

# **“Hidalgo County Literacy Program”**

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# Hidalgo County Literacy Program

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the “County”) is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop and administer state and local economic development programs for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section §381.004(b)(6), the County determines and declares that the development of the Program shall establish comprehensive literacy programs for the benefit of county residents, focusing on skills development training for demand occupations with an emphasis on serving residents with barriers to employment in an effort to help them achieve long-term self sufficiency, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.004, the County is authorized to spend public funds and provide personnel and services of the county to develop such programs, and to contract with another entity for the administration of such an economic development program; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that such programs would improve the growth, sustainability and diversity of the local economy, and thereby contribute to the long-term prosperity of the County and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County does hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The County now desires to create a “Hidalgo County Literacy Program”, herein after referred to as (the “Program”), under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(6), for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County.
2. The Program shall be administered through the Office of Hidalgo County Judge, Economic Development Department.
3. The Hidalgo County Literacy Program shall be focused on assisting economically disadvantaged, underemployed & unemployed residents gain employment through skills development training for demand occupations. The result will be employment in jobs that pay a high wage with benefits and upward mobility.
4. The County may contract with other entities for assisting in the administration of the Program and/or specific Program initiatives, and may provided partial funding, leverage existing services and personnel, or other resources for the development and administration of the Program.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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**RAMON GARCIA**  
County Judge

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**A.C. CUELLAR JR.**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**JOE M. FLORES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**JOSEPH PALACIOS**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO**  
Hidalgo County Clerk

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