

the effective date of this Agreement, and for as long thereafter as is necessary to complete the projects assigned to Engineer, as further specified in Article 3. During the one-year term of this Agreement, Owner may assign to Engineer work related to road and bridge, right-of-way, sanitation, parks and environmental assessments type projects (each herein referred to as a "Project") to be undertaken by Owner's Precinct No. 2. The general scope of services which Engineer shall perform with respect to Projects assigned to it are as stated in **Exhibit "A"** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes, and in the sections to follow. Upon assignment of a Project to Engineer, Engineer and Owner agree to execute a Work Authorization in substantially the form contained in **Exhibit "B"** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, which form shall set forth the specific scope of Engineer's services to be performed in connection with such Project. Owner agrees to pay Engineer compensation as stated herein in exchange for such services.

ARTICLE 2. NON-EXCLUSIVE SERVICES OF ENGINEER. Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3. SCOPE OF SERVICES. The Engineer's services, as more fully described generally in **Exhibit "A"**, and specifically in each Work Order, shall be divided into the following phases, and compensation of the Engineer based on completion of the milestones specified for such phase;

A. Preliminary Phase:

A specific description of the services to be rendered by the Engineer in the Preliminary Phase is included in **Exhibit "A"**.

B. Design Phase:

A specific description of the services to be rendered by the Engineer in the Design Phase is included in **Exhibit "A"**.

C. Construction Phase:

A specific description of the services to be rendered by the Engineer in the Construction Phase is included in **Exhibit "A"**.

ARTICLE 4. Period of Service. The services called for in Article 2A (Preliminary Phase) of this Agreement shall be completed and the report submitted immediately following the receipt by the Engineer of notice to proceed for a Project.

After receipt from the Owner of acceptance of the preliminary study and report for a project indicating any specific modifications or changes in scope desired by the Owner, and upon written authorization from the Owner, the Engineer will proceed with the performance of the services called for in Article 2.B (Design Phase) of this Agreement, so as to deliver completed contract drawings, specifications and estimates of cost for construction of the Project. Engineer will, upon the execution of a work order for a Project, proceed to obtain all necessary permits and prepare any applications or studies which Owner may need to submit to any federal, state or local authority in order to comply with any laws, regulations, ordinances, building codes and/or guidelines.

Following the award by the Owner of a construction contract or contracts, the Engineer will proceed with the performance of the services called for in Article 2.C (Construction Phase) of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall remain in force, with respect to any particular Project, (1) for a period which may reasonably be required for the design, award of contracts, construction each Project, and supervision of the initial operation of each Project, including extra work and any

required extensions thereto; or (2) for a period of 12 months after the completion of the services for each Project called for either in Section 2.A (Preliminary Phase) or B (Design Phase), which ever may be pertinent, in case construction is not commenced. The final acceptance by the Owner of each construction contract in each Project shall serve as evidence of completion, on the part of the Engineer, of all services under this Agreement insofar as they pertain to that section of each Project.

ARTICLE 5. Coordination with the Owner. The Engineer shall hold conferences with the Owner, or his representatives as often as necessary, to the end that the Project, as perfected, shall have full benefit of the Owner's experience and knowledge of existing needs and facilities, and be consistent with Owner's current policies and standards. To implement this coordination, the Owner shall make available to the Engineer for use in planning the Project, all existing plans, maps, field notes, statistics, computations and other data in his possession relative to existing facilities and to the Project.

ARTICLE 6A. Fees. For and in consideration of the services to be rendered by the Engineer, the Owner shall pay Engineer a percentage fee equal to 8 % of construction costs for engineering services and an additional 2 ½ % of construction costs for the additional services of topographic surveying work and elevation determination for the Preliminary, Design and Construction Phases of the work. At Engineer's completion and Owner's approval of Engineer's services under the Preliminary Phase as defined in Article 2 hereof, Owner shall pay, in accordance with Article 8 hereof, 50% of the fees for engineering services and topographic surveying work based on the Engineer's estimated construction costs. At Engineer's completion and Owner's approval of the Engineer's services under the Design Phase, as defined in Article 2 hereof, Owner shall pay 30% of the fees for Engineering Services and topographic surveying work based on the lowest responsible and qualified bid for the Project. At Engineer's completion

and Owner's approval of the Engineer's services under the Construction Phase as defined in Article 2 of this Agreement, Owner shall pay the remainder due for of the Engineering services and topographic surveying work based on the actual construction cost of the Project. . If no contract is awarded, or if no proposals or bona fide bids are received, the Engineer shall be paid for the Design Phase as though Engineer had completed the Design Phase and Owner shall have no further liability to Engineer for any such particular Project under this Agreement.

B. Services Not Included in Above Fees: The fees above described shall provide compensation to the Engineer for all services called for under this Agreement to be performed by him, or under his direction, except the services set forth below. These excluded services, and the compensation to be paid by the Owner to the Engineer for their performance as required, are as follows:

SPECIAL SERVICE

1. Actual performance of test borings and other foundation investigations and related analysis, and detailed mill shop and/or laboratory inspection of materials and equipment.
2. Services of resident engineer or inspector if required by Owner.
3. Additional copies of reports and additional blue print copies of drawings and specifications over 5.
4. Extra travel required of the Engineer and authorized by the Owner to points outside of Hidalgo County other than from Engineer's office to and in between the Project Location.
5. Assistance to the Owner as expert witness in any litigation with third parties, arising from the development or construction of the Project.
6. Investigations involving detailed consideration of operation, maintenance and overhead expenses; and (unless otherwise

agreed) the preparation of rate schedules, earning and expense statements, feasibility studies, appraisals, valuations, and material audits or inventories required for certification of force account construction performed by Engineer.

7. Right-of-Way title research, mapping and surveying for Right-of-Way acquisition, preparation of field notes for Right-of-Way acquisition.

8. Investigations involving detailed environmental studies for obtaining permit from various governmental agencies as may be required to approve project.

9. Preparation of subdivision plat, application, conceptual utility plan, drainage report and attending meetings as necessary to obtain preliminary and final plat approval. Preparation of construction documents for public improvements that may be needed for obtaining subdivision plat approval.

10. Detailed construction staking and project administration for projects as requested by the owner.

Basis of Compensation

- 1. (1) Furnished directly by Owner or (2) By Engineer at salary cost plus 10% and reimbursement for direct non-labor expense and subcontract expense at invoice cost plus a 10% service charge.
- 2. Owner will employ the resident engineer or inspector and directly pay all costs such as salary and other related expenses to any such person or persons employed by owner in such capacity.
- 3. Salary cost plus 10% and reimbursement for direct non-labor expense and subcontract expense at invoice cost plus a 10% service charge.
- 4. At rates authorized by Hidalgo County for its County Officials.
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- 6. Salary cost plus 10% and reimbursement for direct non-labor expense and subcontract

expense at invoice cost plus a 10% service charge.

- 7. (1) Furnished directly by Owner or (2) By Engineer at negotiated fee or salary cost plus 10% and reimbursement for direct non-labor expense or subcontract expense at invoice cost plus a 10% service charge.
- 8. By Engineer at negotiated fee or subcontract expense at invoice cost plus 10% service charge.
- 9. By Engineer at negotiated fee or subcontract expense at invoice cost plus 10% service charge.
- 10. Salary cost plus 10% and reimbursement for direct non-labor expense and subcontract expense at invoice cost plus a 10% service charge.

Payments to the Engineer for authorized services not at the percentage fees will be made in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 8 hereof, by the Owner, upon presentation of monthly statements by the Engineer of such services.

ARTICLE 7. Revision to Drawings and Specifications. The Engineer will make, without expense to the Owner, such revisions of the preliminary drawings as may be required to meet the needs of the Owner, but after a definite plan has been approved by the Owner, if a decision is subsequently made by the Owner, which for its proper execution, involves extra services and expenses for changes in, or additions to the drawings, specifications or other documents which do not concern reducing expenses to allow the Project's cost to be within the amount estimated by

Engineer, or if the Engineer is put to labor or expense by delays imposed on him from causes not within his control, such as by the re-advertisement of bids or by the delinquency or insolvency of contractors, the Engineer shall be compensated for such extra services and expense, which services and expense shall not be considered as covered by the fee stipulated in Article 5B this Agreement. Compensation for such extra services shall be determined in accordance with Article 5B. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event it is necessary for Owner to require changes in the final plan of the Project to enable it to reduce the cost of a Project to an amount within the sum estimated by Engineer, Engineer will make such revisions or changes without charge to Owner.

ARTICLE 8. Ownership of Documents. Original drawings and specifications are the property of the Engineer; however, the Project is the property of the Owner, and Engineer may not use the drawings and specifications therefor for any purpose not relating to the Project without Owner's consent. Owner shall be furnished with such reproductions of drawings and specifications as Owner may reasonably require. Upon completion of the work or any earlier termination of this Agreement under Article 19, Engineer will revise drawings to reflect changes made during construction and will promptly furnish the Owner with one complete set of reproducible record prints. Additional prints shall be furnished, as an additional service, at any other time requested by Owner. All such reproductions shall be the property of the Owner who may use them without Engineer's permission for any proper purpose relating to the Project, including, but not limited to, additions to or completion of the Project.

ARTICLE 9. Payment. Request for Payment. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the performance of the services, Engineer shall submit to Owner for its approval a request for payment ("Request for Payment") in form and substance satisfactory to Owner. Each Request for Payment shall set forth the amount due for Engineer's services rendered, together with

a detailed breakdown of the amount and the sum of all prior payments. Owner shall review each such Request for Payment and may make such exceptions as Owner reasonably deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances then existing. About ten (10) working days after the Commissioners Court of Owner meets approving such payment, the Owner shall make payment to Engineer in the amount approved as aforesaid subject to Article 8.4 below.

9.2 Final Payment. After final completion of the work and acceptance thereof by Owner, Engineer shall submit a final request ("Final Request") which shall set forth all amounts due and remaining unpaid to Engineer and upon approval thereof by Owner, Owner shall pay to Engineer the amount due ("Final Payment") under such Final Request in accordance with the provisions of Article 8.1.

9.3 The Final Request for Payment shall not be made until Engineer delivers to Owner an affidavit that so far as Engineer has knowledge or information any and all amounts due for materials and services over which Engineer has control have been paid.

9.4 Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, Owner shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether a payment under Article 8.1 hereof or Final Payment) to Engineer hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedent exist:

- (1) Engineer is in default of any of its obligations hereunder or otherwise is in default under this Agreement or under any contract documents related to this Agreement;
- (2) Any part of such payment is attributable to Engineer's services which are not performed in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, such payment shall be made as to the part thereof attributable to Engineer's services which were performed in accordance with this Agreement;
- (3) Engineer has failed to make payments promptly to consultants or other third parties

used in connection with the Engineer's services for which Owner has made payment to Engineer;

(4) If Owner, in its good faith judgment, determines that the portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the Engineer's services in accordance with this Agreement, no additional payments will be due Engineer hereunder unless and until Engineer, at its sole cost, performs a sufficient portion of the Engineer's services so that such portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid is determined by Owner to be sufficient to so complete the Engineer's services.

9.5 No partial payment made hereunder shall be or construed to be final acceptance or approval of that part of the Engineer's services to which such partial payment related or relieves Engineer of any of its obligations hereunder with respect thereto.

9.6 Engineer shall promptly pay all bills for labor and material performed and furnished by others in connection with the performance of the Engineer's services.

9.7 **Waiver.** The making of the Final Payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the Owner except those arising from (1) faulty or defective services of Engineer appearing after completion of the Project, (2) failure of Engineer's services to comply with the requirements of this Agreement or any contracts or agreements related to the Project, or (3) terms of any special warranties required by this Agreement or provided at law or in equity. The acceptance of Final Payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the Engineer except those previously made in writing and identified by the Engineer as unsettled at the time of the Final Request for payment.

ARTICLE 10. Discounts, Rebates, Refunds. In connection with procurement services rendered by Engineer, if procurement services are required of Engineer in **Exhibit "A"**, all discounts, rebates and refunds shall accrue to Owner. For some purchases, Engineer may deem

that payment within the discount period is not safe; and/or inspection, guarantees, or other considerations may dictate delay. In such cases, Engineer shall promptly notify Owner so that a course of action may be mutually agreed upon by Owner and Engineer.

ARTICLE 11. Records, Accounting, Inspection. Engineer shall keep full and detailed records and accounts in a manner approved by Owner. Engineer shall afford Owner's authorized personnel and independent auditors, if any, full access to the work performed by Engineer regarding the Project and to all of Engineer's books, records, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers and other documents relating to such work under this Agreement, and Engineer shall preserve all such records for three (3) years after final payment. Engineer shall deliver to Owner upon completion of such work, a statement of the cost of such work detailed according to the accounting procedure and requirements of Owner.

ARTICLE 12. Subcontracting and Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned or encumbered by Engineer nor may Engineer subcontract any work hereunder in whole or in part, unless written permission is first obtained from Owner except as provided in **Exhibit "A"**. Owner shall have the right to approve any of Engineer's subcontracts of any portions of the work hereunder as Owner may deem advisable. Engineer will bind every subcontractor by written contract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to such subcontractors.

ARTICLE 13. Patents. Engineer shall indemnify and save Owner harmless from all liability for alleged or actual infringement of any patent resulting from the use of apparatus or equipment furnished or designed by Engineer or from the use of any process designed by Engineer or effected by said apparatus or equipment, and Engineer shall indemnify and save Owner harmless from and against all costs, legal fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any claim of or action for such infringement; provided, however, that Owner shall promptly transmit to Engineer all

papers served on Owner in any suit involving such claim of infringement, and provided further, that Owner permits Engineer to have entire charge and control of the defense of any such suit. If because of actual infringement the use of such apparatus, equipment, or process is enjoined, Engineer shall refund the purchase price thereof in proportion to the length of service uncompleted, the life of such apparatus or equipment being assumed as five years.

Engineer hereby grants to Owner a non-exclusive, royalty-free license under patents now or hereafter owned by Engineer covering any machines, apparatus, processes, articles, or products included in Engineer's work hereunder.

ARTICLE 14. Confidential Information, Inventions and Other Restrictions.

(a) Engineer shall not use in any way, commercial or otherwise, except to the extent required by the proper performance of this Agreement; and shall hold in confidence and not disclose to any person, for any reason or at any time, any information relating to the secret processes, products, compositions, machinery, apparatus or trade secrets of Owner, or any other confidential information given to Engineer by any of Owner's commissioners, elected officials, employees, or representatives or acquired by Engineer during the term of or as a result of this Agreement. Any information not generally available to the public shall be considered secret and confidential for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that any technical information which was lawfully in Engineer's possession prior to such disclosure to Engineer by Owner or which is or shall lawfully be published or become part of general knowledge from sources other than Engineer or which otherwise shall lawfully become available to Engineer from a source other than Owner, shall not be subject to these provisions. All the foregoing stipulations shall apply to such information and work hereunder as well as to any information and ideas originated or developed by Engineer in performing such work. Such information may, of course, be disclosed to the proper officials or employees of Owner if necessary to perform the work hereunder. Engineer

shall, however, inform each of its employees who receive such information of these restrictions and Engineer shall take all reasonable precautions and exert all reasonable efforts to assure conformance with such restrictions by all of its officers, employees, and agents, obtaining from them if necessary, agreements satisfactory to Owner, effectuating the purposes of this Article.

(b) Engineer shall communicate to Owner at once, and require Engineer's employees assigned to this Project to communicate to Owner all inventions and improvements which any of Engineer's employees, either alone or in conjunction with any of Owner's employees may conceive, make or discover during the course of or as a result of work on this Project under this or any ensuing agreement with Owner that relates to the processes, products, compositions, machinery or plants of Owner, or relating in any way to any of the operations in which Owner has been or is engaged at the time, and such inventions and improvements shall become the sole, exclusive property of Owner without any obligation on its part to make any payment therefor in addition to any sums which Owner may be obligated to pay to Engineer as compensation for services rendered by Engineer under contract with Owner. Engineer shall require its employees to execute patent applications and assignments thereof to Owner or its nominees, and powers of attorney relating thereto for any county Owner may designate, and shall take all other actions as Owner may request to maintain and protect such inventions and improvements. Owner shall pay all costs or charges incurred in protecting such inventions and improvements if Owner desires to protect them. Before assigning any of Engineer's employees to work under any contract with Owner concerning this Project, Engineer shall obtain from them agreements satisfactory to Owner effectuating the purposes of this paragraph.

(c) The rights and obligations set forth in this Article 13 shall survive the performance of this Agreement, or any termination, discharge or cancellation thereof.

ARTICLE 15. Warranties.

(a) Engineer warrants that engineering design work performed by it hereunder shall be in accordance with good engineering design practices and in conformance with applicable code and standards established for such work.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Owner and Engineer agree and acknowledge that Owner is entering into this Agreement in reliance on Engineer's experience and abilities with respect to performing the Engineer's services hereunder. The Engineer accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the Owner by this Agreement. Engineer covenants with Owner to use its best efforts, skill, judgment and abilities to design the Project and to further the interests of Owner in accordance with Owner's requirements and procedures, in accordance with all professional standards, and in compliance with all applicable national, federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders and with those of any other body having jurisdiction. Prior to the commencement of construction, Engineer shall certify in writing to Owner that the Drawings and Specifications and all drawings and the improvements when built in accordance therewith conform to all applicable governmental regulations, statutes and ordinances then in effect. Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that there are no obligations, commitments or impediments of any kind that will limit or prevent performance of the Engineer's services.

(c) The Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that all of Engineer's services to be furnished by the Engineer under or pursuant to this Agreement from the inception of the Agreement until the Project has been fully completed, shall be of the standard and quality which prevail among engineers of similar experience, knowledge, skill and ability engaged in engineering practice throughout Texas under the same or similar circumstances involving the design and construction of a project such as the Project with all the amenities as set forth in the

Drawings and Specifications.

(d) The Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that its special talent, training and experience cause it to be the prime professional on the Project and that because of such talent and training, Engineer envisions the construction of the Project in its entirety and possesses the special skills which enable it to recognize dangerous conditions that a reasonable, prudent Engineer having such special skills could anticipate may arise from the proper use of the Project after acceptance by Owner; as the design professional, it has some measure of control over any such dangerous conditions; it has knowledge which will enable it to recognize specific dangers that may arise from the proper use of the Project after acceptance by Owner; and, it recognizes that any commissioners, elected officials, employees, and agents of the Owner, plus guests and visitors are within a class of foreseeable persons who will be relying on the Project being designed in a professional and safe manner.

(e) Engineer represents, covenants and agrees that its drawings and specifications of the Project (the "Project Drawings") will be accurate and free from any material errors and the shop drawings that Engineer shall approve will be accurate and free from any material errors relating to design intent. Engineer additionally represents, covenants, and agrees to the following: that the design of the Project will conform to its foreseeable use as a project with all the amenities as set forth in the Project Drawings; that the result of the Project Drawings, if built in accordance therewith, will be suitable for purposes for which the Project is designed; that the result of Engineer's inspection of the Project will be suitable for purposes for which the Project is designed; and, the Project will be designed and construction will be inspected in a workmanlike, professional manner and will be suitable for its intended purpose. The Engineer's responsibilities as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the Owner of the Project Drawings nor shall the Engineer be released from any liability by reason of such approval

by the Owner, it being understood that the Owner at all times is ultimately relying upon the Engineer's skill and knowledge in preparing the Project Drawings.

In connection with Engineer's performance of procurement services hereunder, if any, Engineer shall use its best efforts to obtain from all vendors of equipment and materials, fullest possible warranties against defective materials and workmanship for the benefit Owner.

ARTICLE 16. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Engineer and its agents, partners, and consultants (collectively "Indemnitors") shall and do agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Owner, Owner's respective Commissioners, elected officials, employees and agents (collectively "Indemnitees") from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any nature, kind or description (collectively "Liabilities") of any person or entity whomsoever arising out of, caused by or resulting from the performance of Engineer's services or any part thereof provided that any such Liabilities (1) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to the injury to or destruction of tangible personal property including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting therefrom and (2) are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Engineer, anyone directly or indirectly employed by it or anyone for whose acts it may be legally liable. In this connection, it is agreed and understood that Engineer shall not be responsible for any portion of the liability proximately caused by Owner's negligence.

ARTICLE 17. Joint and Several Liability. In the event more than one of the Indemnitors are connected with an accident or occurrence covered by the indemnification in Article 15 hereof, then each of such Indemnitors shall be jointly and severally responsible to the Indemnitees for indemnification and the ultimate responsibility among such Indemnitors for the loss and expense of any such indemnification shall be settled by separate proceedings and without jeopardy to any

Indemnitee. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification or right which Owner or any of the Indemnitees has by law.

ARTICLE 18. Insurance.

(a) Engineer shall comply with the insurance obligations set forth in **Exhibit "C"** entitled "**Insurance to be Carried by Engineer**", attached hereto and incorporated in the Agreement.

(b) Engineer currently maintains a general and professional liability insurance policy to cover the liability of Engineer connected with the performance of the Services or any service covered by this Agreement in an amount equal to or exceeding \$1,000,000.00 and Engineer covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to obtain renewals of such policy until one (1) year following date of the acceptance of the Project by the Owner. Engineer agrees to furnish Owner certificates of the insurance showing the said policy to be in full force and effect at all times during the period this Agreement is in effect.

ARTICLE 19. Notices. All notices hereunder shall be deemed to be made properly if sent by mail to Engineer at 130 East Park Avenue, Pharr, Texas 78577 and to County at 1615 S. Closner, Suite J, Edinburg, Texas 78539. The address may be changed by either party by similar notice. Notice so mailed shall be effective upon mailing. Either party giving such notice shall also notify promptly the other party's Engineer, as appropriate.

ARTICLE 20. Termination. The Owner may terminate this Agreement at any time by a notice in writing to the Engineer. Upon receipt of such notice, the Engineer shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to be relieved of any further obligation under the Agreement, and shall cancel promptly all existing orders and contracts, except the construction contract and other orders and contracts which Owner may designate in the notice, insofar as such orders or contracts are chargeable to this Agreement. As soon as practicable after receipt of notice of termination, the Engineer shall submit a statement, showing in detail the services performed under

this Agreement to the date of termination. Owner shall then approve all or the portion of the services which Owner may consider appropriate under the circumstances. Owner shall then pay Engineer promptly that proportion of the prescribed fee which the services actually performed under this Agreement as determined by Owner bear to the total services called for under this Agreement, less such payments on account of the fee as have been previously made. Copies of all completed or partially completed designs, plans and specifications prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the Owner when and if this Agreement is terminated.

ARTICLE 21. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Engineer and Owner relating to the work herein described. There are no previous or contemporary representations or warranties of Owner or Engineer not set forth herein.
- (b) Except as specifically provided herein, no modification, waiver, termination, rescission, discharge, or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall be binding on Owner unless in writing and executed by an officer or employee of Owner specifically authorized to do so.
- (c) No waiver of any provision of or a default under this Agreement shall affect the right of Owner thereafter to enforce said provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default, whether or not similar.
- (d) No modification, waiver, termination, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall impair Owner's rights with respect to any liabilities, whether or not liquidated, of Engineer to Owner theretofore accrued.
- (e) All rights and remedies of Owner specified in this Agreement are in addition to Owner's other rights and remedies.
- (f) Engineer shall remain an independent contractor and shall have no power, nor shall Engineer represent that Engineer has any power, to bind Owner or to assume or to create any obligation express or implied on behalf of Owner except as specifically authorized in advance by

the Owner.

(g) The Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas and is perform able in Hidalgo County, Texas.

ARTICLE 22. Commitment of Current Revenues. In the event that, during any term hereof, the **Owner** does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this Agreement, the **Owner** may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**. The **Owner** agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of the **Owner** pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. §271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).

ARTICLE 23. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representation or agreement in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by the parties hereto, and not otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Contract to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

**OWNER:
COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

**ENGINEER:
R. GUTIERREZ ENGINEERING CORP.**

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez L.L.P.**

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain

Exhibit “A-1”

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet



Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 S. Business Highway 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2626/ Fax: (956) 318-2629

November 18, 2013

Participant's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**

Request for Qualifications -

"Professional Engineering Services Pool-Hidalgo County"

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

RFQ No: 2014-003-12-11-YZV

Dear Respondents:

Enclosed please find a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for your consideration. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the RFQ process.

We have updated our RFQ packet. Carefully read and review all instructions, requirements, specifications and/or scope of work included in this packet.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department at (956) 318-2626.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/yzv

Enclosures



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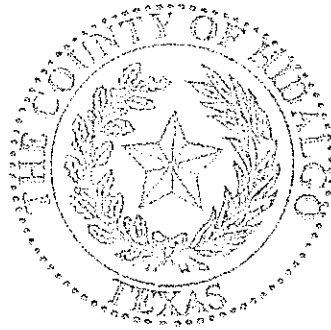
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The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, advise of missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.


Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

November 18, 2013
Date



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

HIDALGO COUNTY

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

“Professional Engineering Services Pool”

RFQ NO: 2014-003-12-11-YZV

Acceptance Due Date: **December 11, 2013**

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

Project Buyer Contact Information:

Yolanda Velasquez, Buyer III
(956) 292-7000 Ext. 4867
yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us

1. Sealed qualifications will be received for "HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL", in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Qualifications should address all requirements set forth. Respondents 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 qualifications.
2. One (1) original, seven (7) copies of all qualifications and two (2) CDs in PDF Format are required with the respondent'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, RFQ No.: 2014 -003-12-11- "HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL" and in County's Purchasing Department, Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 New Administration Building , Edinburg, Texas, ON OR BEFORE 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013.

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY QUALIFICATION 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 IN REFERENCE TO QUALIFICATION.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all qualifications 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 separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this qualification that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification for approval. Receipt of any qualification shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar qualification. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose qualification 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 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 respondent, or to reject all qualifications and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each respondent shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the qualification and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Respondent should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the qualification.
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, respondents are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their qualification including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced qualification opening.

8. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this qualification 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 Qualifications. Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their qualification.
10. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
11. 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.
12. 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 qualification 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.
13. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 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

14. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful respondent
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number and Contract number (if any)
 - d) Notation- **HIDALGO COUNTY (including all funding sources, programs, and entities) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL**
 - 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
 Postal/Mailing 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281
 Edinburg, Texas 78539
 (956) 318-2511

15. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Qualification Opening, 9:30 A.M.	<u>December 11, 2013</u>
Award of Contract	_____, 2014
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2014

16. HIDALGO COUNTY HOLIDAYS

2013 YEAR	
New Year's Day	12/31/13 and 01/01/14
Martin Luther King Day	01/20/14
President's Day	02/17/14
Good Friday	04/18/14
Easter	04/21/14
Memorial Day	05/26/14
Independence Day	07/04/14
Labor Day	09/01/14
Veteran's Day	11/11/14
Thanksgiving Day	11/27/14 and 11/28/14
Christmas Day	12/24/14 and 12/25/14

17. 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 respondents are also 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 qualification, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the respondent 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 materialmen 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.~~

18. 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 qualification therefore 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.
- **NOTICE:**
ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY A VENDOR TO THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE DONE THROUGH THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

No vendor, its representative, agent, or employee shall engage in private communication with a member of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or county department heads regarding any procurement of goods or services by the County from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is released. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into. Members of the commissioners court are required to make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding potential procurements and have a duty to inquire of vendors, their representatives or employees, the nature of any private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication. "Private Communication" means communication with any vendor outside of a posted meeting of the governing body, a regular meeting of a standing or appointed committee, or a negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

19. 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 contracts 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 respondent 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 completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk’s Office located at 100 N. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539, Hidalgo County Courthouse.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENT.

20. If, during the life of any contract or qualification awarded, the successful respondent’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.
21. Qualifications, 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.
22. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Respondents: A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent’s responsibility. A prospective respondent, by submitting a qualification, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
 - Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the qualification;
 - 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.
23. Successful respondent 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 benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful respondent’s 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.
24. Any contract award to a successful respondent 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.

25. 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 respondent; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful respondent fails to:
 - A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
26. Successful respondent 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 respondent, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from qualification award. Successful respondent 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 respondent 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 respondent'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 respondent.
27. Successful respondent 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 Qualifications shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful respondent 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.
28. 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.
29. The successful respondent 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.
30. Respondents shall provide with the qualification 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.
31. Respondents must provide all documentation requested with this Qualification in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the qualification as none conforming.

Request for Qualifications
for
HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

“Professional Engineering Services Pool”

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
New Administration Building
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 respondent proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned further agrees, upon acceptance of its qualification, 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.

Respondent acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request for Qualification Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Respondent understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

Respondent agrees that this qualification shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving qualifications, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Firm:

Address:

By:

Printed Name:

Title:

EXHIBIT A

REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY

(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

2014-003-12-11-YZV

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas registered Professional Engineering firms in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Engineers on an "As Needed 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 Commissioners' Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Engineers will be for a period starting **February 8, 2014 and ending March 15, 2015**. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statements of Qualifications for the provision of **"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL"-HIDALGO COUNTY** (including all funding sources, Programs, and Entities as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, December 11, 2013**. **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

The following outlines the Request For Qualifications:

SECTION I - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RFQ DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS/DELIVERY:

A total of **one (1) original, seven (7) copies and two (2) CD's in PDF format** of the RFQ shall be submitted as part of your response.

Respondents must complete and include in their response, all documentation requested in this RFQ. Refer to enclosed RFQ Check List form for documents to be included with your response.

Hidalgo County is requesting that statements of qualifications responses be sealed, clearly marked and/or labeled with the Company's name, RFQ Number, Project Title, and Opening Date, and be delivered 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:

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

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the envelope when dropping RFQ off.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (rfq's, bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the respondent and no reimbursement 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 of 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 Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encourage 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, TX 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse. **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.**

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:

Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit E) certainly 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:

Respondents, 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:

Respondents are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RFQ's:

Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

Respondents 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 vendor's ability.

RESPONDENT DEFAULT:

Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of respondent default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting respondent responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the respondent to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to

notify in writing the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Any protest(s) or question(s) regarding the requirements or request for qualifications procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department **via facsimile to (956)292-7612 or via e-mail to yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 04, 2013** at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by **Friday, December 06, 2013.** **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SIGNING OF 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 POOL:

The pool term is for a period of one (1) year or upon completion of project(s) unless project specific for more than one (1) year.

DAVIS BACON ACT: (If Applicable)

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing project specifications.

SECTION II - RFQ REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the respondent'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 engineering firm(s), registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway, Bridge and General Design and Construction
- Federal, State and County-funded construction projects
- Solid Waste related projects
- Mechanical Engineering Projects

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent (and varied) projects. For each project, a client contact 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.

What does your firm specialize in?

Minimum experience: Years? _____ Projects? _____

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.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain any current licenses and/or certifications and assurance as required by the STATE OF TEXAS. The engineering firm(s) should include copies of their Professional Liability Insurance.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The engineering services contract will encompass all project-related engineering services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

A.

- Route and Design Studies
- Social, Economic, Environmental Studies and Public Involvement
- Right of Way Maps and Data
- Utility Adjustments
- Surveying
- Pre-Design

B.

- Roadway Design
- Drainage Design

- Solid Waste
- Signing, Markings and Signalization
- Traffic Control Plans
- Bridge Design
- Plans and Specifications
- Bid Preparation

C.

- Building Design
- Plans, Drawings and Specifications
- Bid Package Preparation

D.

- Construction Contract Management
- Conduct Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Services
- Design for New Construction
- Design for Alterations/Renovations
- Needs Assessment
- ADA Compliance
- Code Analysis
- Cost Estimating

E.

- Soil/Rock and Foundation Studies
- Excavations and Trenches
- Dams and Cut or Filled Slopes
- Pavements
- Water and Waste Retention/Disposal
- Specialized Testing and Instrumentation

Other Engineering Services include:

Project Development Management, Facility Analysis & Master Planning, Site Planning & Analysis, Roof Design, Parking Design, Security Design, Energy Conservation, Ventilation Design, Acoustical Design, Asbestos Abatement Monitoring, etc.

Additionally, this section should include, but not restricted to the following information:

- A. Firm name, address, phone number and person(s) to contact regarding the Statement of Qualifications.
- B. Qualifications and recent experience of the firm and key personnel relative to the performance of similar services for public entities. This should also include the following information:
 - 1. Copy of current license certification with state seal
 - 2. History of engineering certification from the State of Texas.
 - 3. List of projects related to the subject areas within the past year.
- C. List of in-State references including the name, address and phone number of the person most closely associated with the firm's prior project performance.
- D. Ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services.
- E. Statement regarding an Affirmative Action Program.

PARTICIPATING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq.

PART III – SELECTION / EVALUATION

SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system.

1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF PROJECT TEAM (25)

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities, irrigation districts, TX DOT or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix.

2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES

In addition to the Project Manager and the Professional Team Member(s), the provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work, either through their own personnel, sub-providers or commitment to hire additional staff. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person, must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience.

3. METHODOLOGY

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS

The proposal shall include the following:

- * demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- * address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- * identify information to be gathered or obtained

Responsiveness to RFQ:

- * Response is Clear;
- * Response is Well Organized;
- * Easy to Evaluate;
- * Appropriate to this RFQ

The firms should provide as much background information as to it's experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

5. **FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required).

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL:

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Engineering services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, Elected Official and/or the User Department in need of Engineering Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firm, thereafter, will review, score and evaluate the statement of qualifications received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications;
2. A grid of the scores will be presented to Commissioners' Court for the purpose of **ranking and approval** for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm;

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firm(s) will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) a "scope of service" including fees;
2. The negotiated contract including best and final offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.
3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm.

EXHIBIT B

REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY

(INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

2014-003-12-11-YZV

**EVALUATION CRITERIA
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ No. 2014-003-12-11-YZV**

The respondent's RFQ will be evaluated based on the criteria presented below. These criteria will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFQ Evaluation Form."

1. PROFFESIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF PROJECT TEAM (20)

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contract for counties, cities, irrigation districts, or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix.

2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES (25)

In addition to the Project Manager and the Professional Team Member(s), the provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work, either through their own personnel, sub-providers or commitment to hire additional staff. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person, must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience.

3. METHODOLOGY (20)

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25)

The proposal shall include the following:

- * demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- * address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- * identify information to be gathered or obtained

Responsiveness to RFQ:

- * Response is Clear;
- * Response is Well Organized;
- * Easy to Evaluate;
- * Appropriate to this RFQ

The firms should provide as much background information as to it's experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS (10)

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required).

**EVALUATION CRITERIA
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ No. 2014-003-12-11-YZV**

Selection Criteria	Points	Score
1. Professional Qualifications of Project Team (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Registered and licenses to practice in the State of Texas (i.e. certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract)	10	
➤ Provides information on proposed professional Team qualifications to perform various types of contracts	5	
➤ Team members identified in the organizational chart.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
2. Experience of Project Team/Ability to Commit Resources (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Designate engineering staff members in an appendix form	5	
➤ Identifying the project composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities	10	
➤ Experience of engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work.	10	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
3. Methodology/Experience/Availability of Project Manager (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project(s).	5	
➤ Must be a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Texas and must be included in Appendix	5	
➤ Project Manager must have five (5) types of projects plus be 85-100 % involvement with technical development of project	10	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
4. Understanding of Project/Similar Projects (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Demonstrate and understanding of the scope of services	5	
➤ Address appropriate Federal/ State/ Local regulations and policies. Knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, counties, cities, etc.	5	
➤ Identify information to be gathered or obtained/proposed approach to complete the scope	5	
➤ RFQ responsiveness. Response is clear, well organized, easy to evaluate, and appropriate to this RFQ.	5	
➤ Reference Information including contact persons and telephone numbers.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations (10 pts maximum)		
➤ Indicate passed experience of the proposed Firm knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies	5	
➤ Must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guideline, standards, and policies	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
Total Score		

Firm/Participant's Name: _____

Evaluator: _____ Department: _____

Project Name: _____ Date: _____

**PROCUREMENT FORM
ATTACHMENT "B"
HIDALGO COUNTY-PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ NO: 2014-003-12-11-YZV**

Name and Address of Firm:	_____		
Principals of Firm and Titles:	_____		
Firm's Registration No.:	_____		
Area of Specialization:			
	Civil Engineering		Electrical Engineering
	Structural Engineering		Highway Engineering
	MEP Engineering (Mech/Elec/Plumb)		
	Mechanical Engineering		
	Environmental Engineering		
Local References (Rio Grande Valley) List Four (4) Only:			
Reference #1: _____			
Reference #2: _____			
Reference #3: _____			
Reference #4: _____			
Recent Projects (Within Two [2] Years) List Four (4) Only:			
Project #1: _____			
Project #2: _____			
Project #3: _____			
Project #4: _____			

Submitted By: _____

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

EXHIBIT "C"

Insurance Requirements Professional Services (i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers & Surveyors)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto). Certificates of insurance naming County as an additional insured shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

ACORD		CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE	DATE (MM/DD/YY)
PRODUCER		THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.	
INSURED		INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE	
		INSURER A:	
		INSURER B:	
		INSURER C:	
		INSURER D:	
		INSURER E:	

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THEIR TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR				MEDICAL (Any one person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT. PROT				PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY				ANNUAL AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> GENL AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY				PRODUCTS - COMP. OF \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS				
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS					
	GARAGE LIABILITY				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY EA ACC AGG \$
					\$
C	EXCESS LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE				AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE				\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				\$
D	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY				WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER \$
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE \$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$
	OTHER				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS
 County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER:	CANCELLATION
Hidalgo County Attn: Purchasing Department 2812 S Highway Bus. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539		SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT. BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ _____

Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

- have already been met, see attached copy of insurance certificate.

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Proposer:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award and to execute a contract between your Company and the County

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next qualified vendor. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR PACKET

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the APPLICABLE:

1. Licenses: _____
2. Bonds: _____
3. Certificates: _____
4. Permits: _____
5. Other: _____

necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this project, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

* Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the packet in order to expedite the evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your proposal/qualification.

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

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

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

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.

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.

4

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

Date

EXHIBIT "E"
PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION
NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

- (1) Affiant does hereby state neither the Proposer nor any of the Proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.
- (2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or any of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.
- (3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.
- (4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the Proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

Signature/Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public _____

My commission expires: _____, 20_____.



HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT Proposer/Vendor Application

Complete in print or type. Please return this application to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
thru Facsimile: (956) 318-2629,
in person or regular mail to: 2802 South Business Hwy 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539
or e-mail: purchasing@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Company Name:	Telephone No. ()	
dba Name:		
Legal Name:		
Mailing Address :	Fax No. ()	
Physical Address:		
City, State, Zip	Tax I.D. No.	
Remit to Address :	City, State, Zip	
E-Mail Address:		
Representative(s) Name(s) & Title(s)		
Type of Organization (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify _____	
State Identification No. _____	(Please attached completed W-9 form with this application)	
Federal Identification No. or (if individual) SS No. _____		
State of Incorporation: _____	Date: _____ Other: _____	
Type of Business (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Service Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify _____	
Name & Title of Person(s) Authorized to Sign Bids, Proposals, and/or Contracts:		
Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Information (check application criteria)		
Small Business:	Disadvantaged Business (At Least 51% Ownership)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 125,000 annual gross receipt	<input type="checkbox"/> Black American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 250,000 annual gross receipt	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American	<input type="checkbox"/> Women
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 499,000 annual gross receipt	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> More than 500,000 annual gross receipt		
Have you been certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Indicate Certification No.(s): _____	or are Certificate(s) attached?:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What type of product(s) is/are solicited by your company?: _____		
Would you like to be provided with specifications for procurements of such products?:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
To Be Completed by the County: Rec'd by (Purchasing): _____ Date Rec'd by (Purchasing): _____		
Date Forwarded Information to Auditor's Office: _____ Entry Date: _____ Vendor No.: _____		

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: • Yes • No

If yes, by whom?: • Texas Building & Procurement Commission • Other _____

Indicate Certification No(s): _____ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?: • Yes • No

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP, or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: ____% (List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): • Texas Building & Procurement Commission • Other _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____

Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): • Texas Building & Procurement Commission • Other _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____

Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status: _____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): • Texas Building & Procurement Commission • Other _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: () _____

Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed: _____

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (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 <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3.																																																									
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Part II Certification	
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:	
1. 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	
2. 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	
3. 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 ▶ Date ▶

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:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. 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.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The actual owner ¹
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The owner ³
	The grantor [*]
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

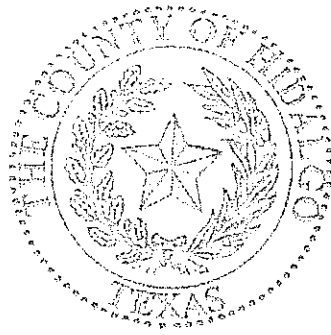
**Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility**

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: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Date: _____

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



HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL

RFQ No.: 2014-003-12-11-YZV

RFQ SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

All forms listed below must be included in the RFQ response.

Indicate with a check mark (✓) the Forms completed and included in this response:

- _____ Page 8 of Legal Notice
- _____ Attachment "B" –Procurement Form –Areas of Specialization
- _____ Exhibit "C" -Acknowledgement forms (pages 3 and 4)
- _____ Exhibit "D" -CIQ Form -Copy of County Clerk File Recording fee receipt.
- _____ Exhibit "E" –Proposers Affidavit
- _____ Vendor Bidder Application and IRS form W-9
- _____ Certification Regarding Debarment
- _____ One Original, 7 Copies, and 2 CD's containing a complete copy of Response.

EXHIBIT “A”

SCOPES OF SERVICES

EXHIBIT "A"
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The services to be provide by the ENGINEER in developing these Projects is as follows:

A. Preliminary Phase:

- (1) Attend preliminary conferences with the OWNER and, if requested, with the funding agency and other government agencies or interested parties regarding the Project.
- (2) Provide for the necessary geotechnical investigation and testing necessary to develop the design.
- (3) Provide environmental studies as may be necessary to complete a project.
- (4) Provide for the surveying services necessary to determine and stake out the existing right-of-way, to obtain the existing topography and x-sections of the project and to provide the necessary mapping and plotting of the existing field conditions.
- (5) Provide for the preparation of a project right-of-way map where right-of-way acquisition is necessary. Provide for the necessary right-of-way research, mapping, surveying and all services related to the development of a right-of-way map. Prepare parcel sketches and field notes of all parcels requiring acquisition. Revisions to be done promptly at no cost to the Owner.
- (6) Provide for the preparation of a subdivision plat by preparing the City or County applications for the subdivision, preparing a preliminary layout of the subdivision plat, preparing a preliminary utility (water, sanitary sewer, and drainage) plan to serve the site, preparing a drainage report for the subdivision plat approval, attending meetings with Planning and Zoning and City Commission as necessary to obtain preliminary plat approval, preparing final subdivision layout of the subdivision plat, submitting plat to review agencies for final plat approval processing, addressing and responding to comments from the City from the preliminary plat review, attending public meetings as necessary for Final Plat Approval.
- (6) Based on the geotechnical investigation and surveying services, prepare a preliminary engineering study and report on the Project, in sufficient detail to clearly indicate the problems involved and the alternate solutions available to the OWNER; to include preliminary layouts, sketches and cost estimates for the Project, and to set forth clearly the ENGINEER's recommendations.
- (7) As may be required, comply and receive the Owner's and the funding agencies approval on all work.
- (8) Provide the OWNER 5 copies of the preliminary report, including preliminary layouts, sketches, profiles and cost estimates.

- (9) Obtain the OWNER'S approval of the work of the Preliminary Phase before proceeding with the next phase.

B. Design Phase:

- (1) Attend the OWNER'S and respective Party's meeting as requested for the purpose of explaining completed design work activities.
- (2) Perform any additional surveying services necessary to collect information required in the design of the Project.
- (3) Plot field data and other survey information for the design of the Project.
- (4) Prepare detailed plans specifications, contract documents and drawings for construction authorized by the OWNER. These designs shall in all respects combine the application of sound engineering principles with a high degree of economy.
- (5) Prepare detailed cost estimates and proposals of authorized construction, which shall include summaries of bid items and quantities based, insofar as practicable, on the unit price system of bidding. The ENGINEER shall not be required to guarantee the accuracy of those estimates.
- (6) Develop preliminary and final plans for on-site subdivision improvements (water, sanitary sewer, and drainage). Develop preliminary and final paving and grading plans. Submit plans to respective public entities for review and comment. Address any comments from respective public entities and obtain approvals. Prepare specifications and final cost estimate of proposed subdivision improvements. The ENGINEER shall not be required to guarantee the accuracy of those estimates.
- (7) Furnish the OWNER all necessary copies of approved plans, specifications, notices to bidders, and proposals. All sets of plans in excess of 5 are to be paid for separately.
- (8) Assist the OWNER in the advertisement of the Project for bids.
- (9) Assist the OWNER in the opening and tabulation of bids for construction on the Project, and recommend to the OWNER as to the proper action on all proposals received.
- (10) Assist in the preparation of formal contract documents for the award of contracts.
- (11) Prepare and assist owner in preparing any reports, plans, documentation, studies or other material of any nature whatsoever, which OWNER may need or be required to submit to any federal, state or local authority in order to comply with any federal, state or local statute, order, regulation, ordinance or guideline.

C. Construction Phase:

- (1) The ENGINEER shall consult and advise OWNER and act as OWNER's representative as provided in the General Conditions of the Construction Contract. The extent and limitations of the duties, responsibilities and the authority of ENGINEER as assigned in the General Conditions of the

Construction Contract shall not be modified, except as ENGINEER may otherwise agree in writing.

- (2) The ENGINEER shall provide administration of authorized construction (as distinguished from the inspection of a resident engineer continuously at the site of the Project), including visits of the ENGINEER or a competent representative of the ENGINEER to the site of construction at least three times per week. In the administration of the Project, the ENGINEER will use his best efforts to protect the OWNER against defects and deficiencies in the Work of contractors, but he does not guarantee the performance of their contracts; however, he will promptly notify OWNER of any such defect and take all steps possible to require Contractor to correct the deficiency.
- (3) Provide for all field surveys and field layouts to establish right-of-way and vertical and horizontal control for construction.
- (4) Provide for detailed construction staking, at OWNER's expense.
- (5) Consult and advise with the OWNER during construction.
- (6) Furnish the services of a resident engineer and inspectors if OWNER requests ENGINEER to do so, for continuous on-the-site inspection of construction, at OWNER's expense.
- (7) Submit a written monthly report to the OWNER that outlines the progress in a form and manner satisfactory to the OWNER.
- (8) Check shop or working drawings furnished by Contractors.
- (9) Review all laboratory, shop and mill tests of materials and equipment for compliance with specifications.
- (10) Prepare monthly and final estimates for payments to contractors, and furnish to the OWNER any necessary certifications as to payments to contractors and suppliers. Retainage is to be withheld from all payments on construction contracts until final acceptance by OWNER.
- (11) Prepare, explain and submit proposed contract change orders when applicable.
- (12) Supervise initial operation of the Project, following the completion of construction and supervise the necessary performance tests required by specifications.
- (13) Perform, in company with the OWNER's representatives, a final inspection of the Project.
- (14) Revise contract drawings to show the work as actually constructed and furnish the OWNER with 5 sets of prints.

EXHIBIT “B”

WORK AUTHORIZATION

HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services
Contract #
Work Authorization/ Work Order Form

WORK AUTHORIZATION/ORDER NO. _____

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section I.A. of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, action herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**," and _____ professional engineers of _____ Texas, hereinafter called "**Engineer**".

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the Engineer to provide _____.

The scope of services to be provided by the Engineer is identified in *Attachment A* - *Scope of Services to be Provided by the Owner* attached hereto.

The scope of services to be provided by the Engineer is identified in *Attachment B* - *Scope of Services to be Provided by the Engineer* attached hereto.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is _____. This amount is based upon the costs outlined in the Estimated Cost Proposal attached hereto as Attachment "D".

PART 3. PAYMENT

Compensation and payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with Article/Part/Section _____ of the Agreement.

PART 4. FUNDING

This Work Authorization No. _____ shall be funded through funding source:

Account No. _____

Requisition Number _____ (MUST BE INCLUDED AFTER CC APPROVAL)

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate upon completion of scopes of the work authorization or (DATE).

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the Agreement.

PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Acknowledgement and confirmation by Hidalgo County Precinct No. _____
Commissioner _____ as to content and detail of this Work Authorization No. # _____

**HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. ___:**

BY: _____

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County
Commissioners' Court on _____ (DATE) as indicated below and effective as of _____
day of _____, 2014

**THE ENGINEER:
(INSERT NAME OF COMPANY)**

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

By: _____
(TYPE NAME)

By: Ramon Garcia, County Judge or
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

By: Arturo Guajardo, Jr. County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT "A" - Service to be Provided by the Owner
ATTACHMENT "B" - Services to be Provided by the Engineer
ATTACHMENT "C" - Work Schedule
ATTACHMENT "D" - Cost Proposal

EXHIBIT “C”

INSURANCE

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
INSURED R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation 130 E. Park Ave. Pharr, TX 78577	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
	INSURER A: United Fire Group-D2-(for Downl		22945
	INSURER B: Texas Mutual Insurance Company		
	INSURER C: Certain Underwriters @ Lloyds/B		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		
INSURER F:			

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC		85319068	11/05/2013	11/05/2014	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$300,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$2,000,000 \$
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS		85319068	11/05/2013	11/05/2014	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$10000		85319068	11/05/2013	11/05/2014	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$1,000,000 \$
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y/N (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A	SBP0001260441	11/05/2013	11/05/2014	<input type="checkbox"/> WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$1,000,000
A	Comm Prop		85319068	11/05/2013	11/05/2014	See Remarks
C	Professional		443229	11/04/2013	11/04/2014	See Remarks

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

Subject to Policy Terms and Conditions:

Commercial Property: Building \$242,000, BPP \$163,000, Deductible \$1,000

Professional Liability: Per Claim \$1,000,000, Aggregate \$1,000,000, Deductible \$25,000

** Workers Comp Information **

Blanket Waiver of Subrogation Form# WC420304A Edt Date: 01/01/00

(See Attached Descriptions)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

County of Hidalgo
 ATTN: Purchasing Department
 2802 S. Business Highway 281
 Edinburg, TX 78539

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

