

**Exhibit "A"**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY (Precinct Nos. 1 & 3)**  
**"ROADWAY LIGHT FIXTURES AND MAINTENANCE"**  
**RFB NO.: 2013-014-02-27-MEG**

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**SCOPE OF WORK:**

The County of Hidalgo is seeking vendor(s) for "**ROADWAY LIGHT FIXTURES AND MAINTENANCE**", with strict responsible adherence with all specifications and/or requirements contained herein with the bidder submitting the lowest and complying bid.

**LOCATION: Pct 1**

Awarded vendor will be required to **maintain** the continuous lighting system on US 83 within the limits from Sta. 663+00 (1400' West of Showers Road to Sta. 715+00 (300' West of Abram Road) Circuits A and B (24 poles, 48 lights) and on US 83 within the limits from Sta. 1994-00 (470' East of FM 493) to Sta. 2076+00 (300' West of Miles 6 ½ Rd.) Circuits E, F, and G (43 poles, 80 lights) and Sta. 2277+00 (130' East of FM 1015) to Sta. 2302+00 (2,630' East of FM 1015) Circuits S and T (13 Poles, 24 Lights) inside Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1.

Awarded vendor must **maintain** and operate the lighting system in an efficient and slightly condition, including the furnishing of all equipment and labor and making any replacements which may become necessary.

The County of Hidalgo will obtain approval of the State before making any major changes in the design and/or operation of the lighting system or before the removal of any part of the installation except for the purpose of replacing identical or accepted equivalent equipment.

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

1. These specifications are intended to establish an agreement for the maintenance and electrical repairs of the **overhead lighting** system in Hidalgo County.
2. Maintenance hereunder refers to all maintenance necessary to keep facilities fully operating, properly functioning, with a minimum of 95% of the lights burning at all times for their normal expected useful life. Said maintenance shall include repairs and/or replacement of any component parts of the facilities as may be necessary.
3. Each highway lighting facility system was constructed or modified in essential accordance with plans approved by the Texas Department of Transportation.
4. The bid will be awarded on a per unit cost basis. There is no guarantee on annual volume and will be on an "**As Needed Basis Only**".
5. Orders will be given to the Contractor, by telephone and/or confirmed in writing, by the County.
6. The following price schedule will be utilized throughout the agreement period to pay for services.
7. The Contractor shall start the required maintenance and/or normal repairs within forty-eight (48) hours after receiving notice by telephone, except that no routing work shall be performed after 3:00 p.m. on Fridays; or on Saturdays, Sundays, or Holidays, unless specifically requested to do so by the County.
8. The work area of maintenance operations performed from the roadway, including shoulders and lane closures shall be signed, marked and/or flagged by Contractor in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, current edition, as amended.

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9. All materials incorporated in the work, to be accepted by the County, shall be new first-quality material installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, or these specifications, whichever is more applicable. It is the intent of this specification to provide materials free from defects in workmanship and product.
10. The user department will notify the contractor when repair is needed. Contractor does not survey the poles periodically. Services will be on **"as needed basis"**.

**CLARIFICATION:** Traffic control is to be included in all costs bid. The Texas Department of Transportation approval is required for lane closures. There shall be no lane closure during weekdays rush hour periods from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Each bidder shall list each piece of equipment, brand, size, model, age and vehicle condition to be used for lighting repairs for this agreement. Equipment shall be readily identifiable at Contractor's equipment, logo, etc.
2. All work and materials shall conform to the requirements and regulations of the National Electric Safety Code.
3. All electrical work performed under the agreement shall be under the supervision of a licensed electrician.
4. In the event the contractor fails to perform routine emergency lighting repairs in an "as built" and timely manner, the County may obtain services from a secondary vendor. In such event, Hidalgo County will charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost incurred by Hidalgo County for such item or service.
5. The Contractor shall provide a written guarantee on workmanship and materials for a period of one (1) year after the date of acceptance by the County. Any defects observed within the one (1) year guarantee period shall be repaired and/or replaced to the City's satisfaction at no additional cost to the County.

**STANDARD TERMS & CONDITION:**

1. Term of contract is for one (1) year period with County's option to renew contract for an additional one (1) year under the same rates, terms and conditions.
2. County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.
3. County will seek purchases from state awarded vendors whenever it is, its best interest to do so.
4. After bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidders(s) and/or in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost to the County.

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5. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete during the term of the contract under the same rates and conditions.
6. Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until;
  - a) The contract expires
  - b) Delivery acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or
  - c) Terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to be cancellation.
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the bid to MULTIPLE bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
8. Insurance requirements for this project to be maintained through out the contract term (Refer to limits on the Exhibit "C" for limits).
9. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantage to the County.
10. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action. In cases of discrepancy between unit price and extension, the unit price shall govern.
11. After bid is awarded and low bidder s default s in meeting the general instructions to bidders and/or comply with contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next low bidder. In such event, County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost of such item.

**Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustments:**

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

- 1) **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.
  - A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
  - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
  - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
  - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
  - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders

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received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.

- 2) **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
- 3) **Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.
- 4) **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
- 5) **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

**Additional Information:**

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed on to Hidalgo County.

Information regarding this project can be addressed in writing, to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Hidalgo County is also requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposal or statement of qualifications be addressed to Martha L. Salazar, Cppb, Purchasing Agent, **AT 2802 SOUTH BUSINESS HWY 281, EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539.**

**TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN, Tuesday February 19, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M., AT (956) 318-2629. RESPONSES TO SAID INQUIRIES WILL BE SENT TO ALL APPLICANTS VIA FACSIMILE BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. Friday February 22, 2013.**

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**HIDALGO COUNTY Pct 1 (MID VALLEY)**

PROJECT (CSJ)	CIRCUIT NO.	NO. OF POLES	NO. OF LIGHTS
0039-18-085	D	1	2
0039-18-085	E	16	28
0039-18-085	F	13	26
0039-18-085	G	14	26
0039-18-085	S	5	10
0039-18-085	T	8	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>106</b>

**HIDALGO COUNTY Pct 3 (PALMVIEW)**

PROJECT (CSJ)	CIRCUIT NO.	NO. OF POLES	NO. OF LIGHTS
0039-17-134	A	12	24
0039-17-134	B	12	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>48</b>