



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

October 30, 2014

N.T.C., Drug Testing Services Inc.
Attn. Susan Sanchez, Director
P.O. Box 2883
McAllen, Texas 78501

via email: ntcdrugtestingstaff@yahoo.com

Re: Sixty (60) Day Extension to #E-13-339-11-12 (C-10-170-05-25) -"Drug and Alcohol Testing for H.C. Employees"

Dear Ms. Sanchez:

Commissioners' Court will take applicable action on (Tuesday, December 02, 2014) in connection with the Hidalgo County's option to exercise the **Sixty (60) Day** grace period as stated in the current contract in place while the procurement process is completed. **(Commencing, January 01, 2015, and Expiring, March 01, 2015) or (upon completion of the procurement process which ever comes first)** under the same rate, term and conditions.

Please acknowledge receipt of this notice of extension by signing below and returning to the Purchasing Department by no later than, Friday, October 31, 2014, attn: Yolanda Velasquez, Buyer III to facsimile (956) 318-2629 or via email yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us

By: _____

Date: _____

10/31/14

Additionally, we are requesting your company provide an "Updated Certificate of Insurance" as required through Hidalgo County's Request for (Bids, Quotes, Proposals, Statement of Qualifications).

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 956-292-7000 extension 4881. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and we hope your company continues its business relationship with Hidalgo County.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Velasquez, Buyer III
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

xc: file

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

C. **AI-41541** Requesting authority to exercise the additional ONE (1) YEAR option to extend the (on as needed basis) agreements, under the same rates, terms and conditions with ROY'S HAULING SERVICES for Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 (as set forth below):

a) C-12-103a-11-06- "PIT RUN CALICHE" - (Commencing, 11/18/13, Expiring, 11/17/14)

b) C-12-105-09-18- "HAULING SVCS of ALL RD MATERIAL(Excluding-HOT MIX)"-(Commencing, 11/30/13, Expiring, 11/29/14)



D. **AI-41301** Acceptance and approval to exercise the County's option to extend the second (2nd) and final year of the two (2)-one(1) year renewal as provided with N.T.C. Drug Testing Services Inc. for the provision of "Drug and Alcohol Testing For Hidalgo County Employees", under the same rates, terms and conditions with renewal effective date of January 1, 2014 with ending date of December 31, 2014.

E. **AI-41684** Acceptance and approval of Invoice #11324561 in the amount of \$7,577.28 and Invoice#11324613 in the amount of \$7,577.28, from L&G Consulting Engineers, Inc. contracted engineer for HCMPO Policy Meeting and HCMPO Tech Meeting. C-13-225-07-09

F. **AI-41573** DISTRICT CLERKS:
Requesting authority to enter into a 36-month lease thru State Awarded vendor contract # DIR-SSD-1674 a total of (5) various new copiers (capital) lease and maintenance agreement with Ricoh Americas Corporation,

One Ricoh MPC5503 in the amount of \$417.94 monthly (requisition # 245356)

One Ricoh MP6002SP in the amount of \$522.92 monthly (requisition # 246548)

One Ricoh MP5002SP in the amount of \$237.98 monthly (requisition # 246560)

Two Ricoh MP5002SP in the amount of \$213.67 monthly (requisition # 246551 & 246549)

All monthly lease payment including maintenance plan starting upon approval.

G. **AI-41718** 1. Requesting approval of the Commercial Alarm Monitoring Agreement as required by vendor, Superior Alarms and as awarded under TASB BuyBoard under contract #401-12;
2. Requesting approval & authority to enter into a three (3) year commercial alarm monitoring services and execute vendor's required commercial alarm monitoring agreement with Alan Yoder Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Superior Alarms for the WIC Edinburg Offices through the requisitions 246006 and 246149 effective upon approval: A monthly charge of commercial alarm monitoring services at \$15.00/monthly, monitoring fire services at \$25.00 and to include one time fee of a fire dailer cost \$496.00 and a labor cost of \$65.00.

APPROVED

AI-41301

Purchasing Department

7. D.

CC CONSENT

Meeting

11/12/2013

Date:

Submitted By: Vangie Garcia, PURCHASING DEPT.

Department: PURCHASING DEPT.

Information

CAPTION

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BACKGROUND

Fiscal Impact

FISCAL YEAR: 2013

ACCT. #: Various

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There are various accounts in the county. Sheriff, Juvenile and Safety Divisions are the major end user departments. 3-1100-419-50-125-003-0-339 and 3-1100-421-00-280-001-0-339.

Attachments

Signed Extension and Contract

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Purchasing Department	Darlene Betancourt	10/31/2013 08:31 AM
Budget & Management	Obdett Calzada	10/31/2013 09:42 AM
Auditor's Office	Monica Badillo	11/08/2013 05:07 PM
Form Started By: Vangie Garcia		Started On: 10/17/2013 10:59 AM
	Final Approval Date: 11/08/2013	



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October 17, 2013

N.T.C. Drug Testing Services Inc.
Attn: Susan Sanchez, Director
P.O. Box 2883
4132 N. 23rd. Street
McAllen, Texas 78501

Via Email: ntcdrugtestingstaff@yahoo.com

Re: Renewal Of Agreement-C-10-170-05-25
Drug And Alcohol Testing For HC Employees"

Dear Ms. Sanchez:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will be requesting Commissioners' Court to consider the County's sole option to extend the final year of the two (2)-one (1) year renewal as provided in the current contract (under the same rates, terms and conditions).

Please acknowledge receipt of this notice of placement on the Commissioners' Court meeting of **Tuesday, November 5, 2013** for discussion, consideration and action, by signing below and returning to the Purchasing Department, by no later than **12:00 Noon, Tuesday, October 22, 2013** and or sooner, via facsimile to (956) 956-318-2529 or email to: so as to meet the agenda request form deadlines.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vangie Y. Garcia", is written over a horizontal line.

Date: Oct. 18, 2013

Additionally, we are requesting your company provide an updated certificate of insurance as required through Hidalgo County's Request for (Bid, Quote, Proposal, Statement of Qualification), if applicable.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (956) 318-2626. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and we hope your company continues its business relationship with Hidalgo County.

Sincerely,
Vangie Y. Garcia, Contract's Manager
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**SERVICE CONTRACT
C-10-170-05-25**

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this 25th day of **May, 2010** by and between the County of Hidalgo, Texas ("County"), and **NTC Drug Testing Services dba Nurses, Technicians & Collectors, Inc.**, ("Company").

WHEREAS, Company responded to request for bids for "Drug and Alcohol Testing Services" (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 agrees that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Service to locations within 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 Hidalgo County or his designated agent(s). 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 **July 4, 2010** and ending **December 31, 2012** and may be extended at the sole discretion of County for an additional two (2)-one (1) year terms, 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 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
 100 E. Cano
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company **N.T.C. Drug Testing Services**
 dba Nurses, Technicians, & Collectors, Inc.
 P.O. Box 2883
 4132 N. 23rd
 McAllen, Texas 78502

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 by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

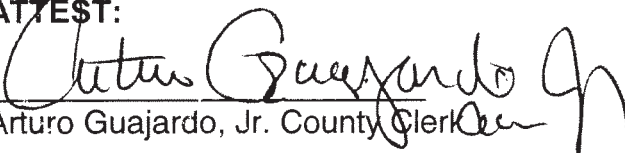
15. The contract may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice by County.

16. 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.

17. 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.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this ____ day of _____, 2010.

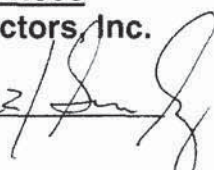
ATTEST:


Arturo Guajardo, Jr. County Clerk

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: 
Rene A. Ramirez, County Judge

COMPANY: **NTC Drug Testing Services**
dba Nurses, Technicians & Collectors, Inc.


Printed Name: SUSAN SANCHEZ 

Title: DIRECTOR

Approved by Commissioners Court on: **05/25/2010**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

By: 

Stephen L. Crain

Bid No: 2010-170-05-05-SMA

Buyer: Sandra Montalvo

Tel. No: (956) 318-2665 ext. 4865

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY “DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES”

BID OPENING DATE: May 05, 2010 @9:30 A.M.

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 -New Administration Building
Mailing/Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
956- 318-2626



956 318-2626

Form HCPD-03

1. Sealed bids will be received for **"HIDALGO COUNTY – DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES"** 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-2010-170-05-05-SMA-HIDALGO COUNTY- DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES"** and in County's Purchasing Department, 2812 s. Business Highway 281, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, MAY 05, 2010.**

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-2010-170-05-05-SMA. HIDALGO COUNTY-DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES".

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 items 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 Number (if any)
 - d) Notation - "**HIDALGO COUNTY-DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES**" 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 Human Resources Department
 1615 South Closner
 Edinburg, Texas 78539
 ATTN.: Esther Cortez, Director
 (956) 318-2660

17. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Bid Opening, 9:30 AM	<u>MAY 05, 2010</u>
Award of Contract	_____ 2010
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2010

18. BID OR PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION; PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT:

- If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods & 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 and submit a Certificate of Account Status indicating bidder is in “Good Standing” with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts if such bidder is incorporated in the State of Texas. To secure a certificate of “Good Standing”, you may access the following website: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/coastintr.html. If the bidder is not incorporated with the Texas, the bidder must submit the appropriate evidence of filing with the Texas Secretary of State stating that the business is authorized to transact business in Texas.
 - 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 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 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.

**Bid
For
HIDALGO COUNTY
"DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES"**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 S. Bus. Hwy. 281
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: _____

(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUMITTED WITH BID)

EXHIBIT "A"
HIDALGO COUNTY

"DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES"
BID NO. 2010-170-05-05-SMA

The following requirements and specifications shall be in addition to the other requirements contained herein and shall supersede the other requirements where applicable.

GENERAL

1. HIDALGO COUNTY is seeking bids from qualified firms for the purpose of performing drug and alcohol testing services including but not limited to, collecting and analyzing urine specimens for random and new hire drug and alcohol testing for Hidalgo County employees "ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS."
2. The Hidalgo County Drainage District No. One Board of Directors may, at their option, utilize the professional services Provider(s) selected by Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County Drainage District No. One. Should the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. One decide the firm(s) selected as the one(s) selected by Hidalgo County, the Provider(s) shall offer Hidalgo County Drainage District No. One the same terms and provisions as it/they offer(s) Hidalgo County under the service agreement(s).
3. The services shall be mandated by the Omnibus Transportation Testing Act of 1991, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the Drug Free Workplace Act on alcohol and drug misuses and shall be in accordance with any applicable Federal, State and/or Local Laws.
4. The Vendor will administer all aspects of the drug and alcohol testing process to meet all applicable requirements and The County of Hidalgo Drug and Alcohol Policy.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

1. Vendor shall notify Hidalgo County of any changes in Federal requirements with respect to the regulations of Services provided herein.
2. Vendor shall have ability to conduct a Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Program in accordance to The County of Hidalgo Drug and Alcohol Policy (herein attached Exhibit "E") and as required by local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
3. Vendor shall perform collection of; but may not necessarily limited to, urine and breath samples by certified staff, in accordance with NIDA standards and DOT and/or County policy and protocol for post-offer pre-employment and random drug tests as required.
4. Conducting Services in accordance with The County of Hidalgo Drug and Alcohol Policy including but not limited to:
 - a. Post offer, pre-employment screening to all new employees safety-sensitive positions only;
 - b. Post employment transfer, promotion and/or reassignment to safety sensitive position;
 - c. Reasonable Suspicion;
 - d. Employee found in possession of drugs and/or alcohol;
 - e. Employee returning to work after a leave of absence of 45 days or more- safety-sensitive positions only;
 - f. Post accident and/or critical near miss;
 - g. Random Testing for safety-sensitive positions should already include CDL drivers.
5. Vendor must provide this drug and alcohol testing services with licensed and certified personnel and laboratories as required by Local, State and Federal Law including, but not limited to, Medical Review Officer (MRO), Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) and Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) and National Certified Addiction Counselor II (NCACII) as required by DOT.
6. The service provider will assure security and validity of urine collections maintenance of a proper and documented chain of custody for the specimens and accurate records thereof in compliance with 49 CR Part 40 for DOT required specimens.
7. Establish and maintain clear, well-documented accessing, quality control and confidentiality procedures.
8. The initial screen test must be conducted using an evidential breath testing device (EBT) or a non-evidential alcohol screen device (ASD using breath. The confirmatory test can only be conducted using an EBT.

9. **RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING** – The County will require approximately 50% random drug and alcohol testing for employees who are required to possess a CDL to perform their job duty and/or every employee working in a job classified as a safety-sensitive position to be performed on a monthly and/or quarterly basis and must meet DOT regulations. Safety sensitive positions are located in various departments countywide. Vendor must provide a description of the work plan and the methods to be used that will demonstrate what the vendor intends to do, the timeframes necessary to accomplish the work and how the work will be accomplished. The vendor must specify the test procedures that will be utilized. The vendor must also include a plan for performing random testing at the Hidalgo County Human Resources Department and/or multiple locations simultaneously.

Before notification of a positive test result (other than alcohol), on any/all employees regardless of job description and duties, the readings shall be referred to a Medical Review Officer (MRO) for review to concur with the test results, as to eliminate any doubt or possibility that the readings were a result of medication obtained within policy parameters.

10. Vendor must provide Reasonable Suspicion training certification to designated County employees and must provide complete description of the training and consultation services offered on an as needed basis.
11. Vendor must hand deliver positive result to Hidalgo County Human Resources Department. Negative results will be hand delivered to the Hidalgo County Human Resources Department at 1615 South Closner, Edinburg, Texas within twenty-four (24) hours of testing. It is further required that Human Resources Department be notified by the vendor within twenty-four (24) hours of possible delays due to positive test results.
12. Test results other than “stat” must be performed and results returned within seventy (72) hours. Those requiring a longer incubation period will be mandated, that the results be returned within forty-eight (48) hours after incubation period. Results will not be divulged in any form to anyone other than to those designated authorized County representatives. At all times HIPPA requirements will be fully complied with.
13. Statistical reports of test results may be requested from the vendor on a quarterly basis and on an annual basis. Information on the statistical reports may be requested from the designated County representative.
14. As per Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations and as approved by Hidalgo County Commissioner’s Court on May 15, 2007, Alcohol screening tests that result in a concentration of less than 0.02, is considered negative and no further testing will be required. For tests with results greater than or equal to 0.02, a second test will be required, for confirmation, 15 to 30 minutes from the time of the first positive test.
15. Vendor must possess capability for collection of urine samples and conduct tests in response to critical time frames for post accident and reasonable suspicion testing situations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Pre-employment and Random Testing will require the capability of testing as needed by the Human Resources Department.
16. Vendor must be able to respond after hours and weekends.
17. **QUALIFICATIONS OF THE VENDOR** – Must remain current on testing and medical standards for all services to be performed as a result of this contract. Vendor must provide the County Purchasing Department with all licenses and certificates when they are renewed.
18. Vendor must provide all chain of custody forms, supplies, and equipment necessary to collect analyze and store urine specimens for both DOT and NON DOT collections.
19. **BID PRICE** must include an individual and a total test charges (fees) for the following:
- **PANEL 5**
 - Amphetamines:
 - Amphetamine
 - Methamphetamine
 - Cocaine Metabolites
 - Marijuana Metabolites
 - Opiates:
 - Morphine
 - Codeine
 - Phencyclidine (PCP)

- Alcohol

Bid must indicate fees for urine and breath tests as requested on Bid Page (Exhibit "B").

20. **TESTING SITE**– Vendor must have testing locations in *EASTERN* (Precinct No. 1) *CENTRAL* (Precinct No. 2 or 4) and *WESTERN* (Precinct No. 3) Hidalgo County including a locked, secured box, etc. for private articles where applicable.
21. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 @ 2:30 p.m. at the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department (Conference Room), at 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281-New Administration Bldg, Edinburg, Texas .** We encourage all participating bidder(s) to attend.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **CONTRACT TERM** – This Contract shall be for a period of two (2) years and may be extended at the sole discretion of the County for an additional two (2) one (1) year terms under the same rates, terms and conditions. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to continue this Contract for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the Contract term for unforeseen delay of a new Contract award or any extension thereof and under the same terms and conditions as set forth herein.
2. **REFERENCES** - Submit a minimum of five (3) references that include, company names, addresses, contract persons and telephone numbers for the contact persons, who can verify your performance as a vendor with Government Entities in the State of Texas. The County reserves the right to contact references other than, and/or in addition to, those furnished by the vendor.
3. Vendor must have been in business within the past five (5) years.
4. Hidalgo County will seek purchases/services from State awarded vendors whenever it is, its best interest to do so.
5. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete items during the term of the contract under the same rates and conditions.
6. Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until:
 - The contract expires
 - Delivery acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or
 - Terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to the cancellations.
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the bid to ONE OR MULTIPLE bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
8. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS** for this project to be maintained though out the contract term (Refer to limits in Exhibit "C").
9. 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.
10. **INDEMNIFICATION** – The successful bidder shall be required to agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Hidalgo and its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all actions, claims, liabilities, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fee, for personal, economic or bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of or damage to property, in law or in equity, which may arise or be alleged to have arisen from the negligent acts or omissions or other wrongful conduct of the successful bidder, its employees, or agents in connection with the performance of service pursuant to the resultant Contract; the successful bidder shall pay all such claims and losses and shall pay all such costs and judgments which may issue from any lawsuit arising from such claims and losses, and shall pay all costs expended by the County in the defense of such claims and losses, including appeals.
11. All applicable forms in this packet must be filled out in its entirety and submitted with bid response. Incomplete sections may be considered for probable cause of disqualification and/or non-compliance.

MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedures may be employed to mediate price volatility:

1. **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.
 - A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
 - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
 - The County purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
 - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
 - The County may grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contactor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
2. **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
3. **Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.
4. **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
5. **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Further information required for this project can be addressed to, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries, and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals, or statements of qualifications be addressed to, Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, 2812 S. Business Highway 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE (956)318-2629 OR VIA E-MAIL TO, sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us by NO LATER THAN, **Wednesday, April 28, 2010 by 5:00 P.M.** Responses will be sent to all applicants via e-mail by no later than, **Friday, April 30 2010 by 5:00 P.M.**

The County of Hidalgo Drug and Alcohol Policy

1. Policy Statement

The County of Hidalgo (the "COUNTY") recognizes that alcohol and drug abuse in the workplace has become a major concern. To help ensure a safe, healthy and productive drug-free work environment for all employees (collectively "Employees") of the COUNTY and others on the property of the COUNTY, to protect COUNTY property and assets, maintain a favorable public image and to assure efficient operations, the COUNTY has adopted a policy on drugs, alcohol and other prohibited items applicable to all Employees. This policy is intended to comply with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Texas Workers Compensation Act and all applicable regulations issued by the Department of Transportation ("DOT").

It is the policy of the COUNTY to maintain its property and to provide a drug-free working environment that is both safe for Employees and others having business with the COUNTY or on COUNTY property and conducive to efficient and productive work standards. This policy restricts certain items and substances from being brought on or being present in or on COUNTY property, including all COUNTY owned and operated buildings, parking areas, easements and rights of way, vehicles, equipment, parks and recreational areas, capital projects, construction sites, job sites and any areas which fall under the jurisdiction and control of the COUNTY. This policy prohibits Employees from reporting to work, working or being present on COUNTY property, whether or not on duty, from having detectable levels or identifiable trace quantities of certain drugs and other substances. However, this policy is not intended to prohibit or restrict the legal and responsible use of alcohol in COUNTY recreation areas by COUNTY Employees while off duty.

2. Statement of the Drug and Alcohol Policy

The use, possession, sale, manufacture, distribution, transfer, dispensation, concealment, receipt, transportation, or being under the influence of any prohibited items or substances (including the presence of detectable levels or identifiable trace quantities), as defined in Section 3, on COUNTY property or while on COUNTY business, by Employees, is prohibited. Employees must not report for duty or be on COUNTY property while under the influence of, or have in their possession while on COUNTY property, any prohibited item or substance.

3. Definitions

Alcohol means the intoxicating agent in beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol (ethanol) or any other low molecular weight alcohol including methyl and isopropyl alcohol.

CDL means Commercial Driver License holders. The COUNTY requires certain Employees to maintain a CDL. The DOT regulations (49 CFR Parts 40 and 382) require the COUNTY to have a special, mandatory controlled substance and alcohol testing policy for these Employees. All applicable drug and testing procedures shall meet DOT regulations. A copy of the DOT regulations shall be available for inspection and copying in the Personnel Office.

Commission means the Hidalgo County, Texas Civil Service Commission established pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code.

Controlled Substance means illegal drugs plus any other substance covered by Schedules I through V of the Federal Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 801, et seq.) or the Texas Controlled Substances Act (Chap. 481, Texas Health and Safety Code). A controlled substance is unauthorized if the Employee does not have a valid prescription for that substance at the time of its use or possession.

Conviction means a final, non-appealable finding of guilt by either a judge or jury, or a suspension of sentence, probation or deferred adjudication, including a plea of *no lo contendere*.

COUNTY means Hidalgo County, Texas, as organized and existing under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

Department means a COUNTY, district, or precinct office, agency, or board that has jurisdiction and control of designated governmental functions.

Department Head means an individual appointed as a supervisor of a department by one of the following: Commissioner's Court, COUNTY Judge, a designated representative of the Commissioner's Court, or an Elected Official.

Detectable means the measurable presence of an illegal or prohibited drug or substance found in body fluids at an mg/ml level of detection specified by the COUNTY's contract with a National Institute of Drug Abuse ("NIDA") certified testing laboratory; such levels will meet the DOT requirements.

Elected Official means an individual elected to a position created by the constitution or by statute. The term of an Elected Official is limited by the constitution.

Employee means any person employed by the COUNTY, including Elected Officials, full-time, part-time, temporary, probationary and contract employees.

Safety Sensitive Position means a position in which a drug impairment constitutes an immediate and direct threat to public health or safety, such as a position that requires the employee to carry a firearm, perform life threatening procedures, or

work with controlled substances; a position in which a drug impairment constitutes an immediate and direct threat to the Employee's health or safety; a position which has access to a juvenile facility; a position in which the Employee is responsible for the well-being of a minor; or a position in which a momentary lapse in attention could result in injury or death to another person.

Under the influence means being unable to perform work in a safe and productive manner, being in a physical or mental condition which creates a risk to the safety and well-being of the individual, other employees, the public or COUNTY property, and/or having a measurable presence of an illegal or prohibited drug or substance found in body fluids at an mg/ml level of detection specified by the COUNTY's contract with a NIDA certified lab.

4. Prohibited Items and Prohibited Conduct

A. The use, possession, sale, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, concealment, receipt, transportation, or being under the influence of any of the following items or substances on COUNTY property (including the presence of detectable levels or identifiable trace quantities), by Employees, is prohibited:

- i. Illegal drugs; controlled substances; marijuana; mood or mind altering substances, legal or illegal; "look-alike" substances; designer, counterfeit or synthetic drugs; inhalants; and any other drugs or substances which will in any way affect safety, workability, alertness, coordination, judgment, response or affect the safety of others on the job.
- ii. Alcoholic beverages. Consuming alcoholic beverages while driving or driving while intoxicated any vehicle for COUNTY business or any COUNTY vehicle at any time is prohibited. The consumption of alcohol on COUNTY time is prohibited.
- iii. Drug paraphernalia.
- iv. Prescription drugs and over the counter medications, except under the following conditions:
 - (a) The drugs have been prescribed by an authorized and Texas licensed medical practitioner for current use (within the past 12 months) for the person in possession of the drugs and filled in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Pharmacy Act, Texas Controlled Substances Act (Chapter 481, Texas Health and Safety Code) and regulations promulgated thereunder.

- (b) The drugs/medications, both prescribed and over the counter, are limited to a one day's supply, or must be kept in their original container labeled in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws of the State of Texas and must be taken in accordance with the dosage recommendations and usage cautions and generally must not affect the person's ability to perform work safely.
 - (c) The COUNTY may require the Employee to provide documentation from the doctor stating that such use will not impair the Employee's ability to perform the essential functions of his/her position. The COUNTY reserves the right, with Employee's consent, to consult with the Employee's medical doctor to determine if a drug or medication, whether prescribed or not, produces hazardous or non-safe effects and may restrict the use of any such drug or medication accordingly on COUNTY property.
 - (d) Any Employee taking prescribed or over-the-counter medications will be responsible for consulting the prescribing physician and/or pharmacist to ascertain whether the medication may interfere with safe performance of his/her job. If the use of medication could compromise the safety of the Employee, fellow Employees or the general public, it is the Employee's responsibility to use appropriate personnel procedures (i.e., call in sick, use leave, request change of duty, notify supervisor) to avoid unsafe workplace practices.
- B. The following conduct is prohibited by this policy:
- i. Switching or altering any urine sample submitted for testing.
 - ii. Refusal to consent to testing. Consent is indicated by signing any form required by the COUNTY or its designated testing facility.
 - iii. Refusal to submit to an inspection of any desk, locker, vehicle or other COUNTY property under Employee's control when asked to do so by Department Head or Elected Official.
 - iv. Conviction under any criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace.
 - v. Failure to notify the Department Head, Elected Official or Risk Management of any arrest or conviction under any criminal drug statute, or arrest or conviction of driving while intoxicated, within five (5) days of the arrest or conviction.

- vi. Failure to notify Department Head, Elected Official or Risk Management of the side effects of a prescription or non-prescription drug which may impair the Employee's behavior or physical or mental ability to safely and fully perform assigned duties.
- vii. Failure to keep prescribed medicine in its original container or to provide proof of identification of drug prescriptions and prescribing physician.
- viii. Failure of any COUNTY Employee to report the use or possession of an illegal drug or prohibited item by another COUNTY Employee while on duty or in a COUNTY vehicle.

5. Policy Enforcement

Because of the importance of this Policy, the COUNTY reserves the right, at all times, while on COUNTY premises and property and when circumstances warrant, to have the Department Head, Elected Official or personnel designated by COUNTY conduct reasonable searches and inspections of Employees and their personal property and effects, to include, but not limited to lunch boxes, purses, briefcases, baggage, offices, desks, clothing, and vehicles (including trunks, glove compartments, etc.), for the purpose of determining if such Employees or other persons are using, possessing, selling, manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, concealing, receiving or transporting any of the prohibited items and substances.

The Department Head, Elected Official or certain personnel designated by the Department Head have the right to conduct an on-the-spot search and inspection of Employees and their personal property and effects, as described above, if Department Head, Elected Official or designated personnel have a reason to believe that Employees or others, are in violation of this policy. All searches and inspections conducted by outside authorized specialists will be in the presence of the Department Head, Elected Official or such designated personnel. All Employees are expected to cooperate with any investigation regarding this policy. Failure to cooperate, providing false information or omitting information may subject Employees to disciplinary action in accordance with all COUNTY personnel policies and all applicable state law.

A search and inspection may also include and require Employees present on COUNTY property to submit to a drug and alcohol screen test. Tests may be required under the following circumstances, however testing is mandatory for all individuals in sections (a) and (b):

- (a) Post-offer, pre-employment screening to all new employees;

- (b) Post-employment transfer, promotion and/or reassignment to safety-sensitive position;
- (c) When the Department Head, Elected Official or personnel designated by the Department Head have reason to believe that an Employee on COUNTY property is using or under the influence of prohibited drugs, alcohol and substances, or that there has been a violation of this policy;
- (d) When an Employee is found in possession of suspected illegal or prohibited drugs and substances, or when any of these drugs and substances are found in an area controlled or used exclusively by said Employee or other person;
- (e) When an Employee returns to active employment after a leave of absence of forty-five (45) days or more;
- (f) Following an on-the-job injury requiring treatment from a physician, or, following a serious or potentially serious accident or incident, including near misses, in which safety precautions were violated, unsafe instructions or orders were given, vehicles/equipment/property was damaged, or unusually careless acts were performed. All persons involved and within the immediate vicinity of the incident may have their urine and/or blood tested. If it is impossible or impractical, because of the physical condition of the individual(s) involved in the accident, to give a urine and/or blood sample, and if in subsequent medical treatment of the person(s) blood will be drawn, then blood will be analyzed for drugs, alcohol and other prohibited substances; or
- (g) Random (Periodic and unannounced). Only COUNTY employees who are required to possess a CDL to perform their job duty and/or every employee working in a job classified as a safety-sensitive position will be subject to random testing. Random testing, other than to meet current specific job site requirements, will not commence until twenty-one (21) days following the date of this policy; however, applicants for employment shall be subject to testing as of the date of this policy. The search, inspection, urine and/or blood drug screening provisions herein will be performed with concern for the personal privacy of each Employee or other person, and will also apply to contract labor, when feasible.

All persons shall have the opportunity, prior to testing and at the testing facility, to list all prescription and non-prescription drugs they have used in the last thirty (30) days and to explain the circumstances surrounding the use of such drugs. All records containing medical information will be maintained in accordance with applicable law.

This testing policy does not include and specifically excludes those Employees covered by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy as defined therein.

6. Consequences for Violating Policy

The following violations of this policy will result in **automatic and mandatory termination** upon the first offense:

- (a) Refusal to submit to a drug and or alcohol test. Consent is indicated by signing any form required by the COUNTY or the physician or laboratory collecting the specimen for testing.
- (b) Confirmation of a positive result in drug testing and screening, which indicates detectable levels or identifiable trace quantities of a prohibited drug or substance.
- (c) Unauthorized use or possession of alcohol when reporting for duty, while on duty or occupying any COUNTY vehicle or personal vehicle on COUNTY time, including lunch or other break periods.

Violations involving other sections of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination, in accordance with all COUNTY personnel policies and all applicable state law. Preliminary findings of a policy violation, other than those which require automatic and mandatory termination, may require Employee be suspended, without pay, pending the results of an investigation. If the investigation clears Employee of any policy violation, then Employee will be fully reinstated, including pay, to his/her job.

An Employee who is terminated for refusing to take a drug and or alcohol test or who is terminated for having a positive drug or alcohol test will not be eligible for rehire for six (6) months.

7. Notification

Any Employee who is arrested or convicted of a drug-related offense must report the arrest or conviction to their Department Head, Elected Official or Risk Management within five (5) days of the conviction. Any Employee who is arrested or convicted of driving while intoxicated must report the arrest or conviction to their Department Head, Elected Official or Risk Management within five (5) days of the conviction. Failure to report such an offense may result in disciplinary action in accordance with all COUNTY personnel policies and applicable state law.

8. Treatment Programs and Employee Insurance

While the COUNTY does not sponsor or endorse any specific drug treatment program, such programs are available through public and private health care facilities in the area. Affected employees are encouraged to seek assistance for themselves and their dependents. The group health insurance offered to employees and their dependents may provide limited coverage for expenses related to drug treatment programs. Employees may contact the Human Resources Department or refer to the plan description for details.

The COUNTY does not offer, nor require, participation in drug and alcohol abuse education and training programs. However, various public and private facilities in the area offer such programs and affected or interested employees are encouraged to seek assistance.

**The County of Hidalgo Drug and Alcohol Policy
Certificate of Receipt**

I have read, understand and received a copy of the County of Hidalgo Drug and Alcohol Policy, amended 1-29-07, and understand I am expected to abide by this Policy.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT "C"

Insurance Requirements

Applicable to the Acquisition of Goods and /or Services (other than Professional Services)

The Bidder awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the bidder 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. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
2. 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 (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
3. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
4. 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 shall name Hidalgo County as additional insured and must 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.

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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"/> GEN L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				PRODUCTS - COMPOP \$
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 EA ACC \$
					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 \$
	OTHER				E L DISEASE POLICY LIMIT \$

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 BY CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL <u>30</u> 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 bid awarded 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 bid award by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following:

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

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

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Bidder:

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 of bid 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 bid award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next lowest bidder. 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 PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID)

**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 bid, 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 bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid.

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID)

EXHIBIT "D"

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

Adopted 05/29/2007

(Copy of receipt and this form must be submitted with bid)

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, if different from above	
Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from backup withholding	
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 Line 1 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 *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
+
or
Employer identification number
+

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

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 ▶

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.

U.S. person. 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.

In 3 above, 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.

For federal tax purposes, you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or
- Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.

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 recipient 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 must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments (after December 31, 2002). This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include 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 4 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 regarding partnerships* on page 1.

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" line.

Limited liability company (LLC). If you are a single-member LLC (including a foreign LLC with a domestic owner) that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Treasury regulations section 301.7701-3, enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. Enter the LLC's name on the "Business name" line. Check the appropriate box for your filing status (sole proprietor, corporation, etc.), then check the box for "Other" and enter "LLC" in the space provided.

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" line.

Note. You are requested to check the appropriate box for your status (individual/sole proprietor, corporation, etc.).

Exempt From Backup Withholding

If you are exempt, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt from backup withholding" box in the line following the business 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.

Exempt payees. Backup withholding is not required on any payments made to the following payees:

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

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt recipients except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt recipients 1 through 13. Also, a person registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 who regularly acts as a broker
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt recipients 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt recipients 1 through 7 ²

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

² However, the following payments made to a corporation (including gross proceeds paid to an attorney under section 6045(f), even if the attorney is a corporation) and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees; 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-owner LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited liability company (LLC)* on page 2), enter your SSN (or EIN, if you have one). If the LLC is a corporation, partnership, etc., 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.socialsecurity.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 ID Numbers under Related Topics. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting www.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. Writing "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 items 1, 4, and 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). Exempt recipients, see *Exempt From Backup Withholding* on page 2.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in 1 through 5 below.

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)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
6. Sole proprietorship or single-owner LLC	The owner ³
7. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
8. Corporate or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832	The corporation
9. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
10. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
11. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
12. 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

¹List 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.

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

³You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the second name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one). If you are a sole proprietor, IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴List first and circle the name of the legal 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 regarding partnerships* on page 1.

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.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax 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. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

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: _____

(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID)

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 indicated 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 verify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.

(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID)

**EXHIBIT “B” VENDOR’S BID
(BID TABULATION)**

EXHIBIT "B"

Bid Form

HIDALGO COUNTY

"DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES"

BID NO. 2010-170-05-05-SMA

BIDDER /COMPANY'S NAME: N.T.C. DRUG TESTING SERVICES, INC.
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 2883, 4132 N. 23rd STREET, McALLEN, TX.
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: McALLEN, TEXAS 78501
PHONE NUMBER: (956) 682-7090 / 682-4219
CELLULAR NUMBER: (956) 655-2067
FAX NUMBER: (956) 682-4252
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: Susan Sanchez
EMAIL ADDRESS: NTCDRUGTESTINGSTAFF@YAHOO.COM
PRINTED NAME: SUSAN SANCHEZ
TITLE: DIRECTOR
DATE: 04/30/10

(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID)

EXHIBIT "B"

Bid Form

HIDALGO COUNTY

"DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES"

BID NO. 2010-170-05-05-SMA

Vendor must thoroughly fill in each section of the Bid Form (Exhibit "B") if applicable INCOMPLETE submittals shall be considered a probable cause for disqualification.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES:

SPECIFIC TEST		COST PER TEST		RESPONSE - TIME (DAYS/HOURS)	
		DOT	NON-DOT	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE
Drug Testing Services	PANEL 5	\$ 36.00	\$ 26.00	24 hrs.	24/48 hr.
Alcohol Testing Services	Initial Test	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	instant	3min.
	Post Accident	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	instant	3min.
	Confirmation Test	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	instant	3min.

TRAINING SERVICES FEE:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	HOURLY FEES
Employee Training	\$ 80.00
Reasonable Suspicion Training	\$ 80.00

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES:

	DOT	NON-DOT
Medical Review Officer (MRO)	\$ included for a DOT Test	\$ 18.00

*please note by U.S. DOT Regulations
Every D.O.T Test requires an MRO
Automatically.*

OPENED

10:00am

MAY 05 2010

Witnessed

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EXHIBIT “C” INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS



Policy Number:

Date Entered: 10/18/2013

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
10/18/2013

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).

PRODUCER	Davis Insurance Agency 2030 E. Griffin Parkway Mission, Texas 78572	CONTACT NAME:	
		PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (956) 581-9838	FAX (A/C, No): (956) 519-1524
		E-MAIL ADDRESS: davisinsuranceagency@yahoo.com	
		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
		INSURER A: Great Midwest Insurance Co.	
		INSURER B: CNA Insurance	
		INSURER C: Great Midwest Insurance Co.	
		INSURER D:	
		INSURER E:	
		INSURER F:	

INSURED NTC DRUG TESTING SERVICES INC.

DBA NURSES TECHNICAN AND COLLECTORS
PO BOX 2883
MCALLEN, TX 78501

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 INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PP00024322	11/09/2013	11/09/2014	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$EXCLUDED GENERAL AGGREGATE \$2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COM/OP AGG \$EXCLUDED \$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4031277100	12/28/2012	12/28/2013	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
	UMBRELLA LIAB EXCESS LIAB DED RETENTION \$						OCCUR CLAIMS-MADE EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						WC STATUTORY LIMITS OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
C	Professional Liability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		PP00024322	11/09/2013	11/09/2014	claims made lim 1,000,000 claims made agg 2,000,000

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

Hidalgo County is added as an additional insured.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

Hidalgo County 2812 S. Business Highway 281 Edinburg, Tx. 78541	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 <i>W. Carl Davis</i>
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