

URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court Agenda Request Form

No. 38272
Ester Gonzalez-Garcia

Date: April 15, 2013 Meeting Date Request: April 30, 2013
 Deadline for Action: April 30, 2013 Contact Person: Diana R. Serna
 Department: Urban County Program Phone: (956) 787-8127 Fax: (956) 318-2988

Diana R. Serna, UCP Director *[Signature]*

Caption:

- a. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(4) a professional service;
- b. Presentation of the scoring grid for the purpose of CCC ranking the sole member of the County's approved "Professional Appraisal Services Pool" for the **Appraisal Review** of appraisal services as qualified to continue to the next step of the process in connection with and funded through Hidalgo County Urban County Program GLO Contract No. 12-406-000-6453/DRS210068: Peñitas Drain project.

Review Appraisal Services	Grade	Ranked
HLH Appraisal Services	92.67	1

- c. Authority to negotiate a professional (Appraisal Review Services) contract with the sole member "qualified" firm *[Signature]* for the provision of Professional Appraisal Review Services for Precinct No. 3 – Peñitas Drain.

Background:

The sole member professional service firm rated from the County's approved "pool" is: HLH Appraisal Services Precinct No. 3 – Peñitas Drain.

Deputy Director *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]*

Please initial for approval:

Legal Counsel _____ Budget _____ Human Resources _____
 Dept./Fund No: _____ Amt. Expended: \$ _____ Funds/Staffing Budgeted: Yes _____ No _____
 Account code: _____ Impact on Future budget: Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioner's Court:

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

APPROVED Co. Comm. Ct.
 DATE 4/30/13 *[Signature]*

HLH APPRAISAL SERVICES
Specializing in Appraisal Review of Road and Drainage Projects

May 8, 2013

Ms. Ester Gonzalez-Garcia
Program Coordinator II
Urban County Program
3304 West Alberta Road
Edinburg, TX. 78539

RE: Letter of Best and Final Offer for "Appraisal Review Services" for Precinct 3 GLO Disaster Recovery Project known as the Penitas Drain in Hidalgo County.

Dear Ms. Gonzalez-Garcia:

This letter is in reference to your request of May 7, 2013 requesting my Scope of Services, Proposed Rate/Fee Schedule, W9 Form, Certificate of Debarment and Conflict of Interest Form in connection with the above project in Hidalgo County, Texas.

Exhibit A- The Scope of Work Services for this appraisal review assignment is to prepare appraisal review reports of appraisal reports prepared by the primary appraiser on the above project. More specifically, the scope of work also includes (1) to physically inspect the project and each parcel from the road right of way, (2) to review each appraisal report for USPAP compliance, and (3) to prepare and submit electronically an appraisal review submission for each parcel to the Hidalgo County Right of Way Department.

Exhibit A- My fee schedule for this project is \$450.00 for each appraisal review report of each parcel. Additionally, if any updated appraisal reviews are necessary, an update will be accomplished for the reduced fee of \$225.00. My commitment is to complete all appraisal review reports and any updated review reports within the time line requested and specified by Hidalgo County. **This is my best and final offer of my Scope of Services and proposed fee schedule for appraisal review services for this project.**

Also, attached are the originals of Form W9, Certificate of Debarment, copies of my current Insurance Certificates, and the current up to date copy of the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire Form. The CIQ Form is the latest that I filed with Hidalgo County for their RFQ dated December 5, 2012. The Form was recorded in the Hidalgo County Clerk's office and a copy of the form and recording data are both attached.

Please advise if any additional information is needed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

HLH: hh
Attachments



Harvey L. Heerssen
TX.State Certified General Appraiser
No. TX-1327190-G

**Request for Taxpayer
 Identification Number and Certification**

Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
 Harvey L. Heerssen

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above
 H L H Appraisal Services

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:
 Individual/sole proprietor C Corporation S Corporation Partnership Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶

Other (see instructions) ▶

Exempt payee

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
 6107 Cherton Forest Drive

City, state, and ZIP code
 Houston, TX 77084

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
 462-66-4872

Employer identification number

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here **Signature of U.S. person** *Harvey L. Heerssen* **Date** *5-8-13*

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature: Harvey L. Heerssen
Print Name: Harvey L. Heerssen
Title: Owner - I+LIT Appraisal Services
Telephone Number: 281-857-7763 - 281-799-5652
Date: 5-8-13

If the bidder is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
04/11/2013

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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PRODUCER The Pisani Agency 8588 Hwy 6 N Houston, TX 77095	CONTACT NAME: Adam Pisani	
	PHONE (A/C No, Ext): 281-855-7115	FAX (A/C No): 281-855-1097
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURED Harvey L. Heerssen DBA HLH Appraisal Services 6107 Aberton Forest Dr Houston, TX 77084	INSURER A:	Alistate Insurance Company
	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: REVISION NUMBER:

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	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N N/A				WC STATUTORY LIMITS OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

2010 Ford F-150
1FTEW1C87AFD03660

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Hidalgo County, Attn. Purchasing Department
2812 S. Highway Bus. 281
Edinburg, TX. 78539

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



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PRODUCER LIA ADMIN. & INSURANCE SERVICES 1600 ANACAPA STREET SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101	CONTACT NAME: DIANNE DERAS KIRKWOOD PHONE (A/C No. Ext): 805-963-6624 E-MAIL ADDRESS: DIANNE@LIABILITY.COM		FAX (A/C. No.): 805-962-0652
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
INSURED HLH APPRAISAL SERVICES HARVEY L. HEERSSEN 6107 ABERTON FOREST DRIVE HOUSTON, TX 77084 166125	INSURER A: LIBERTY SURPLUS INSURANCE		10725
	INSURER B:		
	INSURER C:		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		
	INSURER F:		

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A	PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY				LSI012626-001	04/14/2013	04/14/2014	\$1,000,000 EACH CLAIM \$2,000,000 AGGREGATE

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 REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

HIDALGO COUNTY, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
 2812 S. HIGHWAY BUS. 281
 EDINBURG, TX 78539

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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Hidalgo County
Arturo Guajardo Jr.
County Clerk
Edinburg, TX 78540



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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in the File Number sequence on the date/time printed hereon, and was duly RECORDED in the Official Records of Hidalgo County, Texas

Arturo Guajardo Jr.
County Clerk
Hidalgo County, TX

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

Harvey L. Heerssen dba N L H appraisals services

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.

Not applicable

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

Not applicable

4 Harvey L. Heerssen
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity
Harvey L. Heerssen

11-14-12
Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the 4th day of June, 2013, by and between Hidalgo County, Texas acting by and through Urban County Program (hereinafter called the "Party") and HLH Appraisal Services (hereinafter called the "Review Appraiser").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Party requires "Review Appraisal Services" for the **Peñitas Drain** project located within **Hidalgo County, Precinct No.3** and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo solicited Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the development and establishment of a yearly pool for "Professional Appraisal Services", and

WHEREAS, from which "Professional Appraiser" has been selected from the "Pool" of pre-qualified Appraisers from response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and

WHEREAS, the Party has determined that the services of "Professional Appraiser" are sometimes necessary to carry out the required appraisal activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.002, "The Professional Services Procurement Act," Government Code, the Party requested proposals from professional right-of-way appraiser to assist the County by providing review of appraisal services; and

WHEREAS, the Party has selected the Appraiser to provide the review appraisal services within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3, in accordance to Exhibit "A", Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet and through its procured approved pool of Appraisers.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Party and Appraiser do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** Appraiser agrees to provide to County "**Review of Appraisal**

Services for projects located within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3. *In the event the Appraiser does not provide the "Review of Appraisal Services" prior to the date specified on the purchase order, the Purchase Order will become NULL and VOID. If such Purchase Order becomes NULL and VOID and "Review of Appraisal Services" is secured from another firm, Appraiser will be responsible for any additional charges or expenses incurred by Hidalgo County.*

Further, in the event that it is demonstrated by Appraiser that Hidalgo County has caused or delayed thus preventing the Appraiser from meeting the specified agreed upon deadline to provide the "Review of Appraisal Services" ordered, Appraiser must advise the Purchasing Department in written notice to authorize and to secure additional time to comply.

2. Non-Exclusive Services of Appraiser. Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the Appraiser and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

3. Term. This Contract for a period of **one (1) year**, effective June 4, 2013, and will expire June 4, 2014 or unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Appraiser will not begin to work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the Party with each "**Purchase Order**".

4. Compensation. As consideration for rendering the Services provided for in this Contract, the Party agrees to pay the Appraiser the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Appraiser. The Appraiser is authorized to submit periodic requests for payment within thirty days after completion of each purchase order. The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the Party and shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and the amount due and payable as of the date of the current billing. Upon receipt of said request for payment, the Party shall submit a requisition for payment of said services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Appraiser agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds

received pursuant to this Contract and to keep adequate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures. All payments to Appraiser shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 21, hereof.

5. **Progress.** Upon acceptance of a purchase order, the Appraiser shall undertake and complete the authorized work. The Party or the Appraiser can request conferences to be provided at the Appraisers office, the office of the Party or at other agreed upon locations.

6. **Inspection of Work.** The Party has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Appraiser, or a subcontractor, the Appraiser shall provide and require its subcontractor to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the inspectors in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

7. **Amendments.** If it becomes necessary at any time during the contract period to change the scope of work, the contract period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this contract, an amendment must be prepared and executed within the contract period. The Party retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Appraiser unless the County finds the proposed amendment necessary to complete the work authorized herein. Any such amendments be made in writing agreed to by all parties hereto and duly executed before the end of the contract period as specified.

If the Party finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Appraiser, the Party shall require the Appraiser to correct the work at no cost to the Party and without amendment to the contract.

8. **Reporting.** The Appraiser shall promptly advise the Party in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the contract, including:

1. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to meet time schedules and goals, or preclude the attainment of project work

units by established time periods. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any County or, if Federal funds are involved, Federal assistance needed to resolve the situation.

2. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting time schedules and goals sooner than anticipated or producing more work units than originally projected.

9. **Ownership of Documents.** Upon completion or termination of this contract, all documents prepared by the Appraiser or furnished to the Appraiser by the Party shall be delivered to and become the property of the Party. All sketches, photographs, calculations, and other data prepared under this contract shall be made available, upon request, to the Party without restriction or limitation on their further use. The Appraiser may, at its own expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished the Party under this contract.

10. **Independent Contractor.** Appraiser must comply with all applicable Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, orders or ordinances applicable to the services provided by Appraiser under this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Appraiser represents and maintains that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Hidalgo County, Texas, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that it does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. Appraiser agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

11. **Voluntary Termination.** The Party may terminate this Contract at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon the giving of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

12. **Insurance.** Appraiser agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the services for County in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, ' 100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish department a certificate of insurance, Exhibit "C", issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

13. No Assignment. Except as otherwise herein provided, Appraiser, may not assign the obligations or rights under this contract to any person without the prior written consent of the Party.

14. Conflict. 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 thereof, 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.

15. Termination by County. If Appraiser fails to deliver quality service, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies and outputs set by the Party, or if Appraiser fails to comply with any conditions in this Contract, then the Party shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon the giving of ten (10) days prior written notice to Appraiser.

16. No Waiver. No waiver by the Party 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.

17. 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 the Party and Appraiser, and not otherwise.

18. Venue. This Contract 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.

19. Hold Harmless. In the event Appraiser should cause, either directly or indirectly,

damage, loss, destruction, liability, or claims against the other party as a result of intentional conduct, negligence or otherwise, Appraiser shall hold harmless and indemnify the Party from any and all obligations, liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that result from the Appraiser's intentional actions or negligence. This indemnification clause shall survive this Contract and be enforceable as a separate agreement in the event its survival and enforcement becomes necessary.

20. Attorney's Fees. In the unlikely event that a dispute occurs which is litigated or arbitrated, or a cause of action in law or equity is filed concerning the operation, construction, interpretation, or enforcement of this Contract, the losing party shall bear the cost of the attorney's fees incurred by the prevailing party and any and all costs applicable thereto, including, but not limited to, court costs, deposition fees, expert witness fees, out-of-pocket expenses and travel expenses which are incurred by the prevailing party.

21. Notices. 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 (i) personally delivered 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 Party: Hidalgo County Urban County Program
Attention: Diana R. Serna
3304 West Alberta Road
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Appraiser: HLH Appraisal Services
6107 Aberton Forest Drive
Houston, Texas 77084
(281)799-5652

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

States mail.

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

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

24. Gender. 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

25. Authority. The execution and performance of this Contract by the Party and Appraiser have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Contract constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of the Party and Appraiser in accordance with its terms.

26. Commitment of Current Revenues. In the event that, during any term hereof, the Party does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this Contract, the Party may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Surveyor. The Party agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Contract. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Contract at the expiration of each budget period of the Party pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).

EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROCUREMENT
PACKET

EXHIBIT "B"
BASIS OF PAYMENT

EXHIBIT "C"
CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE