



# HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

## OUT - OF - COUNTY FINAL TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIM

EMPLOYEE NAME : COMMISSIONER JOSEPH PALACIOS DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ PCT # \_\_\_\_\_  
 TRAVEL TO CITY : WASHINGTON STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ D.C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTURE DATE: 4/9/2013 RETURN DATE: 4/11/2013  
 TIME OF DEPARTURE: 1:00 PM TIME OF RETURN: 7:47 PM

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**I. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES MADE ON ACCOUNT OF OFFICE BUSINESS:**

DESCRIPTION OF TRIP	DATES OF TRAVEL FOR YEAR						2013
	MONTH / DAY	MONTH / DAY	MONTH / DAY	MONTH / DAY	MONTH / DAY	MONTH / DAY	
	4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	TOTALS
Airline / Bus / Train	\$ 2,109.20	<i>1054.60</i>	<i>Jesus Ozuna</i>	<i>pd for both</i>			\$ 2,109.20
Car Rental		<i>1054.60</i>	<i>Com. Palacios</i>				
Gasoline for Car Rental							
Personal Car Mileage	Beginning Mileage:		Ending Mileage:		TOTAL MILEAGE:	(MILEAGE RATE)	
ODOMETER READINGS:					-	0.565	

NOTE: Mileage is calculated on a point-to-point basis using "Mapquest". Reasonable incidental travel may be reimbursed when the traveler provides specific address destination points by using "Mapquest" to determine mileage. The most direct distance to the destination will be allowed. Any out-of-way or unreasonable travel distance as determined by the County Auditor will be at the expense of the traveler.

Hotel (Excluding Meals)	<i>269.59</i>	<del>239.16</del>	512.96	<i>2 ROOMS</i>	<i>(256.48)</i>	<i>(256.48)</i>	<i>782.55</i>	<del>782.12</del>
Parking / Tolls								
Taxi and Other Ground Transportation	<i>68.00</i>	<i>- 28.00</i>	<i>- 40.00</i>				<i>68.00</i>	
Telephone								
Registration Fees								
MEALS (based upon actual charges)	NOTE: When traveling out of state trip and claiming actual meal expenses, receipts must be provided for all days of travel. If not reimbursement will be based on the \$39 per diem.							
Type of Travel (In State = 1 / Out of State = 2)	2							
With Receipts = 1 / Without Receipts = 2	2		2	2				
Breakfast (\$9 per diem)			9.00	9.00				
Lunch (\$12 per diem)			12.00	12.00				
Dinner (\$18 per diem)	18.00		18.00	18.00				
Total Actual Meal Expense	18.00		39.00	39.00				
Total Allowable Meal Expense per County Policy (County Employee)	18.00		39.00	39.00				96.00
Other (Please explain below):								

Explanation Notes:				TOTAL FROM T-4 CONTINUATION FORM		
II. Travel Expenditures paid by COUNTY CHECK or COUNTY CREDIT CARD that were NOT advanced to employee. (I.e. Airfare, Hotel accommodations, Car Rentals, Registration)				TOTAL ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES		\$ <i>3055.75</i>
Payee Name	Expense Type	Check No./ PO. No.	Amount	AMOUNTS ADVANCED TO EMPLOYEE ON:		
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL	HOTEL	234596	\$ <i>269.59</i>			
			<del>239.16</del>	TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAID BY COUNTY CK OR COUNTY CREDIT CARD NOT ADVANCED TO EMPLOYEE		<i>269.59</i>
				REMIT TO ME		<i>2786.16</i>
				REMITTED TO COUNTY TREASURER ON		
Total			\$ <i>269.59</i>			
			<del>239.16</del>	TREASURER RECEIPT NO.		\$ 0.00

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The above funds were used solely for official County business. I have not and do not anticipate to receive reimbursement for the above listed travel expenditures from another source.

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE: Joseph Palacios DATE: 17-Apr  
 APPROVED BY: Joseph Palacios DIVISION DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR DATE: 17-Apr

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY: Joseph Palacios DEPARTMENT HEAD  
 GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT NUMBER: 3-1200-431-00-124-005-0-583

**HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
TRAVEL REQUEST FORM  
USING THE STATE OF TEXAS TRAVEL CARD**

**As per County Travel Policy (at least two (2) weeks prior to the date the check will be needed)**

Date of Travel Request Submission: 04-04-2013  
Department: Hidalgo Co. Pct #4 Requestor: Diana G. EXT: 4014  
Number of Employees: 2  
Employee(s) Name (DOB if requesting airfare): Joseph Palacios and Jesus M. Ozuna.  
Destination: Washington D.C.  
Name of Seminar/Conference: Meeting with Census Director in Wash.,D.C.  
Travel Account Number: 2-1200-431-00-124-005-0-584

**HOTEL:** Req. #: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. #: \_\_\_\_\_ *Citi Bank*

**MUST REQUEST CHECK FOR HOTEL**

Hotel Name: Capitol Hilton Hotel Address: Washington, DC  
Number of Rooms: 1 Hotel Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check In: 04/09/2013 Check Out: 04/11/2013  
Single Bed or ~~Double Beds~~

**AUTO:** Req. #: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor # 396095

Rental Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time of Pick up: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time of Drop off: \_\_\_\_\_

**AIRFARE:** Req. #: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. #: CITIBANK vendor #: 343277  
Refundable: YES NO Airline Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Joseph Palacios* 4/4/13  
Signature: Elected Official/Department Head Date

Original Signature is required

**For Purchasing Department Office Use Only**

Hotel Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_ Spoke to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Auto Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Flight Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Received Confirmation via email/fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Authorization Form Hotel: \_\_\_\_\_ Faxed back to Hotel: \_\_\_\_\_  
CC Approval on: \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_  
HCPD-TRAVEL-2011 REVISED 2012 CC APPROVED ON: 3/06/2012

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**MEETING WITH CENSUS OFFICIALS – AGENDA - APRIL 10, 2013**  
**(estimated time for meeting is 40 minutes)**

1. Introductions and issue comments.
2. Undercount consequences:
  - a. Loss of federal funds between 2002 and 2012 (PriceWaterhouseCoopers Study):
    - i. Hidalgo County over **\$71 million** in federal funds were lost in Hidalgo, Cameron and Starr Counties alone: TAB1
    - ii. Programs impacted: **Medicaid, Foster Care, Rehabilitation Services Basic Support, Child Care and Development Block Grant, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Adoption Assistance, Vocational Education Basic Grants and Social Services Block Grants.**
3. Smoking gun of what we discovered – what Hidalgo County has done:
  - a. Pictures of roof tops compared with Census Block population numbers
    - i. TAB 2 – picture Blk 2085 Track 0242.03
    - ii. TAB 3 – picture Blk 1058 Track 0242.03
    - iii. TAB 4 – picture Blk 482150224011036
    - iv. TAB 5 – picture whole neighborhoods
    - v. TAB 6 - First Ten Blocks: Loss of over \$6Million
    - vi. SUBMISSIONS 90425, 90477, 90550 – Extensive documents submitted under the count Question Resolution Program (CQRP).
    - vii. Hidalgo County has spent considerable resources documenting what we are convinced were missed addresses. **Hidalgo County deserves an adequate response! TAB 7**
4. What Hidalgo County seeks:
  - a. Adequate response to our submissions(Sub Nos: 90425, 90477 and 90550)
  - b. Potential possibilities on mid-term census. Enormous growth expected due to Eagle Ford Shale economic impact. TAB 8.
  - c. Plans for 2020 Census – is special legislation needed?

# Undercount Economic Considerations

## HIDALGO CO

2010 POP – 774,749  
2000 POP MISSED – 12,248  
RATE – 2.13%  
2010 POP MISSED – 16,502  
EST LOSS REVENUE –

\$41,256,449.00

Based on US Census estimate of  
\$3,000 per missed person over 10  
year period

## CAMERON CO

2010 POP – 406,220  
2000 POP MISSED – 9,156  
RATE – 2.69%  
2010 POP MISSED – 10,927  
EST LOSS REVENUE –

\$27,318,295.00

Based on US Census estimate of  
\$3,000 per missed person over 10  
year period

## STARR CO

2010 POP – 60,968  
2000 POP MISSED – 1,237  
RATE – 2.27%  
2010 POP MISSED – 1,384  
EST LOSS REVENUE –

\$3,459,934.00

Based on US Census estimate of  
\$3,000 per missed person over 10  
year period

## WILLACY CO

2010 POP – 22,134  
2000 POP MISSED – 448  
RATE – 2.30%  
2010 POP MISSED – 509  
EST LOSS REVENUE –

\$1,272,705.00

Based on US Census estimate of  
\$3,000 per missed person over 10  
year period

## TOTAL LOSS OF DOLLARS

HIDALGO	\$41,256,449.00
CAMERON	\$27,318,295.00
STARR	\$ 3,459,934.00
WILLACY	\$ 1,272,705.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 73,307,383.00</b>



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# COUNTY of HIDALGO



EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539

**HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**  
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Edinburg, Texas 78539-6243  
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**MAILING ADDRESS:**  
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P. O. BOX 689  
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540-0689

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

### NOTICE OF DISCREPANCY AND/OR ADVISORY

**DATE:** 04/22/2013

**TO:** Diana Gonzalez

**DEPARTMENT:** (124) COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

**FROM:** Emily Suarez

**PHONE:** (956)-318-2511 ext 4632

**REFERENCE:** PALACIOS, JOSEPH Invoice #04/09-11/13 *Jesus Ozuna*

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT (S), i.e. *Invoice #04/09-11/13* IS/ARE BEING RETURNED, BECAUSE OF THE REASON (S) INDICATED BELOW AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR MY OFFICE TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES ACCORDING TO STATUTES, POLICIES, FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

PAYMENT (S) OF CLAIMS RELATED TO THIS DOCUMENT (S) WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER CORRECTIVE ACTIONS HAS BEEN TAKEN AND THE CORRECTED AND PROPER DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED/RESUBMITTED TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE WITH SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE AUDITOR TO EXAMINE AND APPROVE BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, AS PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 113.064.

- EXPENDITURE INCURRED BEFORE PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED – PLEASE FOLLOW PROPER CLAIMS PROCEDURES
- PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER IS INCONSISTENT WITH INVOICE
- AMOUNT BILLED DOES NOT MATCH THE PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT
- VENDOR ON PURCHASE ORDER DOES NOT MATCH INVOICE
- INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION TO PROCESS PAYMENT
- SIGNATURE OR DATE NOT PRESENT
- SYSTEM SHOWS INVOICE PAID
- INSUFFICIENT FUNDING IN ACCOUNT #                      AVAILABLE \$
- NEEDS APPROVAL OF:
- NEEDS COMPLIANCE WITH PURCHASING POLICY/STATUTES/CONTRACTS (SEE COMMENTS)
- NEEDS CORRECTION(S):
- NEEDS ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION i.e.,:
- OTHER:
- COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATION:** Ms Diana,  
Any out of state travel must have prior approval from Budget, this final needs to be processed as a claim.

Thank you,  
Emily

COUNTY AUDITOR'S FORM      RE-CA-020  
REVISED: 08/2010

*cc 4/30/13*



### HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES

RICARDO P. RODRIGUEZ, JR JUDGE, 92ND D.C.	RODOLFO DELGADO JUDGE, 93RD D.C.	J. R. "BOBBY" FLORES JUDGE, 139TH D.C.	ROSE GUERRA REYNA JUDGE, 206TH D.C.	JUAN R. PARTIDA JUDGE, 275TH D.C.	MARIO E. RAMIREZ, JR. JUDGE, 332ND D.C.	NOE GONZALEZ JUDGE, 370TH D.C. OVERSEER	LETICIA LOPEZ JUDGE, 389TH D.C.	AIDA SALINAS FLORES JUDGE, 398TH D.C.
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