

EXHIBIT "A"

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT No. 4 "HAULING SERVICES FOR HOT MIX" Bid No. 2013-080-03-20-YSI

SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Scope of Services:

Hidalgo County is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the service of hauling and delivery of Hot Mix material from awarded vendor pits identified herein to sites situated and located within Hidalgo County. All hauling services will be on an "**As Needed Basis**" as requested by Precinct No. 4. The County reserves the right to utilize its own trucks and drivers at the discretion of Precinct No. 4; throughout the duration of the contract.

Specifications/Requirements:

The specifications/requirements goods contract will encompass hauling of all road materials from awarded vendor pits identified herein to sites situated and located within Hidalgo, in accordance with the specifications/requirements specified herein and including, but not limited to all provisions set forth in the accompanying documentation.

1. All hauling and delivery of road material will be on an "**As Needed Basis**" only. There is no guaranteed volume.
2. Road material will be hauled from awarded vendor's "pit" locations.
3. Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 is requesting a minimum of seven (7) hauling trailers and three (3) to five (5) hauling tandem trucks, to be available. Including five (5) trucks to be vendor owned.
4. The bidder must provide proof of ownership (copy of titles) and must furnish proof of possessing all necessary licenses and hauling permits.
5. Attached you will find a request for Truck and driver information in EXHIBIT "B", ATTACHEMENTS B-1 & B-2, Copies of the mentioned documentations must be submitted with your bid packet.
6. Trucks should be available at the discretion of Precinct No. 4 and will be on an "As Needed Basis".
7. Trucks must have a capacity of carrying a minimum of twenty-two (22) tons per load.
8. The successful bidder agrees to abide by all applicable state laws, regulations and be in compliance with all OSHA and TXDOT's regulations and requirements.

9. Bidder will provide all labor, machinery and equipment, tools and materials required to render services.
10. Insurance Certificates as per Exhibit "C" must be submitted to the Purchasing Department prior to any services being performed by the awarded bidder(s).
11. Bid will be based on low bid per ton basis as listed on bid page form.

Road Materials to be hauled:

- Hot Mix Cold Laid
- Type D Hot Mix-Asphalt and/or Limestone

Locations of current pits and plants are as followed:

Listed vendors are subject to be changed upon material contract expiration.

A. Hot Mix Cold Laid;

B. Type D Hot Mix Asphalt & Limestone;

Frontera Materials: - Reavis Pit: - Approx. 4 mi N. of US 83 on FM2221
go S. approx. 4 mi to pit- La Joya, TX.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1.) The **term of the requirements contract will be for a one (1) year period.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year, under agreement with the same rates, terms and conditions. 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.
- 2.) Hidalgo 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 the next contract term.
- 3.) Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the lowest qualified bid on a lump sum basis to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
- 4.) After Bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidder(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 of such item.
- 5.) Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete items 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:
 - The contract expires.
 - Terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice.

- 7.) Insurance requirements for this project to be maintained throughout the term of this project (refer to Exhibit "C" for limits).
- 8.) 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.
- 9.) Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
- 10.) Bidder(s) agree that to the extent an item(s) is unavailable from Bidder's own inventory, Bidder(s) will be responsible for locating an alternative supplier and for providing the service to Hidalgo County at no cost to the County.
- 11.) Have been in business for at least two (2) years.
- 12.) The bidder awarded the contract shall not engage the services of a subcontractor without prior written consent of Hidalgo County. When requesting written consent from Hidalgo County to retain a subcontractor to perform services hereunder the successful bidder must present evidence and submit to the County that the successful bidder and the proposed subcontractor possess all necessary licenses and permits to perform the services described herein and that the successful bidder and the proposed subcontractor have obtained and submitted the required insurance coverage and policies as required by Hidalgo County.
- 13.) The successful bidder shall not deliver products or provide services without a Hidalgo County Purchase Order, signed by an authorized agent of the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department.
- 14.) All cost and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bids, proposals, statements of qualifications(RFQ) and quotes shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statements of qualifications be addressed to, Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, 2802 S. Bus. Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Tx 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE NO LATER THAN, Wednesday, by 5:00 p.m. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than Friday, by 5:00 P.M.

EXHIBIT "B"

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT 4 HAULING SERVICES HOT MIX BID NO.: 2013-080-03-20-YSI

BID PAGE

PART I:

AWARD WILL BE BASED ON THE LOWEST BID PER TON MEETING ALL REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS. ROAD MATERIALS WILL BE HAULED FROM AWARDED VENDORS "PIT" LOCATIONS. LISTED VENDORS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON MATERIAL CONTRACT EXPIRATION.

EXAMPLE:		\$3.00	25%	.75
PLANT LOCATION/ ROAD MATERIALS		TOTAL COST PER TON	FUEL COSTS PERCENTAGE PER TON	CURRENT/BASE FUEL COST
<u>Frontera Materials- Hot Mix-Cold Laid</u>	<u>Reavis Pit-</u> Approx 4 mi N. of US 83 on FM2221 La Joya, TX.	\$	%	\$
<u>Frontera Materials- Type D Hot Mix Asphalt</u>	<u>Reavis Pit-</u> Approx 4 mi N. of US 83 on FM2221 La Joya, TX.	\$	%	\$
<u>Frontera Materials- Type D Hot Mix Limestone</u>	<u>Reavis Pit-</u> Approx 4 mi N. of US 83 on FM2221 La Joya, TX.	\$	%	\$

PART II.

BID PRICE ADJUSTMENT BY HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4

At the time of bid opening South Texas is experiencing historic high fuel prices. Therefore, Hidalgo County Precinct No.4 is requesting pricing adjustments based on the following:

A Fuel Cost Base Bid Price for project will be based on the OPIS Fuel Index for, **March 15, 2013**. For each 10% (increase or decrease) in the OPIS Index of **March 15, 2013** during the contract term, the fuel cost(s) portion of the awarded bid price(s) will be adjusted accordingly. (As per above samples, a 10% increase is reflected as follows: \$1.00=\$1.10 and \$ 1.10=\$1.21; a 10% decrease is reflected as follows: \$1.00=\$0.90 and\$ 1.10=\$0.99)

In the event you submit an invoice reflecting a price change under this provision, the Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 will only honor the change if a copy of the OPIS report on which the change is based accompanies the invoice. Additionally, the Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 reserves the right to independently verify changes in OPIS pricing and to modify an invoice amount based on a 10% change in the OPIS Index.

In determining whether price changes are permitted hereunder. The appropriate OPIS Index is the index issued of the date of the invoice

Acknowledgment and agreement to Bid Price Adjustment Part I & II for the term of the contract including any grace period extension.

The undersigned certifies that he has fully read and understands this "Request for Bid" and has full knowledge of the scope, quantity, and quality of the services and materials to be furnished and intends to adhere to the provisions described herein. The undersigned also affirms that they are duly authorized to submit this Bid, that this Bid has not been prepared in collusion with any other Vendor, and that the contents of this Bid have not been communicated to any other Vendor prior to the official opening of this Bid.

BIDDER/COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE & FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELLULAR NUMBER: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

(Must be included in Bid Packet)

