



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

February 11, 2013

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**  
Request For Proposals -

**“Registered Pharmacist Services for Hidalgo County  
Health and Human Services Department”  
RFP No: 2013-008-02-27-YZV**

Dear Respondents:

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, CPPB  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

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Enclosures



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) CHECKLIST

### HIDALGO COUNTY

“Registered Pharmacist Services for Hidalgo County  
Health and Human Services Department”

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1. Request For Proposals Letter.
2. Request for Proposals, Legal Notice, consisting of  9  pages.
3. Requirements, Exhibit A, consisting of  7  pages.
4. Evaluation Criteria, Exhibit B, consisting of  3  pages.
5. Insurance Requirements, Exhibit C, consisting of  4  pages.
6. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ), Exhibit D, consisting of  1  page.
7. Participant's Affidavit, Exhibit E, consisting of  1  page.
8. Vendor Application and Request for Taxpayers Identifications Number (W-9) form, consisting of  6  pages.
9. Certification Regarding Debarment, consisting of  1  page.
10. Draft Service Contract, consisting of  9  pages

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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February 11, 2013  
Date

RFP NO: <b>2013-008-02-27</b>	BUYER: YOLANDA Z. VELASQUEZ	Tel. No: (956) 318-2626
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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Hidalgo County**  
Edinburg, Texas

### “REGISTERED PHARMACIST SERVICES”

**FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Administration Building  
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281  
Mailing/US Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281  
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(956) 318-2626

Form HCPD-04

## LEGAL NOTICE

**RFP NO: 2013-008-02-27-YZV**

1. Sealed proposals/qualifications will be received for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department for: **“REGISTERED PHARMACIST SERVICES”**, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Proposals should address all requirements set forth. Proposers may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall proposal.
2. One (1) original and seven (7) copies of all RFPs are required, with the vendor's name and address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package, **RFP NO: 2013-008-02-27-YZV-“REGISTERED PHARMACIST SERVICES”** and in County's Purchasing Department, **physical address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281; mailing address: 2812 S. Hwy. Business 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, on or before 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, FEBRUARY 27, 2013.**

**NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFP 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.**

**Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all proposals 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: **A.** separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this proposal that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; **B.** right to reject any or all proposals submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal for approval. Receipt of any proposal shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar proposal and; **C.** award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposals 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 proposals and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each proposer shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the proposal and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Proposer should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the proposals.
6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, proposers are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their proposal including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.

7. No proposal may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the scheduled time to open proposals.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced proposal opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this /qualifications document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Proposals/Qualifications. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their proposal.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a proposal or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security card to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.
15. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS: (If applicable)
  - . No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
  - . At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
  - . If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
(956) 318-2626
16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:
  - . Invoices must include:
    - a) Name and address of successful proposer
    - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
    - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
    - d) Notation – **“REGISTERED PHARMACIST 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-Health & Human Services Department**  
**Attn.: Eddie Olivarez**  
**1304 S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Edinburg, TX 78539**  
**(956) 383-6221**

17. Schedule of Events

<b>Projected Proposal Opening, 9:30 A.M.,</b>	<b><u>FEBRUARY 27, 2013</u></b>
<b>Project/Anticipated Award Date:</b>	<b>_____ , 2013</b>
<b>Commence Work or Deliver Products</b>	<b>_____ , 2013</b>

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

- . ~~If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and services exceeding \$100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas.~~

**All participants are required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.**

- . ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a proposal, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the proposer shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.~~
- . ~~If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men have been paid.~~
- . ~~If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor *shall* provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.~~
- . ~~For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.~~

19. Ethical Standards:

- . It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit,

demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal 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.

20. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

- . Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contract or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful Proposer fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

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

21. If, during the life of any contract or proposal awarded, the successful proposer's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.
22. Proposals, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
23. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Proposers: A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a proposal, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

- . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the proposal;
  - . Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
  - . Have a satisfactory record of performance;
  - . Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
  - . Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
23. Successful proposer will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful proposers' officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.
24. Any contract award to a successful proposer will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.
25. County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful proposer; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful proposer fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
  - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
  - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
26. Successful proposer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful proposer, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Successful proposer indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful proposer shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful proposer's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods or services provided by successful proposer.
27. Successful proposer shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and

be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Proposals shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful proposer within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.

28. This document and any disputes arising hereunder shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas, and will be performable exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.
29. The successful proposer shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.
30. Proposers shall provide with the proposal response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.
31. Proposers must provide **all** documentation requested with this Proposal in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal as none conforming.

**Request for Proposals  
“REGISTERED PHARMACIST SERVICES”**

**RFP NO: 2013-008-02-27-YZV**

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**  
**REQUIREMENTS**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**"REGISTERED PHARMACIST SERVICES"**  
**RFP NO: 2013-008-02-27-YZV**

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to enter into a "Registered Pharmacist Services" contract(s) with a state-registered (Texas) Pharmacist. The Hidalgo County Purchasing

Department will receive sealed envelopes containing statements of qualifications for the provision of "Hidalgo County Registered Pharmacist Services for Health and Human Services Department" as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, February 27, 2013**. **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

Deliver Submittal to:

RFP NO: 2013-008-02-27-YZV

US Postal Mail Address:

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

Physical Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
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**The Submittal Envelope Must Show the RFP Number, Name and Acceptance Date.**

The following outlines the Request For Proposals:

## **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, with a **Physical location of:** 2802 So. Business Hwy 281, (**Southeast Corner of Canton & Business Highway 281**) Hidalgo County New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, 78539. at 2802 So. Business Hwy 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, FEBRUARY 20, 2013, at 5:00 P.M.** at (956) 318-2629. Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by **Friday, FEBRUARY 22, 2013**. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Effective February 17, 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as **Exhibit D**, the vendor, person consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contract or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property,

goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful bidder fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

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**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:**

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

**NON-COLLUSION:**

Submitters, by submitting a signed submission, certify that the accompanying submission is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Texas or United States law.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

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

**PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:**

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

**ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF BIDS:**

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

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:**

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

**SUBMITTER DEFAULT:**

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

**RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:**

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

**RFP DELIVERY:** Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering qualifications, to make sure that it is stamped with date and time by the County Purchasing Department staff.

**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 CONTRACT:**

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

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this agreement for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the agreement terms for unforeseen delay in award of the new request for qualifications.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission for (bids, proposal and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the participant and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

**DAVIS BACON ACT: (IF APPLICABLE)**

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

## SECTION II RFQ REQUIREMENTS

### **Request For Proposal:**

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

### **Contents:**

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

### **Understanding of the Project:**

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

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to engage a competent licensed pharmacist to provide services for the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department. The pharmacist will be in charge for all County Health Clinic pharmacies and perform the services that include, but are not limited to, as stated herein.

### **OFFEROR'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent "Registered Pharmacist(s)" licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Participant must have a minimum of 7 to 10 years experience in Public Health Pharmaceutical services;
- Meet inspections and the other requirements of the Texas Pharmacy Act and related regulations promulgated by the Texas State of Pharmacy;
- Dispense prescription orders;
- Conduct in-service training at least annually for supportive personnel who proved drugs, which training shall be related to actions, contraindications, adverse reactions and pharmacology of drug contained in the formulary;
- Contractor represents and maintain that he is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Hidalgo County, the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services department or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that he does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of the County, County's Health and Human Services Department and/or any agency of the County;

- Contractor may not assign the obligation or rights under this Contract to any person without the prior written consent of the County.
- The contractor/participant should provide as much background information as to its' experience in providing services to City, County, State or any other governmental agencies.

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

**Personnel and Staffing:**

The participant 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 and the STATE OF TEXAS. The Registered Pharmacist(s) should add copies of their Professional Liability Insurance.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed statements of qualifications from experienced Registered Pharmacist(s) to provide all the Pharmacist(s) services required for the "Registered Pharmacist Services" for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department. The registered pharmacist(s) services contract will encompass all project-related pharmacist(s) services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

- Provide continuous supervision of registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, physician assistants technicians and assistance carrying out the pharmacy-related provisions;
- Provide documented periodic on-site visits as specified in the Texas Pharmacy Act and related regulations promulgated in the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to ensure that the clinic is following set policies and procedures. The documentation provided by the registered pharmacist(s) consultant shall be as specified in the Texas Pharmacy Act and related regulations promulgated in the Texas State Board of Pharmacy;
- Provide development of a formulary for the clinics, in conjunction with the clinics' pharmacy and therapeutic committee consisting of drugs and/or devices needed to meet the objectives of the clinic;

- Provide for a method and procedures for procurement and storage of drugs and/or devices and determine specifications of all drugs and/or devices procured by the County's Clinic;
- Maintain records of all transactions of the pharmacy as may be required by applicable law and as may be necessary to maintain accurate control over and accountability for all drugs and /or devices;
- Provide development and periodic review of a policy and procedural manual for the pharmacy in conjunction with the clinics' pharmacy and therapeutic committee.

Hidalgo County proposes to pay the "Registered Pharmacist(s)" monthly by check.

**PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:** The fee will be negotiated based on the scope of work.

## **PART III-SELECTION AND SCHEDULES**

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES/EVALUATION SYSTEM:**

The evaluation consists of a 100-point scoring system. However, after the 100-point evaluation, Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court may elect to narrow the participating firms and request a presentation from a representative from firms.

- A. Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by Commissioner's Court) will review, score and evaluate the proposals received in response to this Hidalgo County request for proposals.
- B. After the RFP's have been reviewed, scored and evaluated, a grid will be presented to Commissioner's Court for the purposes of ranking.

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

**NEGOTIATION PROCESS:** The number one ranked firm will be contacted to submit a letter of engagement/contract for negotiations. If negotiations prove unsuccessful, Commissioner's Court will terminate negotiations with the firm and will contact the next highest ranked firm to open negotiations. The County of Hidalgo reserves the right to reject any and all RFP's.

**TERMINATION OF SERVICES:** Any contract awarded to a qualified firm will be in effect until (a) the contract expires or (b) performance of all services are completed, or (c) terminated by County with or without cause, with ninety (90) days written notice prior to cancellation, or (d) until County has engaged the services of a new registered pharmacists for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**SELECTION CRITERIA**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**“Registered Pharmacists Services for  
Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department”**

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

### **“Registered Pharmacists Services for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department”**

#### **RFP-2013-008-02-27-YZV**

The submitter'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. Qualifications/Certifications/and other Credentials (20)**

The pharmacist should provide information related to his qualifications. The pharmacist(s) must be registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas. Pharmacist(s) must provide a copy of certificate by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, and any other credentials/registrations or other pertinent information that demonstrates qualifications to perform the services required. A list of, and scope of, similar projects for comparative purposes shall be included in an appendix.

#### **2. Understanding the Services/Methodology (20)**

The pharmacist must state the approach and/or (methodology) in achieving and rendering all services detailed and required as the Pharmacist for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department. If the Pharmacist currently has an active practice, the Pharmacist must state in detail how he can comply and render all the services, and requirements detailed for the contract. Pharmacist should include any local issues or concerns that directly affect the pharmacist's understanding of the project.

#### **3. Experience (30)**

The pharmacist must have a minimum of 7 to 10 years experience in public health pharmaceutical services. Also, experience maintaining control over and accountability for all drugs and be knowledgeable with all regulations promulgated in the Texas State Pharmacy Act. Pharmacist must be in good standing with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

#### **4. Ability to Commit to all Services Required (30)**

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

## EVALUATION FORM

### “REGISTERED PHARMACIST SERVICES FOR HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT” RFP NO: 2013-008-02-27-YZV

<u>Selection Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
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**1. Pharmacist(s) Qualifications/Certifications/and other Credentials**

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Comments/Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Understanding the Services/Methodology**

The pharmacist must state the approach and/or (methodology) in achieving and rendering all services detailed and required as the Pharmacist for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department.

If the Pharmacist currently has an active family practice, the Pharmacist must state in detail how he can comply and render all the services, and requirements detailed for the contract. Pharmacist should include any local issues or concerns that directly affect the pharmacist's understanding of the project.

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Comments/Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Experience:**

The pharmacist must have a minimum of 7 to 10 years experience in Public Health Pharmaceutical services. Also maintaining control over and accountability for all drugs and be knowledgeable with all regulations promulgated in the Texas State Pharmacy Act. Pharmacist must be in good standing with the Texas Board of Pharmacy.

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Comments/Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Ability to commit all services required.**

The pharmacist should provide as much background information as to it's experience in providing similar services to city, county or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

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Comments/Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**Insurance Requirements**  
**(Physicians)**

The Bidder awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the bidder 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 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, including at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

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

# ACORD

## CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER	THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.		
	<b>INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>		
INSURED	INSURER A:		
	INSURER B:		
	INSURER C:		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		

### COVERAGES

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

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR				MEDICAL (Any one person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT. PROT				PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY				ANNUAL AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGGREGATE \$
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) \$
	<b>GARAGE LIABILITY</b>				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN EA ACC \$
					AUTO ONLY EA ACC AGG \$
C	<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 STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER \$
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE \$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$
	<b>OTHER</b>				

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
<b>Hidalgo County</b> 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 <b>30</b> 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 the project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;

" will acquire additional amount needed to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of the 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 certificate of insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Notice to Bidder:**

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 of the project 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 of the project to be rescinded and then re-awarded to next qualified vendor. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

**THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANY YOUR RESPONSE**

**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 bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid or response.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO   §

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES  
**C-13-008-00-00**

THIS AGREEMENT is made on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, **2013** by and between HIDALGO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, (hereinafter "County") and \_\_\_\_\_ a Texas Licensed Pharmacist, (hereinafter "Contractor") to provide services for the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department in the manner hereinafter provided.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Contractor responded to advertised notices for bids for **"Registered Pharmacist Services"**, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a proposal to provide services in accordance with Exhibit "A" Request for Proposals (RFP) Procurement Packet attached hereto respectively, and incorporated herein for all purposes of (the "RFP"); and;

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Contractor's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with Specifications within the Request for Proposals (RFP) Procurement Packet, the Commissioners Court of County awarded the bid to **Contractor**

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR THE MUTUAL CONSIDERATION EXPRESSED

HEREINAFTER, County and Contractor agree and covenant as follows:

1. Contractor agrees to provide the services necessary to perform the position of Pharmacist in Charge for all County Health Clinic Pharmacies ("Clinics") and perform the services that include, but are not limited to, those set forth as follows:

a. Provide continuous supervision of registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, physician assistant technicians and assistants carrying out the pharmacy-related provisions.

b. Provide documented periodic on-site visits as specified in the Texas Pharmacy Act and related regulations promulgated in the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to insure that the Clinics are following set policies and procedures. The documentation provided by Contractor shall be as specified in the Texas Pharmacy Act and related regulations promulgated in the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

c. Provide development of a formulary for the Clinics, in conjunction with the Clinics' pharmacy and therapeutics committee consisting of drugs and/or devices needed to meet the objectives of the Clinics.

d. Provide for a method and procedures for procurement and storage of drugs and/or devices and determine specifications of all drugs and/or devices procured by the Clinics.

e. Maintain records of all transactions of the Clinics as may be required by applicable law and as may be necessary to maintain accurate control over and accountability for all drugs and/or devices.

f. Provide development and periodic review of a policy and procedural manual for the Clinics in conjunction with the clinics pharmacy and therapeutic committee.

g. Meet inspections and other requirements of the Texas Pharmacy Act and related regulations with respect to the Clinics as promulgated by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

h. Dispense prescription orders.

i. Conduct in-service training at least annually for supportive personnel who provide drugs, which training shall be related to actions, contraindications, adverse reactions and pharmacology of drugs contained in the Clinics.

2. The term of this Contract shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and continue through \_\_\_\_\_ and may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an additional one (1) year, under the same rates, terms and conditions, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the provisions herein. County reserves the right to continue this Contract for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period, under the same rates, terms and conditions.

3. As consideration for providing the services outlined above, Contractor shall be paid \_\_\_\_\_ **per month**. Such sum shall be paid to Contractor on or before the tenth day following the preceding month (or a portion thereof) that Contractor performed services for the County.

4. Contractor represents and maintain that he is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Hidalgo County, the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that he does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of the County, County's Health and Human Services Department and/or any agency of the County.

5. County and Contractor agree that either party may terminate this Agreement at any time during the Term of this Agreement for any reason or no reason at all upon giving the other party notice of the desire to terminate this Agreement at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date of the proposed termination. In such event, this Agreement shall be null and void as of the date of termination and neither party shall have any further rights arising from the terms of this Agreement.

6. Contractor agrees to provide liability insurance covering his activities in providing the services for County in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act. Section 100.002 et.seq., Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code with County as a named insured and shall furnish County a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect. In addition, Contractor agrees to hold County harmless for any and all claims arising out of any activity conducted by Contractor in providing services under this Contract.

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) written notice prior to

cancellation.

7. Contractor may not assign the obligation or rights under this Contract to any person without the prior written consent of County.

8. Notice. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, all notices, demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be sent personally against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by 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, Texas  
Attn: Ramon Garcia, County Judge  
302 West University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

9. Conflict with Applicable Law. Nothing in this Contract 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 Contract and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment hereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Contract shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the

time such conflict exists.

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

11. Entire Agreement. This Contract 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 Contract not specifically set forth herein. This Contract may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Contractor and not otherwise.

12. Texas Law to Apply. 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.

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

14. Successors. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrator, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Contract.

15. Assignment. This Agreement shall not be assignable; provided, however, that Contractor may assign its right to receive payments hereunder for the purpose of obtaining financing so long as Contractor is not excused from and/or does not delegate its duties hereunder.

16. Headings. The headings and captions contained in this Contract are solely for

convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.

17. Gender and Number. All pronouns used in this Contract shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

18. Authority to Execute. The execution and performance of this Contract by County and Contractor have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Contract constitutes and valid and enforceable obligations of County and Contractor in accordance with its terms.

19. Ethical Provision. It is understood that employees of County or individuals acting as agents for County are not authorized to receive any type of personal payment, reimbursement, compensation, commission, gift or gratuity for services provided under this Contract. Contractor warrants that no employee or agent of the County has been retained to solicit or secure this Contract and that Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any employee of County any fee, commission, percentage brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration contingent upon the making of this Contract, or as an inducement for entering into this Contract. The unauthorized offering or receipt of such payments may result in the immediate termination of this Contract.

20. 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 the County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Contractor. County 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 County pursuant to the provision of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann §271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).

21. Indemnity and Hold Harmless. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold County harmless from any loss, costs, liabilities or damages which are incurred by County which are attributable to the acts or omissions of Contractor or the acts or omissions of Contractor's employees, agents or other representatives, including the violation of any law or regulation related to Contractor's duties under this Agreement.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, County agrees to indemnify and hold Contractor harmless from any loss, costs, liabilities or damages which are incurred by Contractor which are primarily attributable to the acts or omissions of County or the acts or omissions of County employees, agents or other representatives, including the violation of any law or regulation related to County's duties under this Agreement.

22. Representation and Warranties. Contractor represents and warrants to County that all representations and warranties of Contractor as contained in its responses to County's Request for Proposal are true and correct as of the date hereof. In the event any representation or warranty of Contractor hereunder is or becomes incorrect or untrue, Contractor agrees to promptly notify County thereof, in which event County may, in its sole discretion, elect to terminate this Contract, for cause. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that County has relied and continues to rely upon the representations and warranties of Contractor as herein contained as contained in County's Request for Qualifications as a material inducement to County to enter into the Contract.

WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon Garcia, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ARTURO GUAJARDO JR, COUNTY CLERK

CONTRACTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

Approved on Commissioners' Court \_\_\_\_\_

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

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