

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §**  
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**COUNTY OF HIDALGO §**

**SERVICE CONTRACT**  
**C-14-320-00-00**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2014 by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS** ("County"), and **VENDOR'S NAME** a \_\_\_ Corporation. ("Company").

WHEREAS, Company responded to advertised notices for bids for **“Laboratory Services”** for Hidalgo County Health and Human Services (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Company submitted a bid to provide services in accordance with the specifications as bid, a copy of Request for Bid (RFB) Procurement Packet being attached hereto as Exhibits "A" (the “RFB”) and Exhibit "B" respectively, and incorporated herein for all purposes (the "Bid Page"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with RFB, 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 agrees 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 within **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the Department Head, Commissioner, Sheriff or his 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 beginning November 30, 2014 and ending November 29, 2015, with the County's option to extend for an additional two (2) ~~one~~ (1) year term. Contract may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an additional sixty (60) days, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first.

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract specifically all required licenses and permits, including but not limited to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) 1988 certification 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 Service provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay Company the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against

written invoice submitted by Company.

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 Dr.**  
  **Edinburg, TX 78539**

If to Company:                               **COMPANY'S NAME**  
  **ADDRESS**  
  **CITY, STATE**

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. This Agreement may be terminated by County without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

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 Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Seller. Buyer 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 Buyer 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 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.

19. **Immunities.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to and County does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses County enjoys by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to County as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against County.

In witness where of, the parties have executed this Agreement effective as of the day and year first above written.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

**COMPANY'S NAME**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Atlas & Hall LLP

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve L. Crain

**EXHIBIT “A”**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)**

**PROCUREMENT PACKET**

**EXHIBIT “B”**

**BID PAGE**

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**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

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**RE: Draft Contract-Laboratory Services**

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**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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