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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES
C-11-269-10-18

THIS AGREEMENT is made, by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner’s Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**”, and **PAUL M. VAZALDUA, JR. d/b/a VALZALDUA & ASSOCIATES**, Professional Consultant, of **McAllen, Texas**, hereinafter called the “**Consultant**”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **Owner** desires to contract with the **Consultant** to provide professional consulting services related to “**Assist with Project Specific Grants and related areas for Judicial Court Functions and Efficiencies for the following categories, but not limited to; a) Improving the Judicial System; b) Human Trafficking Programs and; c) Programs to Protect Women against Domestic Violence., (Including all Funding Sources, Programs and Entities)**” hereinafter referred to as the “**Project**”. **WHEREAS**, the County has determined that the services of a professional engineering company is necessary to carry out the required Services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a) (4), (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the County requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQ’s) from a Professional Consultant to assist the County by providing the Services;

WHEREAS, County has selected the Consultant to provide the Services within **Hidalgo County**, in accordance to **EXHIBIT “A”** Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet.

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

ARTICLE I. Employment of Consultant. The **Owner** agrees to employ the **Consultant** and the **Consultant** agrees to perform professional consulting services in connection with the **Project** as stated in the

articles to follow and for having rendered such services, the owner agrees to pay **the Consultant** compensation as stated in the articles to follow.

ARTICLE 2. Character and Extent of Services. This Agreement will provide for the development of the **Project** with the following:

2.1 Scope of Work. The **CONSULTANT** agrees to provide those services more particularly as described on **EXHIBIT "B"** attached hereto and made part of this agreement. **CONSULTANT** shall provide the services for the rates and fees described on **EXHIBIT "B"** attached hereto and made part of this agreement. Consultant shall commence work upon receipt of a Work Authorization issued by County.

2.2 Classification of Services For this Agreement, the professional services to be provided by the **Consultant**, as more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto.

2.3 Schedule of Work. The **Consultant** shall prepare a schedule of work (hereinafter referred to as "**Work Schedule**") in accordance with the terms identified in **EXHIBIT "C" - Work Schedule**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

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

ARTICLE 3. Period of Service. Upon execution of this Agreement, the **Consultant** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof.

3.1 Termination Date. This Agreement will terminate on **October 17, 2012** hereinafter referred to as the "**Termination Date**"), unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Consultant** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**, or otherwise terminated as provided in Article 3.4 herein and below. The **Owner** assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the **Consultant** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Consultant** prior to the date authorized by the **Owner** for the **Consultant** to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the **Termination Date**.

3.2 Extension of the Termination Date. The **Consultant** shall notify the **Owner** in writing as soon as possible if it is determined, or reasonably anticipated, that the work under this Agreement cannot be completed

before the **Termination Date**, and the **Owner** may , at the **Owner's** sole discretion, extend the **Termination Date** by written supplemental agreement as provided in Article 8 hereof. The **Consultant** shall allow adequate time for review and approval by the **Owner** of the written notice and request by the **Consultant** to extend the **Termination Date**.

3.3 Suspension of Work. Should the **Owner** desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the **Owner** shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to the **Consultant**, followed by written confirmation from the **Owner** to the **Consultant** to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Consultant**. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the **Owner** to the **Consultant**. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Consultant**.

If the **Owner** suspends the work, the **Termination Date** as identified above is not affected, and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified, unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Consultant** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**.

3.4 Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated before the stated **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 herein by any of the following conditions:

- (1) **Commitment of Current Revenues.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the **Owner** does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this Agreement, the **Owner** may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Consultant**. The **Owner** 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 **Owner** pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. §271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).
- (2) By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both the **Consultant** and the **Owner**.
- (3) By the **Owner**, upon failure of the **Consultant** to fulfill the **Consultant's** obligations set forth herein in a satisfactory manner as determined by the **Owner** and in sole opinion of the **Owner**, after the **Owner** provides written notice to the **Consultant** of such failure and the

Consultant has not corrected such failure within (30) days of such written notice by the **Owner**.

- (4) By the **Consultant**, upon failure of the **Owner** to fulfill the **Owner's** obligations set forth herein, after the **Consultant** provides written notice to the **Owner** of such failure and the **Owner** has not corrected such failure within thirty (30) days of such written notice by the **Consultant**.
- (5) By the **Owner** without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Consultant**.
- (6) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described herein.

Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the time of termination shall thereafter be paid to the **Consultant** notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary. In determining the value of the work performed by the **Consultant** prior to termination, the **Owner** shall be the sole judge of the value of such work performed. Compensation for work at termination will be based on a percentage of the work completed at that time. Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement under (5) of the paragraph above, the amount charged during the thirty (30) day notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding ninety (90) days.

If the termination of this Agreement is due to the failure of the **Consultant** to fulfill the **Consultant's** obligations under this Agreement, the **Owner** may take over the Project and prosecute the work to completion. In such case, the **Consultant** shall be liable to the **Owner** for any additional cost occasioned by the **Owner**.

If the **Consultant** defaults in the performance of this Agreement or if the **Owner** terminates this Agreement for fault on the part of the **Consultant**, the **Owner** will give consideration to payment of an amount in settlement to include: the actual costs incurred by the **Consultant** in performing the work to the date of default, the amount of work required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the work which is usable to the **Owner**, the cost to the **Owner** of employing another consultant and/or firm to complete the work required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to the **Owner** of the work performed at the time of default. This Agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any default by the **Consultant**, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party and shall be cumulative.

The termination of the Agreement and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of the **Owner** and the **Consultant** under this Agreement, except the obligations set forth in Articles 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22 and 26 hereto.

ARTICLE 4. Progress and Coordination. The **Consultant** shall, from time to time during the progress of the work, confer with the **Owner**. The **Consultant** shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the **Owner**, in order to evaluate features of the **Consultant's** services and work.

At the request of the **Owner** or the **Consultant**, conferences shall be provided at the **Consultant's** office, the office of the **Owner**, or at other locations designated by the **Owner**. These conferences shall also include evaluation of the **Consultant's** services and work when requested by the **Owner**.

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the **Owner** before the final report is issued. The **Owner's** comments regarding the **Consultant's** preliminary report will be addressed by the **Consultant** in the final report.

If funds by other agencies or entities are to be used for the development of the project under this Agreement, the **Consultant's** services and work will be subject to periodic review and approval by other agencies or entities, including those of the city, county, state and/or federal agencies.

Should it be determined that the progress in the production of the **Consultant's** services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved **Work Schedule** as provided by **Exhibit "C"**, attached hereto, the **Owner** shall review the approved **Work Schedule** with the **Consultant** to determine the corrective action needed by either the **Owner** or the **Consultant**.

The **Consultant** shall promptly advise the **Owner** in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the **Consultant's** services and work and the approved **Work Schedule**, including:

- (1) problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain contract objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of **Project** deliverables by the **Consultant** within established time periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the **Consultant** of

recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any **Owner** or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and

- (2) favorable developments or events which enable meeting the **Work Schedule** goals sooner than anticipated.

ARTICLE 5. Compensation and Fees. For and in consideration of the services to be rendered by the Consultant, the Owner shall compensate the Consultant as follows:

5.1 Basic Services. For and in consideration of the **Services** to be rendered by the **Consultant**, as identified in Article 2 and more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto, the maximum amount payable by the **Owner** to the **Consultant** for **Services**, subject to adjustment in accordance with Article 6.1 herein, will be provided in each work authorization issued. Payments to the **Consultant** for **Services** shall be made by the **Owner**, upon presentation by the **Consultant** of the monthly **Request for Payment**, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 6 herein.

5.2 Special Services. Those services that may be required to provided by the **Consultant** as **Special Services** are set forth below and more particularly described in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto. For and in consideration of these **Special Services** rendered as required by the **Consultant**, the **Owner** shall pay the **Consultant** a negotiated lump sum fee (hereafter referred to as "**Special Services Fee**") at the hourly labor rates and non-labor rates (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract Rates**") specified in **EXHIBIT "D" - Contract Rates**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6. Method of Payment.

6.1 Request for Payment. Payments to the **Consultant** for services rendered will be made while work is in progress as executed through a lump sum fee assigned to each work authorization (hereinafter referred to as "**Work Authorization**") in accordance with **Article 7** herein. For each **Work Authorization**, the **Consultant** shall prepare and submit to the **Owner** monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the work and in support of a request for payment (hereinafter referred to as "**Request for Payment**"). The progress report shall indicate the percent completion of the work accomplished by the **Consultant** during the billing period and to the date of the **Request for Payment**. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the performance of the services, the **Consultant** shall submit to the **Owner** for approval a **Request for Payment**.

Payment of the lump sum fee for each **Work Authorization** identified in the **Request for Payment** will be in proportion to the percent completion of the work tasks identified in such **Work Authorizations** together with a detailed breakdown of the amount and the sum of all prior payments. The **Owner** shall review each such **Request for Payment** and may make such exceptions as the **Owner** reasonably deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances then existing. About ten (10) working days after the Commissioners Court of the **Owner** meets approving such payment, the **Owner** shall make payment to the **Consultant** in the amount approved as aforesaid subject to Article 6.4 herein and below.

If the **Project**, or any portion(s) thereof, are deleted or otherwise not constructed, compensation to the **Consultant** by the **Owner** for the **Project** or such portions of the project shall be only the amounts paid the **Consultant** for actual work performed in accordance with the **Work Authorization(s)** approved by the **Owner**.

6.2 Final Payment. After final completion of the work and acceptance thereof by the **Owner**, the **Consultant** shall submit a final request for payment ("**Final Request for Payment**") which shall set forth all amounts due and remaining unpaid to the **Consultant** and upon approval thereof by the **Owner**, the **Owner** shall pay to the **Consultant** the amount due ("**Final Payment**") under such **Final Request for Payment** in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.1 hereof. The **Final Payment** shall not be made until the **Consultant** delivers to the **Owner** an affidavit that so far as the **Consultant** has knowledge or information any and all amounts due for materials and services over which the **Consultant** has control have been paid.

6.3 Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the **Owner** shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether a payment under Article 6.1 hereof or **Final Payment**) to the **Consultant** hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedent exist:

The **Consultant** is in default of any of its obligations hereunder or otherwise is in default under this Agreement or under any contract documents related to this Agreement;

- (1) Any part of such payment is attributable to the **Consultant's** services which are not performed in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, such payment shall be made as to the part thereof attributable to the **Consultant's** services which were performed in accordance with this Agreement.
- (2) The **Consultant** has failed to make payments promptly to consultants or other third parties used in connection with the **Project** for which the **Owner** has made payment to the **Consultant**;

- (3) If the **Owner**, in good faith judgment, determines that the portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the **Consultant's** services in accordance with this Agreement, no additional payments will be due the **Consultant** hereunder unless and until the **Consultant**, at its sole cost, performs a sufficient portion of the **Consultant's** services so that such portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid is determined by the **Owner** to be sufficient to so complete the **Consultant's** services.

6.4 No partial payment made hereunder shall be or construed to be final acceptance or approval of that part of the **Consultant's** services to which such partial payment related or relieves the **Consultant** of any of its obligations hereunder with respect thereto.

6.5 The **Consultant** shall promptly pay all bills for labor and material performed and furnished by others in connection with the performance of the **Consultant's** services.

6.6 Waiver. The making of the **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Owner** except those arising from (1) faulty or defective services of the **Consultant** appearing after completion of the **Project**. (2) failure of the **Consultant's** services to comply with the requirements of this Agreement or any contracts or Agreements related to the **Project**, or (3) terms of any special warranties required by this Agreement or provided at law or in equity. The acceptance of **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Consultant** except those previously made in writing and identified by the **Consultant** as unsettled at the time of the **Final Request for Payment**.

ARTICLE 7. Work Authorization. After execution of this Agreement, the **Consultant** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof, only as authorized by the **Owner** through an agreed **Work Authorization** document in the form identified in **EXHIBIT "E"- Work Authorization Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. The **Consultant** will identify, as approved by the **Owner**, the needed services for the **Project**, as required through the course of the development to the **Project**. The **Owner** shall authorize the **Consultant** to perform one or more of the agreed tasks identified in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto, in the form of individual work authorizations. Upon authorization from the **Owner**, the **Consultant** will prepare a **Work Authorization** document, which will include a description of the work to be performed, including a description of the tasks and milestones, a work schedule, and an estimated cost proposal agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Consultant**. The

estimated cost proposal shall set forth in detail the computation of the cost of each work task, at the hourly rates established and identified in **EXHIBIT “D”**, attached hereto. The **Work Authorizations** shall not waive the **Owner’s** and the **Consultant’s** responsibilities and obligations established in this Agreement.

The estimated cost proposal for each **Work Authorization**, developed by the **Consultant** and approved by the **Owner** shall be used by the **Owner** to appropriate a purchase order for the **Work Authorization**. Each executed **Work Authorization** shall become a part of this **Agreement**. Upon satisfactory completion of the **Work Authorization**, the **Consultant** shall submit the **Project’s** deliverables as specified in the executed **Work Authorization** to the **Owner** for review and acceptance.

Work included in a **Work Authorization** shall not begin until the **Owner** and the **Consultant** have signed the **Work Authorization**. All work must be completed on or before the completion date specified in the **Work Authorization**, unless extended by written agreement by the **Consultant** and the **Owner**. The **Consultant** shall promptly notify the **Owner** of any event that will affect completion of the **Work Authorization**. All **Work Authorizations** must be executed and completed by both the **Consultant** and the **Owner** within the period established for this Agreement as specified in Article 3 hereof.

The final acceptance by the **Owner** of each **Work Authorization** for the **Project** shall serve as evidence of completion, on the part of the **Consultant**, of all services under this Agreement insofar as they pertain to that portion of work on the **Project** identified in the applicable work authorization.

ARTICLE 8. Supplemental Agreements. The terms of this Agreement may be amended by supplemental agreement if the Owner determines that (1) there is a need to extend the **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 hereof, (2) there has been a significant change in the scope, complexity or character of the services to be performed by the **Consultant**, and/or (3) for any other reason agreeable to the **Owner** and the **Consultant**. All supplemental agreements will be developed in the form identified in **EXHIBIT “F” - Supplemental Agreement Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and incorporated herein by reference as “**Supplemental Agreement**”.

If determined appropriate by the **Owner**, additional compensation to the **Consultant** for (1), (2) and/or (3) above shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the **Contract Rates** specified in **EXHIBIT "D"**, attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the **Supplemental Agreement**.

Any **Supplemental Agreement** must be executed by both the **Consultant** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date** specified in Article 3 hereof.

It is distinctly understood and agreed that no claim by the **Consultant** for additional work, as identified in Article 9 hereof, or changes or revisions in work, as identified in Article 10 hereof, shall be made by the **Consultant** until full execution of the **Supplemental Agreement** and authorization to proceed is granted by the **Owner**. The **Owner** reserves the right to withhold payment to the **Consultant** pending verification of satisfactory work performed by the **Consultant**.

ARTICLE 9. Additional Work. If the **Consultant** is of the opinion that any work it has been directed to perform is beyond the scope of this Agreement and constitutes extra work, the **Consultant** shall promptly notify the **Owner** in writing. In the event the **Owner** finds that such work does constitute extra work, the **Owner** shall so advise the **Consultant** and a written supplemental agreement will be executed between the **Owner** and the **Consultant** as provided herein. The **Consultant** shall not perform any proposed additional work or incur any additional cost prior to the execution by both the **Consultant** and the **Owner** of a supplemental agreement. Additional compensation from the **Owner** to the **Consultant** shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the Contract Rates specified in **EXHIBIT "D"** attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the supplemental agreement as specified in Article 8 hereof. The **Owner** shall not be liable or under any obligation to compensate the **Consultant** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Consultant** relating to additional work not directly associated with the performance of the work authorized in this Agreement or as amended through supplemental agreement.

ARTICLE 10. Changes or Revisions in Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request changes to the work, and the changes are within the applications of sound Consulting principles, the **Consultant** shall make such revisions if requested and directed by the **Owner**.

10.1 Preliminary Work. The **Consultant** will make, without expense to the **Owner**, such revisions of any preliminary reports or drawings as may be required to meet the needs of the **Owner** and the applications of sound Consulting principles.

10.2 Previously Approved or Satisfactorily Completed Work. If the **Owner** funds it necessary to request the **Consultant** to make changes to work previously approved by the **Owner** or work satisfactorily completed for which the **Owner** approves or, after a definite plan has been approved by the **Owner**, if a decision is subsequently made by the **Owner**, which for proper execution involves extra services and expenses for changes in or additions to the drawings specifications or other documents, this will be considered as additional work, and compensation from the **Owner** to the **Consultant** will be in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.3 Project Delays. If the **Consultant** is required to perform additional work due to delays by the imposition of causes not within the **Consultant's** control, such as by the re-advertisement of bids or by the delinquency or insolvency of contractors, such work associated with these delays shall be considered additional work, and the **Consultant** shall be compensated by the **Owner** for such extra services and expense in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.4 Reduction of Project Cost. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event it is necessary for the **Owner** to require changes in the final plan of the **Project** to enable it to reduce the cost of the **Project** to an amount within the sum estimated by the **Consultant**, the **Consultant** will be required to make such revisions or changes. These changes will only be considered additional work by the **Consultant**, if the **Consultant** previously provided these same changes as options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan for the **Project**, and the option or options were not selected or approved by the **Owner** to be incorporated into the final plan of the **Project**. Payment for this additional work will then be made to the **Consultant** in accordance with Article 9 hereof. If the **Consultant** failed to provide these changes as an option or options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan of the **Project**, these changes will not be considered additional work and no additional compensation will be made to the **Consultant**.

ARTICLE 11. Ownership and Release of Documents.

11.1 Ownership of Documents. All documents furnished to the **Consultant** by the **Owner** shall be delivered to the **Owner** upon completion or termination of this Agreement. The **Consultant**, at the **Consultant's** own expense, may retain copies of such documents or any other data under this Agreement.

11.2 Release of Documents or Information. Release of information to the public or others regarding the **Project** will be accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

ARTICLE 12. Discounts, Rebates, Refunds. In connection with procurement services rendered by the **Consultant**, if procurement services are required of the **Consultant** hereunder, all discounts, rebates and refunds shall accrue to the **Owner**. For some purchases, the **Consultant** may deem that payment within the discount period is not safe; and/or inspection, guarantees, or other considerations may dictate delay. In such cases, the **Consultant** shall promptly notify the **Owner** so that a course of action may be mutually agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Consultant**.

ARTICLE 13. Records, Accounting, Inspection. The **Consultant** shall keep full and detailed records and accounts in a manner approved by the **Owner**. The **Consultant** shall afford the **Owner's** authorized personnel and independent auditors, if any, full access to the work performed by the **Consultant** regarding the **Project** and to all of the **Consultant's** books, records, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers and other documents relating to such work under this Agreement and the **Consultant** shall preserve all such records for three (3) years after final payment. The **Consultant** shall deliver to the **Owner** upon completion of such work, a statement of the cost of such work detailed according to the accounting procedure and requirements of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 14. Subcontracting and Assignment. The **Consultant** shall not assign, subcontract or transfer the **Consultant's** interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the **Owner**. The **Consultant** shall bind every subconsultant by written subcontract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontract relieves the **Consultant** of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

The **Consultant**, and the **Owner**, do hereby bind themselves, their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to each other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this contract.

ARTICLE 15. Patents. The **Consultant** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from all liability for alleged or actual infringement of any patent resulting from the use of apparatus or equipment furnished or designed by the **Consultant** or from the use of any process designed by the **Consultant** or effected by said apparatus or equipment, and the **Consultant** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from and against all costs, legal fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any claim of or action for such infringement: provided, however, that the **Owner** shall promptly transmit to the **Consultant** all papers served on the **Owner** in any suit involving such claim of infringement, and provided further, that the **Owner** permits the **Consultant** to have entire charge and control of the defense of any such suit. If because of actual infringement the use of such apparatus, equipment, or process is enjoined, the **Consultant** shall refund the purchase price thereof in proportion to the length of service uncompleted, the life of such apparatus or equipment being assumed as five years. The **Consultant** hereby grants to the **Owner** a non-exclusive, royalty-free license under patents now or hereafter owned by the **Consultant** covering any machines, apparatus, processes, articles, or products included in the **Consultant's** work hereunder.

ARTICLE 16. Confidential Information, Inventions and Other Restrictions.

16.1 Confidential Information. The **Consultant** shall not use in any way, commercial or otherwise, except to the extent required by the proper performance of this Agreement; and shall hold in confidence and not disclose to any person, for any reason or at any time, any information relating to the secret processes, products, compositions, machinery, apparatus or trade secrets of the **Owner**, or any other confidential information given to the **Consultant** by any of the **Owner's** commissioners, elected officials, employees, or representatives or acquired by the **Consultant** during the term of or as a result of this Agreement. Any information not generally available to the public shall be considered secret and confidential for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that any technical information which was lawfully in the **Consultant's** possession prior to such disclosure to the **Consultant** by the **Owner** or which is or shall lawfully be published or become part of general knowledge from sources other than the **Consultant** or which otherwise shall lawfully become available to the **Consultant** from a source other than the

Owner, shall not be subject to these provisions. All the foregoing stipulations shall apply to such information and work hereunder as well as to any information and ideas originated or developed by the **Consultant** in performing such work. Such information may, of course, be disclosed to the proper officials or employees of the **Owner** if necessary to perform the work hereunder. The **Consultant** shall, however, inform each of its employees who receive such information of these restrictions and the **Consultant** shall take all reasonable precautions and exert all reasonable efforts to assure conformance with such restrictions by all of its officers, employees, and agents, obtaining from them if necessary, agreements satisfactory to the **Owner**, effectuating the purposes of this Article.

16.2 Inventions. The **Consultant** shall communicate to the **Owner** at once, and require the **Consultant's** employees assigned to this **Project** to communicate to the **Owner** all inventions and improvements which any of the **Consultant's** employees, either alone or in conjunction with any of the **Owner's** employees may conceive, make or discover during the course of or as a result of work on this **Project** under this or any ensuing agreement with the **Owner** that relates to the processes, products, compositions, machinery or plants of the **Owner**, or relating in any way to any of the operations in which the **Owner** may be obligated to pay to the **Consultant** as compensation for services rendered by the **Consultant** under contract with the **Owner**. The **Consultant** shall require its employees to execute patent applications and assignments thereof to the **Owner** or its nominees, and powers of attorney relating thereto for any country the **Owner** may designate, and shall take all other actions as the **Owner** may request to maintain and protect such inventions and improvements. The **Owner** shall pay all costs or charges incurred in protecting such inventions and improvements if the **Owner** desires to protect them. Before assigning any of the **Consultant's** employees to work under any contract with the **Owner** concerning this **Project**, the **Consultant** shall obtain from them agreements satisfactory to **Owner** complying in all respects with the terms and provisions of this Article.

16.3 The rights and obligations set forth in Article 16 shall survive the performance of this Agreement, or any termination, discharge or cancellation thereof

ARTICLE 17. Consultant's Responsibility and Warranties.

17.1 Consultant's Responsibility. The **Consultant** shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work for the **Project** and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Consultant**. No additional compensation will be made to the **Consultant** for any necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Consultant**.

17.2 Warranties.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the **Owner** and the **Consultant** agree and acknowledge that the **Owner** is entering into this Agreement in reliance on the **Consultant's** experience and abilities with respect to performing the **Consultant's** services hereunder. The **Consultant** accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the **Owner** by this Agreement. The **Consultant** covenants with the **Owner** to use the **Consultant's** best efforts, skill, judgement and abilities to perform work on the **Project** and to further the interests of the **Owner** in accordance with the **Owner's** requirements and procedures, in accordance with all professional standards, and in compliance with all applicable national, federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders and with those of any other body having jurisdiction.

(b) The **Consultant** represents, covenants and agrees that all of **Consultant's** services to be furnished by the **Consultant** under or pursuant to this Agreement from the inception of the Agreement until the **Project** has been fully completed, shall be of the standard and quality which prevail among Consultants of similar experience, knowledge, skill and ability engaged in Consulting practice throughout Texas under the same or similar circumstances involving the request of **Project**.

(c) The **Consultant** represents, covenants and agrees that the **Consultant's** special talent, training and experience cause the **Consultant** to be the prime professional on the **Project**; that because of such talent and training, the **Consultant** envisions of the **Project** in its entirety and possesses the special skills which enable the **Consultant** to recognize dangerous conditions that a reasonable, prudent Consultant having such special skills could anticipate may arise from the proper use of the **Project** after acceptance by **Owner**; and that the **Consultant** recognizes that any commissioners, elected officials, employees and agents of the **Owner**, plus residents and owners of

property within the area affected by the **Project** are within a class of foreseeable persons who will be relying on the project being designed in a professional and safe manner.

(d) If the development of **work schedule** identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the **Consultant** for the **Project**, the **Consultant** represents, covenants and agrees that the **work schedule** of the **Project** will be accurate and free from any material errors. The **Consultant** additionally represents, covenants and agrees to the following: that the design of the **Project** will conform to its foreseeable use as a **Project** with all the amenities as set forth in any **work schedule** developed by the **Consultant** for the **Project**; that the result of such **work schedule**, if built in accordance therewith, will be suitable for purposes for which the **Project** is designed; and the **Project** will be inspected in a workmanlike, professional manner and will be suitable for the **Project's** intended purpose. The **Consultant's** responsibilities as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the **Owner** of any **work schedule** developed by the **Consultant** for the **Project**, nor shall the **Consultant** be released from any liability by reason of such approval by the **Owner**, it being understood that the **Owner** at all times is ultimately relying upon the **Consultant's** skill and knowledge in preparing such **work schedule**.

(e) In connection with the **Consultant's** performance of procurement services hereunder, if any, the **Consultant** use its best efforts to obtain from all vendors of equipment and materials, fullest possible warranties against defective materials and workmanship for the benefit of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 18. Consultant's Resources. The **Consultant** shall furnish and maintain, at the **Consultant's** own expense, office space for the performance of all services, skilled and sufficient personnel, as well as adequate and sufficient equipment to perform the services as required under this Agreement.

18.1 Employees of the Consultant. All employees of the **Consultant** shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them and required for the services under this Agreement. Any employee of the **Consultant** who, in the opinion of the **Owner**, is incompetent, or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the work required under this Agreement, shall immediately be removed from association with the **Project** when so instructed by the **Owner**. The **Consultant** certifies that the **Consultant** presently has

employed sufficient and qualified personnel, and will maintain sufficient and qualified personnel for performance of the services under this Agreement.

18.2 Documents/Information Exchange The purpose of this Article is to define the required automated resources, format for graphics files, and information exchange pertaining to the **Project**. Taking into consideration that the **Owner** has a significant investment in the development of the **Project**, there is a need for the **Consultant** to provide consistency in document development for information exchange. Consistency in document development for information exchange and production will help facilitate an economically efficient **Project**. Therefore, the **Consultant** shall provide the **Owner** with documents and information in accordance with the special requirement outlined in **EXHIBIT "B"** attached hereto.

ARTICLE 19. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the **Consultant** and its agents, partners, subcontractors, and consultants (collectively "**Indemnitors**") shall and do agree to indemnify, and hold harmless the **Owner**, the **Owner's** respective directors, elected officials, employees and agents (collectively "**Indemnitees**") from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any nature, kind or description (collectively "**Liabilities**") of any person or entity whomsoever arising out of, caused by or resulting from the negligent performance of the **Consultant's** services through activities of the **Consultant**, its agents, partners, subcontractors and/or consultants performed under this Agreement, and which are caused by or result from error, omission, or negligent act of the **Consultant** or of any person employed or contracted by the **Consultant** provided that any such **Liabilities** (1) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to the injury to or destruction of tangible personal property including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting there from and (2) are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the **Consultant**, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the **Consultant** or anyone for whose acts the **Consultant** may be legally liable. The **Consultant** shall also save harmless the **Owner** from any and all expense, including but not limited to, attorney fees which may be incurred by the **Owner** in litigation or otherwise resisting said claim or liabilities which may be imposed on the **Owner** as a result of such activities by the **Consultant**, its agents

partners, subcontractors and/or consultants. In this connection, it is agreed and understood that the **Consultant** shall not be responsible for any portion of the liability proximately caused by the **Owner's** negligence.

ARTICLE 20. Joint and Several Liability. In the event more than one of the **Indemnitors** are connected with an accident or occurrence covered by the indemnification in Article 19 hereof, then each of such **Indemnitors** shall be jointly and severally responsible to the **Indemnitees** for indemnification and the ultimate responsibility among such **Indemnitors** for the loss and expense of any such indemnification shall be settled by separate proceedings and without jeopardy to any **Indemnitee**. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification or right which the **Owner** or any of the **Indemnitees** has by law.

ARTICLE 21. Insurance The **Consultant** shall obtain and maintain insurance in the limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified as follows.

- (1) **Workers' Compensation**, endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner** in accordance with the statutory obligations imposed by Worker's Compensation or Occupational Disease laws under the Texas Workers' Compensation Law ("**Statutory Texas**")
- (2) **Commercial General Liability**, endorsed with the **Owner** as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Consultant under Article 19 and Article 20** herein, in limits of liability not less than one million dollars (**\$1,000,000**) combined single limit each occurrence and in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
- (3) **Texas Business Automobile Policy**, endorsed with the **Owner** as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Consultant under Article 19 and Article 20** herein, in limits of liability not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (**\$250,000**) each person for bodily injury, five hundred thousand dollars (**\$500,000**) each occurrence for bodily injury, and one hundred thousand dollars (**\$100,000**) each occurrence for property damage.
- (4) **Professional Liability** in limits of **\$1,000,000** each claim and aggregate.

The **Consultant** covenants and agrees to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified above. The **Consultant** shall furnish the **Owner** with a certificate of

insurance (**Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance**) showing the said policy to be in full force and effect during the period of service, identified in Article 3 hereto, for this Agreement. The completed Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance shall be attached hereto and identified as **EXHIBIT "G"- Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance**. The **Consultant** will be considered in breach of contract should the **Consultant** fail to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above while performing services for and under this Agreement, and will be subject to default and termination of the Agreement as outlined in Article 3.4 hereto. Additionally, the **Consultant** covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above until one year following the date of the acceptance of the **Project** by **Owner**.

ARTICLE 22. Compliance with Laws. The **Consultant** shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement including, without limitation, worker's compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations and licensing laws and regulations. When required the **Consultant** shall furnish the **Owner** with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

ARTICLE 23. Non-collusion. The **Consultant** warrants that the **Consultant** has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the **Consultant**, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that the **Consultant** has not paid or agreed to pay any company, Consultant or any other person or entity any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or execution of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty the **Owner** shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in the **Owner's** discretion, to deduct from the *Services Fee*, or otherwise recover, the full amount of each fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 24. Gratuities. The **Owner** mandates that employees of the **Owner** shall not accept any benefits, gifts or favors from any person doing business or who reasonably speaking may do business with the **Owner** under this Agreement; the only exceptions allowed are ordinary business meals. Any person doing business with or who may reasonably seeking to do business with the **Owner** under this Agreement may not make any offer of benefits,

gifts or favors to **Owner** employees, except as mentioned herein above. Failure on the part of the **Consultant** to adhere to this provision may result in the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25. Payment of Franchise Tax. The **Consultant** hereby certifies that the **Consultant** is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the **Consultant** is exempt from, or not subject to, such as tax. A false statement concerning corporation's franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 26. Disputes. The **Consultant** shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurement made by the **Consultant** in support of the services under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27. Severability. In the event 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 .

ARTICLE 28. Notices. All notices to either party by the other required under this Agreement shall be personally delivered or mailed to such party at the following respective addresses:

OWNER:

Hidalgo County
Attn: County Judge
1615 South Closner
Edinburg, Texas 78539

CONSULTANT:

Paul M. Vazaldua d/b/a Vazaldua & Associates
Attn: Paul Vazaldua, Principal Consultant
205 Street West Iris
McAllen, Texas 78501

The Address may be changed by either party by written notice and notice sol mailed shall be effective upon mailing.

ARTICLE 29. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(a) This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the **Consultant** and the **Owner** relating to the work herein described and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral contracts between the parties respecting the subject matter defined herein. These are no previous or contemporary representations or warranties of the **Owner** or the **Consultant** not set forth herein.

(b) Except as specifically provided herein no modification, waiver, termination, rescission, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall be binding on the **Owner** unless in writing and executed by an officer or employee of the **Owner** specifically authorized to do so.

(c) No waiver of any provision of or a default under this Agreement shall affect the right of the **Owner** thereafter to enforce said provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default whether or not similar.

(d) No modification, waiver, termination, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall impair the **Owner's** right with respect to any liabilities whether or not liquidated of the **Consultant** to the **Owner** theretofore accrued.

(e) All rights and remedies of the **Owner** specified in this Agreement are in addition to the Owner's other rights and remedies.

(f) The **Consultant** shall remain an independent contractor and shall have no power nor shall the **Consultant** represent that the **Consultant** has any power to bind the **Owner** or to assume or to create any obligation express or implied on behalf of the **Owner** except as specifically authorized in advance by the **Owner**.

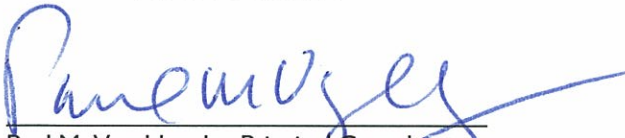
(g) The Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas and is performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

(h) This Agreement may only be amended by a written document executed by the Owner and the **Consultant** as provided by Article 8 herein.

ARTICLE 30. Signatory Warranty The undersigned signatory or signatories for the **Consultant** hereby represent and warrant that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he or she has executed this Agreement and that he or she has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the **Consultant**. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing the **Owner** to enter into this Agreement.


WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Consultant** and the **Owner** have caused this **Agreement for Professional Consulting Services** to be effective as of the **18th day of October 18, 2011**.

CONSULTANT:
PAUL M. VAZALDUA, JR.
d/b/a **VALZALDUA & ASSOCIATES**

BY: 
Paul M. Vazaldua, Jr., Principal Consultant

OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY: 
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

Approved by Commissioners' Court
on 10/18/11 ra

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

By: 
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

Approved on Commissioners' Court: October 18, 2011

ATTACHMENTS:

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| EXHIBIT A | -Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet. |
| EXHIBIT B | -Scope of Services to be provided by the Consultant |
| EXHIBIT C | -Work Schedule |
| EXHIBIT D | -Consultant's Rates |
| EXHIBIT E | -Work Authorization Form |
| EXHIBIT F | -Supplemental Agreement Form |
| EXHIBIT G | -Certificate of Insurance (<i>Hidalgo County</i>) |

EXHIBIT A
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROCUREMENT PACKET



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

June 28, 2010

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**
Request For Proposals/Qualifications - **"Hidalgo County -Expansion Of Pool Of Professional Consultants To Seek Funding And Assistance Through Federal And State Agencies, Private Sector(s) And Other Sources"**
RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21-CGV

Dear Respondents:

Enclosed please find a Request for Proposals with Qualifications (RFP/Q) packet for you review and consideration.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the RFP/Q process.

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

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/cgv

Enclosures



Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 S. Business Highway 281
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Edinburg, Texas 78539
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS (RFP/Q) CHECKLIST

HIDALGO COUNTY-EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO SEEK FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, PRIVATE SECTOR(S) AND OTHER SOURCES"

RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21-CGV

- 1. Request for Proposals/Qualifications Letter.**
- 2. Request for Proposals/Qualifications, Legal Notice, consisting of 9 pages.**
- 3. Exhibit A, Requirements, Scope of Services/Requirements consisting of 9 pages.**
- 4. Exhibit B, Evaluation/Selection Criteria, consisting of 4 pages.**
- 5. Exhibit C, Insurance Requirements, consisting of 3 pages.**
- 6. Exhibit D, CIQ Conflict Of Interest Questionnaire, consisting of 1 page.**
- 7. Exhibit E, Proposer's Affidavit, consisting of 1 page.**
- 8. Proposer/Vendor Application and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Declaration, IRS W-9 Form, consisting of 7 pages.**
- 9. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, consisting of 1 page.**
- 10. Draft Agreement, consisting of 10 pages.**

The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/Q) 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.



Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

6-28-10

Date

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS

Hidalgo County
Edinburg, Texas

**“EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO SEEK FUNDING
AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH STATE, FEDERAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR(S)
AND OTHER SOURCES”**
(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

JULY 21, 2010

Contact Person:

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

(956) 318-2626

Form

HCPD-04

LEGAL NOTICE

RFP NO: 2010-245-07-21CGV

1. Sealed proposals with qualifications will be received for **HIDALGO COUNTY-EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO SEEK FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH STATE, FEDERAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR(S) AND OTHER SOURCES**, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Proposals with qualifications should address all requirements set forth. Proposers 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 requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall proposal with qualification.
2. One (1) original and seven (7) copies of all RFP/Qs are required, with the vendor's name and 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, **RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21-CGV-"Hidalgo County-Expansion Of Pool Of Professional Consultants To Seek Funding And Assistance Through State, Federal And Private Sector(s) And Other Sources"** and in County's Purchasing Department, **physical address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281; mailing address: 2812 S. Hwy. Business 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, 78539 on or before 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2010.**

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFP/Q 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 THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21CGV-HIDALGO COUNTY-"EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO SEEK FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH STATE, FEDERAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR(S) AND OTHER SOURCES."

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile to (956) 292-7612 or via e-mail to: cris.villarreal@co.hidalgo.tx.us; BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Friday, July 9, 2010. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all proposals with qualifications and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the proposal with qualifications 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 proposal with qualifications that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; **B.** right to reject any or all proposals with qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal with qualifications for approval. Receipt of any

proposal with qualifications shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar proposal and; **C.** award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal with qualifications is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.

4. 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 proposer with qualifications, or to reject all proposals with qualifications and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each proposer shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the proposal with qualifications and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Proposer should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the proposal.
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, proposers are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their proposal including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No proposal with qualifications may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the scheduled time to open proposals.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced proposal opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this proposal 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 Proposals with Qualifications. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their proposal.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals with qualifications.
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 proposal with qualifications 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 card 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: (If applicable)

- . 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, CPPB, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
- . If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281, New Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2626

16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- . Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful proposer
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
 - d) Notation: **“Expansion Of Pool Of Professional Consultants To Seek Funding And Assistance Through State, Federal And Private Sector(s) And Other Sources”**
 - e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
- . Discount payments will be considered when offered.
- . Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

Hidalgo County Auditor's Department
Ray Eufrazio, CPA
2808 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956)-318-2511

17. Schedule of Events

Projected RFP/Q Acceptance: 9:30 A.M., July 21, 2010
Project/Anticipated Award Date: _____, 2010
Commence Work or Deliver Products _____, 2010

18. Bid or Performance Bond and **Debarment Certification**; Payment Under Contract:

. ~~If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and 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 participants are required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.**

. ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a proposal, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the proposer 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 therefor 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 contract 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 Proposer 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 complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 No. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSER.**

21. If, during the life of any contract or proposal awarded, the successful proposer'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. Proposals with qualifications, 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 Proposers: A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a proposal with qualifications, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

- . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the proposal;
 - . 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.
23. Successful proposer 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 proposers' 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.
24. Any contract award to a successful proposer will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.
25. 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 proposer; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful proposer fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
26. Successful proposer 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 proposer, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Successful proposer indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful proposer shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful proposer'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 or services provided by successful proposer.

27. Successful proposer 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 Proposals shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful proposer 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.
28. 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.
29. The successful proposer 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.
30. Proposers shall provide with the proposal response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.
31. Proposers must provide **all** documentation requested with this Proposal in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal as non conforming.

Request for Proposal/Qualifications
“Expansion Of Pool Of Professional Consultants To Seek Funding And Assistance
Through State, Federal And Private Sector(s) And Other Sources”

“RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21CGV

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Mailing/US Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

In accordance with the Requirements, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States and state and local laws, the undersigned proposer proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned proposer further agrees, upon acceptance of its proposal, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Requirements within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Proposer acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request for Proposal with Qualification Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Proposer understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal with qualifications.

Proposer agrees that this proposal shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving proposals, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Proposer: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

EXHIBIT A
REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS

**"EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO
SEEK FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH FEDERAL
AND STATE AGENCIES, PRIVATE SECTOR(S)
AND OTHER SOURCES"**

(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21CGV

Hidalgo County is requesting for sealed proposals with qualifications from qualified **"Consultant(s) in order to establish an "Expansion of Pool of Professional Consultants To Seek Funding And Assistance Through Federal and State Agencies, Private Sector(s) And Other Sources"** on an **"As Needed Basis"**. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed proposals with qualifications for the provision and establishment of a **"Expansion of Pool Of Professional Consultants To Seek Funding And Assistance Through Federal and State Agencies, Private Sector(s) And Other Sources"** as specified herein. Sealed proposals with qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, July 21, 2010. ANY RFP/Q RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

Deliver Submittal to:

RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21CGV

US Postal Mail address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
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Edinburg, Texas 78539

The Submittal Envelope Must Show the RFP Number, Name and Acceptance Date.

The following outlines the Request For Proposal/Qualifications:

SECTION I GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County is requesting that "Request For Proposal/Qualifications" be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

US Postal Mail address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMIL NO LATER THAN Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at (956) 292-7612, and/or BY EMAIL TO: cris.villarreal@co.hidalgo.tx.us Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by Friday, July 9, 2010. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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 contract 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 complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 No. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.**

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:

Prior Contract award, respondents to this RFP/Q must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in **Exhibit E**) certifying that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer's Affidavit, (2) that the Respondent does not have a Conflict of Interest as described in the Proposer's affidavit or that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer's Affidavit.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Submitters, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:

Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF BIDS:

Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

Submitters must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the submitter's ability.

SUBMITTER DEFAULT:

Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of submitter default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting submitter responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or bidding procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS:

Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering RFP/Q, to make sure that it is stamped with date and time by the County Purchasing staff.

SIGNING OF PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS:

In order to be considered all submittals **must** be signed. **Please sign the original in blue ink.**

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

SUBCONTRACTING: The successful submitter may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF POOL/CONTRACT:

It is intended that the term of the pool/contract will be for an initial period of two (2) years, with County's option to renew for an additional one (1) year term, under the same rates, terms and conditions.

The County has the option to extend for sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract for unforeseen delays on subsequent contract under the same rates, terms and conditions.

DAVIS BACON ACT: (If Applicable)

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing specifications.

SECTION II RFP REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATION:

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFP/Q are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFP/Q. A total of **one (1) original and seven (7) copies** of the RFP/Q shall be submitted to the address on the cover letter.

CONTENTS:

The required contents for the RFP/Q are presented below in the order they should be incorporated into the submitted document.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the submitter's understanding of the project needs, the work required, and any local issues or concerns. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to 3 pages in length.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with competent, qualified "**Consultant(s)**", in order to establish a "Pool", that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Prefer a minimum of five (5) years responsible experience in business/government;
- Prefer a minimum of three (3) years recent experience in grant and/or technical writing;
- Must have experience relevant to Federal And State Agencies, Private Sector(s), and Other Sources For Funding;
- Must have staffing adequate to devote and assign proper personnel to perform and render all the services requested;
- Overall understanding of the "Project" as detailed in scope of work/services;
- Excellent financial-related background and interpersonal skills;
- Effective communication skills, both verbal and written;
- Excellent organizational and analytical skills;
- Ability to manage multiple priorities;
- Ability to formulate recommendations;
- Ability to compile and analyze financial data;

FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS-PLEASE REFER TO "SCOPE OF SERVICES" SECTION.

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent similar projects. For each project, a client contract name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided. This project list is limited to 5 pages.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The firm should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Hidalgo County is requesting proposals from experienced, qualified consultants in order to establish a **“Expansion of Pool Of Professional Consultants”** to provide consulting services required to seek funding and assistance through federal and state agencies. The **“Expansion of Pool Of Professional Consultants To Seek Funding And Assistance Through Federal and State Agencies, Private Sector(s) And Other Sources”** contract will encompass all project-related services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

Required services include, but may not be limited to the following:

- a. Review, prepare and/or coordinate grants/funding sources with the assistance of designated Hidalgo County Staff and/or Engineers and Architects;
- b. Provide governmental relations and representation before federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- c. Plan and coordinate meetings between County Officials and key representatives of federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- d. Plan, prepare, and coordinate development of appropriate legislation and appropriation requests to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources to be presented by County Officials and/or key representatives of the County;
- e. Plan, prepare and coordinate presentations for County Officials/Representatives to present before federal and state Agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- f. Notwithstanding, before commencing, consultant shall **not engage** in any lobbying activity for which a license or registration is required under either state or federal law;
- g. Attend meeting(s) with County Officials and Staff to understand the County's concerns and goals prior to commencing any activity relating to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- h. Coordinate with the County to jointly develop strategies relating to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;

- i. Assist the County in identifying and preparing for critical issues and concerns relating to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- j. Assist with providing appropriate input on any studies identifying concerns that impact the County relating to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- k. Coordinate and develop better working relationships with other urban counties, and any other appropriate leadership and personnel which may be helpful in coordinated response, in the areas of concern as reasonable and necessary relating to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- l. Meet with any and other individual(s) or group(s) involved on such matters of concern relating to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- m. Determine and communicate the various impacts to the County of any and/or such concerns relating to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- n. Obtain funding from federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources to increase the County's capacity for services through grants and other funding sources.
- o. Prepare and perform other assignments as requested accordingly;
- p. Cooperate and coordinate fully with the County Commissioners' Court, the professional and administrative staffs of the County;
- q. Report and consult to the County Commissioners as often as reasonably necessary;
- r. Provide any other service(s) necessary or desirable for the development of the service(s);
- s. Prepare grant applications/funding requests;
- t. Prepare funding needs assessment;
- u. Prepare and circulate funding alerts;
- v. Consultant will identify, define, and develop funding sources to support existing and planned program activities as well as coordinate the development, writing, and submission of grant proposals to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
- w. Knowledge of Texas County/Local Government, including knowledge of applicable statutes/regulations;
- x. Will be required to collect, analyze, and reporting data on the performance of program activities that are funded by public and private sources;
- y. Consultant will entail researching available grant funding for specific areas of county responsibility and interest (examples: criminal justice, health care, economic development, emergency management, etc.) technical research/writing required to prepare grant applications, prepares complex correspondence and grant reports/statistics and submits to local, federal, state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources, administration of awarded grants in compliance with all grant requirements, regulations, including monitoring of project activities, budgets, record keeping/reporting;

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:

Hidalgo County requires **one (1) original submittal and seven (7) copies.**

PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

Proposer is to provide a fee proposal based on the scope of work and services.

SECTION III: SELECTION AND SCHEDULES

SELECTION PROCEDURES/EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The evaluation consists of a 100-point scoring system based on the Evaluation Criteria - Exhibit B. However, at the sole discretion of Commissioner's Court a presentation may be requested from the participating firm(s) that have scored at least 80 points in order to complete and finalize the ranking and establish a "POOL":

(A) The Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by Commissioner's Court) will review, score and evaluate the RFQs received in response to this Hidalgo County request for proposals/qualifications.

(B) After the RFQs have been reviewed, scored and evaluated, the committee will present a grid to the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court for the purposes of ranking.

Proposals/Qualifications will be graded on a point system with emphasis on ability to service the County and experience in seeking funding and assistance through federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources, including but not limited to the following:

A. BACKGROUND - 15 POINTS

1. Provides sufficient professional background.
2. Provides references.
3. Indicative of outstanding, or exceptional, performance required services for federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources.

B. COST - 20 POINTS

Provides the required turnkey services at a reasonable cost.

C. EXPERIENCE - 20 POINTS

1. Experience in business/government relevant to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources.
2. Experience in business/governmental relations and representation before federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources.
3. Knowledge of Texas County/Local Government, including knowledge of applicable statutes/regulations.
4. Extent of experience.

D. PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATIONS - 20 POINTS

1. Met minimum of five (5) years of experience in federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources.
2. Met minimum of three (3) years of experience in grant and/or technical writing.
3. Experience relevant to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources for funding.

E. CAPACITY OF PERFORMANCE - 25 POINTS

1. Provides appropriate evidence of adequate staffing.
2. Staffing level/experience of staff.
3. Adequacy of resources to perform these services.

TERMINATION OF SERVICES:

Any contract awarded to a successful proposer 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.

PROPOSAL WITH QUALIFICATION SUBMITTED TO: An original and seven (7) copies of RFP/Qs should be submitted to:

<p><u>US Postal Mail address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539</p>	<p><u>Physical Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539</p>
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RFP/Qs must be submitted by **no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2010.**

Categories are further detailed in the Selection Criteria (Exhibit B) section of this RFP/Q.

EXHIBIT B

EVALUATION CRITERIA

**HIDALGO COUNTY -
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUALIFICATIONS**

**“EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO SEEK
FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH FEDERAL, STATE, PRIVATE
SECTOR(S) AND OTHER SOURCES”**

(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

RFP/Q NO: 2010-245-07-21CGV

SELECTION/EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals/Qualifications will be graded on a point system with emphasis on ability to service the County and experience in seeking funding and assistance through federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources, including but not limited to the following:

A. BACKGROUND - 15 POINTS

1. Provides sufficient professional background
2. Provides references
3. Indicative of outstanding, or exceptional, performance required services for federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources

B. COST - 20 POINTS

Provides the required turnkey services at a reasonable cost.

C. EXPERIENCE - 20 POINTS

1. Experience in business/government relevant to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
2. Experience in business/governmental relations and representation before federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
3. Knowledge of Texas County/Local Government, including knowledge of applicable statutes/regulations;
4. Extent of experience;

D. FIRM QUALIFICATIONS - 20 POINTS

1. Met minimum of five (5) years of experience in federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
2. Met minimum of three (3) years of experience in grant and/or technical writing;
3. Experience relevant to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources for funding;

E. CAPACITY OF PERFORMANCE - 25 POINTS

1. Provides appropriate evidence of adequate staffing;
2. Staffing level/experience of staff;
3. Adequacy of resources to perform these services;

Total Points = 100 Points

RFP EVALUATION FORM

**“EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO SEEK FUNDING
AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH FEDERAL, STATE,
PRIVATE SECTOR(S) AND OTHER SOURCES”**
(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

SELECTION CRITERIA

Min Points

Score

A. BACKGROUND

1. Provides sufficient professional background
2. Provides references
3. Indicative of outstanding, or exceptional, performance required services for federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources

0-15 Points

Comments/Rationale For

Points: _____

B. COST

Provides the required turnkey services at a reasonable cost.

0-20 Points

Comments/Rationale For

Points: _____

C. EXPERIENCE

1. Experience in business/government relevant to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
2. Experience in business/governmental relations and representation before federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
3. Knowledge of Texas County/Local Government, including knowledge of applicable statutes/regulations;
4. Extent of experience;

0-20 Points

Comments/Rationale For

Points: _____

D. FIRM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Met minimum of five (5) years of experience in federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources;
2. Met minimum of three (3) years of experience in grant and/or technical writing
3. Experience relevant to federal and state agencies, private sector(s) and other sources for funding

0-20 Points

Comments/Rationale For

Points: _____

E. CAPACITY OF PERFORMANCCE

1. Provides appropriate evidence of adequate staffing;
2. Staffing level/experience of staff;
3. Adequacy of resources to perform these services;

0-25 Points _____

Comments/Rationale For
Points: _____

Total Score _____

Provider: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

EXHIBIT "C"

Insurance Requirements Professional Services (i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers & Surveyors)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer 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. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. 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 Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto).

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

ACORD**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER

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

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURED

INSURER A:

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

COVERAGES

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

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

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 BE 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 award of project 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 award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ _____

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

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

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Proposer:

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 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 award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next qualified vendor. 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 YOUR 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 project, 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 packet in order to expedite the evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your proposal/qualification.**

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

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT
Exhibit "E"**

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION
NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING
FOR "EXPANSION OF POOL OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS TO SEEK FUNDING
AND ASSISTANCE THROUGH FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES,
PRIVATE SECTOR(S) AND OTHER SOURCES"
HIDALGO COUNTY**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

(1) Affiant does hereby state neither the proposer nor any of the proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.

(2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or any of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.

(3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

(4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

Signature/Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20__.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

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

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

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

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

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

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

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

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

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

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:

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. 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 ¹	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 ²

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

²However, 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. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting 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 ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
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

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

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

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the 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.

⁴ 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.

**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.

EXHIBIT B
SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONSULTANT

SCOPE OF WORK

Professional Grant Writing Services for the Solicitation of Federal, State, Private, or Other Sources for the following:

1. Grants which entice the improvements of the Judicial System
2. Grants which develop courts and/or programs to assist in cases of Human Trafficking
3. Grants which develop courts and/or programs to assist in cases on Violence Against Woman
4. Grant which will provide general improvement to the entire judicial system

Scope of Work includes the following but not limited to:

PHASE ONE

Identify funding sources
Review Grant solicitation
Ensure County of Hidalgo eligibility
Provide program summary of project to Judge Gonzalez
Obtain all required forms

PHASE TWO

Coordinate and facilitate meetings with stakeholders
Coordinate and obtain letters of support from stakeholders

PHASE THREE

Prepare letter of Intent
Prepare grant application
Prepare COG Review
Obtain required signatures

PHASE FOUR

Submit Grant application to appropriate funding source

EXHIBIT C
WORK SCHEDULE

TASK	SCHEDULE	INVOICE NUMBER	%	Inv Date
PHASE ONE	Weeks One, Two, and Three	Invoice Number One	20%	11/1/11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify funding sources • Review Grant solicitation • Ensure County of Hidalgo eligibility • Provide program summary of project to Judge Gonzalez • Obtain all required forms 				
PHASE TWO	Weeks Four, Five, and Six	Invoice Number Two	20%	11/22/11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and facilitate meetings with stakeholders • Coordinate and obtain letters of support from stakeholders 				
PHASE THREE	Weeks Seven, Eight, and Nine	Invoice Number Three	50%	12/13/11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare letter of Intent • Prepare grant application • Prepare COG Review • Obtain required signatures 				
PHASE FOUR	Week Ten	Invoice Number Four	10%	12/27/11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Grant application to appropriate funding source 				

EXHIBIT D
CONSULTANT'S RATES

Best and Final Offer Hourly Rates

Project Manager	Hourly Rate	\$75.00
General Council	Hourly Rate	\$75.00
Director of Planning and Development	Hourly Rate	\$50.00
Graphic Designer	Hourly Rate	\$35.00
Office Manager	Hourly Rate	\$27.00

EXHIBIT E
WORK AUTHORIZATION FORM

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the **Agreement**.

PART 7. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on _____ as indicated below and effective as of ____ day of _____, **2011**.

THE CONSULTANT:
VAZALDUA & ASSOCIATES

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY: _____
Paul Vazaldua, Principal Consultant

BY: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- ATTACHMENT "A" - Services to be provided by the Consultant
- ATTACHMENT "B" - Scopes of Work
- ATTACHMENT "C" - Estimated Cost Proposal
- ATTACHMENT "D" - Rate / Fee Schedule

EXHIBIT F
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FORM

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Consultant** and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the _____ day of _____, 2011.

**THE CONSULTANT:
CONSULTANT**

BY: _____

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

BY: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATLAS & HALL, L.L.P.

BY: _____
Stephen L. Crain

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT: _____

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(as required)

EXHIBIT G
CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
04/26/2011

292-702

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

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PRODUCER PAC INSURANCE 515 W NOLANA SUITE A MCALLEN TX 78504 956 687-2722	CONTACT NAME: CYNTHIA VARGAS	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 956 687-2722	FAX (A/C, No): 956 618-5941
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #	
INSURED VAZALDUA AND ASSOCIATES PAUL VAZALDUA 3400 N MCCOLL SUITE A MCALLEN TX 78501	INSURER A: OEMGA INSURANCE	GC0CL	
	INSURER B:		
	INSURER C:		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		
	INSURER F:		

COVERAGES: _____ CERTIFICATE NUMBER: _____ REVISION NUMBER: _____

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

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADD/ISSUR INSR: WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJ. <input type="checkbox"/> LOC AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DROUCTIBLE RETENTION \$ WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input type="checkbox"/> Y/N N/A If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below		GC0CL	04/26/2011	02/10/2012	EACH OCCURRENCE \$500,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (EA OCCURRENCE) \$50,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ GENERAL AGGREGATE \$1,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ \$ COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (EA accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$ \$ EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$ \$ E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)
 The County of Hidalgo is an additional insured as respects to general and auto liability, as required by written contract.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO 2802 S BUS HWY 281 EDINBURG TX 78539 ADDITIONAL INSURED	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE CYNTHIA VARGAS
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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
09/16/2011

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PRODUCER Connect Insurance 906 W FM 496 Ste 4 San Juan, TX 78589	CONTACT NAME: Oscar Martinez PHONE (A/C, No. Ext): 956-782-8191 FAX (A/C, No.): 956-783-9413 E-MAIL ADDRESS: Oscar.Martinez@connectnyinsurance.com
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE
INSURED PAUL VAZALDUA DBA: VAZALDUA AND ASSOCIATES 205 WIRIS AVE McAllen, TX 78501	INSURER A: TRAVELERS CASUALTY INSURANCE
	INSURER B: USLI
	INSURER C:
	INSURER D:
	INSURER E:
	INSURER F:

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 00019914-6683 REVISION NUMBER: 2

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TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDITIONAL INSURED	POLICY NO.	POLICY EFF. DATE	POLICY EXP. DATE	LIMITS
GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC					EACH OCCURRENCE \$ DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Per occurrence) \$ MED EXP (Any one person) \$ PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ PRODUCTS - COM/PROP AGG \$
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<input type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> RETROVISIONS					EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$
WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/OWNER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in HI) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N N/A				<input type="checkbox"/> WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER EL EACH ACCIDENT \$ EL DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ EL DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
B PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	Y N	SP00253690	05/11/2011	05/11/2012	1,000,000 \$ 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)
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Scheduled Autos Chevrolet Equinox VIN# 2CNALBEC7B6232854
 Chevrolet Camaro VIN# 2G1FK1E57B9116549

CERTIFICATE HOLDER COUNTY OF HIDALGO	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (CMA)
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Affidavit & Indemnity Agreement

Date: October 17, 2011

Affiant: Paul M. Vazaldua, Jr. d/b/a
Vazaldua & Associates

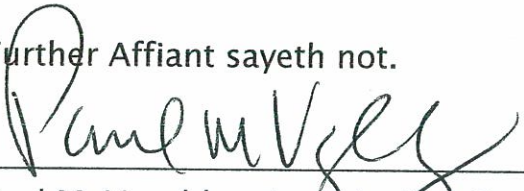
Affiant on oath swears that the following statements are true and are within the personal knowledge of Affiant.

Affiant Paul M. Vazaldua, Jr. states he is a sole proprietor doing business as Paul M. Vazaldua, Jr. d/b/a Vazaldua & Associates with Hidalgo County under Contract No. C-11-269-10-18 dated October 18, 2011. Affiant will provide Professional Consulting Services in the areas but not limited to a) Improving the Judicial System; b) Human Trafficking Programs and; c) Programs to Protect Women against Domestic Violence for the Hidalgo County 370th District Court.

Affiant further states that he has no employees and does not anticipate employing any during the term of this contract. In the event Affiant does employ any staff during the contract, Affiant shall immediately notify Hidalgo County and obtain the Workers Compensation required by law. Affiant further acknowledges that failure to do so will result in cancellation of the purchase order.

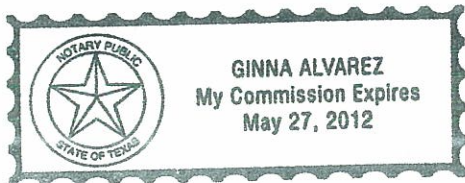
Affiant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County of Hidalgo and its agents, employees and elected officials from and against any and all claims, suits, demands and causes of action, of any kind or nature, arising out of or in any way relating to the services performed by Affiant

Further Affiant sayeth not.



Paul M. Vazaldua, Jr., Principal Consultant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO under oath before me on October 18, 2011





Notary Public, State of Texas

APPROVED

AI-29112
CC REGULAR

18. D. 1.

Meeting Date: 10/18/2011

Submitted For: Martha L Salazar

Submitted By: Letty Saenz, PURCHASING DEPT.

Department: PURCHASING DEPT.

Information

CAPTION



1. Acceptance and approval of a final negotiated "Professional Services Agreement" with the number one ranked firm, PAUL M. VAZLADUA d/b/a VAZALDUA & ASSOCIATES for the purposes of providing "Consulting Services" in the categories which include specific grants and related areas for Judicial Court Functions and Efficiencies for the the following categories, but not limited to; a) Improving the Judicial System; b) Human Trafficking Programs and; c) Programs to Protect Women against Domestic Violence.

2. Acceptance and approval of Work Authorization No. 1 with Paul M. Vazaldua d/b/a Vazaldua & Associates in the amount of \$ 35,000.00 in connection to contract #C-11-269-10-18 for: "Professional Services Agreement" with the number one ranked firm, PAUL M. VAZALDUA d/b/a VAZALDUA & ASSOCIATES for the purposes of providing "Consulting Services" in the categories which include specific grants and related areas for Judicial Court Functions and Efficiencies for the the following categories, but not limited to; a) Improving the Judicial System; b) Human Trafficking Programs and; c) Programs to Protect Women against Domestic Violence.

BACKGROUND

Contract
WA#1

Fiscal Impact

FISCAL YEAR: 2011

ACCT. #: 1-1100-412-00-007-001-0-350

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?: N

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 for Work Authorization #1, available as of 10/14/2011.

Attachments

contract doc#C-11-269-10-18-PMV dba Vazaldua & Assoc-370th Dist Crt(Consulting Svc)
WA#1-PMV dba Vazaldua & Assoc

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