



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

November 14, 2011

*In remembrance of those before us.*

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**  
Request for Bids -**“Service/Repair and Maintenance of County Generators”**  
**Bid No: 2011-297-12-07-MSS**

Dear Gentleman/Ladies:

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/mss

Enclosures



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County Of Hidalgo

**REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)  
CHECKLIST**

**HIDALGO COUNTY  
“Service/Repair and Maintenance of County Generators”**

**Bid No: 2011-297-12-07-MSS**

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  9  pages.
4. Exhibit “B” Bid Page consisting of  2  pages.
5. Exhibit “C” Insurance Requirements consisting of  4  pages.
6. Exhibit “D” CIQ Conflict of Interest Questionnaire, consisting of  1  page.
7. Vendor/Bidder Application and W-9 form consisting of  6  pages.
8. Draft Requirements Agreement consisting of  9  pages.
9. Certification Regarding Debarment  1  page.

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 or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.

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Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent

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Date

# **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

## **HIDALGO COUNTY “Service/Repair and Maintenance of County Generators”**

### **BID OPENING DATE:**

December 07, 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

956 318-2626



Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **“HIDALGO COUNTY – SERVICE/REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY GENERATORS ”** 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-2011-297-12-07-MSS- HIDALGO COUNTY – SERVICE/REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY GENERATORS ”** 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, DECEMBER 07, 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 -2011-297-12-07-MSS- HIDALGO COUNTY – SERVICE/REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY GENERATORS ”.** 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 (if any)

d) Notation - **BID-2011-297-12-07-MSS- HIDALGO COUNTY – SERVICE/REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY GENERATORS** ” 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 Facilities Management  
3100 S. Business 281  
P.O. Box 1356  
Edinburg, TX 78539  
ATTN.: Richard Sunday (956) 289-7850

17. Schedule of Events

<b>Pre-Bid Conference, 2:00 PM</b>	<b><u>November 21 , 2011</u></b>
<b>Bid Opening, 9:30 AM</b>	<b><u>December 07 , 2011</u></b>
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 judgement with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful bidder's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods and services provided by successful bidder.

28. Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
29. ***Vendors hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise 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**  
**“SERVICE/REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY GENERATORS ”**  
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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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EXHIBIT "A"  
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**REQUIREMENTS/SPECIFICATIONS**

Hidalgo County is seeking to contract with a vendor providing the most advantageous bid to the County to conduct all of Services/ Maintenance and Repairs of Generators on a Quarterly, Annually and/or Triennial basis as required for each generator here in listed.

Maintenance Services will be provided in accordance with the following specifications and manufacturer recommendations.

Bid price/fees must include service trip, all labor and materials to properly service and maintain as necessary, including but not limited to Load Bank Testing, Automatic Transfer, Megohmeter, Fuel, and Annual Preventive Maintenance Levels 1, 2, and 3.

The Generators to be maintained consists of the following:

#	Manu factor	KW/Voltage	Serial #	Model #	BUILDING	LOCATION
1	Caterpillar (3304Cat)	Volt: 240/480	5CA01537	SR-4	County Courthouse	100 N. Closser Edinburg, TX
2	Generac Power System	KVA: 25 Volt:120/240 /PH-1	4189450	0047460	County Courthouse –IT Room	100 N. Closser Edinburg, TX
3	Generac Power System	Amps' 800A Type –MD6	Unit A S/N: 2093252	MO63F800 8103541000	New Admin #1	2802 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, TX
4	Generac Power System	Amps' 800A Type –MD6	Unit B S/N: 2093251	MO63F800 8103540600	New Admin #2	2802 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, TX
5	Caterpillar (Portable Unit) – XQ30	37.5 KVA	CAT00C33PN3X00273	XQ30-6	C.O. –Health Department	1304 S. 25 St. Edinburg, TX
6	Olympian	62.5 KVA 240/120/3PH	OLY00000VNPF02045	D50P3	C.O. –Health Department	1304 S. 25 St. Edinburg, TX
7	Olympian	250 KVA 208/120/3PH	OLY00000jnn501958	D200P3	C.O. –Health Department	1304 S. 25 St. Edinburg, TX
8	Kohler Power System	KW:500 Volts: 480 3-PH	2085749	500 REZV8	Juvenile Justice Center	1001 N. Doolittle Rd. Edinburg, TX
9	MQ Multi Quip	120/240/1PH	5586850	D-A -7000SS	Restitution Center	1124 N. M. Road Edinburg, TX
10	Kohler Power System	RPM-1800 3 PH 75 KVA Diesel	386346 Spc-PA-205228-A	60R0ZJ81	Old Juvenile Detention Center	3100 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, TX
11	Generac	KVA 40.0 Volt: 120/240/PH-1	2049892	99A04444-9	Facilities Management Spare System	3100 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, TX
12	Caterpillar	KVA: 125 3-PH	CAT00C44CD4801521	D100-6	Precinct No. 4 Offices	1001 N. Doolittle Rd. Edinburg, TX
13	Generac 9/30/04	KVA: 100 KW: 80 Volt: 120/208/3PH	2079463	4451540100	Precinct No. 3 – Multiplex Center	724 North Breyfogle P.O. Box 607 Mission, TX 78572
14	Generac	KVA: 188 KW: 150 Voltage: 120/240/3PH	2103222	11174000200	Precinct No. 3 - Pavilion	Mission, TX

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15	<u>Caterpillar</u>	<u>KW=175.0</u> <u>KVA=218.8</u> <u>Volts 208/120</u> <u>3-HP</u>	<u>Cat 00C66TN6</u> <u>D01644</u>	<u>D175-2</u>	<u>Pct. 2</u> <u>Pharr Clinic</u>	<u>300 W Hall Acres</u> <u>Rd</u> <u>Suite B</u> <u>Pharr, TX 78577</u>
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**GENERATOR'S LIST ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

1. **Revisions to list may be made in the event a generator is added or deleted from the services.** Due to new generators becoming available during the term of this bid, listed generators may change.
2. Additional sites will be priced based on Kilo Watts as listed on Exhibit B.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Participants must be authorized factory trained by generator manufacturer and certified to work on at least one of the following listed equipment and its switch gear (i.e. ISO Links, Zenith, ASCO series 300, Kohler (Detroit Diesel), and Generac SD 100-Mitsubish).
2. PARTS –For additional parts not included as preventive services parts, with previous approval from County Facilities Management, awarded vendor will be allowed to provide parts with a markup rate. Vendor must use genuine manufacturer parts (filters oil, air, diesel, and misc. parts) as first option and equal or better.
3. At the time of submission of invoices to the Hidalgo County, awarded vendor must provide invoices for parts purchased to repair generators, for auditing purposes and verification of mark up rate.
4. Awarded vendor must be able to provide service/ maintenance and repair to generators in accordance with the National Electric Code (N E C), the life Safety Code, and the National Fire Protection Association and the Joint Commission.
5. Technicians must be available (24) twenty–four hours (7) seven days a week.
6. Vendors must provide the following with proposal:
  - a) A technician fee on an “As needed basis” per hour (normal hours and after hours).
  - b) Percentage mark up rate for parts for related preventive services repairs.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (proposal, proposals and / or quotes) shall be responsibility of the proposer and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto **HIDALGO COUNTY**.
2. **The term of the contract** will be for three (3) years. Bid price should remain firm thru the term of the contract including any extensions.
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this proposal for additional sixty (60) days Grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new proposal for next contract term.

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4. The contract shall remain in effect until contract expires, delivery/completion of services ordered or terminated by either party with a thirty (30) day written notice prior to any cancellation.
5. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the proposal to the proposer submitting the most advantageous response meeting all requirements and specifications.
6. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award by line item or on an "all or none basis".
7. Vendor shall provide maintenance services at no additional cost other than stated on Exhibit "B" for normal maintenance and repair.
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, if it is in the best interest to do so.
8. The awarded vendor will maintain all insurance requirements and its limits through out the agreement term, as described and listed in Exhibit "C" Insurance requirements.
9. Hidalgo County has the authority to utilize other State Contracts from its membership with their existing or new cooperatives when ever it is in the County's best interest to do so.
10. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold proposals for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
11. After bid is awarded, if awarded bidder defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidders and/or comply with contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next low proposer. In such event, County shall charge the awarded bidder the difference for any additional cost of such item.

**MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES**

The awarded vendor will conduct an initial assessment of generator's current conditions. This assessment should be included as a line item in the proposal.

The awarded vendor will propose a preventive maintenance schedule for each generator based on assessment result.

Proposal should be based on the following schedule of preventive maintenance services:

**PM LEVEL 1** Services are recommended Quarterly

**PM LEVEL 2** Services are Recommended Annually

**PM LEVEL 3** Services are Recommended every Three (3) years

**TRANSFER SWITCH SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE** – Recommended Annually

**LOAD BANK TESTING** Recommended Annually

An annual fuel sample with a report will also be required for all generator fuel storage tanks once a year. With an optional price of service for transfer switch scheduled maintenance and load bank testing on all generators.

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE SERVICE LEVELS**

**Scheduled Maintenance**

**PM LEVEL 1 – Services are recommended Quarterly**

**GENERAL**

- Visual Inspection – Visual inspection of overall condition of unit to identify foreign objects, loose or broken fittings, guards, and components.
- Wipe off unit – Clean oil, coolant, fuel and acid deposits. Police generator area.

**COOLING SYSTEM**

- Radiator/Heat Exchanger – Visual inspection for leaks, damage, and debris. Check louver operation.
- Coolant – Visual inspection for correct level and condition of coolant (rust, oil, and contaminants). Check coolant conditioner concentration and temperature protection. Check filler cap gasket and sealing surface.
- Hoses and Connections – Visual inspection of all hoses for deterioration. Check tightness of connections.
- Fan Drive Pulley and Fan – Check for loose or worn pulleys and lube fan drive bearing. Check fan operation and clearance.
- Fan Belts – Inspect for wear or deterioration. Check tension and adjust as necessary.
- Jacket Water Heater – Inspect for proper operation. Check thermostat settings for proper coolant temperature.
- Water Pump – Visual and operational inspection for leaks or unusual noises.

**FUEL SYSTEM**

- Fuel Tank – Visually inspect fuel tank system for leaks and fuel level. Test day tank pump for proper operation. Inspect fuel condition for contaminants.
- Water Trap/Separator – Drain water from fuel tank or water separator when possible.
- Fuel Lines and Connections – Inspect for leaks and tightness of connections. Check line brackets.
- Governor and Controls – Inspect governor oil level. Inspect controls and linkage for proper operation. Add oil as necessary.
- Fuel Filters (Primary/Secondary) – Inspect for damage, leaks and proper operation.
- Fuel Pressure – Operational check of gauge and correct pressure.

**AIR INDICATION and EXHAUST SYSTEM**

- Air Filter Service Indicator – Note reading. Inspect for proper operation. Reset Indicator.
- Air Filter – Inspect. Clean as necessary
- Air Inlet System – Inspect piping and air filter housing for damage, loose connections, and evidence of leaks. Clean air filters housing if air filter is cleaned or replaced. Check housing seals and gaskets.
- Turbocharger – Inspect for oil leakage or exhaust leakage. Check for unusual noises and proper operation.
- Exhaust Manifold – Inspect for damage, loose or missing hardware, evidence of exhaust leakage and wet-stacking. Load bank recommendation, inspect for oil slobbering.
- Exhaust System – Inspect silencer and piping for damage, corrosion, or leakage. Check rain cap. Check supports for vibration damage and loose connections.

**LUBE OIL SYSTEM**

- Oil Level – Inspect for correct oil level and contamination.
- Visual inspect unit for leaks.

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- Oil Pressure – Operational check of gauge for correct pressure. Operational and visual inspection of prelube pump.
- Crankcase Breather – Inspect for proper operation. Check connections and inspect hose for deterioration. Note excessive blowby.
- Scheduled Oil Sample – Obtain oil sample for analysis (optional for Level 1).

#### **STARTING SYSTEM**

- Batteries – inspect for damage or leakage, clean acid neutralizer. Clean and tighten all battery cable connections.
- Batteries (Specific Gravity) – Check electrolyte level and specific gravity. Fill cells with distilled water as necessary
- Battery Charger – Inspect for proper operation, loose terminals, and deteriorated wiring.
- Starting Motor – Inspect electrical connections and wiring. For air starters, inspect oil jar and feeder operation. Operational check for abnormal engagement and cranking noises.
- Alternator – Inspect for proper operation, loose connections, and mounting hardware. Check belts, pulley and voltage output.

#### **ENGINE MONITORS AND SAFETY CONTROLS**

- Safety Controls – Check for: loose connections, and wiring deterioration.
- Remote Annunciator and Alarms – Inspect and test all panel and system alarms.

#### **CONTROL PANEL**

- Start Controls – Manual/Auto – Operational check for proper operation. Check automatic start (if allowed).
- Voltmeter – Operational check for correct readings. Check voltage level.
- Ammeter – Operational check for correct readings, if load is available.
- Frequency Meter – Operational check for correct readings. Load and no load readings, if possible.

#### **Scheduled Maintenance**

##### **PM LEVEL 2 Services are Recommended Annually**

(Includes all services Level 1 -Inspection, as well as the following).

#### **FUEL SYSTEM**

- Fuel Filter – Replace. Inspect for proper sealing and operation.

#### **LUBE OIL SYSTEM**

- Oil and Filters – Change. Inspect all gaskets and seals.
- S.O.S – Obtain oil sample for analysis.
- Crankcase Breather – Inspect and clean or replace if applicable.

#### **AIR INDUCTION SYSTEM**

- Turbocharger – Check for oil leakage or unusual noises.
- Air Filter – Inspect. Clean or replace as necessary.

#### **ENGINE MONITORS AND SAFETY CONTROLS**

- Gauge Accuracy – Check oil pressure, water temperature, and alternator gauge for accuracy.
- Safety Controls – Inspect for proper operation, loose connections, and wiring deterioration. Check all safety controls for proper operation.
- Remote Annunciator and alarms – Inspect and test alarms for proper operation.

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**GENERATOR**

- Generator Rear Bearing – Lubricate if applicable.
- Vibration Isolators – Check for proper adjustment and condition.

**CONTROL PANEL**

- Circuit Breakers – Inspect for free movement and tight connections, if accessible.

**Scheduled Maintenance**

**PM LEVEL 3 Services are Recommended every Three (3) years**

(Includes All Services Previously Listed Under **Level 1 and Level 2**. As Well As the Following)

**COOLING SYSTEM**

- Coolant – Drain, flush and replace coolant.
- Thermostats – Replace
- Fan Belts – Replace
- Hoses – Replace all cooling system hoses including jacket water heater hoses.

**STARTING SYSTEM**

- Batteries – Test
- Alternator Belt - Replace.

**AIR INDUCTION AND EXHAUST SYSTEM**

- Air Filter – Replace
- Adjust Valves and replace cover gaskets (as dictated by manufacturer's Operation and Maintenance Guide).

**TRANSFER SWITCH SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE – Recommended Annually**

**INTERIOR WIRING COMPONENTS**

- Perform visual inspection of all wiring and connections for signs of tracking, overheating, and insulation deterioration.
- Check and tighten, where necessary, all control circuit wiring terminals.
- Check manual switches for free movement and contact continuity.
- Check all time delay settings and adjust to the customer's specifications.
- Check condition of main and arcing contracts and auxiliary contracts.
- Check all common and ground wires. Measure and record resistance to ground readings.
- Check lug connections and mounting insulator bolts (de-energized switch).
- Megger test generator windings and rotor for proper resistance.
- Check for proper transfer operation and sequencing of time control relays.
- Calibrate all phase and voltage sensitive relays.
- Perform infrared heat scan on all cable connections. Clean and torque as necessary.

**ENCLOSURE**

- Wipe down.
- Clean interior of enclosure and remove accumulated dust and/or dirt.
- Check door closure, locking bar, and mechanism for proper operation.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Record findings of the inspection. Note corrective action taken.
- Report unsafe conditions.
- Report recommendations for replacement of major components.

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**LOAD BANK TESTING Recommended Annually** (Required annually for most applications)  
**(SEE NFPA 110 & NFPA 99)**

In addition to your Scheduled Maintenance services, we also recommend having a two – (2) hour Load Bank Test performed annually, in conjunction with your regular service. This test will prevent a condition known as "wet stacking", which is the presence of carbon particles, unburned fuel, acids and condensed water in the exhaust system, which accumulates due to incomplete combustion caused by low combustion temperatures. The presence of continual black smoke during operation is an indication what wet stacking is occurring.

**The NFPA 110** states the following regarding Load Bank Testing (this also applies to **NFPA 99** for Healthcare Facilities, pertinent information is underlined):

6-4 Operational Inspection and Testing.

6-4.1\* Level 1 and Level 2 EPSS's, including all appurtenant components, shall be exercised under load at least monthly.

Exception: If the generator set is being used for standby power or for peak load Shaving, such use shall be recorded and shall be permitted to be substituted for scheduled operations and testing of the generator set, provided the appropriate data are recorded.

6-4.2\* Generator sets in Level 1 and Level 2 service shall be exercised at least once monthly, for a minimum of 30 minutes, using one of the following methods.

- (a) Under operating temperatures conditions or at not less than 30 percent of the EPS nameplate rating
- (b) Loading that maintains the minimum exhaust gas temperatures as recommended by the manufacturer.

The date and time of day for required testing shall be decided by the owner, based on facility operations

6-4.2.2 Diesel-powered EPS installations that do not meet the requirements of 6-4.2 shall be exercised monthly with the available EPSS load and exercised annually with supplemental loads at 25 percent of the nameplate rating for 30 minutes, followed by 50 percent of the nameplate rating for 30 minutes, followed by 75 percent of the nameplate rating for 60 minutes, for a total of 2 continuous hours.

In summary, the engine needs to be exercised at monthly intervals. This must be done at the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature, which can only achieved by running it under recommended load (usually 30 % to 50 % of the generator's designed capacity). If this is not possible due to the inability to transfer adequate building loads to the generator, a Load Bank Test will be required to satisfy the supplemental load requirement.

Load Bank Testing for a minimum of two continuous hours at 80-100 % of the nameplate rating on the customer's generator, which will exceed the requirements of the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association. Unless otherwise specified by the customer.

**MEGOHMETER TESTING**

Test main stator, main rotor, exciter, and exciter rotor. Record data for reference

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**FUEL ANALYSIS – Recommended Annually**

Property	Test Methods (*)	Low Sulfur No. 1-D	No. 1-D	Low Sulfur No. 2-D	No. 2-D	No. 4-D
Flash Point C, min	D 93	38	38	52	52	55
Water and Sediment, % vol, max	D 2709 D 1796	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Distillation temperature, C 90 % vole covered Min Max	D86	288	288	282 338		
Kinematic Viscosity, 40 C sCt Min Max	D445	1.3 2.4	1.3 2.4	1.9 4.1	1.9 4.1	5.5 24
Ash, % mass, max	D482	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.1
Sulfur, % mass,max	D2622	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	2
Copper strip corrosion, 3 hr at 50 C, max rating	D130	No. 3	No. 3	No. 3	No. 3	
Cetane number, min	D613	40	40	40	40	30
One of the following: 1.) Cetain index min 2.)Aromaticity, % vol, max	D976 D1319	40 35		40 35		
Ramsbottom carbon residue on 10 % distillation residue, % mass, max	D524	0.15	0.15	0.35	0.35	

Fuel analysis should include, but is not limited to testing for the following in accordance with ASTM D 975 Requirements for Diesel Fuel Oils (from Chevron "Diesel Fuels Technical Review", Copyright 1998, P.34):

**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 proposal prices contained in the contract.
  - 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.

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- 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 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.
  
- 5) **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.

**PRE-BID MEETING:**

A pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, November 21, 2011 at 2:00 pm** in the conference room of the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, 2802 South Business Hwy 281, Edinburg, TX.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries, and clarifications regarding quotes, proposals, proposals, or statements of qualifications be addressed to, Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Highway 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539 **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA E-MAIL TO [moises.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:moises.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us) OR VIA FACSIMILE TO (956) 318-2629, NO LATER THAN, WEDNESDAY, November 23, 2011, BY 5:00 P.M. RESPONSES TO SAID INQUIRIES WILL BE SENT TO ALL APPLICATIONS VIA FACSIMILE BY NO LATER THAN, FRIDAY, November 30, 2011 BY 5:00 P.M.**

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Vendor must thoroughly fill in each section of the Bid Form (Exhibit "B") if applicable. INCOMPLETE submittals shall be considered a probable cause for disqualification.

Initial Assessment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per generator.

LIST OF GENERATORS AS PER SPECIFICATIONS:

#	DESCRIPTION OF GENERATORS	AMOUNTS PER TRIP					
		PM1	PM2	PM3	LOAD BANK TESTING	AUTOMATIC TRANSFER	FUEL ANNUAL PRICE
1	Caterpillar (3304Cat)						
2	Generac Power System						
3	Generac Power System						
4	Generac Power System						
5	Caterpillar (Portable Unit) -XQ30						
6	Olympian						
7	Olympian						
8	Kohler Power System						
9	MQ Multi Quip						
10	Kohler Power System						
11	Generac						
12	Caterpillar						
13	Generac 9/30/04						
14	Generac						
15	Caterpillar						
<b>Additional Generators</b>							
16	0-100 KW						
17	101-150 KW						
18	151-200 KW						
19	201-300 KW						
20	301-400 KW						
21	401-500 KW						
22	501-600 KW						

An annual fuel sample with a report will also be required for all generator fuel storage tanks once a year. With an optional price of service for transfer switch scheduled maintenance and load bank testing on all six (6) generators.

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Mark up rate for parts \_\_\_\_\_ %

**D. Additional Services Technician Fee:**

1. Normal Hours \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (specify hours) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

2. After Hours \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (specify hours) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Revised 10/02/08

**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.
	<b>INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>
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	<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>				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				GENERAL AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$
B	<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b>				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) \$
	<b>GARAGE LIABILITY</b>				AUTO ONLY EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN EA ACC AGG \$
					AUTO ONLY \$
C	<b>EXCESS LIABILITY</b>				EACH OCCURENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE				AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE				\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				\$
D	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY</b>				WG STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER TORY LIMITS
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE \$
	<b>OTHER</b>				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. 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

# 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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**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:

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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:

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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:

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## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.**

Print or type  
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
Business name, if different from above	
Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/ Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ .....	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from backup withholding	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)	

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number								
or								
Employer identification number								

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

**Sign Here**

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

**U.S. person.** Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

In 3 above, if applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes, you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or
- Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

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 recipient 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 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include 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 4 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 regarding partnerships* on page 1.

## 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" line.

**Limited liability company (LLC).** If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

**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" line.

**Note.** You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

### Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business 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.

**Exempt payees.** Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

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

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; 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-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., 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.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.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](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.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.** Writing "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 items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

**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 <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the legal 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 regarding partnerships* on page 1.

**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.

## Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax 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. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.



Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the services in accordance with the Specifications contained in Exhibit "A" Request for Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet within **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the **Hidalgo County** or its 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. **Further Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the successful vendor and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of said contract.**

3. This Contract shall be for a period of **three (3) years (on an as needed basis)**, commencing on \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_ and expiring on \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_, Hidalgo County also reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay of award for the next term and contingent upon cost remaining unchanged.

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: County of Hidalgo  
Attn: County Judge  
1615 South 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. This Agreement may be terminated by County without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

15. 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.

16. 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.

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).

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**WITNESS** our hands in duplicate originals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

**COMPANY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) PROCUREMENT PACKET

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**EXHIBIT "B"**  
VENDOR'S BID

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**EXHIBIT "C"**  
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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**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.