

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

C-13-152-11-19

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the **19th of November, 2013**, by and between the **County of Hidalgo, Texas** ("County") and **Sierra Title of Hidalgo County, Inc.** ("Company").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the County requires services for: **Title Policy Related Services** located within **Hidalgo County**; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo solicited Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development and establishment of a yearly pool for "Title Companies Services", and

WHEREAS, from which "Title Company provider/firm(s)" has been selected from the "Pool" of pre-qualified Title Companies Services from response to the Request for Proposals (RFP), and

WHEREAS, County has determined that the services of "Title Companies Services" are sometimes necessary to carry out the required report activities; and

WHEREAS, the County has selected the provider/firm to provide title companies services within the County of Hidalgo, Texas through its procured approved pool of Title Companies Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, County and Title Company Provider/Firm do mutually agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services. Title Company provider/firm agrees to provide to County the services shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and entitled "Services to be Provided by the provider/firm". Provider/Firm selected is to have adequate experience and a workload free from constraints to complete said services within the requested time provided by the user department.

The Title Company Provider/Firm will not begin work or incur costs until authorization of a

Purchase Order (PO) in writing by the County for each work order.

Further, in the event that a Title Commitment is requested and no title policy is necessary or purchased, Hidalgo County will pay a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the services. Also, if it is demonstrated by Title Company Provider/Firm that Hidalgo County has caused or delayed thus preventing the Title Company Provider/Firm from meeting the specified agreed upon deadline to provided the services ordered, Title Company Provider/Firm must advise in written notice to the Purchasing Department or requesting department(s) to authorize and to secure additional time to comply.

2. Term. Contract will be for one (1) year period commencing **November 28, 2013 thru November 27, 2014**, with the County's sole discretion to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year based on prior year's performance evaluation and contingent upon cost remaining unchanged. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this proposal for an additional sixty (60) day "grace period" at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay of award for next term and contingent upon cost remaining unchanged.

3. Compensation. As consideration for rendering the Services provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay the Title Company Provider/Firm the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Title Company Provider/Firm. The Title Company Provider/Firm is authorized to submit periodic requests for payment within thirty days after completion of each work order. The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the County 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, County shall submit a requisition for payment of said services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Title Company Provider/Firm 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 Title Company Provider/Firm shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 21, hereof.

4. Progress. Upon acceptance of a work order, the Title Company Provider/Firm shall undertake and complete the authorized work. The County or the Title Company Provider/Firm can request conferences to be provided at the Title Company Provider/Firm's office, the office of the County, or at other agreed upon locations.

5. Inspection of Work. The County has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder. All evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

6. 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 County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Title Company Provider/Firm 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 County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Title Company Provider/Firm, the County shall require the Title Company Provider/Firm to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the contract. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Title Company Provider/Firm, the County will reimburse the Title Company Provider/Firm for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in Exhibit "B", "Basis for Payment". If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable to be exceeded, an amendment shall be executed in accordance with the terms of this provision.

7. Reporting. The Title Company Provider/Firm shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the contract, including:

7.1. 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.

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

8. Ownership of Documents. Upon completion or termination of this contract, all documents furnished to the County by the Title Company Provider/Firm or furnished to the Title Provider/Firm by the County shall be delivered to and become the property of the County. The Title Company Provider/Firm may, at its own expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished the County under this contract.

9. Independent Contractor. Title Company Provider/Firm 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 Title Company Provider/Firm under this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Title Company Provider/Firm 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. Title Company Provider/Firm agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

10. Voluntary Termination. Title Company Provider/Firm and County agree that any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) this contract is terminated without cause by County with thirty (30) days written notice to the Title Company Provider/Firm.

11. Insurance. Title Company Provider/Firm 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.

12. No Assignment. Except as otherwise herein provided, Title Company Provider/Firm, may not assign the obligations or rights under this contract to any person without the prior written consent of County.

13. Termination Date: INTENTIONALLY DELETED

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

16. 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.

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 County and Title Company Provider/Firm, 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 Title Company Provider/Firm 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, Title Company Provider/Firm shall hold harmless and indemnify County from any and all obligations, liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that result from the Title Company Provider/Firm'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 County: County of Hidalgo
Attention: County Judge
302 W. University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Title Company Provider/Firm: Sierra Title of Hidalgo County Inc.
Attn: John R. King, CEO
3401 N. 10th
McAllen, Texas 78501

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.

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 County and Title Company Provider/Firm have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Contract constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of County and Title Company Provider/Firm in accordance with its terms.

26. 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 County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to Contractor. County agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. § 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

TITLE COMPANY PROVIDER/FIRM:

NAME: SIERRA TITLE OF HIDALGO COUNTY INC.

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Approved on Commissioners' Court: _____ 2013.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATLAS, HALL & RODRIGUEZ, L.L.P.

BY: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

Services to be provided by
Title Company Provider/Firm

EXHIBIT A
REQUIREMENTS
HIDALGO COUNTY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
"TITLE COMPANY SERVICES POOL"

RFP NO: 2013-152-10-09CGA

**(NIGP CODES: 968-66-Title Services ROW;
946-46-Title & Escrow Services)**

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed proposals from qualified and interested title companies in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of providers for "**Title Company Services Pool**" for the purposes of providing and rendering title policy related services on an "**As Needed/Non Exclusive Basis**" per project by all County Departments and/or applicable programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of "**Title Company Services Pool**" **will be for a period of one (1) year period commencing November 28, 2013**, with the County's sole discretion to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year under the same rates/fees, terms and conditions. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract for unforeseen delay in the award of new bid for the next contract term.

Sealed proposals with qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, October 09, 2013**. **ANY RFP RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

Deliver Submittal to:
RFP NO: 2013-152-10-09CGA

US Postal Mail address:

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

Physical Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

The Submittal Envelope Must Show the RFP Number, Name and Acceptance Date.
The following outlines the Request for Proposal/Qualifications:

SECTION I GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County requires that "Request for Proposals" be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

US Postal Mail address:

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

Physical Address:

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMIL NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, October 2, 2013, 5:00 P.M. at (956) 292-7612, and/or BY EMAIL AT: cris.ayala@co.hidalgo.tx.us. RESPONSES WILL BE SENT TO ALL APPLICANTS VIA FACSIMILE BY FRIDAY, October 4, 2013. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (bids, proposals, and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the bidder/proposer and not reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

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 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.

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

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:

Prior Contract award, respondents to this RFP 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-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 PROPOSALS:

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 Proposal w/qualifications (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.

HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS W/QUALIFICATIONS:

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

SIGNING OF PROPOSALS W/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:

Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of "Title Company Services" will be for a period of one (1) year period commencing November 28, 2013, with the County's sole discretion to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year under the same rates/fees, terms and conditions.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid/pool for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract for unforeseen delay in the award of new bid for the next contract term.

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 RFP 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.

PURPOSE:

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed proposals w/qualifications from certified, licensed and interested title companies in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of providers for "**Title Company Services Pool**" for the purposes of providing and rendering title policy related services on an "**As Needed/Non-Exclusive/Purchase Order Basis**" per project for title company related services on an "**As Needed/Non-Exclusive/Purchase Order Basis**" to all Hidalgo County Elected Offices, Departments, Programs, Agencies through their funding sources.

CONTENTS:

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

QUALIFICATIONS-REQUIREMENTS-SCOPE OF SERVICES:

I. MINIMUM FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (a) The firm must possess a current license from the Texas Board of Insurance
- (b) The firm or vendor selected is to have adequate experience and staff, such as, but not limited to:
 - Title Examiners
 - Closing Officers
 - Escrow Agents
- (c) The provider should have experience with State (i.e. TxDOT), County and other governmental entities as well as private sector firms.

II. REQUIREMENTS:

Each proposal must address, but may not be limited, to the following issues:

- (a) Firm Name;
- (b) Name, position, phone and fax number of Point of Contact (POC);
- (c) Name of Principal/Owner and number of years in business;
- (d) Provide the number of staff members available in order to render (but not limited to) all the services described and listed herein;
- (e) List three (3) governmental projects with names, addresses and phone number of representatives who can be contacted for references;
- (f) Detail how your firm/company has the capability to deliver the services required on a timely basis;
 - State in how many (business) days your company can return a "Title Report"

after a request (i.e. "Purchase Order") is received by your firm.

- State your firm's/company's timeline (business days) to issue a "Title Commitment(s)".
- Provide a copy of "Texas Title Insurance Premium Rates".
- State how many business days your company can complete "Escrow Agent" services (if requested by County) and include the applicable rates for those services.
- State how many personnel or staff will be assigned and committed to render the services required.
- State in detail what "other services" are not included in the rates provided.

III. SCOPE OF TITLE COMPANY SERVICES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) Title Reports
- (b) Title Searches, (i.e., Title Certificates)
- (c) Title Commitments
- (d) Title Policy*
- (e) Escrow Agent Services when requested by the County

NOTE: * In the event that a Title Commitment is requested and no title policy is necessary or purchased, Hidalgo County will pay a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the services.

IV. REQUEST FOR SERVICES:

A department requiring Title Company Services will follow the established and approved requisition and Purchase Order policies and procedures utilizing the company/companies, firm/firms awarded by Commissioner's Court for the provision of said services.

In the event a situation arises that requires an urgent timeline, a department (i.e. elected office, program or agency) may elect to use the awarded provider that commits (in a documented fashion, i.e. in writing or e-mail) to meet that timeframe.

V. INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION:

The qualified vendor/firm(s) awarded to perform work for the County under this RFP shall be deemed to be terminated upon occurrence of any of the following:

- The death of the vendor, if an individual, or the primary professional member, if a firm or entity;
- The suspension, revocation or cancellation of the vendor's right to practice this profession in the State of Texas;
- The imposition of any restriction or limitations by any Governmental authority having jurisdiction over the vendor to such an extent that the vendor cannot engage in the professional practice for which vendor is pre-qualified.
- The failure or refusal of the vendor to comply with the reasonable policies, standards and regulations are not contrary to any law or regulatory directive; or

- The conduct of the vendor in any unprofessional, unethical or fraudulent manner; a finding of unprofessional or unethical conduct by any board, institution, organization or professional society having any privilege or right to pass upon the conduct of the vendor, or conduct of the vendor which discredits Hidalgo County.

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED:

Hidalgo County requires **one (1) original submittal and seven (7) copies.**

PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

Proposer is to provide a fee proposal based on the scope of work and services.

SECTION III: SELECTION, EVALUATION AND AWARD

Hidalgo County Commissioner’s Court may award to one or multiple vendors/firms/companies to provide the services detailed in this procurement if it is in it’s best interest to do so.

EVALUATION (GRADING, SCORING) CRITERIA:

➤ **GRADING AND SCORING POINT SYSTEM:**

- A. **FIRM’S STAFFING AND EXPERIENCE – (20 POINTS)**
- B. **FIRM’S CAPABILITY TO PERFORM ALL THE SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE NOTED PROJECTS- (45 POINTS)**
- C. **EXPERIENCE WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS/GOVERNMENT AGENCIES- (15 POINTS)**
- D. **COST OF SERVICES REQUESTED HEREIN- (10 POINTS)**
- E. **COST OF “OTHER SERVICES” PROPOSED – (10 POINTS)**

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS = 100

PROPOSAL WITH QUALIFICATION SUBMITTED TO: An original and seven (7) copies of RFPs should be submitted to:

<p><u>US Postal Mail address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539</p>	<p><u>Physical Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539</p>
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RFPs must be submitted by **no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.**

EXHIBIT “B”

Fee Schedule

EXHIBIT "A"
REQUIREMENTS

- (A) Sierra Title of Hidalgo County, Inc.
- (B) Matt Wilson V.P. Escrow (956) 682-8321 F (956) 429-0127
- (C) John King – 42 years
- (D) 36
- (E) See attached list
- (F) COMPANY'S CAPABILITY TO DIVER SERVICES
 - Two to three days
 - Two to three days
 - Premium Rate Sheet attached
 - One to two days (provided no curative work is needed)
 - Escrow, Recording, and tax service

TEXAS TITLE INSURANCE BASIC PREMIUM RATES

Rates Effective May 1, 2013

Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium	Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium	Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium	Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium
\$10,000	\$238	\$32,500	\$398	\$55,000	\$556	\$77,500	\$716
10,500	\$242	33,000	\$401	55,500	\$559	78,000	\$720
11,000	\$244	33,500	\$405	56,000	\$565	78,500	\$725
11,500	\$248	34,000	\$408	56,500	\$568	79,000	\$729
12,000	\$252	34,500	\$412	57,000	\$571	79,500	\$730
12,500	\$255	35,000	\$415	57,500	\$575	80,000	\$734
13,000	\$260	35,500	\$419	58,000	\$579	80,500	\$738
13,500	\$264	36,000	\$422	58,500	\$581	81,000	\$742
14,000	\$267	36,500	\$426	59,000	\$585	81,500	\$744
14,500	\$270	37,000	\$429	59,500	\$589	82,000	\$748
15,000	\$272	37,500	\$433	60,000	\$593	82,500	\$753
15,500	\$276	38,000	\$437	60,500	\$597	83,000	\$757
16,000	\$280	38,500	\$441	61,000	\$600	83,500	\$759
16,500	\$284	39,000	\$443	61,500	\$603	84,000	\$762
17,000	\$288	39,500	\$447	62,000	\$607	84,500	\$767
17,500	\$292	40,000	\$450	62,500	\$611	85,000	\$770
18,000	\$296	40,500	\$455	63,000	\$613	85,500	\$773
18,500	\$298	41,000	\$457	63,500	\$617	86,000	\$776
19,000	\$301	41,500	\$462	64,000	\$621	86,500	\$781
19,500	\$304	42,000	\$465	64,500	\$625	87,000	\$785
20,000	\$309	42,500	\$469	65,000	\$628	87,500	\$788
20,500	\$312	43,000	\$471	65,500	\$631	88,000	\$791
21,000	\$317	43,500	\$475	66,000	\$635	88,500	\$795
21,500	\$320	44,000	\$479	66,500	\$640	89,000	\$799
22,000	\$324	44,500	\$483	67,000	\$644	89,500	\$801
22,500	\$327	45,000	\$487	67,500	\$645	90,000	\$804
23,000	\$330	45,500	\$490	68,000	\$649	90,500	\$809
23,500	\$333	46,000	\$493	68,500	\$653	91,000	\$813
24,000	\$337	46,500	\$497	69,000	\$656	91,500	\$817
24,500	\$340	47,000	\$499	69,500	\$659	92,000	\$819
25,000	\$345	47,500	\$503	70,000	\$664	92,500	\$823
25,500	\$348	48,000	\$508	70,500	\$668	93,000	\$827
26,000	\$352	48,500	\$512	71,000	\$672	93,500	\$831
26,500	\$355	49,000	\$515	71,500	\$674	94,000	\$832
27,000	\$358	49,500	\$518	72,000	\$677	94,500	\$837
27,500	\$361	50,000	\$522	72,500	\$681	95,000	\$842
28,000	\$365	50,500	\$525	73,000	\$685	95,500	\$845
28,500	\$368	51,000	\$527	73,500	\$688	96,000	\$847
29,000	\$373	51,500	\$531	74,000	\$692	96,500	\$851

Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium	Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium	Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium	Policies Up To And Including	Basic Premium
29,500	\$376	52,000	\$536	74,500	\$696	97,000	\$855
30,000	\$380	52,500	\$540	75,000	\$700	97,500	\$859
30,500	\$383	53,000	\$543	75,500	\$702	98,000	\$862
31,000	\$387	53,500	\$547	76,000	\$706	98,500	\$866
31,500	\$390	54,000	\$550	76,500	\$709	99,000	\$870
32,000	\$393	54,500	\$553	77,000	\$713	99,500	\$873
						100,000	\$875

Title Basic Premium Calculation for Policies in Excess of \$100,000

Using the table below, apply these steps to determine basic premium for policies above \$100,000:

- Step 1 In column (1), find the range that includes the policy's face value.
- Step 2 Subtract the value in column (2) from the policy's face value.
- Step 3 Multiply the result in Step 2 by the value in column (3), and round to the nearest dollar.
- Step 4 Add the value in column (4) to the result of the value from Step 3.

(See examples provided following the table.)

(1) Policy Range	(2) Subtract	(3) Multiply by	(4) Add
[\$100,001 - \$1,000,000]	100,000	0.00554	\$ 875
[\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000]	1,000,000	0.00456	\$ 5,861
[\$5,000,001 - \$15,000,000]	5,000,000	0.00376	\$ 24,101
[\$15,000,001 - \$25,000,000]	15,000,000	0.00267	\$ 61,701
[Greater than \$25,000,000]	25,000,000	0.00160	\$ 88,401

EXHIBIT “C”

Insurance Certificate

**Miscellaneous Professional
Liability Insurance Policy**



LIBERTY SURPLUS INSURANCE CORPORATION

(A New Hampshire Stock Insurance Company, hereinafter the "Company")
175 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116
Toll-free number: 1-800-677-9163

NOTICE: THIS IS A CLAIMS-MADE AND REPORTED POLICY. COVERAGE APPLIES TO CLAIMS THAT ARE FIRST MADE AGAINST YOU DURING A POLICY YEAR WITHIN THE POLICY PERIOD, AND FIRST REPORTED TO US WITHIN THAT POLICY YEAR, OR WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY FOR A WRONGFUL ACT COMMITTED ON OR AFTER THE RETROACTIVE DATE, IF APPLICABLE, AND BEFORE THE END OF THE POLICY YEAR. PLEASE READ THE POLICY CAREFULLY.

Company Liberty Surplus Insurance Corporation Producer AmWINS Brokerage of Texas Inc.
5910 North Central Expressway,
Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75206

Policy No. EO5NAAQVUX001 Renewal of NEW

DECLARATIONS

Item 1. Named Insured and Mailing Address:

Sierra Title Group
Sierra Title of Hidalgo County Inc.
Metro Title Company Inc. dba Sierra Title of Cameron and
Willacy Counties
Sierra Title Company Inc.
Sierra Title of New Mexico Inc.
Great Western Abstract and Title Company, LLC

3409 North 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501

Item 2. Policy Period:

October 29, 2012 to October 29, 2013
(at 12:01 A.M. local time at the address of the Named Insured as stated in Item 1 above)

Item 3. Limits of Liability (inclusive of Claims Expenses):

A. \$1,000,000 Each Claim
B. \$1,000,000 Policy Period Aggregate

Item 4. Deductible (inclusive of Claims Expenses):

\$100,000 Each Claim

This policy may be subject to surplus lines taxes, stamping fees, surcharges, and certain surplus lines reporting requirements mandated by state regulation. The Surplus Lines Broker is responsible for the disclosure of all related taxes, surcharges, and fees. The Surplus Lines Broker is also responsible for the applicable surplus lines reporting requirements including but not limited to the submission of diligent search forms.