

THE STATE OF TEXAS    §  
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO   §

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**C-12-140-05-29**

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 by and between HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, (“County”) Precinct No. 4 and Raba Kistner Consultants, Inc. of McAllen, Texas (“Laboratory”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County is vested with the responsibility of providing “Professional Laboratory Services” “Construction Materials Testing” for the “Design and Construction of a New Multi Purpose Facility/Mechanical Shop” at Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 (the “Services”);

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined that the services of a professional laboratory company is necessary to carry out the required Services;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254.002, (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the County requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQ’s) from a professional laboratory to assist the County by providing the Services;

**WHEREAS**, County has selected the Laboratory to provide the Services within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4, in accordance to Exhibit “A-1” Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet.

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

1. **Scope of Services.** The County will provide to Laboratory the services described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and entitled “Services to be performed by County.” Laboratory agrees to provide to County with the work described in Exhibit “B”, “Services to be performed by the Laboratory”.

2. **Term.** This Agreement is effective **May 29, 2012**, and will expire **May 28, 2013** or upon completion of the project, unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Laboratory

will not begin to work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the County with each "Work Authorization".

**3. Compensation.** The maximum amount payable under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount for each work authorization unless an amendment is executed as provided hereinafter. The Laboratory shall submit periodic requests for payment within (30) thirty days after completion of each Work Authorization. The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the County and shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and the amount due and payable as of the date of the current billing. Upon receipt of said request for payment, County shall submit a requisition for payment for said Services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Laboratory agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Agreement and to keep accurate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures. All payments to Laboratory shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 23 herein.

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

**5. Amendments.** If it becomes necessary at any time during this Agreement to change the scope of Services, the Agreement period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this Agreement, an amendment shall be executed by use of a (Supplemental Agreement Form) more particularly described in Exhibit "E" within the agreement. The County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Laboratory. Any such amendments shall be made in writing, agreed to by all parties hereto, and duly executed before the end of the Agreement as specified. If the County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Laboratory, the County shall require the Laboratory to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the

Agreement. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Laboratory, the County will reimburse the Laboratory for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in Exhibit "C," "Laboratory Rates." If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable under this Agreement to be exhausted, an amendment shall be proposed in accordance with all State procurement laws.

**6. Reporting.** The Laboratory shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the Agreement, including:

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

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

**8. Suspension of Work.** Should County desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the County shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to Laboratory, followed by written confirmation from the County to Laboratory to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the County and Laboratory to that effect. 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 County to the Laboratory. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the

County and Laboratory. If the County suspends the work, the Termination Date as identified above is not affected and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified.

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

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

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the County before the final report is issued. The County's comments regarding the Laboratory's preliminary report will be addressed by the Laboratory 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 Laboratory'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 Laboratory's Services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved Work Authorization as provided by Exhibit "D", attached hereto, the County shall review the approved Work Authorization with the Laboratory to determine the corrective action needed by either the County or the Laboratory.

The Laboratory shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the Laboratory's Services and work and the approved Work Schedule, including:

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

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

- b. favorable developments or events which enable meeting the Work Schedule goals sooner than anticipated.

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

**11. Subcontracting and Assignment.** The Laboratory shall not assign subconsultant or transfer the Laboratory's interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County. The Laboratory shall bind every subconsultant by written agreement to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontractor relieves the Laboratory of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

**12. Voluntary Termination.** County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Laboratory.

**13. Insurance.** Laboratory agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the Services for County in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish County a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**21. Hold Harmless.** In the event Laboratory should cause, either directly or indirectly, damage, loss, destruction, liability, or claims against the other party as a result of intentional conduct, negligence or otherwise, Laboratory shall hold harmless and indemnify

County from any and all obligations, liabilities, cause of action, lawsuits, damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that from the Laboratory's intentional actions or negligence. This indemnification clause shall survive this Agreement and be enforceable as a separate agreement in the event its survival and enforcement becomes necessary.

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

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

If to County: County of Hidalgo  
Attention: County Judge  
100 East Cano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Laboratory: **RABA KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.**  
Attention: Martin Villa, P.E., F. ASCE/Senior VP  
800 East Hackberry  
McAllen, Texas 78501

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

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

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

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

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

**28. Professional Seal.** All documents and data furnished by the Laboratory to the County shall bear Professional seal of a licensed Engineer employed by the Laboratory.

**29. Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Seller. Buyer agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY:  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

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

LABORATORY:  
RABA KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Martin Villa

Title: P.E., F. ASCE/Senior VP

ATTEST:

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

*Approved by Commissioners' Court on: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012*

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

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- EXHIBIT A -Scope of Services to be provided by the County
- EXHIBIT B -Scope of Services to be provided by the Laboratory
- EXHIBIT C -Laboratory's Rates
- EXHIBIT D -Work Authorization Form
- EXHIBIT E -Supplemental Agreement Form
- EXHIBIT F -Certificates of Insurance

## **EXHIBIT A-I**

-Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) CHECKLIST  
HIDALGO COUNTY

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES"  
RFQ NO: 2011-004-01-05-MEG

1. Request for Qualifications Letter.
2. Request for Qualifications Legal Notice, consisting of 8 pages.
3. Exhibit "A", Requirements, consisting of 7 pages.
4. Attachment "A" Schedule of Services and Related Fees Price Schedule, consisting of 4 pages.
5. Exhibit "B", Evaluation Criteria, consisting of 3 pages.
6. Exhibit "C", Insurance Requirements, consisting of 4 pages.
7. Exhibit "D", Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ), consisting of 1 page.
8. Exhibit "E", Proposer's Affidavit, consisting of 1 page.
9. Bidder/Vendor Application and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Declaration consisting of 2 pages.
10. Request for Taxpayers Identification Number and Certification Form (W-9) consisting of 4 pages.
11. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters, consisting of 1 page.

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

Thank you.

  
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Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

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Date



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

December 13, 2010

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Re: HIDALGO COUNTY  
Request For Qualifications (RFQ)-HIDALGO COUNTY-"CON STRUCTION MATERIALS  
TESTING SERVICES" - RFQ No: 2011-004-01-05-MEG

Dear Respondent:

Enclosed please find a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for you review and consideration.

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

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

Sincerely,

*Martha L. Salazar*  
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

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Enclosures

(RFQ) REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
HIDALGO COUNTY-  
"CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES"  
(Including all Funding Sources, Programs and Entities)

Acceptance Due Date: January 05, 2011

Contact Person:

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



1. Sealed qualifications will be received for HIDALGO COUNTY –“CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES”, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." 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 qualifications.
2. One (1) original, seven (7) copies of all qualifications and two (2) CDs in PDF Format are required with the proposer'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, RFQ – 2011-004-01-05-MEG - HIDALGO COUNTY- "CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES" and in County's Purchasing Department, Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 New Administration Building , Edinburg, Texas, ON OR BEFORE 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 05, 2011. NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY QUALIFICATION 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 IN REFERENCE TO QUALIFICATION. Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all qualifications and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the proposal considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this qualification that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification for approval. Receipt of any qualification shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar qualification. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose qualification 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, or to reject all 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 qualification and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Proposer should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the qualification.
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 qualification including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No qualification may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the scheduled time to open qualifications.

8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced qualification opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this qualification 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 Qualifications. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their qualification.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all 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 qualification 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. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:
  - . No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
  - . At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, 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  
(956) 318-2626
15. 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 - HIDALGO COUNTY-"CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES"
    - 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 OFFICE  
 Postal/Mailing 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281  
 Edinburg, Texas 78539  
 (956) 318-2511

16. Schedule of Events

Qualification Opening, 9:30 A.M.	JANUARY 05, 2011
Award of Contract	_____, 2011
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2011

17. ~~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 proposers are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.~~
- . ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a qualification, 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 materialmen 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.~~

18. 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 qualification therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.

- . It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.
- . No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

19. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

- . Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person, consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful 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 completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539—Hidalgo County Courthouse.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSER.

20. If, during the life of any contract or qualification 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.
21. 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.
22. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Proposers: A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a qualification, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

- . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the qualification;
  - . 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 proposer's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.
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 qualification 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 Qualifications 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 qualification 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 Qualification in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the qualification as none conforming.

Qualification  
for  
HIDALGO COUNTY-  
"CONST RUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES"  
(Including all Funding Sources, Programs and Entities)  
RFQ NO: 2011-004-01-05-MEG

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281  
Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281  
New Administration Building  
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 further agrees, upon acceptance of its qualification, 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 Qualification Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Proposer understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Firm:

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Address:

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By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title:

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**EXHIBIT A**

**REQUIREMENTS**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**“CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES”**

**RFQ NO.: 2011-004-01-05-MEG**

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas Professional Independent Testing Laboratories in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories on an "As Needed Basis" per project by all County Departments and/or applicable Programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories will be for a period starting February 9, 2011 and ending February 8, 2012. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statements of Qualifications for the provision of **"Hidalgo County-Construction Materials Testing Services"** (including all funding sources, Programs, and Entities)-Request For Qualifications" as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, January 05, 2011. **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

Deliver Submittal to:  
RFQ Number: 2011-004-01-05-MEG

US Postal Mail Address:

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Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
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**The Submittal Envelope Must Show The RFQ Number, Name And Opening Date.**

The following outlines the Request for Qualifications:

***SECTION I - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS***

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Hidalgo County is requesting that statements of qualifications be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

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**WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile to (956)318-2629 or via e-mail to [elena.gomez@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:elena.gomez@co.hidalgo.tx.us) NO LATER THAN Monday December 27, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at (956) 318-2629. Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by Wednesday December 29, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. **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 of 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 Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encourage 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 N. Clossner, Edinburg, TX 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse. **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.**

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:**

Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit E) certainly 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 RFQ's:**

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 vendor'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 Qualifications (RFQ) 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 request for qualifications 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.

**RFQ DELIVERY:**

Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the envelope when dropping RFQ off.

**SIGNING OF 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:**

The pool term is for a period of one (1) year, or upon completion of project(s) unless project specific for more than one (1) year.

**DAVIS BACON ACT:**

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

***SECTION II - RFQ REQUIREMENTS***

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:**

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ. A total of **one (1) original and seven (7) copies** of the RFQ and two (2) CDs in PDF Format shall be submitted to the address on the cover letter.

**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 a competent independent material testing laboratory, registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway Material Production and Construction Inspection Testing
- Inspection of Hot Mix and Concrete Plants
- Drilling and Logging of Soil Borings
- Acquisition and Testing of Samples of Existing Soils for the Planning, Design and Construction of Transporting Facilities
- Roadway Construction Project located in Hidalgo County
- TxDOT Certification

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent similar projects. **A list of ongoing projects similar in scope under TxDOT procurement basis shall be included in a appendix.** 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 five (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.

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:**

This section will contain any licenses and certifications as required by HIDALGO COUNTY, the STATE OF TEXAS, TxDOT, etc. The independent Testing Laboratories should add copies of their Professional Liability Insurance.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The construction materials testing services contract will encompass all project-related testing services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

Hidalgo County is inviting qualifications from qualified Independent Testing Laboratories to provide construction materials testing services for the "Projects". **Name additional testing services that are sublet to other consulting firms.**

Minimum Qualifications for Independent Testing Laboratories include, but may not be limited to the following:

- a. Ability to perform Geotechnical Testing/ Investigation/ Drilling
- b. Ability to perform Environmental Services
- c. Ability to perform Soil Density Testing
- d. Ability to perform Surveying and Sampling Soils
- e. Ability to perform Materials Testing (Asphaltic and Concrete)
- f. Ability to perform Material Testing and Laboratory Analysis
- g. Ability to perform Hot Mix Plant Inspections and Testing
- h. Ability to perform Transportation Foundation Studies
- i. Ability to perform Building Foundation Studies
- j. Ability to perform Professional Liability Insurance for \$1 Million Dollars without limiting liability to Professional Fees
- k. Average response time from your office to the job site

**PARTICIPATING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:**

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq. Once selected, proposer is to provide a fee proposal for the following scope of work.

**NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:** Hidalgo County requires **one (1) original submittal, seven (7) copies and two (2) CD'S in PDF Format.**

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING:**

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Construction Materials Testing Services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court and/or the User Department in need of Construction Materials Testing Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firms;

2. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by County Commissioner's Court) will review, score, and evaluate the proposals received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Proposals;
3. A grid of the scores will be presented to Commissioners' Court for the purpose of ranking and approval for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm;

### ***SECTION III - SELECTION / EVALUATION***

#### **SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:**

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system. The firms will be ranked after evaluation on a per project basis upon approval of roster by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court. Categories under the 100-point system include response to RFQ. RFQ submittal evaluation will be based on the criteria outlined below, and will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFQ Evaluation Form."

#### **1. STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM**

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members shall have experience in performing similar contracts for counties, cities, drainage/irrigation districts, TX DOT or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Similar experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix. **Indicate the number of engineers on your staff. A list of ongoing project similar in scope under TxDot procurement basis shall be included in an appendix.**

#### **2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES**

The provider shall designate experienced independent testing laboratory staff to completely and efficiently perform the work. The designated individuals (Project Manager and Key Personnel) may not be replaced during the project unless approved by the County. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Resumes of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience. Also, in this selection, outline the firm's contingency plans for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

#### **3. METHODOLOGY**

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

- Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services
- Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County.

#### **4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS**

The proposal shall include the following:

- \* demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- \* address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- \* identify information to be gathered or obtained

The firms should provide as much background information as to its experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

## **5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required)

### **NEGOTIATION PROCESS:**

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firms will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) Attachment "A" including fees;
2. The negotiated contract including best and final offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.
3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm;

**RFQ SUBMITTED TO: One (1) original, seven (7) copies, and two (2) CD's in PDF Format** of RFQs should be submitted to:

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RFQs must be submitted by **no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 05, 2011.** All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (rfq's, bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the participant and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

# **Attachment “A”**

ENGINEERING LABORATORIES  
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND RELATED FEES AND  
LABORATORY TESTING UNIT PRICE SCHEDULE

**RFQ NO.: 2011-004-01-05-MEG**

Attachment "A"  
**ENGINEERING LABORATORIES**  
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND RELATED FEES AND LABORATORY TESTING UNIT PRICE**  
**SCHEDULE**

**\*\*\*THIS FORM IS MERELY TO BE AS A GUIDE  
 USED POST RANKING BY COMMISSIONERS COURT ONLY\*\*\***  
*refer back to requirements page 7, negotiations process*

NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
<b>PERSONNEL RATES</b>		
01	Soils and Aggregate Technician	\$ _____ / Hour
02	Surveying and Sampling Soils for Highways	\$ _____ / Hour
03	Soils Technician- Density Testing, Radiation Safety Certified	\$ _____ / Hour
04	HMA Level 1-A Certified Technician	\$ _____ / Hour
05	HMA Level 1-B Certified Technician	\$ _____ / Hour
06	ACI Certified Field Grade I Technician A. Includes necessary concrete slump cone, rod, air meter, thermometer	\$ _____ / Hour
07	ACI Certified Field Grade II Technician	\$ _____ / Hour
08	Geotechnical Engineer, P.E.	\$ _____ / Hour
09	Geotechnical Engineer, E.I.T.	\$ _____ / Hour
10	Secretarial, Report Preparation and Reporting	\$ _____ / Hour
11	Logger (In Conjunction with Engineer)	\$ _____ / Hour
<b>TRAVEL EXPENSE</b>		
12	Vehicle Fee Mileage (Applicable for all Trips)	\$ _____ / Mile
13	Mobilization for Truck Mounted Rig, Drill Crew & Support	\$ _____ / Mile
14	Mobilization non standard equipment (4x4 All Terrain Rig)	Cost + _____ %
15	Barge Mobilization and Rental	Cost + _____ %
<b>GEOTECHNICAL DRILLING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES</b>		
16	Borings in Soil	\$ _____ / Foot
17	Borings in Soft Rock	\$ _____ / Foot
18	Rock Coring	\$ _____ / Foot
19	Standby Time (Drill Rig and Crew)	\$ _____ / Foot
20	Grout/ Bentonite Backfill	\$ _____ / Foot
21	Dozer/ Clearing Cost	Cost + _____ %
22	Concrete/Asphalt Patch	\$ _____
23	Traffic Control/ Signs, Barricades, etc.	Cost + _____ %
24	All Other Outside Expenses	Cost + _____ %

NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSE</b>		
25	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	\$ _____ /Day
26	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	\$ _____ /Wk
27	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	\$ _____ /Mo.
28	Concrete Beam Breaker	\$ _____ /Day
29	Concrete Beam Breaker	\$ _____ /Wk
30	Concrete Beam Breaker	\$ _____ /Mo.
31	Vacuum Extractor	\$ _____ /Mo
32	Asphalt Thermometer (Provided w/ Technician)	NC
33	Miscellaneous Expenses	Cost + _____ %
TEX METHOD	TEST DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
<b>SOILS SECTION</b>		
Tex-100-E	Surveying and Sampling Soils for Highways	\$ _____ Hr
Tex-103-E	Determination of Moisture Content is Soil Material	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-104-E	Determination of Liquid Limit of Soils	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-105-E	Determination of Plastic Limit of Soils	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-106-E	Methods of Calculating the Plasticity Index of Soils w/ 104-E and 105-E	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-107-E	Determination of Bar Linear Shrinkage of Soils	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-108-E	Determination of Specific Gravity of Soils	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-110-E	Part I Sieves thru 40	\$ _____ Ea
	Part II Sieves thru 200	\$ _____ Ea
	Additional Sieves	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-111-E	Minus 200 Sieve Analysis	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-113-E	Laboratory Compaction Characteristics and Moisture Density Relationship of Base Materials and Cohesionless Sand	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-116-E	Ball Mill Method for Determination of the Disintegration of Flexible Base Material	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-117-E	Triaxial Compressive Test for Disturbed Soils and Base materials (Part I Standard Method)	\$ _____ Ea
	Disturbed Soils and Base Materials (Part II)	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-118-E	Triaxial Compression Test for Undisturbed Samples	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-128-E	Determination of Soil pH	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-129-E	Method of Test for the Resistivity of Soils Material	\$ _____ Ea
<b>HOT MIX SECTION</b>		
Tex-200-F	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates (Dry)	\$ _____ Ea
	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates (Wet)	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-201-F	Bulk Specific Gravity and Water Absorption of Aggregate	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-202-F	Apparent Specific Gravity of material Finer than 180m (No. 80) Sieve	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-203-F	Sand Equivalent Test	\$ _____ Ea

Tex-205-F	Laboratory Method of Mixing Bituminous Mixtures	\$ Ea
TEX METHOD	TEST DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
Tex-206-F	Method of Compacting Test Specimens of Bituminous Mixtures	\$ Set
Tex-207-F	Determination of Density of Compacted Bituminous Mixtures	\$ Ea
Tex-208-F	Test for Stabilometer Value of Bituminous Mixtures	\$ Set
Tex-210-F	Determination of Asphalt Content of Bituminous Mixtures by Extraction	\$ Ea
Tex-212-F	Determination of Moisture Content of Bituminous Mixtures Part II	\$ Ea
Tex-217-F	Determination of Deleterious Material and Decantation Test for Coarse Aggregate	\$ Ea \$ Ea
Tex-224-F	Determination of Falkiness index	\$ Ea
Tex-227-F	Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity of Bituminous Mixtures	\$ Ea
<b>CONCRETE SECTION</b>		
Tex-401-A	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregate (Dry)	\$ Ea
	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregate (Wet)	\$ Ea
Tex-402-A	Fineness Modulus of Fine Aggregate (In Conjunction with 401-A)	\$ Ea
Tex-403-A	Saturated Surface Dry Specific Gravity and Absorption of Aggregates	\$ Ea
Tex-404-A	Determination of Unit Mass (Weight) of Aggregates	\$ Ea
Tex-405-A	Determination of Percent Solids and Voids in Concrete Aggregate	\$ Ea
Tex-406-A	Material Finer than 75um (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates (Decantation Test for Concrete Aggregates)	\$ Ea
Tex-407-A	Method For Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete (included in hourly technician rate)	\$ Ea
Tex-408-A	Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate for Concrete	\$ Ea
Tex-409-A	Free Moisture and Water Absorption in Aggregate for Concrete	\$ Ea
Tex-413-A	Determination of Deleterious Materials in Mineral Aggregate	\$ Ea
Tex-415-A	Slump of Portland Cement Concrete (Included in hourly technician rate)	N/C
Tex-416-A	Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method (Included in hourly technician rate)	N/C
Tex-420-A	Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Simple Beam Center Point Loading)	\$ Ea
Tex-447-A	Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens (Technician time to make cylinders will be charged at approved hourly rates)	\$ Ea
Tex-448-A	Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Sample Beam Third Point Loading)	\$ Ea
Tex-460-A	Determination of Crushed Face Particle Count	\$ Ea

TEX METHOD	TEST DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
ASPHALT SECTION		
Tex-530-C	Effect of Water on Bituminous Paving Mixtures	\$ _____ Ea
Tex-531-C	Prediction of Moisture Induced Damage to Bituminous Paving Materials Using Molded Specimens	\$ _____ Ea
OTHER SECTION	Insert any other services provided and unit price category (i.e. Each, Set, Hour, Etc.)	

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**EXHIBIT B**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**“CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES”**

**RFQ NO.: 2011-004-01-05-MEG**

EVALUATION CRITERIA  
Exhibit "B"  
Hidalgo County-"Construction Materials Testing Services"  
RFQ No. 2011-004-01-05-MEG

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The respondent's RFQ will be evaluated based on the criteria presented below. These criteria will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFQ Evaluation Form."

**1. STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM (25)**

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members shall have experience in performing similar contracts for counties, cities, drainage/irrigation districts, TX DOT or other clients as stated in the Request For Qualifications (RFQ). Similar experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix.

**2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES (20)**

The provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work. The designated individuals may not be replaced during the project unless approved by the County. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person, must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience. Also, in this section, outline the firm's contingency plans for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

**3. METHODOLOGY (20)**

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

- Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services
- Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County.

**4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25)**

The proposal shall include the following:

- \* demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- \* address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- \* identify information to be gathered or obtained

The firms should provide as much background information as to its experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

**5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS (10)**

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required)

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**RFQ EVALUATION FORM - RFQ No.2011-004-01-05-MEG**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY-"CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES"**

<u>Selection Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
<b>1. Staffing of Project Team</b> (25)		
➤ Provide information on their proposed professional team members	10	
➤ Experience in performing similar contracts for counties, cities, drainage/irrigation districts, TXDOT etc.	10	
➤ A list of various projects for comparative purposes	5	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
<b>2. Experience of Project Team/Ability to Commit Resources</b> (20)		
➤ Designate experienced engineering staff to efficiently perform the work.	10	
➤ Identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities etc.	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
<b>3. Methodology</b> (20)		
➤ Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services	10	
➤ Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
<b>4. Understanding of Project/Similar Projects</b> (25)		
➤ Demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services	10	
➤ Address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies	5	
➤ Identify information to be gathered or obtained	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
<b>5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations</b> (10)		
➤ Indicate passed experience of the proposed Firm knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>		=====

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “C”**  
**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Hidalgo County  
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# 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.

<b>ACORD</b>		<b>CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE</b>	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.	
INSURED		INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	
		INSURER A:	
		INSURER B:	
		INSURER C:	
		INSURER D:	
		INSURER E:	

**COVERAGES**

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER:	CANCELLATION
Hidalgo County Attn: Purchasing Department 2812 S Highway Bus. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539		SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES 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.

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**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR PACKET**

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# 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”**

## **CIQ FORM**

Hidalgo County

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Request for Qualifications

### **“CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES”**

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# 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

**EXHIBIT “E”**  
PROPOSER’S AFFIDAVIT

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

<b>PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION NON-CONFLICT OF INTERST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING</b>
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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 nay 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 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\_\_\_\_.

# **BIDDER/VENDOR APPLICATION AND W-9**

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**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).

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

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

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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 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 <sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup>However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

## Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

If you are a single-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., enter the entity's EIN.

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

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

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

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

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

**Part II. Certification**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**What Name and Number To Give the Requester**

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner <sup>3</sup>
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity

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

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

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

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

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

**Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

# **DEBARMENT**

Hidalgo County

(Including All Funding Sources, Programs, and Entities)

Request for Qualifications

## **“CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES”**

RFQ NO.: 2011-004-01-05-MEG

**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 A

-Scope of Services to be Provided by the County

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
Services to be provided by County

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the Owner in the development of Projects (as defined and more particularly identified in Exhibit "A" attached to this Agreement).

**General:**

The Owner will provide to the Laboratory the following:

- 1) Provide the authorization to proceed with services through coordination with the project consulting and design Laboratory.
- 2) Payment for work performed by the Laboratory and accepted by the Owner in accordance with Article 3 of this Agreement.
- 3) Assistance to the Laboratory, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies the Laboratory cannot easily obtain.
- 4) Provide any available relevant data the Owner may have on file concerning the projects.
- 5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the Laboratory's request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the Laboratory to maintain the agreed upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Exhibit "A" attached to this Agreement.
- 6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by Laboratory.
- 7) Provide the authorization to proceed with services on project by project basis through consulting design and construction Laboratory.

## **EXHIBIT B**

-Scope of Services to be Provided by the Laboratory

Proposal No.: PMD12-040-00 Revised  
March 27, 2012

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Dear Ms. Saenz:

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Our opinion of probable cost of services for this project is **\$29,838.88**.

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Invoices will be submitted monthly for work in progress in our standard format. Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas 75397-1037. All parties hereby agree that this contract upon acceptance will be performable in Bexar County, Texas. In the event that the State of Texas legislates a sales tax on professional services, the amount of tax applicable will be added to the appropriate service rate charged by **RKCI**.

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(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Date \_\_\_\_\_





## STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **SERVICES.** Raba Kistner, Inc., by and through one of its subsidiaries (Raba Kistner Consultants, Inc., Raba Kistner Environmental, Inc., Raba Kistner Facilities, Inc. or Raba Kistner Infrastructure, Inc.) (the relevant subsidiary, being engaged to provide the services to CLIENT in connection with the delivery of this instrument, is referred to as "RK" herein) is being engaged by the CLIENT to render professional services involving only RK's tests and observation reports, advice, judgment and opinion. RK shall apply professional judgment in determining the extent to which RK complies with any given standard identified in RK's instruments of professional services.
2. **INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CLIENT.** CLIENT may provide or direct RK to utilize or rely upon certain information in the performance of RK's services. RK will not conduct an independent evaluation of the accuracy or completeness of such information and shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions in such information. The CLIENT shall be responsible for providing the location of all underground utilities and other structures in the vicinity of our borings or excavations. RK will not accept responsibility and will not be liable for affecting or damaging any underground utility, underground storage tank, or other subsurface condition not previously identified and located, or improperly located, by the CLIENT, a utility, or a utility locating agency.
3. **SITE ACCESS AND SITE SAFETY.** CLIENT shall provide right-of-entry to the buildings and sites which are the subjects of RK's services. CLIENT represents that it possesses authority for such right-of-entry and that the building/site operator(s) possess the necessary permits and licenses for current activities at the site. RK shall be responsible for supervision and site safety measures of its own employees and subconsultants and shall not be responsible for the supervision or health and safety precautions of any other parties, including CLIENT, CLIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, or other parties present at the site.
4. **SUBSURFACE EXPLORATIONS.** Subsurface conditions throughout the site may vary from those depicted on logs of discrete borings, test pits, or other exploratory services. CLIENT understands RK's layout of boring and test locations is approximate and that RK may deviate a reasonable distance from those locations. RK will take reasonable precautions to reduce damage to the site when performing services; however, CLIENT accepts that invasive services such as drilling or sampling may damage or alter the site. Site restoration is not provided unless specifically included in the scope of services.
5. **CHANGED CONDITIONS.** If, during the term of this Agreement, circumstances or conditions that were not originally contemplated by or known to RK are uncovered or revealed, to the extent that they affect the scope of services, compensation, schedule, allocation of risks or other material terms of this Agreement, RK may call for renegotiation of appropriate portions of this Agreement. RK shall notify the CLIENT of the changed conditions necessitating renegotiation, and RK and the CLIENT shall promptly and in good faith enter into renegotiation of this Agreement to address the changed conditions. If changes cannot be agreed to with respect to changed conditions, the parties shall utilize the Dispute Resolution/Litigation procedures in this Agreement.
6. **TESTING AND OBSERVATIONS.** CLIENT understands that testing and observation are discrete sampling procedures, and that such procedures indicate conditions only at the depths, locations, and times the procedures were performed. RK will provide test results and opinions based on tests and field observations only for the work tested. CLIENT understands that testing and observation are not continuous or exhaustive, and are conducted to reduce – not eliminate – project risk. CLIENT agrees to the level or amount of testing performed and the associated risk. CLIENT is responsible (even if delegated to contractor) for notifying and scheduling RK so RK can perform these services. RK shall not be responsible for the quality and completeness of contractor's work or their adherence to the project documents, and RK's performance of testing and observation services shall not relieve contractor in any way from its responsibility for defects discovered in its work, or create a warranty or guarantee. RK will not supervise or direct the work performed by contractor or its subcontractors and is not responsible for their means and methods.
7. **ESTIMATE OF FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES.** If included as part of RK's proposal, RK will, to the best of its ability, perform the scope of services related to Construction and Materials Testing Services within the proposed fee estimate provided by RK. RK's proposal fees are based upon an estimate of the services required to meet the requirements of the project as listed in the specification and following generally accepted engineering practices. The CLIENT recognizes that unforeseen circumstances along with changes in scope and project/contractor's schedules can influence the successful completion of the scope of services within the estimated proposed fees. Because the contractor has sole control over the project and determines the means and methods used to build/construct the project, RK's service fees are estimates and not lump sum or guaranteed maximum fees. The CLIENT is fully responsible for payment of all services provided, including retests of contractor's failed areas.
8. **RIGHT TO RETAIN SUB-CONSULTANTS.** CLIENT acknowledges that while performing the services and work products, situations or circumstances may occur where RK determines that in its judgment the services of sub-consultants may be necessary.
9. **TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** CLIENT shall provide RK with all information within CLIENT'S possession or knowledge as to the potential or presence of toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants at the site. CLIENT agrees that RK neither created nor contributed to the creation or existence of any toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants. In no event shall RK be required to sign a hazardous waste manifest or take title to any toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants. If unanticipated toxic or hazardous materials or pollutants are encountered while performing RK's services, RK reserves the right to stop field operations and notify the CLIENT and CLIENT assumes responsibility to notify appropriate regulatory agencies. RK and CLIENT must mutually agree to remobilize.
10. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** The services and any report prepared under this Agreement are for the sole benefit and sole use of CLIENT and are not for the use of any other party or person. Only CLIENT may rely upon the services and any report or work product. Nothing in this Agreement, or any subsequent amendments or modifications, or in any report issued under this Agreement, shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in the favor of any third party against either RK or CLIENT.



11. **LEED PROJECTS.** Unless specifically addressed elsewhere in this agreement, RK has no responsibility or liability, including duty to defend or duty to indemnify, any party (including but not limited to CLIENT, owner, owner's agents, architects, engineers, contractors, construction managers, subcontractors) for the LEED certification process including: developing, producing, or retaining any documentation relating to the calculation of LEED points; and attainment of LEED certification points or LEED ratings.
12. **STANDARD OF CARE.** RK shall perform its professional services in accordance with the standard of care and diligence normally practiced by recognized professional firms in performing services of a similar nature, in the same locality, under similar circumstances. CLIENT expressly acknowledges that RK makes no other warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied, regarding its professional services or its work products.
13. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** To the greatest extent permitted by law, CLIENT'S sole remedy against RK for claims and liabilities in any way arising out of or directly or indirectly related to the error, omission, or other professional negligence of RK's work for CLIENT will not exceed an aggregate limit of \$100,000 or the amount of RK's fee, whichever is greater for that portion of RK's work found to be defective, regardless of the legal theory which remedy is sought, whether based on negligence [whether sole or concurrent, active or passive], breach of contract, breach of warranty, strict liability or otherwise.
14. **CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.** Neither CLIENT nor RK will be liable to the other for any special, consequential, incidental or penal losses or damages including but not limited to losses, damages or claims related to the unavailability of property or facilities, shutdowns or service interruptions, loss of use, profits, revenue, or inventory, or for use charges, cost of capital, or claims of the other party and/or its customers.
15. **SUSPENSION OF SERVICES.** If the CLIENT fails to make payments when due or otherwise is in breach of this Agreement, RK may suspend performance of services upon seven (7) calendar days' notice to the CLIENT. RK shall have no liability whatsoever to the CLIENT for any costs or damages as a result of such suspension. Upon payment in full by the CLIENT, RK may resume services under this Agreement, and the time schedule and compensation shall be equitably adjusted to compensate for the period of suspension plus any other reasonable time and expense necessary for RK to resume performance. Payment of invoices shall not be subject to any discounts or set-offs by the CLIENT unless agreed to in writing by RK. Payment to RK for services rendered and expenses incurred will be due and payable regardless of any subsequent suspension or termination of this Agreement by either party.
16. **INDEMNIFICATION. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, RK AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE CLIENT HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST LIABILITIES, DAMAGES AND COSTS TO THE EXTENT CAUSED BY RK'S NEGLIGENT PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND TO THE EXTENT THAT RK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITIES, DAMAGES AND COSTS ON A COMPARATIVE BASIS OF FAULT AND RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN RK AND THE CLIENT. NEITHER CLIENT NOR RK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES OR LIABILITIES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE OTHER PARTY. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION EXTEND BEYOND THE DATE WHEN THE INSTITUTION OF LEGAL OR EQUITABLE PROCEEDINGS FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE WOULD BE BARRED BY AN APPLICABLE STATUTE OF REPOSE OR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. THIS INDEMNIFICATION EXPRESSLY EXCLUDES THE DUTY OF RK TO DEFEND THE CLIENT. HOWEVER, THE ABSENCE OF THE DUTY TO DEFEND SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE CLIENT FROM SEEKING RECOVERY OF ITS REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AS PART OF ITS DAMAGES. THE CLIENT AGREES TO LOOK SOLELY TO THE CORPORATE ASSETS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INSURANCE POLICIES, OF RK, WITH RESPECT TO SATISFACTION OF ANY LIABILITIES THAT MAY ARISE OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, NO EMPLOYEE, PRINCIPAL, DIRECTOR, OFFICER, PARTNER, OR SHAREHOLDER OF RK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANY PERSONAL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.**
17. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION/LITIGATION.** All claims, disputes, and other controversy between RK and CLIENT arising out of or in any way related to the services provided by RK shall be submitted to mediation, before and as a condition precedent to other remedies provided by law. If a dispute at law arises related to these services and that dispute requires litigation as provided above, the CLIENT assents to personal jurisdiction in the State of RK's principal place of business; the claim will be brought and tried in judicial jurisdiction of the court of the county where RK's principal place of business is located, and CLIENT waives the right to remove action to any other county or jurisdiction; and the prevailing party will be entitled to recovery of all reasonable costs incurred, including staff time, court costs, attorneys' and expert witness fees, and other claim-related expenses. As a condition precedent to mediation of any claim arising out of the services provided under this Agreement, CLIENT shall obtain the written opinion from a registered, independent, and reputable professional engineer that RK has violated the standard of care applicable to RK's performance of services, in a form that meets the requirements of Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Chapter 150.
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20. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay or default is caused by conditions beyond its control ("Force Majeure") including, but not limited to Acts of God, Government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), wars, insurrections and/or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected. Force Majeure may not be claimed as a cause for delay in payment of money due and payable hereunder.
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## **EXHIBIT C**

-Laboratory's Contract BAFO/Cost Proposal/CMT Rates

May 8, 2012

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Hidalgo County - New Administration Offices for Precinct 4  
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**Raba Kistner Consultants, Inc., (RKCI), has provided a proposal to perform construction materials observation and testing services to Hidalgo County Purchasing Department for the New Administration Offices for Precinct 4 project on an "on-call" basis. The proposal is dated Tuesday, March 27, 2012, and is RKCI Proposal number PMD12-040-00 Revised. The estimated cost of services as indicated in this proposal is \$29,838.88. This amount constitutes the best and final offer by RKCI.**

We thank you for the opportunity to be a member of the project team on this important project. If you should have any questions pertaining this matter or if we may be of additional assistance please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

**RABA KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.**

  
Dennis Charkow  
Supervisor, CME

Copies submitted: Above (1)

Proposal No.: PMD12-040-00 Revised  
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Accepted By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**BASIC CHARGES**

1. A vehicle travel charge will be assessed for round trip travel from our office to the project site, material supplier, etc. and back to our office. The charges for travel from our office to the project site and return to our office will be as follows:

Travel Time (round trip) \_\_\_\_\_ 1.00 /hour(s)

Vehicle Trip Charge \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 45.00/trip

2. Service Charges are based on the hourly rates stated herein and will be assessed from the time the Engineer or Technician leaves our office until he returns from the project.
3. Any engineering and/or technical services provided on Saturday, Sunday and all work in excess of "normal" work hours, as stated herein, Monday through Friday, will be charged at an overtime rate of 1.5 times the appropriate hourly rate. Our total cost of services is based upon the assumption most services will be provided during "normal" work hours. Providing an excessive amount of services during days and/or hours requiring overtime rates may significantly increase the total cost of services shown herein.
4. "Normal" work hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., including travel time to and from the site unless stated otherwise. Overtime charges will be assessed after eight (8) continuous hours of service rendered during "normal" work hours.
5. Minimum of 2 hours billing per visit to project site.
6. A ten (10) percent project management and administration cost will be added to all invoices.
7. Our opinion of probable cost for each proposal to be submitted is based upon an estimate of the construction materials observation and testing services required to meet the project requirements. Because the general contractor has control over the project and determines the means and methods used to build/construct the project, our proposed scope of services is an estimate. On the basis of the general contractor's schedule, potential retesting of non-compliance items, weather related issues, the actual total services and fees may be higher or lower than the estimates in our proposal. **RKCI** will keep you CLIENT apprised of our billings in comparison to our opinion of probable cost (project budget) over the life of the project. All tests noted as retests of previously non-complaint areas will be billed to the CLIENT. **RKCI** will invoice these tests separately to allow CLIENT to segregate the charges from our normal charges. This will allow CLIENT to back charge the general contractor as necessary. CLIENT will be responsible for payment of all services rendered by **RKCI** for the project.
8. **RKCI** will utilize the on-site initial field curing facilities provided by the contractor. The cost of providing and maintaining these initial curing facilities is not included in our proposal.



**CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING UNIT RATES**  
**Hidalgo County - New Administration Offices for Precinct 4**  
**Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas**

SERVICE	UNIT RATE		QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Civil and Building Pads Earthwork:</b>				
1. Moisture-Density Relationship (Proctor)	\$214.75	each	4	\$859.00
2. Atterberg Limits Determinations (P.I.) (ASTM/AASHTO)	\$78.25	each	4	\$313.00
3. Sieve Analysis -200	\$53.00	each	3	\$159.00
4. Sieve Analysis - Flexible Base Material	\$53.00	each	1	\$53.00
5. Technician Time Sampling	\$46.00	hour	8	\$368.00
6. Proof Rolling Observation	\$46.00	hour	1	\$46.00
7. Lime Series Cuve Determination Including Five pH Determinations	\$385.00	each	1	\$385.00
8. Field Density Test - Parking and Access	\$19.75	each	51	\$1,007.25
9. Technician Time - Density Testing Parking and Access	\$46.00	hour	68	\$3,128.00
10. Utility Backfill Field Density Test	\$19.75	each	60	\$1,185.00
11. Technician Time - Density Testing - Utility Backfill	\$46.00	hour	30	\$1,380.00
12. Field Density Test - Building Pads	\$19.75	each	54	\$1,066.50
13. Technician Time - Density Testing - Building Pads	\$46.00	hour	72	\$3,312.00
14. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$45.00	trip	45	\$2,025.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$15,286.75</b>
<b>Concrete: Civil Work</b>				
1. Concrete Compressive Strength Tests	\$14.50	each	10	\$145.00
2. Technician Time - Concrete Testing	\$46.00	hour	8	\$368.00
3. Air Content of Concrete	\$27.00	each	2	\$54.00
4. Technician Time - Pick-Up of Specimen(s)	\$46.00	hour	3	\$138.00
5. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$45.00	trip	3	\$135.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$840.00</b>
<b>Concrete: Building Pad</b>				
1. Concrete Compressive Strength Tests	\$14.50	each	50	\$725.00
2. Technician Time - Concrete Testing	\$46.00	hour	30	\$1,380.00
3. Air Content of Concrete	\$27.00	each	10	\$270.00
4. Technician Time - Pick-Up of Specimen(s)	\$46.00	hour	4	\$184.00
5. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$45.00	trip	3	\$135.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,694.00</b>

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**Drilled Pier Observation:**

1. Observation - Technician Time	\$58.50	hour	8	\$468.00
2. Air Content of Concrete	\$27.00	each	1	\$27.00
3. Cylinders Cast in Conjunction with Observation	\$14.50	each	5	\$72.50
4. Technician Time - Pick-Up of Specimen(s)	\$46.00	hour	3	\$138.00
5. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$45.00	trip	2	\$90.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$795.50</b>

**Structural Steel Observation:**

1. Structural Steel Observation/Bolts and Weld Certified Welding Inspector	\$111.50	hour	18	\$2,007.00
2. Non- Destructive Testing (Radiographic/Ultrasonic)	Cost + 15%		As Requested	
3. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$45.00	trip	3	\$135.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,142.00</b>

**Masonry:**

1. Masonry Observation	\$58.50	hour	40	\$2,340.00
2. Mortar/Grout Compressive Strength Testing	\$17.00	each	52	\$884.00
3. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$45.00	trip	10	\$450.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$3,674.00</b>

**Asphalt:**

1. Asphaltic Concrete Laydown Observation	\$55.00	hour	16	\$880.00
2. Extraction, Gradation, Bitumen Content and Laboratory Density of Asphaltic Concrete	\$265.00	each	2	\$530.00
3. Maximum Theoretical Specific Gravity of Asphalt	\$97.00	each	2	\$194.00
4. Vehicle Travel Charge	\$45.00	trip	2	\$90.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$1,694.00</b>

**Other:**

1. Project Administration(Markup of Invoiced Billing Cycle)	10%			\$2,712.63
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$2,712.63</b>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$29,838.88**



**CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING UNIT RATES**  
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**Fees for Consulting & Coordination Services**

**Unit Fees**

Principal Engineer.....	\$ 135.00 to 250.00/hr
Managing Engineer.....	95.00 to 200.00/hr
Staff Engineer .....	70.00 to 200.00/hr
Laboratory Manager.....	65.00 to 150.00/hr
Construction Services Manager .....	65.00 to 90.00/hr
Outside Professional Services & Reimbursable .....	Cost +15%
Additional Insured .....	160.00/ea
Report Preparation and Administration.....	38.00 to 75.00/hr





**SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**PERSONNEL:** Principal.....\$135 to \$250/hour  
Professional .....\$70 to \$200/hour  
Auto Cad Operator.....\$65 to \$110/hour  
Technical/Clerical/Administrative .....\$40 to \$80/hour

The specific hourly rate within each classification listed above depends on the experience, special training, and qualifications of the personnel needed for the project. For projects requiring work at any hazardous waste site, there will be a \$10 per hour surcharge added to the normal billing rate for all personnel. Consultants to Raba Kistner (RK) will be charged according to their professional classification.

**EXPENSES:** Use of company automobiles will be charged at \$1.00 per mile. Automobiles and light trucks assigned to field sites will be charged at \$70.00 per day, plus \$1.00 per mile over 50 miles per day. Copies will be charged at \$0.25 per page.

Other project specific charges for use of RK equipment or for RK testing will be in accordance with established fee schedules. All other project specific, third-party costs will be charged at cost plus 15 percent.

Invoices will be submitted monthly for work in progress in our standard format. They are due and payable upon receipt and become past due 30 days after the billing date. Past due invoices may be subject to late charges at the rate of 1-1/2 percent per month (18 percent per annum). In the event that the State of Texas legislates a sales tax on Professional Services, the amount of the tax will be PAYMENT added to the appropriate service rate charged. Our invoices are due and payable upon receipt at P.O. Box 971037, Dallas, Texas 75397-1037.

Preparation of non-standard invoice will be charged on a time and materials basis in accordance with the rates in this fee schedule.

**CONDITIONS:** Services will be performed in accordance with our Standard Terms and Conditions.

The proposal to which this schedule is an attachment is valid for 90 days from the date of the proposal.



**EXHIBIT D**  
-Work Authorization Form



**PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION**

Acknowledgement and confirmation by Hidalgo County Precinct No.4, Commissioner, Joseph Palacios, as to content and detail of this Work Authorization No. \_\_\_\_.

**HIDALGO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT No. 4:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL**

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on \_\_\_\_\_ (approval date) as indicated below and effective as of \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**THE LABORATORY:  
RABA KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC.**

**THE OWNER:  
HIDALGO COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Martin Vila, P.E., F. ASCE/Senior VP

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

**ATTEST:**

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

**EXHIBIT E**  
-Supplemental Agreement Form

EXHIBIT "E"  
Supplemental Agreement Form

THE STATE OF TEXAS    §  
  §  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO   §

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of paragraph 5 of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**", and \_\_\_\_\_, Professional Laboratory of, \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, hereinafter called the "**Laboratory**".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **Owner** and the **Laboratory** executed the **Agreement** on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 concerning Laboratorying for \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the "**Project**"); and,

WHEREAS, Paragraph \_\_\_ of the **Agreement**, (paragraph title), establishes \_\_\_\_\_; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the **Agreement** to \_\_\_\_\_

A. AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the **Owner** and the **Laboratory** agree that said **Agreement** is amended as follows:

I. Paragraph \_\_\_ of the **Agreement**, (paragraph title), is revised to

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All other provisions are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Laboratory and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**THE LABORATORY:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Giving Notices:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**THE OWNER:  
HIDALGO COUNTY**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ramon Garcia, County Judge

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(as required)

**EXHIBIT F**  
-Certificates of Insurance

