



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
County Of Hidalgo

**April 28, 2015**

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RE: Hidalgo County-WIC Program Request for Bids – **"LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE-  
CITY OF ALTON"**  
**RFB Nº 2015-132-05-20-HGO**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a Request for Bid (RFB) packet for your review and consideration.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the bid process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department 956/318-2626.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent  
MLS/hgo

Enclosures



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

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

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The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Bid (RFB) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, advise of missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

April 28, 2015  
Date

**REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)**

**HIDALGO COUNTY-WIC PROGRAM**

**“LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE- CITY OF ALTON”**

**RFB NO: 2015-132-05-20-HGO**

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

Project Buyer Contact Information:

Heidi Garcia Ortiz, Buyer III  
(956) 292-7000 Ext. 4877  
[heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**BID NO: 2015-132-05-20-HGO**

1. Sealed bids will be received for **“HIDALGO COUNTY-WIC PROGRAM- LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE- CITY OF ALTON”** 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-2015-132-05-20-HGO- HIDALGO COUNTY-WIC PROGRAM- LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE CITY OF ALTON"** and in County's Purchasing Department, physical address: 2802 S. Business Hwy 281, mailing address 2812 S. Business 281 New Administration Building,, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2015.**

**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 -2015-132-05-20-HGO HIDALGO COUNTY-WIC PROGRAM – LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE – CITY OF ALTON".** Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFB and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFB considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: **A.** separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; **B.** reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; and **C.** award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.”
4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Failure of the delivered item to perform as specified or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid.
6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind

and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.

7. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. DO NOT include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a bid or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.
15. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:
  - . No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
  - . At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
  - . If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent  
(956) 318-2626

**16. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- . Invoices must include:

- a) Name and address of successful bidder
- b) Name and address of receiving department or official
- c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
- d) Notation - **BID-2015-132-05-20-HGO- HIDALGO COUNTY-WIC PROGRAM – “LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE CITY OF ALTON”**  
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 WIC Program  
Attn: Margarita Gonzalez  
3105 W. University Dr.  
Edinburg, TX. 78539  
(956) – 381-4646

17. Schedule of Events

<b>Bid Opening</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>May 20, 2015</b>
Award of Contract		_____, 2015
Commence Work or Deliver Products		_____, 2015

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.

• NOTICE:

ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY A VENDOR TO THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE DONE THROUGH THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

No vendor, its representative, agent, or employee shall engage in private communication with a member of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or county department heads regarding any procurement of goods or services by the County from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is released. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into. Members of the commissioners court are required to make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding potential procurements and have a duty to inquire of vendors, their representatives or employees, the nature of any private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication. "Private Communication" means communication with any vendor outside of a posted meeting of the governing body, a regular meeting of a standing or appointed committee, or a negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

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 that 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. 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 to the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
29. ***Vendor hereby assigns to purchaser any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USCA, Section 1 et. seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Bus. & Com. Code, Section 15.01, et. seq.***
30. 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.
31. 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-WIC PROGRAM  
“LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE-CITY OF ALTON”**

**BID No. -2015-132-05-20-HGO**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
2802 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY-WIC OFFICE**  
**"LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE - CITY OF ALTON"**  
**RFB NO.: 2015-132-05-20-HGO**

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**SCOPE OF WORK:**

Hidalgo County is seeking bids to establish a contract for "**Lease of Office Space in the City of Alton**" The proposed building should be of new construction or newly constructed within the last five (5) years, in good habitable condition and shall consist of the following:

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

1. Proposed office will consist of new construction, or newly constructed within the last five (5) years, space and should be located within the following Parameter: **Five (5) Mile Line and within one (1) mile radius from La Homa Road in the City of Alton.**
2. Said office space shall have the designated rooms or areas for conducting WIC functions:
  - Waiting Area
  - Nutrition Education Classroom
  - Computer Area
  - Lab
  - File Room
  - Lactation Room
  - Reception Area
  - Counseling Room
  - Screening Room
  - Lounge Area
  - Storage Closets within Rooms
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3. The proposed office building shall consist of a **minimum of 2,800 square feet to a maximum of 4,000 square feet** of available tile floor space to perform WIC services.
4. Building must be well insulated with a minimum ERA rating of eleven (11).
5. **Bidder shall charge by the square foot for the rental of space on a monthly basis.** The bid should reflect the actual square feet of the building being proposed.
6. The proposed bid premises will comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, and codes at the time of occupancy (examples: fire extinguisher, ADA).
7. The building must meet all the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). (i.e. entrances, restrooms, for both men and women, and parking)
8. There must be a separate restroom facility for employees.
9. The parking lot for the public must consist of a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces with at least two (2) parking spaces designated handicap, with ramp access available from such spaces. There must be an area of at least 12 parking spaces for the staff leading to the building.

10. Bid premises shall have electricity, water, sewer, garbage pickup, and central air cooling and heating.
11. Lessor will be responsible for electrical maintenance and repair, central air cooling and heating system maintenance and repairs, painting, and maintaining building free of mold at all times.
12. Building should have the minimum number of fire extinguishers required by the City Fire code under federal, state, local and building codes and regulations. Floor area exit doorways must comply with the City Fire Code under federal, state and local building codes and regulations.
13. Building shall be safe from rodents and insects prior to occupancy by Hidalgo County – WIC Program Staff. Lessor, at its sole expense, will be responsible for maintaining monthly pest control service throughout the term of this contract.
14. Lessor must provide documented proof that the building is asbestos free.
15. Newly constructed building must be ready for occupancy with all the specifications completed and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, ninety (90) days from the date of awarding of the bid.
16. The newly constructed building will have a floor plan constructed and designed according to the needs of facility with final approval by WIC Director. If present building needs renovations; the renovation work will be made by Lessor and the Lessor's cost and work must be completed ninety (90) days from the date of contract/lease award and execution of the contract/lease or the award will become void/null.
17. Any and all repairs will be done on a timely manner as prioritized by Hidalgo County.
18. The complete space will be inspected by WIC Program Director, before lease contract is in place.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

The awarded bidder shall adhere to the following insurance requirements.

1. Bidder shall maintain liability insurance on the proposed building. Bidder shall also maintain insurance against fire, accident and natural disaster. Bidder shall maintain liability insurance on the premises as described and listed in Insurance Requirements (Exhibit "C").
2. Property insurance policy shall provide that any proceeds for loss or damage to buildings or to improvements shall be payable solely to Lessor, which sum Lessor shall use for repair and restoration purpose.
3. Certificates of insurance shall be submitted to Hidalgo County Purchasing Department for approval prior to rental services being performed by Lessor hereunder.
4. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to or

longer than the term of this Lease, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date or otherwise the lease shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation or other termination of required policy of insurance hereunder.

5. Provide the **legal description** of the property along with your bid and include a proposed "Floor Plan Layout" of your facility.
6. Hidalgo County is requesting that all interested vendor(s) submitting bids for this project, **must provide the following:**
  - a) Property ID number and/or Geographic ID number
  - b) Legal Description as listed in your local Hidalgo County District for proposed property.
  - c) Proposed "***Floor Plan Layout***"

### **TERM AND CONDITIONS:**

1. The initial term of the contract/lease shall be for a period of three (3) years with the County's option to renew contract for one (1) additional year under the same rates, terms and conditions. Lease will have a sixty (60) day cancellation clause.
2. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract.
3. Construction of new building should have a completion date of approximately one hundred and twenty (120) days from date bid was awarded. If completion date is not met, bid will become void/null.
4. After bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidder(s) and/or in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost to the County.
5. All cost and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of bids proposals and/or quotes shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.
6. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
7. Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until:
  - (a) The contract expires
  - (b) Delivery and acceptance of products and/or performance of service ordered, or
  - (c) Terminated by County with sixty (60) day written notice prior to cancellation.
8. The successful bidder will indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers, officials, and employees, agents and attorneys for any and all claims and expenses

arising out of or related to the performance of the contract awarded pursuant hereto.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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 South Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE TO (956) 292-7612 OR VIA E-MAIL TO heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, May 13, 2015. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to applicants via facsimile by no later than, Friday, May 15, 2015.**

**\*PLEASE PROVIDE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY ALONG WITH YOUR BID\***

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**BID PAGE**

HIDALGO COUNTY – WIC PROGRAM  
"LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE CITY OF ALTON  
BID № 2015-132-05-20-HGO

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**Term:**

The initial term of contract/lease is for a period of three (3) years with the County's option to renew for an additional one (1) year term under same rates, terms and conditions.

**BID PRICE PER SQ. FT.**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SQ. FT OF PROPOSED BUILDING:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION/ADDRESS OF PROPOSED BUILDING:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY ID AND/OR GEOGRAPHIC ID**

\_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

\_\_\_\_\_



**BIDDER/COMPANY NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE №**

\_\_\_\_\_

**FAX №**

\_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE**

\_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:**

\_\_\_\_\_

# EXHIBIT "C"

## Insurance Requirements

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.

Revised 10/01/08



# 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 FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET**

# 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

# 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**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

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
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 the "Name" line 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									

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

Employer identification number									

### 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. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### 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.

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. 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.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**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 payee 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 a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt 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 3 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 for partnerships* on page 1.

#### Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

#### 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/disregarded entity name" line.

**Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Disregarded entity.** Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

**Note.** Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

**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/disregarded entity name" line.

## Exempt Payee

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

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

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

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, 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-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, 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.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.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](http://www.irs.gov/businesses) and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting [IRS.gov](http://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.** Entering "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 item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

**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.

**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.

**Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft**

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

**Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.**

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) or contact them at [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

**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 <sup>1</sup>
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup>
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. 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
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>1</sup> List 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.

<sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>4</sup> List first and circle the name of the 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 for partnerships* on page 1.

\*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

**Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and 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. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

**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 indicted 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 certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.

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**LEASE  
C-15-132-00**

THIS LEASE is made and entered into by and between [REDACTED], a resident of Hidalgo County, Texas referred to in this Lease as Lessor, and **THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, referred to in this Lease as Lessee.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth in this Lease, and other good and valuable consideration, Lessor demises and leases to Lessee, and Lessee leases from Lessor that certain real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The premises leased hereunder are referred to in this Lease as "the Premises" or "the Leased Premises." Lessee issued a Request for Bid in accordance with specification on the Request for Bid, and a copy of such as Request for Bid Procurement packet and Bid Page is (collectively the "RFB") attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

**ARTICLE 1. TERM**

**Term of Lease**

1.1 Except as otherwise herein provided, the term of this Lease shall be for three (3) years commencing on **July 12, 2015** (as hereinafter defined) and ending on **July 11, 2018** (as hereunder defined) unless sooner terminated or unless renewed and extended in accordance with Paragraph 1.2, hereof. The "Commencement Date" is the date the Premises are available for occupancy by Lessee, which date shall be ten(10) days following the date the Lessor provides Lessee written notice that the Lessor's negotiated

remodeling obligation is complete. If the Premises are sold to an unrelated third party (not affiliated by common ownership with Lessor) at a time when more than six (6) months remains on the unexpired portion of the term of this Lease, then the unexpired portion of this Lease may, at Lessee's option, be shortened to six (6) months from the date of such sale.

### **Renewal or Termination**

1.2. Lessee shall have the right and option to renew and extend the term of this Lease for an additional one (1) year under the same rates, terms and conditions. If Lessee desires to renew and extend the term of this Lease for a renewal period, Lessee must give Lessor written notice of such renewal at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination of the initial lease term or any extension thereof. Any renewal or extension of this Lease shall be on the terms and conditions as provided herein. This Lease shall terminate and become null and void without further notice on the expiration of the term specified in Article 1.1, unless sooner terminated or renewed and extended in accordance with this Article 1.2; and any holding over by Lessee after the expiration of that term shall not constitute a renewal of the Lease or give Lessee any rights under the Lease in or to the Leased Premises.

### **Holdover**

1.3 If Lessee holds over and continues in possession of the Leased Premises after expiration of the term of this Lease, Lessee will be deemed to be occupying the Premises on the basis of a month to month tenancy, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Lease. The inclusion of this Article 1.2 shall not be construed as Lessor's consent for Lessee to hold over.

## **Termination**

1.4 Lessee may declare this Lease, and all rights and interest created by it, to be terminated without cause upon giving the Lessor sixty (60) days written notice. Upon Lessee's electing to terminate, this Lease shall cease and come to an end as if the day of the termination party's election were the day originally fixed in the Lease for its expiration.

## **Lessor's Warranty of Quiet Enjoyment**

1.5 Lessor covenants and agrees that Lessee on paying the rent and other charges herein provided for and observing and keeping the covenants, conditions, and terms of this Lease on Lessee's part to be kept or performed, shall lawfully and quietly hold, occupy, and enjoy the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease without hindrance or molestation by Lessor or any person claiming under Lessor except such portion of the Leased Premises, if any, as shall be taken under the power of eminent domain.

## **ARTICLE 2. RENT**

### **Base Rent**

2.1 Lessee agrees to pay to Lessor, during the term hereof, a monthly rental equal to amount to be substituted after award of bid (\$0,000.00) per month. In the event the Commencement Date is a day other than the first day of the month, the rent for the period from the commencement date to the last day of the month shall be prorated by dividing the monthly rental by thirty (30) days, and multiplying the result by the number of days remaining in the month that includes the Commencement Date.

### **Time and Manner of Payment**

2.2 All rent due under this article shall be paid by Lessee on a monthly basis and in advance, on the first business day of each month commencing on the Commencement Date. All installments of rent shall be paid in lawful money of the United States to the Lessor at address to be entered after bid award [REDACTED] or such other location or locations as Lessor shall from time to time designate by written notice to Lessee. Any rent due for any partial month at the beginning or the end of the term hereof shall be prorated on the basis of a thirty (30) day month.

### **Taxes**

2.3 Lessor is responsible for rendering and paying all real estate taxes on the Property. Lessee shall be responsible for taxes, if any, on Lessee's personal property located on the Premises.

## **ARTICLE 3. USE OF PREMISES**

### **Permitted Use**

3.1 Lessee may use the premises for office space and for any other lawful purpose.

### **Waste, Nuisance, or Illegal Use**

3.2 Lessee shall not use, or permit the use of, the Premises in any manner that result in waste of the Premises or constitutes a nuisance or violates any statute, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to the premises or for any illegal purpose.

## **ARTICLE 4. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

4.1 Lessee shall be responsible for providing general janitorial service. Lessee shall be responsible for all repairs and maintenance in connection with damage to the

Premises caused by Lessee's negligent use of Premises, and damage to fixtures and improvements resulting from negligent or willful acts of the Lessee, or the Lessee's employees, agents, licenses or invitees. In addition, Lessee shall repair all such damage caused by the installation or removal of furniture, fixtures or property permitted under this Lease to be removed from the Leased Premises. All such repairs shall be made in a good, workmanlike manner using high quality materials.

### **LESSOR'S AND LESSEE'S DUTIES TO REPAIR**

4.2 Lessor shall maintain the foundation, roof, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems ("HVAC") and structural integrity of the Leased Premises and shall make all such necessary repairs to the foundation, roof, plumbing, HVAC and structural integrity of the Leased Premises, except that Lessee shall make those repairs occasioned by Lessee's negligent use of the Leased Premises.

### **LESSOR'S DUTY**

4.3 Lessor shall construct, repair and maintain the Leased Premises so that the Premises will have:

- (1) Effective waterproofing and weather protection of the contents of the Leased Premises by watertight roof, exterior walls, windows, and doors.
- (2) Plumbing facilities that conform to applicable law, maintained in good working order.
- (3) A water supply approved under applicable law that is under the control of Lessee, capable of producing hot and cold running water, or a system that is under the control of Lessor that produces hot and cold

running water furnished to Lessee and connected to a sewage disposal system conforming to applicable law.

- (4) Heating, ventilation and air conditioning facilities conforming to applicable law which are more than adequate to heat, ventilate and air condition the improvements on the Leased Premises, and are maintained in good-working order.
- (5) Electrical lighting, with wiring and electrical equipment that conform to applicable law, maintained in good working order.
- (6) Building, grounds, and appurtenances in every part clean, sanitary, and free from all accumulations of debris, and all areas under control of Lessor kept in every part clean, sanitary, and free from all accumulations of debris.
- (7) Floor, stairways, and railings maintained in good repair.
- (8) Landscaping (all greenery, watering, and maintenance).
- (9) Parking Lot (including painting, striping, paving, etc.)

#### **Lessee's Right to Repair for Lessor or Vacate**

4.4 (a) If after Lessee's notice to Lessor of repairs or maintenance which Lessor has a duty to undertake, Lessor neglects to make such repairs within thirty (30) days following written notice from Lessee, Lessee may make the repairs itself. In such a case, Lessee may deduct the expenses of the repairs from further payment of rent **or** terminate this Lease Agreement as of the date Lessee vacates the Premises and any rental shall be abated for the unexpired term of this Lease.

- (b) For purposes of this Section 4.4, if Lessor makes repairs at least

fifteen (15) days following the date of Lessee's notice to Lessor, it will be presumed to have acted in a reasonable time.

## **ARTICLE 5. UTILITIES**

### **Utility Charges**

5.1 Lessee shall pay all utility charges, including but not limited to, electricity and water, used in and about the Leased Premises during the term of this Lease, all such charges to be paid by Lessee directly to the utility company or municipality furnishing the same, before the same shall become delinquent.

## **ARTICLE 6. ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS, AND IMPROVEMENTS**

### **Consent of Lessor**

6.1 Lessee shall not make any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Leased Premises without the prior written consent of Lessor. Consent for nonstructural alterations, additions, or improvements shall not be unreasonably withheld by Lessor.

### **Property of Lessor**

6.2 All alterations, additions, or improvements made by Lessee shall become the property of Lessor at the termination of this Lease. Lessor may, however, require that Lessee remove any or all alterations, additions, and improvements installed or made by Lessee, and any other property placed on the Premises by Lessee, upon termination of the Lease. In the event that Lessor requires Lessee to remove such alterations, additions, or improvements, Lessee shall repair any damage to the Premises caused by such removal.

## **ARTICLE 7. SIGNS**

### **Signs**

7.1 Subject to the written approval of Lessor, and further subject to applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, Lessee shall have the right to install signs on the Leased Premises. Lessee must remove all signs at the termination of this Lease and repair any damage resulting from the erection or removal of the signs.

## **ARTICLE 8. MECHANIC'S LIEN**

8.1 Lessee will not permit any mechanic's lien or liens to be placed upon the Leased Premises or improvements on the Premises, and if such lien is claimed as a result of the acts of Lessee, Lessee will promptly pay the lien. If default in payment of the lien continues for twenty (20) days after written notice from Lessor, Lessor may, at its option, pay the lien or any portion of it without inquiry as to its validity. Any amounts paid by the Lessor to remove a mechanic's lien caused to be filed against the Premises or improvements on the Premises by Lessee, including expenses and interest, shall be due from Lessee to Lessor and shall be repaid to Lessor immediately on rendition of notice, together with interest at ten percent (10%) per annum until repaid.

## **ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY**

### **Property Insurance**

9.1 Lessor shall, at its own expense, during the term of this Lease, keep all buildings and improvements on the Leased Premises insured against loss or damage by fire with extended coverage to include direct loss by windstorm, hail, explosion, riot, or riot attending a strike, civil commotion, aircraft, vehicles, and smoke, in the aggregate amounts

of not less than the full fair insurable value of the buildings and improvements. The insurance is to be carried by one or more insurance companies licensed to do business in Texas and approved by Lessee. The policies shall provide that any proceeds for loss or damage to buildings or to improvements shall be payable solely to Lessor, which sum Lessor shall use for repair and restoration purposes as provided herein. Lessee shall maintain all insurance on Lessee's personal property located within the Leased Premises and Lessee covenants and agrees that Lessor shall have no responsibility for damage or destruction of Lessee's personal property located within the Leased Premises.

#### **General Liability Insurance**

9.2 **Lessor.** Lessor, at its own expense, shall provide and maintain in force during the term of this Lease, liability insurance with limits of at least Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00), naming Lessee as additional insured. Prior to occupancy of the Premises, Lessor shall provide Lessee with evidence of such insurance satisfying the insurance requirements stated in the RFB, such evidence of insurance is attached hereto as "Exhibit C."

9.3 **Lessee.** Lessee, at its own expense, shall provide and maintain in force during the term of this Lease, liability insurance in the amounts deemed adequate by Lessee.

#### **Remedy for Failure to Provide Insurance**

9.4 Lessor shall furnish Lessee with the original of all insurance policies required by this Article. If Lessor does not provide such policies or proof of such insurance within ten (10) days of the execution of this Lease, or if Lessor allows any insurance required under this Article to lapse after receipt of notice of cancellation or of non-renewal, or if Lessor fails

to deliver proof of insurance showing coverages to Lessee prior to the effective date of such insurance and the original insurance policy within thirty (30) days thereafter, such failure shall be a default of Lessor under this Lease; or Lessee may, but shall not be required, to take out such insurance and pay the premiums on the necessary insurance to comply with Lessor's obligations under the provisions of this Article. Lessor agrees to reimburse Lessee all amounts spent by Lessor to procure and maintain such insurance within fifteen (15) days after demand from Lessor. Failure to pay such amount when due shall be a default of Lessor under this Lease.

## **ARTICLE 10. DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF PREMISES**

### **Notice to Lessor**

10.1 If the Leased Premises, or any structures or improvements on the Leased Premises, should be damaged or destroyed by fire, tornado, or other casualty, Lessee shall give immediate written notice of the damage or destruction to Lessor, including a description of the damage and, as far as known to Lessee, the cause of the damage.

10.2 If the building on the Leased Premises should be totally destroyed by fire, tornado, or other casualty, or if it should be so damaged that rebuilding is necessary, this Lease Agreement, at the option of the Lessee, shall terminate and rent shall be abated for the unexpired portion of this Lease, effective as of the date of said occurrence.

10.3 If the Leased Premises should be damaged by fire, tornado, or other casualty, but not to such an extent that rebuilding or repairs can reasonably be completed within thirty (30) working days from the date of the occurrence of the damage, this Lease shall not terminate, but Lessor shall, if the casualty has occurred prior to the final six (6) months of the lease term, at Lessor's sole cost and risk proceed forthwith to rebuild or repair the

Leased Premises to substantially the condition in which they existed prior to such damage.

If the casualty occurs during the final six (6) months of the lease term, **Lessee may elect to terminate this lease on thirty (30) day notification to Lessor and if Lessee so elects** Lessor shall not be required to rebuild or repair such damage **otherwise Lessor shall propose to repair or rebuild the leased premises to substantially the condition in which they existed prior to the damage.** If the Leased Premises are to be rebuilt or repaired and are untenable in whole or in part following such damage, the rent payable hereunder during the period in which they are untenable shall be adjusted equitably. **Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, within thirty (30) working days** from the date of the occurrence of the damage, Lessee may at its option terminate this Lease by written notification at such time to Lessor, whereon all rights and obligations hereunder shall cease.

## **ARTICLE 11. CONDEMNATION**

### **Total Condemnation**

11.1 If during the term of this Lease all of the Leased Premises should be taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right of eminent domain, or should be sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, the Lease shall terminate, and the rent shall be abated during the unexpired portion of this Lease, effective as of the date of the taking of the premises by the condemning authority.

### **Partial Condemnation**

11.2 If less than all, but more than ten percent (10%) of the Leased Premises is taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or

regulation, or by right of eminent domain, or should be sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, Lessee may terminate the Lease by giving written notice to Lessor within thirty (30) days after possession of the condemned portion is taken by the entity exercising the power of condemnation.

If the Leased Premises are partially condemned and Lessee fails to exercise the option to terminate the Lease under this section, or if less than ten percent (10%) of the Leased Premises are condemned, this Lease shall not terminate, but Lessor may, at its sole expense, restore and reconstruct the building and other improvements situated on the Leased Premises to make them reasonably tenantable and suitable for the uses for which the Premises are Leased. The rent payable under Sections 2.1 of this Lease shall be decreased equitably during the period of such restoration or reconstruction.

#### **Condemnation Award**

11.3 Lessor and Lessee shall each be entitled to receive and retain such separate awards, and portions of lump sum awards, as may be allocated to their respective interest in any condemnation proceeding. The termination of this Lease shall not affect the rights of the respective parties to such awards.

### **ARTICLE 12. DEFAULT**

#### **Default by Lessee**

12.1 If Lessee shall allow the rent to be in arrears more than ten (10) days after written notice of such delinquency, or shall remain in default under any other condition of this Lease for a period of fifteen (15) days after written notice from Lessor, Lessor may at its option, without notice to Lessee, terminate this Lease or, in the alternative, Lessor may re-enter and take possession of the Premises and remove all persons and property without

being deemed guilty of any manner of trespass and re-let the Premises, or any part of the Premises, for all or any part of the remainder of the Lease term, to a party satisfactory to Lessor and at such monthly rental as Lessor may with reasonable diligence be able to secure. Should Lessor be unable to relet after reasonable efforts to do so, or should such monthly rental be less than the rental Lessee was obligated to pay under this Lease, or any renewal of this Lease, plus the expense of reletting, then Lessee shall pay the amount of such deficiency plus reasonable attorney's fees to Lessor.

#### **Default by Lessor**

12.2 If Lessor defaults in the performance of any terms, covenants, or conditions required to be performed by it under this Lease, in addition to other remedies afforded Lessee under this Lease or at law, Lessee may elect that: Upon Lessee's notice to Lessor of repairs or maintenance which Lessor has a duty to undertake, Lessor neglects to make such repairs within thirty (30) days following written notice from Lessee, Lessee may vacate the Premises, in which case it shall be discharged from further payment of rent, the performance of all other terms and conditions of this Lease, and this Lease shall terminate as of the date Lessee vacates the Premises and any rental shall be abated for the unexpired term of this Lease.

#### **Cumulative Remedies**

12.4 All rights and remedies of Lessor and Lessee under this Article shall be cumulative, and none shall exclude any other right or remedy provided by law or by any other provision of this Lease. All such rights and remedies may be exercised and enforced concurrently and whenever, and as often, as occasion for their exercise arises.

## **Waiver of Breach**

12.5 A waiver by either Lessor or Lessee of a breach of this Lease by the other party does not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach of the Lease.

## **ARTICLE 13. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING**

### **Assignment and Subletting by Lessee**

13.1 Lessee may sublet, assign, encumber, or otherwise transfer this Lease, or any right or interest in this Lease or in the Leased Premises or the improvements on the Leased Premises, with the written consent of Lessor. If Lessee sublets, assigns, encumbers, or otherwise transfers its rights or interest in this Lease or in the Leased Premises or the improvements on the Leased Premises, other than as specified herein, without the written consent of Lessor, Lessor may, at its option, declare this Lease terminated and Lessee and Lessor shall have no further obligation to each other under this Lease. In the event Lessor consents in writing to an assignment, sublease or other transfer of all or any of Lessee's rights under this Lease, the assignee or sub lessee, must assume all of Lessee's obligations under this Lease, and Lessee shall remain liable for every obligation under the Lease. Lessor's consent under this section will not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld.

### **Assignment by Lessor**

13.2 Lessor may assign or transfer any or all of its interests under the terms of this Lease.

## **ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Notices and Addresses**

14.1 All notices required under this Lease will be deemed delivered when deposited

in certified or registered mail, addressed to the proper party, at the following addresses:

Lessor:  
John Doe  
0000 E. Main Avenue  
Anywhere, Texas 00000

Lessee:  
County of Hidalgo  
Attn: County Judge  
1615 S. Closner, Suite J  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Either party may change the address to which notices are to be sent by giving the other party written notice of the new address in the manner provided in this section.

#### **Parties Bound**

14.2 This Lease Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties to the Lease and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns when permitted by this Lease Agreement.

#### **Texas Law to Apply**

14.3 This Lease Agreement shall be construed under, and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created by this Lease are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

#### **Legal Construction**

14.4 In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Lease Agreement shall for any reason be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of the Lease Agreement, and this Lease Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been included in the Lease Agreement.

### **Prior Agreements Superseded**

14.5 This Lease Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter of this Lease Agreement.

### **Amendment**

14.6 No amendment, modification, or alteration of the terms of this Lease Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing, dated subsequent to the date of this Lease Agreement, and duly executed by the parties to this Lease Agreement.

### **Rights and Remedies Cumulative**

14.7 The rights and remedies provided by this Lease Agreement are cumulative, and the use of any one right or remedy by either party shall not preclude or waive that party's right to use any or all other remedies. The rights and remedies provided in this Lease are in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise.

### **Attorneys' Fees and Costs**

14.8 If, as a result of a breach of this Lease Agreement by either party, the other party employs an attorney or attorneys to enforce its rights under this Lease, then the breaching or defaulting party agrees to pay the other party the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred to enforce the Lease.

### **Force Majeure**

14.9 Neither Lessor nor Lessee shall be required to perform any term, condition, or covenant in this Lease so long as such performance is delayed or prevented by force majeure, which shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, material or labor restrictions by

any governmental authority, civil riot, floods, and any other cause not reasonably within the control of Lessor or Lessee and which by the exercise of due diligence Lessor or Lessee is unable, wholly or in part, to prevent or overcome.

#### **Real Estate Commission and Finder's Fees**

14.10 Neither Lessor nor Lessee has entered into any real estate commission or finder's fee agreements with any broker, agent or finder in respect of this transaction, and Lessor and Lessee each agree to indemnify and hold harmless the other from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses of any kind, or arrangement or understanding alleged to have been made by the indemnifying party or on its behalf with any broker, salesman or finder in connection with this Lease or the transactions contemplated hereby.

#### **Estoppel Information**

14.11 Lessee shall, at the request of Lessor, provide any and all information with respect to this Lease to any person designated by Lessor.

#### **Time of Essence**

14.12 Time is of the essence of this Lease Agreement.

#### **Commitment of Current Revenues Only**

14.13 In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of Lessee under this Agreement, Lessee may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice to Lessor. Lessee agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of Lessee pursuant to the

provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

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THE UNDERSIGNED Lessor and Lessee execute this Lease Agreement on the  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

**VENDOR'S NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen L. Crain

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Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

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