



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
County Of Hidalgo

RAMON GARCIA
County Judge

January 24, 2012

Ms. Becky Dempsey, State Coordinator of Community Development Block Grant Program
ATTN: Ms. Morgan Migl, TDA Regional Coordinator
Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
Texas Community Development Program
P.O. Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: 2009 Colonia Construction Grant # 729055
Amendment # 2- Contract Period Extension

Dear Ms. Dempsey:

Please consider this correspondence as Hidalgo County's official request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a Contract Period Extension for the Community Development Program Contract No. 729055, Section 2 - Contract Extension. The total contract amount of three hundred and nineteen thousand, one hundred and eighty dollars (\$319,180) will not change.

The Contract Period Extension request is for one hundred and thirty (130) days. The Contract Period Extension is being requested due to extenuating circumstances such as that we found that a sewer section of about 680 linear feet that should have connected Colonia De Anda & Saenz to a lift station was not in place, and thus necessitates the City of Mercedes to acquire property to make the connection. A settlement to acquire the property was approved by the City of Mercedes on January 3, 2012. Since the property was just acquired, Hidalgo County Urban County Program requires additional time to complete the bidding process, obtain construction contract approval, and complete construction completion of the additional sewer line improvements. Therefore, UCP is requesting an additional 130 days to complete the project. The TDA contract end date is February 18, 2012 and the requested new contract end date is June 27, 2012.

This Contract Extension Period will not change the original budget. The location of this project is in the same geographical area covered in the original approved Colonia Construction Grant # 729055 and is also covered in the original Environmental Assessment. Re-evaluation of the original environmental clearance will not be required. All agency special conditions will still apply on this proposed Contract Period Extension request. Attached please find Contract Amendment Checklist Form A1101 - Amendment # 2.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Diana R. Serna, Director Hidalgo County Urban County Program at (956) 787-8127.

Sincerely,

Honorable Ramon Garcia
County Judge, Hidalgo County

Enclosures

Contract Amendment Checklist

A1101

Amendment No. 2

Grant Recipient HIDALGO COUNTY

TxCDBG Contract Number #729055

This contract amendment checklist must be submitted for each type of contract amendment: Budget Amendment, Performance Statement Amendment, and Contract Extension Request. (check appropriate items)

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE REQUESTED FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED CONTRACT:

COVER LETTER (signed by chief elected official) INCLUDED

EXTENSION **PROPOSED NEW ENDING DATE:** June 27, 2012

Description of *compelling or extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the Grant Recipient*

BUDGET AMENDMENT **N/A**

Submitted *Contract Budget Modification Form*

Included *Justification/Reason for Budget Amendment*

Line item balances have been checked and revision to budget does not cause any negative balances

Money being moved into Administration line item does not exceed 16% limitation

Money being moved would not decrease original application score and place project out of funding range

PERFORMANCE STATEMENT AMENDMENT **N/A**

Submitted *revised Performance Statement or Special Condition revision*

Submitted *Project Map* showing locations of original activities and proposed amended activities

Additional/deleted activities will be accomplished through:

change order bid alternate new bid re-bid force account

If change order is utilized, change order request form submitted with amendment request?

Yes No Explain:

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN ACTIVITY, BENEFIT OR LOCATION **N/A**
(in addition to documents submitted for Performance Statement Amendment above, submit the following):

Submitted *Local Resolution of Support* for the proposed amendment

Submitted *Survey Documents/Tabulation Sheet on increased/decreased beneficiaries*

Revised number of beneficiaries: _____ low/mod _____ total beneficiaries _____ % low/mod

Submitted *Publisher's Affidavit* of Public Hearing Notice with copy of advertisement or *full page from newspaper* on which advertisement appeared

Public hearing advertisement date of publication was at least 3 days prior to public hearing.

Is a re-evaluation of the environmental assessment necessary? Yes No

If yes, has the re-evaluation been performed and cleared? Yes No