



**FEMA**

May 13, 2015

Arturo Mendez  
Texas Homeland Security State Administrative Agency  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
PO Box 4087  
Austin, TX 78773

RE: FY2014, OPSG OPS Order #15-RGVV-11-001 V0

Dear Mr. Mendez:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has reviewed the request submitted by Hidalgo County, Texas to waive the 50% personnel cap imposed by Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, as amended (6 U.S.C. § 609).

Hidalgo County has requested to expend \$2,797,198.59 or 60 percent of its total FY 2014 Operation Stonegarden Grant Program allocation of \$4,674,438 on operational overtime and related personnel costs.

This request has been determined to be consistent with the goals and objectives of the overall State Homeland Security Strategy and necessary for the continued success of border security operations. This request is hereby approved pursuant to the waiver authority provided by 6 U.S.C § 609 (b)(2)(B).

As a reminder, future personnel waiver requests must also be submitted to the Grant Programs Directorate for prior approval. Please contact your Program Analyst, Corey Walz at 202-786-9668 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. E. Kamoie".

Brian E. Kamoie  
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs

CC: C. Gary Rogers, Director, Preparedness Grants Division  
Corey Walz, Program Analyst  
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