

Bid No: 2014-320-00-00-MEG

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES “LABORATORY SERVICES”

BID OPENING DATE: _____ @ 9:30 A.M.



Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2802 S. Business Highway 281 - New Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539
956 318-2626

Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **“HIDALGO COUNTY HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES”** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders 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 specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.
2. One (1) original and Three (3) copies of all bids are required with the bidders name and return 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: **"BID- 2014-320-00-00-MEG- HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES"** and in County's Purchasing Department, 2802 S. Business Hwy 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, MONTH DATE 2014.**

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE WITH REFERENCE TO REQUEST FOR BIDS- 2014-320-00-00-MEG-RFB- HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES".

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFB and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFB considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: A. separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; B. reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; and C. award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so."
4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. 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 bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid.
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, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.

9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid 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 Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a bid or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.
15. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 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, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
 - If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent
(956) 318-2626
16. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful bidder
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order and Contract Number (if any)
 - d) Notation **"HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES"**
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:

Ray Eufrazio, Auditor
 Hidalgo County Auditor's Office
 2808 South Business Hwy 281
 Edinburg, Texas 78539
 ATTN.: Accounts Payable
 (956) 318-2511

17. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Bid Opening, 9:30 AM	_____, 2014
Award of Contract	_____, 2014
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2014

18. BID OR PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION; PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT(if applicable):

- If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods & 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 bidders 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 45CFR Part 76.
- Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the bidder shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.
- If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men have been paid.
- If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor *shall* provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.
- For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.

19. ETHICAL STANDARDS:

- It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing

the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal 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.

20. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County (“the County”) to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the “CIQ”) attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person, consultant or contractor’s affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk’s Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who 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 bidder fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Please Submit completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk’s Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse

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

21. If, during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.
22. Bids, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
23. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
 - Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the bid;
 - Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
 - Have a satisfactory record of performance;

- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
 - Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.
- 24.** Successful bidder 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 bidder'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.
- 25.** 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 by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.
- 26.** County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful bidder; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful bidder fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications.
- 27.** Successful bidder 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 bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder 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 bidder'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 and services provided by successful bidder.
- 28.** Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to 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 Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
- 29.** This document and any disputes arising hereunder shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas, and will be performable exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.

30. The successful bidder 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.

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Bid
for
HIDALGO COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
“LABORATORY SERVICES”
BID NO.: 2014-320-00-00-MEG

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

In accordance with the Specifications, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States and state and local laws, the undersigned bidder proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned bidder further agrees, upon acceptance of its bid, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Specifications within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Bidder acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Invitation to Bid Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Bidder understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid.

Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids, as contained in the Specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder: _____
 Address: _____
 By: _____
 Printed Name: _____
 Title: _____

EXHIBIT “A”
SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS
Hidalgo County Health and Human Services
“LABORATORY SERVICES”
BID NO.: 2014-320-00-00-MEG

Hidalgo County is requesting bidder(s) from firms that can adequately demonstrate that they have the resources, experience and qualifications necessary to provide “*Laboratory Services*” in a timely manner; ensure that such services meet the county standards; ensure quality, yet be cost effective.

The following are the minimum requirements and/or specifications that will be acceptable to the Hidalgo County. These requirements and/or specifications must be **equal or better**, including, but not limited to, the following:

SPECIFICAITONS/REQUIREMENTS.

- 1) All bid prices for items shall take into consideration shipping and handling costs and any other items mentioned on specifications as part of the fixed item price.
- 2) Specimens will be collected by Hidalgo County Staff.
- 3) Provide at least one (1) accessible lab location to refer patients for collection if specimen cannot be collected by Hidalgo County staff (i.e. Edinburg). Laboratory will be responsible for delivery/processing of such specimens when necessary.
- 4) Electronic Lab results are required.
- 5) All certificates, licenses, etc. for laboratory to operate in the State of Texas are required and copies must be submitted with bid. (*Including but not limited to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) 1988 certification*)
- 6) All supplies must be provided to Hidalgo County for all required testing and results must be available and provided within 24 hours.
- 7) Lab must schedule and provide pick up services for all specimens from each facility listed below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The initial contract term for this project will be for one (1) year with the County’s option to extend for an additional two (2) one (1) year terms.
2. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates, terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for the next contract term.
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
4. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantage to the County.
5. County will seek purchases from state awarded vendors whenever it is, its best interest to do so.
6. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one (1) or multiple vendors whichever is more valuable to the County.
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add/delete items as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.

8. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete locations as it deems in the best interest of the County.
9. After bid is awarded and low bidder(s) default(s) in meeting the general instructions to bidders and/or comply with contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next low bidder. In such event, County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost of such item.
10. Hidalgo County has the authority to utilize State Contracts from its membership with their existing or new cooperatives whenever it is in the County's best interest to do so.
11. All services will be on an "As Needed Basis", there are no set quantities to be requested only approximations.
12. Insurance requirements for this project to be maintained throughout the contract term (Refer to limits on the EXHIBIT "C" for limits).
13. Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until;
 - a) The contract expires
 - b) Delivery acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or
 - c) Terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to be cancellation.

LOCATIONS/CLINICS	
HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	
1)	Edinburg Clinic 3105 E Schunior Edinburg, TX 78539 Phone: (956) 318-2040 Supervisor: Lilia Velasco, R.N.
2)	Elsa Clinic 708 Edinburg St. Elsa, Texas 78543 Phone: (956)262-1141 Supervisor: Elva Murphy, R.N.
3)	Hidalgo Clinic 702 E. Texano Hidalgo, Texas 78557 Phone: (956)843-7463 Supervisor: Norma Garza, R.N.
4)	McAllen Clinic 300 E. Hackberry McAllen, Texas 785001 Phone: (956)682-6155 Supervisor Victoria Garza, R.N.
5)	Mission Clinic 211 N. Schurebach Road Mission. Texas 78572 Phone: (956)585-2461 Supervisor: Ana C. Lopez Garza, R.N.
6)	Pharr Clinic 300 W. Hall Acres Pharr, Tx Phone: (956)787-1531 Supervisor: Laila De Leon, R.N.
7)	Weslaco Clinic 1901 N. Bridge Weslaco, Texas 78596 Phone: (956)969-8332 Supervisor: Laura Reyes, R.N.
8)	Pulmonary Clinic (South Entrance) 1304 South 25 th Ave Edinburg, Texas 78542

SERVICES REQUIRED:

The vendor shall provide qualified and trained personnel and certified licensed facilities for the laboratory services. Laboratory testing services shall; include, but is not limited to the following services:

1	ABO and Rh
2	Accult Blood, Feces
3	Acute Hepatitis Panel
4	AFB Smear and Culture w/ Susceptibilities
5	Affirm (Trich, G. Vaginalis, Candida)
6	Aerobic Bacterial Culture.
7	Amylase.
8	Antibody Screen RBC w/Reflex to identification, Titer and Antigen Typing; X# of panels performed; X# of titers performed; X# of antigens performed
9	Antinuclear Antibodies. <i>Results</i>
10	Aspergillosis Immunodiffusion
11	B ₁₂ and Folate.
12	Bacterial Vaginosis/Baginitis (Trich, G. Vaginalis, & Candida)
13	Basic Metabolic Panel.
14	BUN
15	Carbamazepine levels.
16	CBC w Diff w/ Plt.
17	CBC w Diff w/o Plt.
18	CBC w/ diff and platelets.
19	CBC w/o Diff w Plt.
20	CBC w/o Diff w/o Plt.
21	CD4 Count
22	CEA.
23	Chem 24.
24	Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/confirmation on positives.
25	Chlamydia/GC (out of vial)
26	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA Probe/Urine w/confirmation on positives
27	Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/out confirmation.
28	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA CX Male/Urethra Probe/Urine/ confirmation on positives
29	Cholesterol Total
30	Ck,Total
31	Comp Metabolic Panel
32	Creatinine.
33	24hr. Creatinine Clearance
34	Cult, Campylobac
35	Culture, Aerob/Anaer
36	Cultures (wound and urine)
37	Culture (& Sensitivity)- Wound
38	Digoxin.
39	Dilantin levels.
40	Draw Fee, Psc Spec
41	Drug screens (serum and urine).
42	Electrolyte Panel.
43	Eosinophil Ct, (B)
44	Fecal Fat, Qual
45	Fecal Globin by Immunochemistry (FOB)
46	Fecal Leukocyte Stn

47	Ferritin
48	FSH and LH.
49	Fungus Culture
50	Fungal CF Panel
51	Genital Culture, Routine.
52	Giardia Ag Detection
53	Glucose Gestational Screen 50 Gram
54	Glucose, Plasma.
55	Glucose Serum
56	Glucose Tolerance Test (GTT), Gestational 4 specimens 100 grams
57	Group B Strep Colonization Detection Cult/DNA Probe.
58	H & H
59	hCG, Beta Subunit, Qual.
60	HCG, Beta Subunit, qualitative
61	hCG, Beta Subunit, Quant.
62	HCG, Beta Subunit, quantitative
63	Hdl-Cholesterol
64	Helicobacter pylori IgG.
65	Hematocrit.
66	Hemoglobin A1C w/MBG.
67	Hemoglobin.
68	Hep A Igm Ab
69	Hepatic Function Panel.
70	Hepatitis B Surface Antibody.
71	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen.
72	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen with confirmation
73	Hepatitis C Antibody.
74	Herpes Culture.
75	Hgal c.
76	HIV-1 Antibodies.
77	HIV-1 Antibodies (HIV Antibody, HIV-1/2m EIA w/Reflex)
78	HIV Western Blot, if HIV positive
79	HIV-2 Antibody EIA if Western Blot positive
80	HIV-2 Antibody Western Blot if HIV-2 Antibody EIA if positive
81	H-pylori.
82	H. Pylori (serum)
83	HPV Genotypes 16, 18
84	HPV High Risk
85	Hsv 1/2 Herpeselect
86	HSV ½
87	Iron and IBC.
88	Iron, Total & Ibc
89	Lead
90	Lipid Panel
91	Lithium levels.
92	Liver enzyme panel.
93	Magnesium.
94	Maternal Serum Screen 4 (Quad) (Age, hcG, UE3, DIA, ITA)
95	Maternal Serum Screen 5 (Penta)
96	Myoglobin
97	Myoglobin (U)
98	New Born Screening
99	Occult Blood.
100	Ova & Parasites.
101	Phenytoin.
102	Platelet Count.
103	Potassium.

104	PreGen-Plus.
105	Prenatal (OB) Panel Total of 11 tests which include Hept. B, HIV, RPR, & Rubella
106	Prolactin.
107	Prothrombin Time (PT).
108	PSA.
109	PTT Activated.
110	RBC Count.
111	Renal Function Panel.
112	Rheumatoid Arthritis Factor.
113	RPR.
114	RPR Titer
115	RPR with reflex to titer & confirmatory testing
116	RPR (Monitor) with Reflex to Titer (without confirmations)
117	RPR (DX) Reflex FTA-ABS
118	Rubella Antibodies, IgG.
119	Sed Rate, Westergren.
120	Stat Assay 1
121	Stat Assay 2
123	Stool Culture.
124	Surpath (Liquid pap smear)
125	Surpath Pathology if pap smear abnormal
126	Surpath with CT/GC (out of the vial)
127	Thin Prep Pap Test
128	T ₃ Uptake.
129	T-4 (Thyroxine)
130	T-4 Free
131	Testosterone.
132	Throat, Beta-Hemolytic Strep Cult, Group A.
133	Thyroid Cascade Profile.
134	Thyroid panel
135	Thyroxine (T ₄).
136	Total Electrophoresis
137	Total Iron and TIBC
138	Tp Rand (U) W/Creat
139	Triglycerides
140	TSH, 3 rd generation.
141	TSH.
142	TSH with Reflex to Free T4
143	Ua, Complete
144	UA.
145	Upper Respiratory Culture, Routine.
146	Uric Acid
147	Urinalysis (Microscopic on Positives).
148	Urine Culture, Routine.
149	Urine, complete
150	Uric Acid
151	Valporic acid levels.
152	Valproic Acid
153	VDRL.
154	Vitamin B-12
155	WBC Count.
156	WBC Differential.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All Costs And Expenses Associated With The Preparation And Submission Of Bids Shall Be The Responsibility Of The Bidder And No Reimbursements For Such Charges Or Expenses Shall Be Passed On To Hidalgo County.

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals or statements of qualifications be addressed to, Elena Gomez, Buyer II, Physical: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile (956)292-7612 or via e-mail elena.gomez@co.hidalgo.tx.us by no LATER THAN, Wednesday, MONTH, DATE 2014 by 5:00 p.m. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than **Friday, MONTH, DATE 2014 by 5:00 p.m.** **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**