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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**SERVICE CONTRACT
C-14-288-00-00**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this ____ Day of ____, 2014 by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS** ("County"), and ____ "Company").

WHEREAS, Company responded to advertised notices for bids for **"LABORATORY SERVICES"**, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Company submitted a bid to provide services in accordance with the specifications as bid, a copy of such specifications and bid being attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B" ("Vendor's Bid") respectively, and incorporated herein for all purposes (the "RFB Packet"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with Specifications, the Commissioners Court of County awarded the bid to Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Company hereby agree that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Services to locations at Hidalgo County. This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.
2. Company hereby promises and agrees to render and provide, during the

term of this Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the Services in accordance with the Specifications described in Exhibits A and B within Hidalgo County following a request for Services by the Commissioners Court or their designated agent. Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall be for a period of one year effective _____, **2014** and ending on _____, **2015** and may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an additional two (2)-one (1) year periods at the same rates, terms and conditions, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first. County also reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period, under the same rates terms and conditions.

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services.

5. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having

jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. As consideration for rendering the Services provided for in this Contract, the Company agrees to pay the County the amounts as specified in Exhibit "B" as attached hereto and payable against sequentially numbered detailed manifest or invoices for each collection submitted by the Company to Hidalgo County Treasurer's Office with copy to the Hidalgo County Department User, within thirty (30) days of submitting such weight tickets. Contract number to be referenced on each manifest or invoices.

7. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with the coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

8. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

9. Company shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees for the defense of any action against County arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the provision of the Service by Company under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any act or failure to act by the Company, its agents or employees.

10. This Contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part by either party without prior written consent of the other party.

11. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship, that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

12. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

If to County:

**The County of Hidalgo
Attn: County Judge
302 W. University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539**

If to Company:

13. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

14. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated without cause by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

15. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be

enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

17. Commitment of Current Revenues Only. In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Company. County 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 County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

18. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledge 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.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this ____ day of _____, 2014.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

ATTEST:

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY:_____

By:_____

Printed Name:_____

Title:_____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ATLAS, HALL & RODRIGUEZ, LLP**

By:_____
Stephen Crain

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT:_____

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EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET

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EXHIBIT "B"
VENDOR'S BID

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EXHIBIT "C"
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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RE: Draft Contract-Laboratory Services

From : Steve Crain <scrain@atlashall.com>

Mon, Aug 18, 2014 12:12 PM

Subject : RE: Draft Contract-Laboratory Services**To** : 'Evangelina Garcia' <evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

The draft contract is OK.

-----Original Message-----

From: Evangelina Garcia [mailto:evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us]

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 10:07 AM

To: scrain@atlashall.com

Cc: Martha Salazar; Elena Gomez

Subject: Draft Contract-Laboratory Services

Good Morning Mr. Crain:

Attached for your review as to form and approval is a draft contract in connection to the request for bids for the "Laboratory Services" project and allow the assigned buyer to proceed.

Appreciate your help.

Thank you;

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