

RFP NO: 2013-284-00-00CGA

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Hidalgo County
Edinburg, Texas

**“PLACEMENT, HOUSING, DETENTION AND SUPERVISION OF
HIDALGO COUNTY INMATES”
(NIGP-Code: 952-94)**

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
Edinburg, Texas 78539

(956) 318-2626

Form HCPD-04

LEGAL NOTICE

RFP NO: 2013-284-00-00CGA

1. Sealed proposals will be received for **“Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Hidalgo County Inmates”**, 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: 2013-284-00-00CGA- Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Hidalgo County Inmates** 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, _____, 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 WITH REFERENCE TO: RFP NO: 2013-284-00-00CGA- Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Hidalgo County Inmates”.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile to (956) 292-7612 or via e-mail to: cris.ayala@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, _____, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Friday, _____, 2013. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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 proposal 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 proposal.
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 proposal 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. 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 and Contract Number (if any)
 - d) Notation – **“Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Hidalgo County Inmates”**
 - 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 Auditor's Office
Ray Eufrazio, County Auditor
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, TX 78539
956-318-2511

17. Schedule of Events

Projected Proposal Opening, 9:30 A.M., _____, 2013
Project/Anticipated Award Date: _____, 2013
Commence Work or Deliver Products _____, 2013

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 therefor 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. Clossner, 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.
24. 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 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.
 25. 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.
 26. 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.
 27. 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.
 28. Successful proposer shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with 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.

29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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 non conforming.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department**

**“Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Hidalgo County Inmates”
RFP NO: 2013-284-00-00-CGA**

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”

**SCOPE OF SERVICES/REQUIREMENTS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Department

**“PLACEMENT, HOUSING, DETENTION AND SUPERVISION
OF HIDALGO COUNTY INMATES”**

RFP: 2013-284-00-00CGA

OVERVIEW:

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed proposals from interested and qualified firms to provide professional management services for “**Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Hidalgo County Inmates**”. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing proposals for the provision of “**Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Hidalgo County Inmates**” as specified herein. Sealed Proposals will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., _____ 2013. ANY PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

Deliver Submittal to:

RFP No: 2013-284-00-00CGA

<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	<u>Physical Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539
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The Submittal Envelope Must Show the RFP Number, Name and Acceptance Date.

The following outlines the Request for Proposal:

SECTION I

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County is requesting that sealed proposals must be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

<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	<u>Physical Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539
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ALL WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE (956)292-7612 OR VIA E-MAIL TO: cris.ayala@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN, Wednesday, _____ **2013 by 5:00**

P.M. Responses will be sent to all applicants via e-mail by no later than, **Friday, _____, 2013 by 5:00 P.M.** TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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.

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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 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 the signed Participant's Affidavit (Exhibit E), 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 Proposal (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 (72) hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

PROPOSAL DELIVERY:

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

SIGNING OF PROPOSAL:

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:

The contract will be for a period of two (2) years with the county's option to renew for ten (10) additional one (1) year terms, at the same rates, terms and conditions. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this proposal for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period at the end of the contract under the same rates, terms and conditions.

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- SCOPE OF SERVICES/REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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.

RFP SUBMISSION:

A total of one (1) original and seven (7) copies response shall be submitted to: Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, 2812 So. Business Hwy 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539 by **no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,**

_____.

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.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent firm(s), registered and licensed (if applicable) for the services being requested in the RFP and/or do business in the State of Texas, who has experience in, but not limited to:

- A. Firm must have experience in the field related to supervision and management of Correctional Institutions.
- B. Firm must be knowledgeable with local, state and federal laws governing the incarceration of inmates;

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The firm 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.

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.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain any licenses and certifications as required by HIDALGO COUNTY, the STATE OF TEXAS, etc. **The Proposer(s) should add copies of their Professional Liability Insurance in the response.**

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The County of Hidalgo is seeking proposals for placement, housing, detention and supervision for up to 300 inmates, within a 500 mile radius of Hidalgo County. Services will include, but not be limited to, the provisions for secure custody, transportation, health care, meals, and clothing, on a per diem basis per inmate. These services will comply with all applicable regulations and standards established by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (the "Commission") and the Hidalgo County Sheriff. Hidalgo County reserves the right to extend the contract for an additional ten (10) years based on prior year's performance evaluation and contingent upon proposed cost.

Eligibility for incarceration at facility under contractor's agreement are inmates that are classified in accordance with custody level of the assigned facility in accordance with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (the "Commission").

HOUSING AND CARE OF INMATES:

Contractor will provide secure custody, care and safekeeping of inmates of the County in accordance with applicable regulations and standards established by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Contractor will provide housing, care, meals and routine medical services for such inmates on the same basis as Hidalgo County provides for its own inmates confined in its own jail subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

MEDICAL SERVICES:

The per diem rate under this agreement covers only routine medical services such as:

On-site sick call (when provided by on-site staff), non-prescription (over-the counter/non-legend) and routine drugs and medical supplies. The per diem rate does not cover medical/health care services provided outside of the Contractor's facility or by other than facility staff, prescription drugs or treatments, or surgical, optical, dental care and does not include the costs associated with any hospitalization of an inmate. The County shall pay the contractor an amount equal to the amount the Contractor is required to expend for medical services other than those routine medical services provided for by the per diem rate. When it becomes necessary for an inmate to be hospitalized, the Contractor shall contact the County, through its Sheriff or designated representative, as soon as possible to inform the County of the fact that the inmate has been, or is to be, hospitalized and of the nature of the illness or injury that has required the hospitalization. Contractor will use its best efforts to obtain the lowest available price for reimbursable expenses; provided, however, that contractor's obligation to obtain the lowest available price shall not in any way diminish or excuse Contractor from seeking and/or providing medical care or supplies necessary to protect the health, safety and well-being of any inmate under Contractor's custody and control.

The Contractor shall submit invoices for such medical services along with its regular monthly billings for detention services, and such invoices shall be paid on the same terms as the regular monthly billings.

It is understood and agreed that if the hospitalization of inmate is to be for the duration of more than 24 hours, or the cost of any medical care or hospitalization is to exceed \$2,000.00, the Contractor has the right to arrange for the hospital or health care provider. If the hospital or health care provider refuses to bill the County directly, the County shall reimburse the Contractor.

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

The County shall provide the Contractor with medical information for all inmates sought to be transferred to the Contractor's facility, including information regarding any special medication, diet or exercise regimen applicable to each inmate.

TRANSPORTATION / OFF-SITE SECURITY:

- a. Contractor agrees to provide transportation of inmates of County to and from the Hidalgo County Jail and/or courthouse and Contractor's facility and if required from Contractors facility to Texas Department of Criminal Justice-ID at no additional cost to the County.
- b. The Contractor agrees to provide transportation of County inmates from other sites in the State where County inmates are currently located to the Contractors facility at no additional cost to County.
- c. In the event the County requests the Contractor to provide transportation to sites other than specified above, the County agrees to reimburse the Contractor for transportation costs at a mutually agreeable rate per mile/trip, as specifies in the contract.

PER DIEM RATE:

The per diem rate for detention services and transportation specified per inmate per day. (This rate covers one inmate per day up to 300 inmates.)

BILLING PROCEDURE:

Contractor shall submit an itemized invoice for the services provided each month to the County, in arrears. Invoices will be submitted to the officer of the County designated to receive the same on behalf of the County. The County shall make payments to the Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be in the name of Contractor and shall be remitted to:

If to County:

County of Hidalgo
 Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
 Attention: Commander Daniel Garcia
 701 East El Cibolo Road
 Edinburg, Texas 78542

If to Vendor:

Amounts which are not timely paid in accordance with the above procedure shall bear interest at the lesser of the annual percentage rate of 10%, or the maximum legal rate applicable thereto, which shall be a contractual obligation of the County under this agreement. County further agrees that the

Contractor shall be entitled to recover its reasonable necessary attorney's fees and costs incurred in collection of amounts due under this agreement.

LIABILITY OF COUNTY:

County shall be fully responsible for all suits, claims, damages, losses, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of County performance or nonperformance of the services and duties herein stated, but only in regard to duties herein assigned to County, and specifically excluding the actual transportation or incarceration of inmates by Contractor. County retains full liability for each inmate until that inmate has been received by Contractor at County's facility for transportation, holding and incarceration of inmates by Contractor.

LIABILITY OF CONTRACTOR:

Contractor shall be fully responsible for all suits, claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of Contractor's performance or nonperformance of the services and duties herein stated, in regard to the actual transportation, holding and incarceration of inmates by Contractor.

PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

Hidalgo County is hereby requesting a per diem rate basis, per inmate proposal fee based on the scope of services/requirements.

RFPs must be submitted by **no later than 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, _____ 2013.**

RFP 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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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries, and all clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statements of qualifications be addressed to, Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Attn: Cris Ayala, via email: cris.ayala@co.hidalgo.tx.us, 2812 South Business Highway 281, Edinburg Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE CALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

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

Hidalgo County has the authority to utilize State Contracts from its membership with their existing or new cooperatives whenever it is in the County's best interest to do so.

SECTION III- SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING

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. Evaluation Committee selected by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court, Elected Official or User Department will review, score and evaluate the Request for Proposals (RFP's) received.
- 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.
- C. Categories are further detailed in the Selection Criteria (Exhibit B) section of this RFP.

SCORING AND EVALUATION PROPOSALS

Proposals will be evaluated and scored for innovation and completeness, in response to each of the elements outlined in the Scope of Services including but not be limited to, the items listed below:

1.	Housing of Inmates:	25 Points
2.	Medical Services:	25 Points
3.	Transportation:	20 Points
4.	Per Diem Rate:	20 points
5.	Completeness of Proposal	<u>10 points</u>
	Total	100 points

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 RFPs.

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.

EXHIBIT B

SELECTION CRITERIA

Hidalgo County

**“PLACEMENT, HOUSING, DETENTION AND SUPERVISION
OF HIDALGO COUNTY INMATES”**

RFP: 2013-284-00-00-CGA

EVALUATION CRITERIA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Evaluation Criteria

The Proposals will be evaluated based on the criteria presented below. These criteria will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFP Evaluation Form."

1. Housing of Inmates (Maximum of 25 points)

- The Contractor meeting the minimum standards established by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. (10 points)
- The Contractor exceeds the minimum standards. (15 points)

2. Medical Services (Maximum of 25 points)

- The Contractor providing routine medical services. (10 points)
- The Contractor providing more extensive medical services other than hospitalization. (15 points)

3. Transportation (Maximum of 20 points)

- The Contractor provides transportation to and from County Jail, Courthouse and Contractor's facility. (5 points)
- Contractor providing transportation from Contractor's facility to Texas Department of Criminal Justice. (5 points)
- The Contractor providing transportation from other sites in the State to the Contractor's facility. (10 points)

4. Per Diem Rate/Fees (Maximum of 20 points)

- The Contractor providing rates up to 300 inmates; (10 points)
- The Contractor providing rates exceeding 300 inmates. (10 points)

5. Completeness of Proposal (Maximum of 10 points)

- The Contractor has filled out and submitted all proper documentation/forms (i.e. insurance, licenses, etc.) as requested in the RFP packet;(10)

HIDALGO COUNTY

Request for Proposals

“PLACEMENT, HOUSING, DETENTION AND SUPERVISION OF HIDALGO COUNTY INMATES”

EVALUATION FORM

Selection Criteria RANGE POINTS SCORE

1. Housing of Inmates: (25 pts.)

- The Contractor meeting the maximum standards established by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. 0-10 _____
- The Contractor exceeds the minimum standards. 0-15 _____

Comments/Rationale For Points: _____

2. Medical Services: (25 pts.)

- The Contractor providing routine medical services. 0-10 _____
- The Contractor providing more extensive medical services other than hospitalization. 0-15 _____

Comments/Rationale For Points: _____

3. Transportation: (20 pts.)

- The Contractor provided transportation to and from County Jail, Courthouse and Contractor's facility. 0-5 _____
- Contractor providing transportation from Contractor's facility to Texas Department Criminal Justice. 0-5 _____
- The Contractor providing transportation from other sites in the State to the Contractor's facility. 0-10 _____

Comments/Rationale For Points: _____

4. Per Diem Rates/Fees (20 pts.)

- The Contractor provided rates up to 300 inmates; 0-10 _____
- The Contractor providing rates exceeding 300 inmates. 0-10 _____

Comments/Rationale for Points: _____

5. Completeness of Proposal: (10 pts.)

- The contractor has filled out and submitted all proper documentation/forms (i.e. insurance, licenses, etc.) as requested in the RFP packet. 0-10 _____

Comments/Rationale for Points: _____

Consultant: _____ Total: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____