

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
H-11-10-25**

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the 25th day of October, 2011, by and between the Hidalgo County Urban County Program (“County”) and Halff Associates Inc., (“Surveyor”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County requires “Surveying Services” for “Single Family Residential Housing Property Surveys” (on an as needed basis) located within Hidalgo County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo solicited Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the development and establishment of a yearly pool for “Professional Surveying Services”, and

WHEREAS, from which “Professional Surveyor” has been selected from the “Pool” of pre-qualified Surveyors from response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and

WHEREAS, County has determined that the services of “Professional Surveyor” are sometimes necessary to carry out the required Surveying activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.002, “The Professional Services Procurement Act,” Government Code, the County requested proposals from professional Surveyors to assist the County by providing Surveying services; and

WHEREAS, County has selected the Surveyor to provide Surveying services within Hidalgo County, in accordance with the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet and through its procured approved pool of Surveyors.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, County and Surveyor do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** Surveyor agrees to provide to County "Surveying services" for and in connection to the: "Single Family Residential Housing Property Surveys" (on an as needed basis) located within Hidalgo County, "Services to be Provided by the Surveyor". *In the event the Surveyor does not provide the Scope of Services prior to the date specified on the purchase order, the Purchase Order will become NULL and VOID. If such Purchase Order becomes NULL and VOID and the Scope of Services is secured from another firm, Surveyor will be responsible for any additional charges or expenses incurred by Hidalgo County.*

Further, in the event that it is demonstrated by Surveyor that Hidalgo County has caused or delayed thus preventing the Surveyor from meeting the specified agreed upon deadline to provided the Scopes of Services ordered, Surveyor must advise in written notice to the Purchasing Department to authorize and to secure additional time to comply.

2. **Term.** This Agreement shall commence upon approval of this agreement for a term of one (1) year, effective October 25, 2011, expiring October 24, 2012 or unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Surveyor will not begin work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the County for each "Purchase Order".

The County assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the Surveyor for work performed or costs incurred by the Surveyor prior to the date authorized by the County for the Surveyor to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the Termination Date.

3. **Non-Exclusive Services of Surveyor** Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the Surveyor and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

4. **Compensation.** As consideration for rendering the Services provided for in this Agreement, the County agrees to pay the Surveyor the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Surveyor. The Surveyor is authorized to submit periodic requests for payment within thirty days after completion of each work order. The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the County and shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and the amount due and payable as of the date of the current billing. Upon receipt of said request for payment, County shall submit a requisition for payment of said services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Surveyor agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Agreement and to keep adequate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures. All payments to Surveyor shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 21, hereof.

5. **Progress.** Upon acceptance of a work order, the Surveyor shall undertake and complete the authorized work. The County or the Surveyor can request conferences to be provided at the Surveyor's office, the office of the County, or at other agreed upon locations.

6. **Inspection of Work.** The County has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Surveyor, or a subcontractor, the Surveyor shall provide and require its subcontractor to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the inspectors in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

7. **Amendments.** If it becomes necessary at any time during the agreement period to change the scope of work, the agreement period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this agreement, an amendment must be prepared and executed within the agreement period. The County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Surveyor unless the County finds the proposed amendment necessary to complete the work authorized herein. Any such amendments be made in writing agreed to by all parties hereto and duly executed before the end of the agreement period as specified.

If the County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Surveyor, the County shall require the Surveyor to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the agreement. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Surveyor, the County will reimburse the Surveyor for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in Exhibit "B," "Basis for Payment." If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable to be exceeded, an amendment shall be executed in accordance with the terms of this provision.

8. **Reporting.** The Surveyor shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the agreement, including:

1. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to meet time schedules and goals, or preclude the attainment of project work units by established time periods. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any County or, if Federal funds are involved, Federal assistance needed to resolve the situation.
2. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting time schedules and goals sooner than anticipated or producing more work units than originally projected.

9. **Ownership of Documents.** Upon completion or termination of this

agreement, all documents prepared by the Surveyor or furnished to the Surveyor by the County shall be delivered to and become the property of the County. All sketches, photographs, calculations, and other data prepared under this agreement shall be made available, upon request, to the County without restriction or limitation on their further use. The Surveyor may, at its own expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished the County under this agreement.

10. Independent Contractor. Surveyor must comply with all applicable Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, orders or ordinances applicable to the services provided by Surveyor under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Surveyor represents and maintains that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Hidalgo County, Texas, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that it does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. Surveyor agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

11. Voluntary Termination. The County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon the giving of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

12. Insurance. Surveyor agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the services for County in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, ' 100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish department a certificate of insurance, Exhibit "C", issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

13. **No Assignment.** Except as otherwise herein provided, Surveyor, may not assign the obligations or rights under this agreement to any person without the prior written consent of County.

14. **Conflict.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to agreement, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

15. **Termination by County.** If Surveyor fails to deliver quality service, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies and outputs set by County, or if Surveyor fails to comply with any conditions in this Agreement, then County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon the giving of ten (10) days prior written notice to Surveyor.

16. **No Waiver.** No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

17. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Surveyor, and not otherwise.

18. **Venue.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

19. **Hold Harmless.** In the event Surveyor should cause, either directly or indirectly, damage, loss, destruction, liability, or claims against the other party as a result of intentional conduct, negligence or otherwise, Surveyor shall hold harmless and indemnify County from any and all obligations, liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that result from the Surveyor's intentional actions or negligence. This indemnification clause shall survive this Agreement and be enforceable as a separate agreement in the event its survival and enforcement becomes necessary.

20. **Attorney's Fees.** In the unlikely event that a dispute occurs which is litigated or arbitrated, or a cause of action in law or equity is filed concerning the operation, construction, interpretation, or enforcement of this Agreement, the losing party shall bear the cost of the attorney's fees incurred by the prevailing party and any and all costs applicable thereto, including, but not limited to, court costs, deposition fees, expert witness fees, out-of-pocket expenses and travel expenses which are incurred by the prevailing party.

21. **Notices.** Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been

theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to County: County of Hidalgo
Urban County Program
1916 Tesoro Blvd
Pharr, Texas 78577

If to Surveyor: Halff Associates, Inc.
5000 W. Military Hwy Ste 100
McAllen, Texas 78501

Each notice, demand, request or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

22. Execution of Documents. The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

23. Binding Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this agreement.

24. Gender. All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate

25. Authority. The execution and performance of this Agreement by County and Surveyor have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of County and Surveyor in accordance with its terms.

26. Commitment of Current Revenues. In the event that, during any term hereof, the County does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this

Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Surveyor. The County 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 the County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. § 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).

WITNESS WHEREOF, the Surveyor and the Owner have caused this Agreement for Professional Services to be effective as of the _____ day of _____, 2011.

Signature: _____
Raul Garcia, Senior Project Manager & Project Engineer
Firm Name: **Halff Associates, Inc.**
Address: **5000 W. Military Hwy Ste 100**
City/ST/ZIP: **McAllen, TX 78501**
FED ID #/SS #: _____

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ of and on behalf of _____, (title) (a corporation)(a partnership)(a sole proprietorship).

(seal)

Notary - Signature

County of Hidalgo Urban County Program:

Witness

Diana R. Serna, UCP Director

EXHIBIT “A-1”
Request for Qualifications
(RFQ) Procurement Packet

EXHIBIT "A"

Scope of Services to be provided by the Surveyor

Preliminary Phase

- a. As may be required, comply and receive the Party and the funding agencies approval on all work.
- b. Obtain the Party's approval of the work of this Preliminary Phase before proceeding with the next phase.

Design Phase

- a. Attend the respective Party's meetings as requested for the purpose of explaining completed design work activities.
- b. When applicable, advise the Party of any soil investigations or tests which, in the opinion of the Engineer, may be required for the proper execution of the Project.
- c. Provide residential surveys required for the Project.
- d. Plot field data and other survey information for the design of the Project.
- e. Furnish, if requested, the engineering data necessary for the Party to obtain permits required by local, state, and federal authorities.
- f. Preparation of property or easement descriptions.

EXHIBIT "B"

Surveying Rate Schedule

BASIS OF PAYMENT

The basis for calculating charges for services on this project will be:

2011 – 2012 Proposed Rates

Project Manager	<i>\$150.00 / Hour</i>
Professional Land Surveyor	<i>\$140.00 / Hour</i>
Two Person Survey Crew	<i>\$135.00 / Hour</i>
SIT (Surveyor In Training)	<i>\$95.00 / Hour</i>
CAD Technician / Draftsman	<i>\$75.00 / Hour</i>
Clerical	<i>\$50.00 / Hour</i>

EXHIBIT "C"
Insurance Requirements

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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.

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.

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 the Urban County Program Coordinator 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 the Urban County Program Coordinator 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 Urban County Program Coordinator 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 Urban County Program Coordinator 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. Bonds: _____.
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, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid.

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip