM | <u>AUGUST 03, 2011</u> |
| Award of Contract | _____, 2011 |
| Commence Work or Deliver Products | _____, 2011 |

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 and submit a Certificate of Account Status indicating bidder is in "Good Standing" with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts if such bidder is incorporated in the State of Texas. If the bidder is not incorporated with the Texas, the bidder must submit the appropriate evidence of filing with the Texas Secretary of State stating that the business is authorized to transact business in Texas.
 - 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 judgment 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. *Vendors hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arises under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USCA, Section 1 et. seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Bus. & Com. Code, Section 15.01, et. seq.*
 30. 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.
 31. 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
"TIRE DISPOSAL SERVICES"

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 S. Bus. Hwy. 281
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:

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The County of Hidalgo is seeking to enter into a tire disposal contract with a state-registered/approved facility. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed bids for the provision of ***"Tires Disposal Service as specified herein.*** Bids will be accepted until **9:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 03, 2011.** **ANY RFB RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

SCOPE OF WORK:

These specifications governs the pickup, removal, and disposition of waste tires (herein called removal services) on an as needed basis after a contract is in place, including, but not limited to, passenger car, truck, tractor, heavy machinery, and baled tires (herein called waste tires) accumulated at Hidalgo County's seven (7) locations identified in Attachment A.

GENERAL:

Vendor shall furnish all materials, equipment, labor /personnel and supplies necessary to execute the specified services.

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY:

- 1) Vendor is fully responsible for the proper and legal transportation, storage, and disposal or recycling of any waste material taken into custody under this contract. Any recycling, reclamation, rejuvenation, disposition, or other use of material shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and pertinent policies. Special attention shall be given Texas statutes related to waste tire disposal, especially the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act, Chapter 361, Texas Health Code and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) regulations regarding municipal solid waste management.
- 2) County stockpiles of material shall normally consist of waste tires. The vendor is responsible for removing and disposing/recycling of the waste tires only.

SIZES OF TIRES:

The following are the different sizes of off-road heavy machinery tires used by some of our Precincts. The sizes of tires indicated herein are not all inclusive.

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| 14.0 x 24 - 10 Ply | 16.9 x 28 - 6 Ply |
| 17.5 x 25 - 12 Ply | Baled Tires |
| 1400 x 24 -10 Ply | Passenger/Light Truck Tires |
| 20.5 x 25 - 12 Ply | Passenger/Light Truck Tires w/rims |
| 19.5 x 24 - 10 Ply | Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer tires |
| 25-5-25 - 10 Ply | Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer tires w/rims |
| 18.4 x 28 - 12 Ply | Agriculture Tractor/Off Road Equip. Tires |
| 16.9 x 24 - 10 Ply | Agriculture Tractor/Off Road Equip. w/rims |

Vendor must contact the respective County departments to obtain all applicable tire sizes and ply information. **Vendor is to provide detailed Tire-Conversion Charts** to Purchasing Department, County Auditor's Office, and participating County departments to assist in calculating the number of

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tires being stockpiled and set up schedules to collect them. County may, at its discretion, periodically visit vendor location during normal business hours.

COMPETENCE OF VENDOR:

Vendor shall have and maintain, under its direct employment and supervision, the necessary organization and facilities to fulfill the services required by this contract. Vendor shall obtain and maintain any permits and licenses required for performance of services covered by this contract. (Note: TNRCC rules require scrap tire transporters to register operations.) Only persons trained in the performance of duties required by the services identified or necessary under this contract shall be assigned to any project associated with this contract. Hidalgo County must receive prior notification of vendor's intent to subcontract these services. Prior Hidalgo County approval is required. Any subcontractor working under this contract shall comply with all terms and conditions of the contract as applicable, and the County shall be notified that a subcontractor is being utilized.

INSURANCE:

Prior to beginning any work under a contract, vendor shall have in-force at least the minimum insurance required by statute. Additionally, vendor shall produce evidence of insurance within 24 hours to any County department requesting such evidence that plans to use the services of this contract. Refer to Exhibit "C" for specific insurance requirements.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:

- 1) Removal services shall be on an "as needed basis". The vendor shall be notified of the requirement for services by written purchase order or verbally with confirmation in writing by facsimile (FAX), by mail, or by electronic transmission. Any waste tires at County's seven (7) locations on the effective date of this contract shall be removed as a part of this contract as if the material were accumulated after the effective date of the contract. Vendor shall complete each service request within two (2) working days from the date of notification unless other arrangements are made with the County beforehand. All or part of a specific waste tire accumulation location may require removal services and will be at the direction of the County department. Each department will determine the minimum amount of tires they will accumulate (based on their storage capacity) before scheduling for pickup service. As an alternative and with prior approval of the County, the vendor may establish scheduled appointments to pick up material from locations shown in Attachment A of the Request For Bids (RFB) *and/or other sites as may be added during the contract period*. County representatives at each location may monitor contract performance. Local contract issues and all serious non-performance issues shall be referred to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department.
- 2) Space permitting and with approval of the County, vendor may locate collection receptacles (i.e., roll-offs or trailers) for the accumulation of waste tires at a County facility or any other location approved by the County. No reimbursement shall occur for any vendor expense related to the installation, removal, maintenance, or use of such collection receptacles.
- 3) The amount of waste tires available for collection at any County department shall be counted by vendor's personnel and verified by department's designated employee(s). Copies of

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receipt tickets and manifests shall be submitted with a vendor's invoice for payment of services rendered. The name of the pick-up location and location address shall appear on all pick-up tickets and manifests. Each County location shall be billed separately.

- 4) Hidalgo County Precincts 1, 2 and 4 and Drainage District No. 1 will be scheduled for a **MINIMUM** of one (1) weekly pickup based on the following schedule. If additional trips are necessary, these will be scheduled for either Tuesdays or Thursdays. Precinct No. 3, and any other County departments requiring this service, will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. Any schedule changes must be approved by the respective County department(s).
 - a) Mondays-Precinct No. 1
 - b) Wednesdays-Precinct No. 2
 - c) Fridays-Precinct No. 4
 - d) Tuesdays and Thursdays-as needed-Precinct No. 3 and other County departments.

- 5) The following alternatives/options may assist in avoiding unnecessary trips to any one (1) particular site, or to request additional pickups.
 - a) The department(s) may notify your office;
 - b) Vendor may check with the respective department(s); or
 - c) Vendor's driver(s) can verify the need during their route.

- 6) Term of the contract is for one (1) year period with County's option to extend the contract for an additional two (2) one (1) year under the same rates terms and conditions. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for next contract term.

- 7) 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 days written notice prior to cancellation.

ESCALATION CLAUSE:

MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

- 1) **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.

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- A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
 - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
 - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
 - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
 - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
- 2) **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
- 3) **Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.
- 4) **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price

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adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.

Dollar Limit to Price Changes: The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County is also requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statement of qualifications be addressed to Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent, Attn: Sandra Montalvo at 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 (New Administration Bldg), Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE OR EMAIL:
sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN, Wednesday, July 27, 2011 by 5:00
p.m. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than
Friday, July 29, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

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Hidalgo County currently has a total of seven (7) Tire Collection sites. The following are the physical directions to said sites:

1) **PRECINCT NO. 1:**

- a) Mercedes - 3 miles South on Mile 1 East off Business 83.
- b) Sunrise Hill Park - 3 Miles East on Mile 11 North off F.M. 1015; 2 Mile North on Mile 12 West.
- c) Donna - 3 Miles South on F.M. 493 off Business 83; 2 Mile East on Mile 42 West.
- d) Monte Collection Site- – FM 88 & MILE 20 on MILE 5 1/2

2) **PRECINCT- NO. 2:**

- a) 1 Mile East of South Tower Rd. on El Gato Rd.

3) **PRECINCT –NO. 3:**

- a) Peñitas (Landfill) - 1 Mile South F.M. 1427 off Expwy. 83; 3 Mile West on Old Military Hwy.

4) **PRECINCT- NO. 4:**

- a) Edinburg - Doolittle Road North of East Richardson Blvd.

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TIRE DISPOSAL FEE OR PAYMENT

| TIRE SIZE & DESCRIPTION | FEE OR PAYMENT * AMOUNT |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Passenger and Light Truck Tires up to 19.5 bead | |
| Truck Tires from 20" to 24.5" Bead | |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires | |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires w/rims | |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires | |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires w/rims | |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. Tires | |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. w/rims | |
| Baled Tires (Tire Bales)* | |
| Collection Receptacles (i.e. roll-offs or trailers) | |

*NOTE: Service provider may offer to pay for tire bales process by Hidalgo County Pct. 3

Comments: _____

BIDDER'S INFORMATION:

I/We the undersigned hereby certify that I/We am/are a duly authorized official of the company and have the authority to sign on behalf of the company and assure that all statements made in the bid are true. I/We agree to furnish and deliver the specified items/services at the prices stated herein, and have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions contained herein and on all of the attachments.

BIDDER/COMPANY NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:

PHONE & FAX NO'S:

CELLULAR NO:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

PRINTED NAME:

TITLE

EXHIBIT “C”
Insurance Requirements
Applicable to the Acquisition of Goods and /or Services
(other than Professional Services)

The Bidder awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the bidder in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
2. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
3. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
4. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto). Certificates of insurance naming County as an **additional insured** shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

ACORD**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURED

INSURER A:

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THEIR TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

| INSR LTR | TYPE OF INSURANCE | POLICY NUMBER | POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY) | POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY) | LIMITS |
|----------|--|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| A | GENERAL LIABILITY | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY | | | | FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR | | | | MEDICAL (Any one person) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT. PROT. | | | | PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY | | | | ANNUAL AGGREGATE \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC | | | | PRODUCTS - COMPI/OP AGG \$ |
| B | AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY | | | | COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO | | | | BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS | | | | BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS | | | | PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ |
| | GARAGE LIABILITY | | | | AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO | | | | OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY EA ACC AGG \$ |
| C | EXCESS LIABILITY | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE | | | | AGGREGATE \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE | | | | \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$ | | | | \$ |
| D | WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY | | | | WC STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER TORY LIMITS |
| | | | | | E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ |
| | | | | | E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE \$ |
| | OTHER | | | | E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$ |

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS
 County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER:

CANCELLATION

Hidalgo County
 Attn: Purchasing Department
 2812 S Highway Bus. 281
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BY CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.
 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid awarded by the Hidalgo County Commissioners= Court;
- will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid award by the Hidalgo County Commissioners= Court; currently carry the following:

Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

- have already been met, see attached copy of insurance certificate.

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Bidder:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award of bid and to execute a contract between your Company and the County

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the bid award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next lowest bidder. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET

**PROJECT REQUIREMENTS
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the APPLICABLE:

- 1. Licenses: _____.
- 2. Bond (if applicable) _____.
- 3. Certificates: _____.
- 4. Permits: _____.
- 5. Other: _____.

necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this bid, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

* Any licenses, bonds (if applicable), certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process.

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET

EXHIBIT "D"

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code
A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section

4

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: Yes No

If yes, by whom?: Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other _____

Indicate Certification No(s): _____ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?: Yes No

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP, or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: _____ %
(List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ()
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ()
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ()
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

| IF the payment is for ... | THEN the payment is exempt for ... |
|--|---|
| Interest and dividend payments | All exempt payees except for 9 |
| Broker transactions | Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations. |
| Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends | Exempt payees 1 through 5 |
| Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹ | Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ² |

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. **Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. **Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

| For this type of account: | Give name and SSN of: |
|---|---|
| 1. Individual | The individual |
| 2. Two or more individuals (joint account) | The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹ |
| 3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) | The minor ² |
| 4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law | The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹ |
| 5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual | The owner ³ |
| 6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A)) | The grantor [*] |
| For this type of account: | Give name and EIN of: |
| 7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual | The owner |
| 8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust | Legal entity ⁴ |
| 9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553 | The corporation |
| 10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization | The organization |
| 11. Partnership or multi-member LLC | The partnership |
| 12. A broker or registered nominee | The broker or nominee |
| 13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments | The public entity |
| 14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B)) | The trust |

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

**Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Date: _____

If the bidder is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.

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 **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the Commissioners' Court or their designated agent. Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall be for a period of one year effective _____, _____ and ending on _____, _____. Hidalgo County at its sole discretion elect the option to extend the contract for two (2) one (1) year at the same rates, terms and conditions and may further extend an additional sixty (60) days grace period at the end of the contract term due to any unforeseen delay in the procurement process, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first.

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. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or

authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. 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.

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

8. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

9. 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.

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

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

12. 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: Hidalgo County
Attention: County Judge
1615 S. Closner, Suite J
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company

13. 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.

14. 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 without cause by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

15. The contract may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice by County.

16. This Agreement 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.

17. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Seller. Buyer 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 Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

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

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

COMPANY: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

EXHIBIT "B"
VENDOR'S BID

BIDDER'S INFORMATION:

I/We the undersigned hereby certify that I/We am/are a duly authorized official of the company and have the authority to sign on behalf of the company and assure that all statements made in the bid are true. I/We agree to furnish and deliver the specified items/services at the prices stated herein, and have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions contained herein and on all of the attachments.

BIDDER/COMPANY NAME: Texas Land Reclamation LLC
DBA UTW Tire Collection Services

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 450692

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: Laredo, Texas 78045

PHONE & FAX NO'S: office (956) 723-8484 fax (956) 723-9918

CELLULAR NO: (956) 763-8484

E-MAIL ADDRESS: UTW Tire @ Gmail.com

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: SPOZAL

PRINTED NAME: Servando De La Garza

TITLE: Owner

EXHIBIT "B"

BID PAGE

Hidalgo County

'Tire Disposal Services'

Bid No. 2011-186-08-03-SMA

TIRE DISPOSAL FEE OR PAYMENT

| TIRE SIZE & DESCRIPTION | FEE OR PAYMENT * AMOUNT |
|---|----------------------------|
| Passenger and Light Truck Tires up to 19.5 bead | .65 |
| Truck Tires from 20" to 24.5" Bead | 2.75 |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires | .65 |
| Passenger Tires and Light Truck Tires w/rims | .65 |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires | 2.75 |
| Medium Truck & Bus/Trailer Tires w/rims | 2.75 |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. Tires | 7.50 |
| Agriculture Tractor/ Off-Road Equip. w/rims | 7.50 |
| Baled Tires (Tire Bales)* | 50.00 |
| Collection Receptacles (i.e. roll-offs or trailers) | see attached |

OPENED

9.56

8-3-11

Witnessed



*NOTE: Service provider may offer to pay for tire bales process by Hidalgo County Pct. 3

Comments: _____

Roll-Off Containers and Dump Trucks



We will receive your loaded roll-off containers or dump trucks for a flat rate of \$5.83 per cubic yard (i.e. \$175.00 for a 30 cubic yard container) for scrap tire material delivered by the County of Hidalgo to Texas Land Reclamation, LLC DBA UTW Tire Collection Services yard located at 3005 N. Val Verde Rd. in Donna, TX. Any and all types and sizes of tires would be accepted using this method, with rims or without.

We believe this to be the most efficient and streamlined method of handling the scrap tires generated by the County of Hidalgo. Tires are deposited directly into a 30 yd. container by constituents at any one of the County of Hidalgo collection sites as they are received. The roll-off container load of tires is delivered directly to the scrap tire facility and hydraulically unloaded by the roll-off truck. Scrap tires are then mechanically handled via skid steer loader for processing. This practice is a proven method that reduces work related injuries and workers compensation claims.

Additionally, scrap tires collected and managed in roll-off containers is the most proper and TCEQ compliant practice as opposed to stockpiling tires directly on the ground. Stockpiling scrap tires on the ground present a fire hazard and provide excellent breeding grounds for rats, snakes, mosquitoes and other harmful vectors.

Dry Van Trailers



Option 1: Texas Land Reclamation, LLC DBA UTW Tire Collection Services would furnish the labor to load the tires into the trailer. We can furnish a 53' dry van trailer as a collection receptacle to any of the County of Hidalgo's scrap tire collection centers for a flat rate of \$850.00 per trailer load of mixed scrap tires, with or without rims. UTW will provide all transportation services (trailer switch outs and hauling). On average, the tires in a 53' trailer load weigh approximately 30,000 lbs or 15 tons. The above rate would be the equivalent of paying 2.8 cents per pound.

Option 2: The County of Hidalgo would furnish the labor to load the tires into the trailer. We can furnish a 53' dry van trailer as a collection receptacle to any of the County of Hidalgo's scrap tire collection centers for a flat rate of \$700.00 per trailer load of mixed scrap tires, with or without rims. UTW will provide all transportation services (trailer switch outs and hauling). On average, the tires in a 53' trailer load weigh approximately 30,000 lbs or 15 tons. The above rate would be the equivalent of paying 2.3 cents per pound.

***Please note:** Given the large volume of 'tires on the rim/wheel' generated by the County of Hidalgo, we believe it is in your best interest not to consider paying for scrap tire disposal on a per pound/ton basis. Rims/wheels are heavy and would negatively impact your rates on a per pound basis.

**EXHIBIT “C”
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Progressive
PO Box 94739
Cleveland, OH 44101
1-800-895-2886

PROGRESSIVE

Policy number: 07652374-0

Underwritten by:
Progressive County Mutual Ins Co
July 11, 2011
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Certificate of Insurance

| Certificate Holder | Insured | Agent |
|--|---|--|
| Additional Insured HIDALGO COUNTY 2812 S BUSHWAY EDINBURG, TX 78539 | TEXAS LAND RECLAMATION PO BOX 450692 LAREDO, TX 78045 | PROG COMMERCIAL PO BOX 94739 CLEVELAND, OH 44101 |

This document certifies that insurance policies identified below have been issued by the designated insurer to the insured named above for the period(s) indicated. This Certificate is issued for information purposes only. It confers no rights upon the certificate holder and does not change, alter, modify, or extend the coverages afforded by the policies listed below. The coverages afforded by the policies listed below are subject to all the terms, exclusions, limitations, endorsements, and conditions of these policies.

Policy Effective Date: Sep 28, 2010

Policy Expiration Date: Sep 28, 2011

Insurance coverage(s)

Bodily Injury/Property Damage

Limits

\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit

Description of Location/Vehicles/Special Items

Scheduled autos only

Certificate number

19211A08374

Please be advised that additional insureds and loss payees will be notified in the event of a mid-term cancellation.

Form 5241 (10/02)

Progressive
 PO Box 94739
 Cleveland, OH 44101
 1-800-895-2886

Policy number: 07516675-1
 Underwritten by:
 Progressive County Mutual Ins Co
 August 3, 2011
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Certificate of Insurance

| Certificate Holder | Insured | Agent |
|---|---|--|
| Additional Insured TEXAS LAND RECLAMATION PO BOX 450692 LAREDO, TX 78045 | UTW TRANSPORTATION LLC PO BOX 450496 LAREDO, TX 78045 | PROG COMMERCIAL PO BOX 94739 CLEVELAND, OH 44101 |

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Policy Effective Date: Jun 22, 2011

Policy Expiration Date: Jun 22, 2012

| Insurance coverage(s) | Limits |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Bodily Injury/Property Damage | \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit |
| Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist | \$300,000 Combined Single Limit |
| Uninsured Motorist Property Damage | \$300,000 Combined Single Limit w/\$250 Ded |

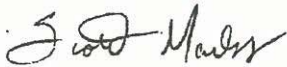
Description of Location/Vehicles/Special Items

Scheduled autos only

Certificate number

21511JTH675

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Progressive
 PO Box 94739
 Cleveland, OH 44101
 1-800-895-2886

PROGRESSIVE

Policy number: 07516675-1

Underwritten by:
 Progressive County Mutual Ins Co
 July 8, 2011
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Certificate of Insurance

| Certificate Holder | Insured | Agent |
|--|---|--|
| Additional Insured HIDALGO COUNTY 2812S BUSH WY #281 EDINBURG, TX 78539 | UTW TRANSPORTATION LLC PO BOX 450496 LAREDO, TX 78045 | PROG COMMERCIAL PO BOX 94739 CLEVELAND, OH 44101 |

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Policy Effective Date: Jun 22, 2011

Policy Expiration Date: Jun 22, 2012

| Insurance coverage(s) | Limits |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Bodily Injury/Property Damage | \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit |
| Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist | \$300,000 Combined Single Limit |
| Uninsured Motorist Property Damage | \$300,000 Combined Single Limit w/\$250 Ded |

Description of Location/Vehicles/Special Items

Scheduled autos only

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|--|-------------|
| 2003 MACK CX6 1M1AE06Y23W012624 | |
| Personal Injury Protection | \$25,000 |
| Comprehensive | \$1,000 Ded |
| Collision | \$1,000 Ded |
| 1999 VOLV VVN 4VG7DERF6XN790738 | |
| Personal Injury Protection | \$25,000 |
| Comprehensive | \$1,000 Ded |
| Collision | \$1,000 Ded |
| 1992 STRATON TRAILER 1DW1A5324NS791716 | |
| 1997 WABA TRAILER 1JJV452T8VL429513 | |
| 1995 WABASH TRAILER 1JJV532Y3SL238137 | |
| 1995 PINE CTL TRAILER 1PNV482N5SGB80615 | |
| 1999 NOT KNOWN TRAILER 1JJV532W4XL579505 | |
| 1999 NOT KNOWN TRAILER 1JJV532W0XL579551 | |
| 1993 NOT KNOWN TRAILER 1S12E9486PE356085 | |
| 2005 FRHT COL 1FUJA6CG55LK25767 | |
| Personal Injury Protection | \$25,000 |
| Comprehensive | \$1,000 Ded |
| Collision | \$1,000 Ded |

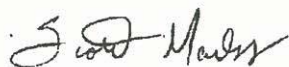
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Certificate number

18911A08675

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Form 5241 (10/02)



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

OP ID: NB

DATE(MM/DD/YYYY)

08/10/11

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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|---|--|--|--|
| PRODUCER GSM Insurors 361-729-5414 GSM Insurors Svcs of So Texas 361-729-3817 P. O. Box 1478 Rockport, TX 78381 GSM Insurors/Commercial Lines INSURED UTW Transportation, LLC P.O. Box 450496 Laredo, TX 78045-0016 | | CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): E-MAIL ADDRESS: PRODUCER CUSTOMER ID #: UTWTR-1 | |
| | | INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: Western World Insurance Co INSURER B: Texas Mutual Insurance Co NAIC # 22945 INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F: | |

COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:****REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

| INSR LTR | TYPE OF INSURANCE | ADDL INSR | SUBR WVD | POLICY NUMBER | POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY) | POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY) | LIMITS | |
|----------|--|-----------|----------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| A | GENERAL LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC | X | X | NPP8038240 | 08/10/11 | 08/10/12 | EACH OCCURRENCE | \$ 2,000,000 |
| | | | | | | | DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) | \$ 100,000 |
| | | | | | | | MED EXP (Any one person) | \$ 5,000 |
| | | | | | | | PERSONAL & ADV INJURY | \$ 2,000,000 |
| | | | | | | | GENERAL AGGREGATE | \$ 2,000,000 |
| | | | | | | | PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG | \$ Included |
| | AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS | | | | | | COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) | \$ |
| | | | | | | | BODILY INJURY (Per person) | \$ |
| | | | | | | | BODILY INJURY (Per accident) | \$ |
| | | | | | | | PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) | \$ |
| | | | | | | | | \$ |
| | UMBRELLA LIAB EXCESS LIAB DEDUCTIBLE RETENTION \$ | | | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE | \$ |
| | | | | | | | AGGREGATE | \$ |
| | | | | | | | | \$ |
| B | WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below | N/A | X | TSF0001214838 | 07/13/11 | 07/13/12 | WC STATU-TORY LIMITS | |
| | | | | | | | OTH-ER | |
| | | | | | | | E.L. EACH ACCIDENT | \$ 1,000,000 |
| | | | | | | | E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE | \$ 1,000,000 |
| | | | | | | | E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT | \$ 1,000,000 |

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)
 Certificate holder is shown as additional insured with waiver of subrogation on general liability policy. Waiver of subrogation in favor of certificate holder on workers compensation policy.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

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Hidalgo County
 2812 S. Hwy Bus 281
 Edinburg, TX 78539

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE