

EARNEST MONEY CONTRACT

Sellers: Hector Manuel Hinojosa, Ramiro Hinojosa,
Eduardo Hinojosa
806 S. 25th St.
Nampa, ID 83686

Purchaser: County of Hidalgo, Texas
2818 S. Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Escrow Agent: Valley Land Title Co.
217 W. Cano
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Title Company: Valley Land Title Co.
217 W. Cano
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Seller agrees to sell to Purchaser, who agrees to purchase, the property described in this Contract upon the following terms and conditions.

ARTICLE I THE PROPERTY

The property is that certain tract of real property, save and except all minerals, located in Hidalgo County, Texas, (the "Property"), and more particularly described on Exhibit "A", attached hereto, together with any rights and appurtenances pertaining to the Property, including any right, title and interest of Seller in and to adjacent streets, alleys and rights-of-way.

ARTICLE II PURCHASE PRICE

2.1 The total purchase price ("Purchase Price") for the Property shall be the sum of Fifteen Thousand and no/ 100ths dollars (\$15,000.00), payable in cash at Closing.

2.2 On execution of this Contract, Purchaser shall deposit with the Escrow Agent the sum of One Thousand and no/100ths dollars (\$1,000.00) as Earnest Money to bind this sale. The Earnest Money shall be deposited with the Escrow Agent in an interest bearing account until the date of Closing, at which time it and the interest earned thereon shall be returned to Purchaser provided Purchaser is not default hereunder. In the event of Purchaser's default, the Earnest Money shall be disposed of as hereinafter provided.

2.3 For nominal consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Seller, and Purchaser's agreement to pay Seller the sum of One Hundred and No/100ths Dollars (\$100.00) (Option Fee) within 2 days after the date of this Contract, Seller grants Purchaser the unrestricted right to terminate this Contract by giving notice of termination to Seller within forty five (45) days after the date of this contract. If Purchaser gives notice of termination within the time prescribed, the Option Fee will not be refunded; however, any earnest money will be refunded to Purchaser. The Option Fee will be credited to the Purchase Price at closing. Time is of the essence for this paragraph and strict compliance with the time for performance is required

ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

3.1 Seller represents to Purchaser as follows, with respect to the Property:

A. Seller has full requisite power and authority to perform all of its obligations under this Contract.

B. There are no pending condemnation proceedings or special assessments of any nature affecting any part of the Property, and Seller has received no notice that any such proceedings or assessments are contemplated.

C. Seller has received no notice of any action, claim, suit, proceeding or investigation, pending or threatened against Seller affecting any portion of the Property.

D. There are no attachments, executions or assignments for the benefit of creditors, or voluntary or involuntary proceedings in bankruptcy pending, contemplated or threatened against Seller or the Property.

E. Seller has paid all Federal, State and local taxes and other governmental charges that have been assessed against Seller or the Property.

F. Seller has disclosed to Purchaser all known environmental conditions affecting the Property.

G. Seller will permit the Purchaser and its environmental consultants to enter upon the Property during normal business hours to conduct environmental study(s) and assessments to determine the environmental condition of the Property.

H. Seller will permit Purchaser and its environmental consultant(s) to have access to books and records of the Seller, if any, relating to the environmental condition of the Property.

I. There are no actions, suits, claims, assessments, or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened that could materially adversely affect the ownership, operation, or maintenance of the Property or Seller's ability to perform hereunder.

J. Seller shall immediately notify Purchaser of any material change in respect of the Property or any information heretofore or hereafter furnished to Purchaser in respect of the Property.

3.2 This Contract is contingent upon and subject to the conditions that, as of the date of Closing there shall not have been any material error, variance or misstatement in the representations or material breach in the warranties made by Seller in this Contract. If, prior to Closing, Purchaser discovers that one or more of the representations of Seller herein are materially untrue or inaccurate, or if any part or all of the Property fails to pass any inspection of any governmental entity, Purchaser shall have the option of (i) terminating this Contract and receiving the Earnest Money, or (ii) waiving all or a part of the conditions in writing and closing the sales transaction in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Contract.

3.3 Purchaser represents and warrants to Seller, which representations and warranties shall survive Closing, that Purchaser has the authority to purchase the Property, make the representations contained herein and to perform all terms and conditions required of Purchaser herein.

ARTICLE IV TITLE

4.1 Within ten (10) days from the date of this Contract, Seller shall, at Seller's sole expense, cause to be furnished to Purchaser a current Commitment for Owner Policy of Title Insurance ("the Title Binder") issued by Title Company, describing the Property, naming Purchaser as the prospective insured and showing as the policy amount the total purchase price for the Property. The Title Binder shall commit the Title Company to issue an Owner Policy of Title Insurance guaranteeing Purchaser's title to the Property to be good and indefeasible.

4.2 Within ten (10) days from the date of this Contract, Seller shall, at Seller's sole cost and expense, cause to be delivered to Purchaser all restrictions proposed by Seller to be placed on the Property. Should Purchaser object to such restrictions Purchaser may terminate this Contract, receive back the Earnest Money and be released of all further liability under this Contract.

4.3 Purchaser shall have a period of ten (10) business days following the later of the date of receipt of the Title Binder or the date of restrictions described in Article 4.2 to give Seller written notice of any title exceptions or restrictions it deems objectionable. If Purchaser gives such notice to Seller, Seller shall use Seller's best efforts to cure such objections, but shall not be obligated to institute litigation for such purpose. If Purchaser gives notice of title objections or delete the restrictions and Seller does not cure the objections within fifteen (15) days following receipt of the notice from Purchaser, then Purchaser may either:

(a) terminate this Contract by giving written notice thereof to Seller and receive back the Earnest Money; or

(b) waive the objections and purchase the Property subject to the objections which shall be deemed to be Permitted Encumbrances.

4.5 All title exceptions not objected to or objected to and later waived shall be deemed to be Permitted Encumbrances.

ARTICLE V FEASIBILITY STUDY

So long as this Contract is in effect and Purchaser is not in default hereunder, Purchaser shall have thirty (30) days for Purchaser or its representatives to enter upon the Property for the purpose of inspecting the Property and any improvements thereon and conducting engineering studies (e.g., platting, utility cost and availability, sewer, drainage and road and street improvements), improvements inspections architectural drawings regarding placement of improvements on the Property, environmental studies, of the Property and any improvements thereon soil and subsoil tests, including the drilling of test holes and examining permits, legal requirements for operation of the Property, reviewing reasonable restrictions on the Property by Seller in order to determine the suitability of the Property for Purchaser's use, and such other tests or studies that Purchaser deems advisable. If any such test, study, information or architectural drawing, in Purchaser's sole opinion, shall reveal that the Property is unsuitable or undesirable for Purchaser's use, then Purchaser may terminate this Contract without further liability, in which event Purchaser shall receive back the Earnest Money. However, Purchaser shall not permit any liens to attach to the Property by reason of the exercise of this right of inspection or study, nor shall Purchaser interfere with the rights of any party then in possession of the Property. All entry on the land prior to closing shall be at Purchaser's risk.

**ARTICLE VI
CLOSING**

6.1 Closing shall be held within sixty (60) days following the date of the expiration of the Feasibility Study described in Article V hereof at the offices Valley Land Title Co. 217 W. Cano Edinburg, Texas 78539 at the time as may be agreed upon by the parties.

6.2 At the Closing Seller shall deliver to Purchaser the following:

A. A General Warranty Deed duly executed and in recordable form conveying fee simple title to the Property to Purchaser free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except Permitted Encumbrances as defined in Section 4.3, above.

B. An Owner's Policy of Title Insurance issued by the Title Company in the amount of the purchase price insuring good and indefeasible title to the Property in Purchaser. The Policy shall be in the form prescribed by the State Board of Insurance of Texas and shall contain only those exceptions which constitute Permitted Encumbrances. The standard survey exception shall be deleted except as to shortages in area.

C. Tax Certificates from all taxing authorities showing no delinquent taxes against the Property.

D. Possession of the Property.

6.3 At the Closing, Purchaser shall deliver to Seller a certified or cashier's check for the amount of the Purchase Price.

**ARTICLE VII
ADJUSTMENTS AND EXPENSES**

7.1 Real estate taxes for the year of Closing are to be adjusted and prorated as of the date of Closing. In the event that actual tax figures for the year of Closing are not available at Closing, an estimated proration of taxes shall be made on the basis of the tax rate for the preceding year applied to the latest assessed valuation. Purchaser shall pay any and all rollback taxes resulting from a change of use by Purchaser following date of Closing.

7.2 Purchaser shall pay costs of recording instruments presented by the Seller, and its own attorney's fees. All other costs of the Owner Policy of Title Insurance and Seller's attorney fees shall be paid by Seller.

**ARTICLE VIII
DEFAULT**

If Purchaser fails to comply with the obligations as set out in this Agreement, Seller may terminate this Contract and receive the Earnest Money as liquidated damages. If Seller fails to comply herewith for any reason, Purchaser may terminate this Contract and receive the Earnest Money as Purchaser's sole remedy, thereby releasing Seller from this Contract or enforce specific performance.

**ARTICLE IX
ATTORNEY'S FEES**

Any signatory to this Contract who is the prevailing party in any legal proceeding against any other signatory brought under or with relation to this Contract or transaction, shall be additionally entitled to recover Court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees from the non-prevailing party.

**ARTICLE X
CONDEMNATION**

10.1 If prior to the Closing all or any substantial portion of the Property is condemned, either party shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon giving written notice to the other party within ten (10) days of the date Seller notifies Purchaser in writing of such condemnation. In the event of such termination, Purchaser shall be entitled to the return of the Earnest Money. If neither party elects to terminate this Contract, then the Closing shall take place, as herein provided, without abatement of the purchase price and Seller shall assign to Purchaser at the Closing, all interest of Seller in any condemnation awards which may be payable to Seller as a result of the condemnation. If less than a substantial portion of the Property is condemned, neither party may terminate this Contract but all interest of Seller in any condemnation proceeds shall be assigned by Seller to Purchaser at the Closing.

10.2 A substantial portion is defined to be either five percent (5%) or more in value of the Property

**ARTICLE XI
LIENS AND TAXES**

11.1 The existence of any other liens or encumbrances which secure an obligation to pay money shall not be objections to title provided that properly executed instruments in recordable form necessary to satisfy the same are delivered to Purchaser at the Closing, together with recording or filing fees, and such liens or encumbrances may be paid out of the cash consideration, if any, paid by Purchaser at the Closing. Purchaser, if request is made within a reasonable time prior to the date of Closing, agrees to provide at the Closing separate certified checks, as requested, aggregating the balance of the purchase price, to facilitate the satisfaction of any such liens or encumbrances.

11.2 Unpaid franchise tax of any corporation in the chain of title or unpaid federal or state inheritance tax which is a lien against the Property shall be no objection to title, provided Seller at Closing agrees to provide at the Closing separate certified checks, as requested, aggregating the balance of the purchase price, to facilitate the satisfaction of any such liens or encumbrances.

**ARTICLE XII
ASSIGNMENT**

This Contract may not be assigned by Purchaser without Seller's prior written consent.

**ARTICLE XIII
SURVIVAL**

Any representations, warranties or covenants of the parties, as well as any rights and benefits of the parties, shall survive the Closing and not be merged therein.

**ARTICLE XIV
MISCELLANEOUS**

14.1 Time shall be of the essence of this Contract.

14.2 This Contract and all of the terms, provisions and covenants contained herein shall apply to, be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

14.3 The captions used in connection with the paragraphs in this Contract are for convenience only and are not intended in any way to amplify or limit the meaning of the language contained in this Contract, or be used in interpreting the meanings and provisions of this Contract.

14.4 This Contract shall be construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

14.5 In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions had never been contained herein.

14.6 All notices, demands or requests required or permitted under this Contract shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been properly given, whether or not actually received, when the same have been deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the appropriate party at the address given for such party at the beginning of this Contract.

14.7 This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties concerning the Property, and it shall not be amended, modified, supplemented or changed in any way except by written agreement of the parties.

14.8 Seller agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Purchaser from any and all costs, expenses or damages resulting from any claims for brokerage fees or other similar form of compensation made by any real estate broker or other person or entity because of the sale of the Property.

14.9 Should either party be in default under any of the terms of this Contract, the non-defaulting party shall so notify the defaulting party in writing and the defaulting party shall have a period of twenty (20) days from the receipt of such notice to cure the default.

14.10 In addition to the acts recited in this Contract to be performed by Seller and Purchaser, the parties hereto agree to perform or cause to be performed at the Closing or after the Closing, any and all such further acts as may be reasonably necessary to consummate transactions contemplated hereby.

14.11 In the event that this Contract or any provision hereof is construed or determined to be ambiguous by any Court of Law, then in that event the parties agree that each through its attorney has contributed to the preparation of this Contract and have jointly written or composed the clauses herein contained; and neither party hereto should be given any advantage over the other under the laws of construction of instruments based upon the authorship hereof.

14.12 The Earnest Money is deposited with Escrow Agent with the understanding that Escrow Agent (i) does not assume or have any liability for performance or nonperformance of any party; (ii) has the right to require the receipt, release and authorization in writing of all parties before paying the Earnest Money to any party; and (iii) is not liable for interest or other charge on the funds held. If any party unreasonably fails to agree in writing to an appropriate release of Earnest Money, then such party shall be liable to the other parties as provided in Article IX. At Closing, Earnest Money plus interest accrued thereon shall be applied to any cash down payment required, next to Purchaser's closing costs and any excess refunded to Purchaser.

14.13 If Seller is not a foreign person, as defined in the Federal Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980 and the 1984 Tax Reform Act, as amended (the Federal Tax Law), then at the Closing, Seller will deliver to Purchaser a certificate so stating, in a form complying with the Federal Tax law. If Seller is a foreign person or if Seller fails to deliver the required certificate at the Closing, then in either such event the funding to Seller, at the Closing, will be adjusted to the extent required to comply with the withholding provisions of the Federal Tax law; and although the amount withheld will still be paid at the Closing by Purchaser, it will be retained by the Title Company as Escrow Agent (the reasonable fees of which shall be paid by Seller at the Closing) for delivery to the Internal Revenue Service together with the appropriate Federal Tax law forwarding forms, and with copies being provided both to Seller and to Purchaser.


14.14 If Seller has not executed and delivered this Earnest Money Contract to Purchaser on or before _____, 2012, Purchaser's offer to purchase the Property shall automatically terminate and this Earnest Money Contract shall be of no further force and effect.

The date of this Contract is the _____ day of _____, 2012.

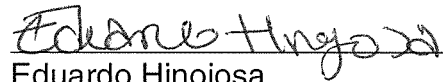
SELLERS:



Hector Manuel Hinojosa



Ramiro Hinojosa



Eduardo Hinojosa

PURCHASER:

County of Hidalgo, Texas

By: _____
Ramon Garcia Hidalgo County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guarjardo, Jr., Hidalgo County Clerk

Receipt of a fully executed Contract and \$1,000.00 earnest money in the form of a check are hereby acknowledged this ____ day of _____, 2012 at _____, _____.M.

Escrow Agent:
Valley Land Title

By: _____

Seller and Purchaser designate the following named attorneys to represent their respective interest herein:

SELLER'S ATTORNEY:

BUYER'S ATTORNEY:

ATLAS, HALL & RODRIGUEZ, LLP
Attn: Stephen L. Crain
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EXHIBIT "A"

All of Lot 29, Hoehn Drive Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas according to the map recorded in Volume 23, Page 59, Map Records in the Office of the County Clerk of Hidalgo County, Texas reference to which is here made for all purposes.



REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL REPORT
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Address of Property: Ivory Street
 Property Owner: Hector Manuel Hinojosa et al
 Address of Property Owner: RR 9 Box 572, Edinburg, Texas 78541
 Occupant's Name: Vacant
 Whole: Partial: Acquisition
 District: Pharr
 ROW CSJ:
 Parcel: Lot 29
 Federal Project No: N/A
 Highway: Hoehn Drive County: Hidalgo

Purpose of the Appraisal

The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the fee simple title to the real property to be acquired, encumbered by any easements not to be extinguished, less oil, gas and sulphur. If this acquisition is of less than the whole property, then any special benefits and/or damages to the remainder property must be included in accordance with the laws of Texas.

Market Value

Market value is defined as follows: "Market Value is the price which the property would bring when it is offered for sale by one who desires, but is not obliged to sell, and is bought by one who is under no necessity of buying it, taking into consideration all of the uses to which it is reasonably adaptable and for which it either is or in all reasonable probability will become available within the reasonable future."

Certificate of Appraiser

I hereby certify that, it is my opinion the total compensation for the acquisition of the herein described property is \$17,842 as of September 20, 2012, based upon my independent appraisal and the exercise of my professional judgment; on September 20, 2012,, (date)(s), I personally inspected in the field the property herein appraised; I afforded Hector Manuel Hinojosa, the property owner or the representative (s) of the property owner, the opportunity to accompany me at the time of the inspection. The comparables relied upon in making said appraisal were as represented by the photographs contained in the appraisal report and were inspected on September 15, 2012, I have not revealed and will not reveal the findings and results of such appraisal to anyone other than the proper officials of the, County of Hidalgo, Texas Department of Transportation, or officials of the Federal Highway Administration until authorized by State officials to do so, or until I am required to do so by due process of law or until I am released from this obligation by having publicly testified to such findings; and, my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result or the occurrence of a subsequent event.

The appraiser has considered access damages in accordance with Section 21.042(d) of the Texas Property Code, as amended by SB18 of the Texas 82nd Regular Legislative Session and finds as follows:

1. Is there a denial of direct access of the parcel? No (yes or no)
2. If so, is the denial of direct access material? N/A (yes, no, or not applicable)
3. The lack of any access denial or the material impairment of direct access on or off the remaining property affects the market value of the remaining property in the sum of \$0.00.

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct; the reported analyses, opinions and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, unbiased professional analyses, opinions and conclusions; I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved; and, my analyses, opinions and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared in conformity with the appropriate State laws, regulations, and policies and procedures applicable to the appraisal of right of way for such purposes, and that to the best of my knowledge no portion of the value assigned to such property consists of items which are non-compensable under the established law of said State, and any decrease or increase in the fair market value of subject real property prior to the date of valuation caused by the public improvement other than that due to the physical deterioration within the reasonable control of the owner has been disregarded in estimating the compensation for the property.

Leonel Garza III
 Appraiser Signature
 State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser – TX 1328375 – General
 Certification Number
 October 1, 2012
 Date

To the best of my knowledge, the value does not include any items which are not compensable under the State law.

 District Reviewing Appraiser Date

