

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
  §  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO     §

**SERVICE CONTRACT**  
**C-15-224-07-21**

**THIS CONTRACT** is made and entered into this **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **July, 2015** by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS** ("County"), and **RIKE OGDEN FIGUEROA ALEX ARCHITECTS, INC.** (the "Architect").

**WHEREAS**, Architect was selected from the County's pool of architects to provide "on call" architectural services for **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1** for projects involving **Remodeling, Alterations, Repairs, Additions** and/or **Building Review/Assessment Related Services** to existing structures in accordance to Exhibit "A", Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Architectural Services; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a non-exclusive contract and the County is not precluded from retaining the services of other architects for projects within **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1** when, in the sole opinion of the County, it would be in the County's best interest to retain the services of another architect;

**WHEREAS**, on a project by project basis, County shall determine when the services of Architect are required (the "Services"), and shall provide project specifications (the "Specifications") to Architect for Architect's review and response.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Architect hereby agree that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Services for Hidalgo County. This Contract does not extend to any third

parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.

2. Architect hereby promises to review the project as presented by County (on a per-project basis) and to submit to County within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the specifications (the "Specifications"), a proposal. The proposal shall include, but not be limited to, the following: **(1)** fee structure for the project; **(2)** services included in the basic fee; **(3)** amount of, or basis for, compensation for additional services (including additional services that may arise during the course of the project and cost of Architect's consultants); and **(4)** cost for reimbursables (collectively the "Architect's Proposal");

3. County shall enter into negotiations with the Architect regarding the Architect's Proposal for the Services and should the parties reach an agreement, then the parties shall enter into an additional contract, specifically the AIA B101-2007 (as modified by County) and AIA A 201-2007 (as modified by County), in order to detail the Architect's and County's duties and responsibilities. However, if the parties are unsuccessful at reaching an agreement for any specific project, then the County may seek the services of other architects.

4. Architect agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

5. This Contract shall be for a period of **one (1) year**, commencing, **July 21, 2015** and expiring, **July 20, 2016**, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.

6. As a condition of this Contract, Architect shall hold and maintain throughout

the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services for a particular project.

7. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Architect to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Architect who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

8. Architect shall provide all required insurance all in force and shall require of all its sub-consultants to provide insurance in force as well and connected with providing services under this Contract with the County as additional insured with the coverage in the amounts described in the Specifications/Requirements, Exhibit "C" of the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage in the Architect's Proposal and for every project as requested under this agreement in an Acord Form Certificate of Liability with required liability as follows:

- **Professional Liability** insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars **(\$1,000,000)** per occurrence and limited to claims made, including at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
- A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars **(\$500,000.00)** **Comprehensive General Liability** insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.

- **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 Dollars (**\$500,000.00**).
- **Uninsured/Underinsured** motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
- **Workers Compensation** insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Architect is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, (*Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. Seq.*).

9. Architect shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees for the defense of any action against County arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the provision of the Service by Architect under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any negligent act or failure to act by the Architect, its agents or employees.

10. This Contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part by either party without prior written consent of the other party.

11. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Architect, and that Architect is an independent contractor under this Contract.

12. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

If to County: County of Hidalgo  
Attn: County Judge  
304 W. University Dr.  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Architect: **Rike Ogden Figueroa Allex Architects Inc**  
**1007 Walnut Avenue**  
**McAllen, Texas 78501-4098**

13. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

14. Any contract awarded to the Architect will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of Services or (c) terminated without cause by County subject to thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation.

15. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

17. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term

hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Architect. County 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 County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903.

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

19. **Entire Agreement.** This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Contract not specifically set forth herein. This Contract may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Consultant and not otherwise. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and any Exhibit(s) attached hereto the Exhibit(s) shall prevail.

**WITNESS** our hands in duplicate originals this \_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS**

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

**ATTEST:**

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

**ARCHITECT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: [Partner/AIA](#) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Approved by Commissioner's Court on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015*

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Atlas & Hall, L.L.P.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

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**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**-REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**  
**PROCUREMENT PACKET**



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

January 20, 2015

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**  
Request for Qualifications - **“Professional Architectural Services Pool-Hidalgo County”**  
**(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)**  
**RFQ No: 2015-005-02-04-YSS**

Dear Respondents:

Enclosed please find a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for your consideration. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the RFQ process.

**We have updated our RFQ packet.** Carefully read and review all instructions, requirements, specifications and/or scope of work included in this packet.

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

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/yss

Enclosures



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

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The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 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

January 20, 2015  
Date



## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

### **HIDALGO COUNTY**

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

## **“Professional Architectural Services Pool”**

**RFQ NO: 2015-005-02-04-YSS**

Acceptance Due Date: **February 04, 2015**

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

### Project Buyer Contact Information:

Yvette Salinas, Buyer III  
(956) 292-7000 Ext. 4874  
[yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us)

1. Sealed qualifications will be received for “HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) Professional Architectural Services Pool”, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Qualifications should address all requirements set forth. Respondents 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 requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualifications.
2. One (1) original, seven (7) copies of all qualifications and two (2) CDs in PDF Format are required with the respondent's name and 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, RFQ-2015-005-02-04-YSS-“HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) Professional Architectural Services Pool”, and in County's Purchasing Department, Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 New Administration Building , Edinburg, Texas, **ON OR BEFORE 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2015.**

**NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY QUALIFICATION 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 IN REFERENCE TO QUALIFICATION.**

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all qualifications and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the proposal considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this qualification that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification for approval. Receipt of any qualification shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar qualification. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose qualifications are determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.
4. 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 respondent, or to reject all qualifications and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each respondent shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the qualification and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Respondent should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the qualification.
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, respondents are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with

their qualification including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.

7. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced qualification opening.
8. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this qualification 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 Qualifications. Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their qualification.
10. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
11. 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.
12. 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 qualification 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.

13. **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, CPPB, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
- If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

14. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Invoices must include:
  - a) Name and address of successful respondent
  - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
  - c) Purchase Order Number and Contract number (if any)
  - d) Notation- **HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) Professional Architectural Services Pool**
  - e) 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 AUDITOR’S OFFICE**  
 Postal/Mailing 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281  
 Edinburg, Texas 78539  
 (956) 318-2511

**15. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Qualification Opening, 9:30 A.M.</b> | <b><u>February 04, 2015</u></b> |
| Award of Contract                       | _____, 2015                     |
| Commence Work or Deliver Products       | _____, 2015                     |

**16. HIDALGO COUNTY APPROVED HOLIDAYS**

| 2015 YEAR              |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| New Year’s Day         | 12/31/14 and 01/01/15 |
| Martin Luther King Day | 01/19/15              |
| President’s Day        | 02/16/15              |
| Good Friday            | 04/03/15              |
| Memorial Day           | 05/25/15              |
| Independence Day       | 07/03/15              |
| Labor Day              | 09/07/15              |
| Veteran’s Day          | 11/11/15              |
| Thanksgiving Day       | 11/26/15 and 11/27/15 |
| Christmas Day          | 12/24/15 and 12/25/15 |
| New Year’s Eve         | 12/31/15              |

**17. ~~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 and 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 respondents 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 45CFR76.~~
- ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a qualification, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the respondent 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 materialmen 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.~~

#### 18. **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 qualification 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.

#### **19. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- **Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person, consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful respondent 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 RESPONDENT.**

20. If, during the life of any contract or qualification awarded, the successful respondent'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.
21. Qualifications, 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.
22. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Respondents: A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent's responsibility. A prospective respondent, by submitting a qualification, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
  - Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the qualification;

- 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.
- 23.** Successful respondent 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 respondent'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.
- 24.** Any contract award to a successful respondent 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 (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.
- 25.** 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 respondent; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful respondent fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
  - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
  - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
- 26.** Successful respondent 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 respondent, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from qualification award. Successful respondent indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful respondent 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 respondent'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 or services provided by successful respondent.
- 27.** Successful respondent shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in

material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Qualifications shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful respondent 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.

28. 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.
29. The successful respondent 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.
30. Respondents shall provide with the qualification response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.
31. Respondents must provide **all** documentation requested with this Qualification in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the qualification as none conforming.

Request for Qualifications  
for  
**HIDALGO COUNTY**

*(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)*

**“Professional Architectural Services Pool”**

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

In accordance with the Requirements, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States and state and local laws, the undersigned respondent proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned further agrees, upon acceptance of its qualification, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Requirements within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Respondent acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request for Qualification Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Respondent understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

Respondent agrees that this qualification shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving qualifications, as contained in the Requirements.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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

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

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

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

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **REQUIREMENTS**

### **HIDALGO COUNTY**

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

## **PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES POOL**

**RFQ No.: 2015-005-02-04-YSS**

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas registered Professional Architectural firms in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Architects on an "As Needed Basis" per project by all County Departments and/or applicable Programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Architects will be for a period starting **March 16, 2015 and ending March 15, 2016**. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statements of Qualifications for the provision of "**Professional Architectural Services Pool-Hidalgo County**" (including all funding sources, Programs, and Entities)-**Request For Qualifications** as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, February 04, 2015**. **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

The following outlines the Request for Qualifications:

## ***SECTION I -GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS***

### **RFQ DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS/DELIVERY:**

A total of **one (1) original, three (3) copies and eight (8) CD's in PDF format** of the RFQ shall be submitted as part of your response.

Respondents must complete and include in their response, all documentation requested in this RFQ. Refer to enclosed RFQ Check List form for documents to be included with your response.

**Hidalgo County is requesting that statements of qualifications responses be sealed and clearly marked and/or labeled with the Company's name, 2015-005-02-04-YSS (RFQ Number), Project Title, and Opening Date, and be delivered to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:**

US Postal Mail Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Administration Building  
2812 S. Business Hwy 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Administration Building  
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope when dropping RFQ off.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (rfq's, bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the respondent and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:** Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit E) certainly that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer's Affidavit, (2) that the respondent does not have a Conflict of Interest as described in the Proposer's Affidavit, or that the respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer's Affidavit.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Respondents, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate

against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

**PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:** Respondents are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

**ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RFQ's:** Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:** Respondents must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the vendor's ability.

**RESPONDENT DEFAULT:** Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of respondent default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting respondent responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

**RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:** It is the responsibility of the respondent to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to notify in writing the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

**RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:** Any protest(s) or question(s) regarding the requirements or request for qualifications procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department **via facsimile to (956) 292-7612 or via e-mail to [yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us) BY NO LATER THAN Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Wednesday, January 28, 2015. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**SIGNING OF QUALIFICATIONS:** In order to be considered, all submittals **must** be signed. **Please sign the original in [blue](#) ink.**

**WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:** Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

**SUBCONTRACTING:** The successful respondent may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

**TERM OF POOL:** The pool term is for a period beginning **March 16, 2015 and ending March 15, 2016**, or upon completion of project(s) unless project specific for more than this time period.

**DAVIS BACON ACT:** All selected and awarded firms are required to include to the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing project specifications when applicable.

## ***SECTION II -RFQ REQUIREMENTS***

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:** The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any

County limitations may result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ. The participating firm(s) may include copies of their current Professional Liability Insurance (refer to Exhibit C) as required by Hidalgo County and/or pertinent to the services provided.

**UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:** This section should demonstrate the respondent's understanding of the project needs, the work required, and any local issues or concerns. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to 3 pages in length.

**FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:** The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent architectural firm(s), that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- General Design and Construction
- Federal, State and County-funded construction projects
- Projects located in this general region of the state

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent (and varied) projects. For each project, a client contract name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided. This project list is limited to 5 pages.

**PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:** The firm should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided.

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:** This section will contain any current AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, licenses. The architectural firm(s) should include copies of their current Professional Liability Insurance.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The architectural services contract will encompass all project-related architectural services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

- A.
  - Building Design
  - Plans, drawings and specifications
  - Preparation of the Bid Packet
  
- B.
  - Construction Contract Management
  - Conduct all Field Testing and Inspections
  - Design for New Construction
  - Design for Alterations/Renovations
  - Needs Assessment
  - ADA Compliance
  - Code Analysis
  - Cost Estimating

**Additionally, Statements of Qualifications should include, but not be restricted to the following information:**

- A. Firm name, address, phone number and person to contact regarding the Statement of

Qualifications.

- B. Qualifications and recent experience of the firm and key personnel relative to the performance of similar services for public entities. This should also include the following information:
1. Copy of current license certification with state seal
  2. History of architectural certification from the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.
  3. General list of construction projects within the past year.
- C. List of in-State references including the name, address and phone number of the person most closely associated with the firm's prior project performance.
- D. Ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services.
- E. Familiarity with the geographical area.
- F. Statement regarding an Affirmative Action Program.

**PARTICIPATING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:**

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq. Once selected, proposer is to provide a fee proposal based on the scope of work.

## **SECTION III -SELECTION / EVALUATION**

**SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:** The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system.

### **1. Professional Qualifications of Team (25)**

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities, or other clients as stated in the Request For Qualifications (RFQ). Varied experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix.

### **2. Experience of Project Team/Ability to Commit Resources (25)**

In addition to the Project Manager and the Professional Team Member(s), the provider shall designate experienced technical staff to completely and efficiently perform the work, either through their own personnel, sub-providers or commitment to hire additional staff. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers will fit into the management structure. Résumés' of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of various projects proposed as similar work experience.

### **3. Experience/Availability of Project Manager (20)**

The Project Manager must be a certified A.I.A. Architect have adequate experience in managing varied projects of a similar nature and scope and shall be a professional Architect registered in the State of Texas; the project manager's resume must be included in an appendix. Scope of relative projects must be included as well.

The criteria for qualifications, one year, two years, etc. experience need not consist of continuous work but may be made up of discontinuous periods of full-time work adding up to the equivalent years of full-time experience.

### **4. Understanding of Project (20)**

The statement of qualifications shall include the following:

- \* demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- \* address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- \* identify information to be gathered or obtained

Responsiveness to RFQ:

- \* Response is Clear
- \* Response is Well Organized
- \* Easy to Evaluate
- \* Appropriate to this RFQ.

The RFQ must address knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, such as counties, cities, etc..

## **5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations (10)**

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required).

The RFQ must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards and policies.

### **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL:**

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Architectural services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, or Elected Official, or User Department, in need of Professional Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firms, thereafter, will review, score, and evaluate the statement of qualifications received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications.
2. A grid of the scores will be presented to Commissioners' Court for the purpose **of ranking and approval** for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm.

### **NEGOTIATION PROCESS:**

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firm(s) will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) a "scope of service" including fees;
2. The negotiated contract including best and final offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.
3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm.

**ATTACHMENT "B"**  
**PROCUREMENT FORM-AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY-PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES POOL**  
**RFQ NO: 2015-005-02-04-YSS**

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Name and Address of Firm:   | _____                              |
| Principals of Firm and Titles:                                    | _____<br>_____                     |
| Architect's Registration No.:                                     | _____                              |
| <b>Area of Specialization:</b>                                    |                                    |
| Design and Construction of Multi-Level Parking Structures         | Design for New Construction        |
| Pre-Design Services   | Design for Alterations/Renovations |
| Space Planning  | Interior Design                    |
| Needs Assessment  | Programming                        |
| ADA Compliance  | Forensic Studies                   |
| Code Analysis   | Cost Estimating                    |
| Master Planning   |                                    |
| <b>Local References (Rio Grande Valley) List Four (4) Only:</b>   |                                    |
| Reference #1: _____   |                                    |
| Reference #2: _____   |                                    |
| Reference #3: _____   |                                    |
| Reference #4: _____   |                                    |
| <b>Recent Projects (Within Two [2] Years) List Four (4) Only:</b> |                                    |
| Project #1: _____   |                                    |
| Project #2: _____   |                                    |
| Project #3: _____   |                                    |
| Project #4: _____   |                                    |

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**EVALUATION CRITERIA  
EXHIBIT "B"  
PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES POOL  
RFQ No. 2015-005-02-04-YSS**

| <b>Selection Criteria</b>  | <b>Points</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| <b>1. Firm's Qualifications (25 pts maximum)</b>   |               |              |
| ➤ Registered and licenses to practice in the State of Texas (i.e. certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract)   | 10            |              |
| ➤ Provide information on proposed professional Firm experience   | 5             |              |
| ➤ One (1) certified A.I.A. Architect with educational background or strong experience in, but not limited to General Building Design & Construction; structural planning and design; needs assessment; interior design etc.  | 3             |              |
| ➤ One (1) certified A.I.A. Architect with educational background and strong experience in, but not limited to General Building Design & Construction; structural planning and design; needs assessment; interior design etc. who has designed and constructed at least two (2) projects in the area. | 7             |              |
| Comments/Rationale For Points:   |               | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>2. Firm's Experience of Project (25 pts maximum)</b>  |               |              |
| ➤ Designate management structure with Resumes of the key technical staff members in an appendix form   | 5             |              |
| ➤ Identifying the project composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities  | 10            |              |
| ➤ One (1) technical staff member with five (5) years experience  | 3             |              |
| ➤ One (1) technical staff member with ten (10) years experience  | 7             |              |
| Comments/Rationale For Points:   |               | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>3. Availability &amp; Experience of Project Manager (20 pts maximum)</b>  |               |              |
| ➤ The Project Manager must be a certified A.I.A. with adequate experience in similar nature and scope  | 5             |              |
| ➤ Must be a Professional Architect registered in the State of Texas and must be included in Appendix   | 5             |              |
| ➤ Project Manager with two (2) types of projects plus be 50 % involvement with technical development of project  | 3             |              |
| ➤ Project Manager with five (5) types of projects plus be 85-100 % involvement with technical development of project   | 7             |              |
| Comments/Rationale For Points:   |               | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>4. Understanding of Project (20 pts maximum)</b>  |               |              |
| ➤ Demonstrate and understanding of the scope of services   | 5             |              |
| ➤ Address appropriate Federal/ State/ Local regulations and policies. Knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, counties, cities, etc.   | 5             |              |
| ➤ Identify information to be gathered or obtained/proposed approach to complete the scope  | 5             |              |
| ➤ RFQ responsiveness. Response is clear, well organized, easy to evaluate, and appropriate to this RFQ.  | 5             |              |
| Comments/Rationale For Points:   |               | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations (10 pts maximum)</b>   |               |              |
| ➤ Indicate passed experience of the proposed Firm knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies  | 5             |              |
| ➤ Must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guideline, standards, and policies  | 5             |              |
| Comments/Rationale For Points:   |               | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>Total Score</b>   |               |              |

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Signature/Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# EXHIBIT “C”

## Insurance Requirements Professional Services (i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers & Surveyors)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer 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. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. 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 Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. 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 naming County as an additional insured shall 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.

**ACORD****CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

**INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE**

INSURED

INSURER A:

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

**COVERAGES**

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THEIR TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

| INSR LTR                                 | TYPE OF INSURANCE   | POLICY NUMBER | POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY) | POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY) | LIMITS  |    |
|--|---|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----|
| A  | <b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>  |               |                                  |                                   | EACH OCCURRENCE   | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY   |               |                                  |                                   | FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire)                              | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR  |               |                                  |                                   | MEDICAL (Any one person)                                | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT. PROT   |               |                                  |                                   | PERSONAL & ADV INJURY                                   | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY   |               |                                  |                                   | ANNUAL AGGREGATE  | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> GENL AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:<br>POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC |               |                                  |                                   | PRODUCTS - COMP/OP<br>AGG                               | \$ |
| B  | <b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b>   |               |                                  |                                   | COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT<br>(Ea accident)                  | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO   |               |                                  |                                   | BODILY INJURY<br>(Per person)                           | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS  |               |                                  |                                   | BODILY INJURY<br>(Per accident)                         | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS  |               |                                  |                                   | PROPERTY DAMAGE<br>(Per accident)                       | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS  |               |                                  |                                   |   |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS |   |               |                                  |                                   |   |    |
|  | <b>GARAGE LIABILITY</b>   |               |                                  |                                   | AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT                                   | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO   |               |                                  |                                   | OTHER THAN EA ACC<br>AUTO ONLY AGG                      | \$ |
|  |   |               |                                  |                                   |   | \$ |
| C  | <b>EXCESS LIABILITY</b>   |               |                                  |                                   | EACH OCCURENCE  | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE                                       |               |                                  |                                   | AGGREGATE   | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE   |               |                                  |                                   |   | \$ |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$   |               |                                  |                                   |   | \$ |
| D  | <b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY</b>  |               |                                  |                                   | WC STATU- <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER<br>TORY LIMITS |    |
|  |   |               |                                  |                                   | E.L. EACH ACCIDENT                                      | \$ |
|  |   |               |                                  |                                   | E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE                                | \$ |
|  |   |               |                                  |                                   | E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT                               | \$ |
|  | <b>OTHER</b>  |               |                                  |                                   |   |    |

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS  
 County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

| CERTIFICATE HOLDER  | ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER: | CANCELLATION  |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Hidalgo County<br>Attn: Purchasing Department<br>2812 S Highway Bus. 281<br>Edinburg, Texas 78539 |                                     | SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BY CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL <b>30</b> DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.<br>AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE |

# Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorized representative for \_\_\_\_\_,  
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- " will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project 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 award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Automobile Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Notice to Proposer:

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 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 award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next qualified vendor. 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 YOUR 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 project, 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 packet in order to expedite the evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your proposal/qualification.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

# FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

**1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

**2**  **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.**

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes       No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes       No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes       No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

**4**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT**  
**Exhibit "E"**

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|--|
| <b>PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION<br/>NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING<br/>FOR "PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL POOL"</b> |
|--|

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

(1) Affiant does hereby state neither the Proposer nor any of the Proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.

(2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or nay of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.

(3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

(4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the Proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

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Signature/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_



**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): "Texas Building & Procurement Commission" Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.

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| Print or type<br>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)                |   |   |

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| <b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b>   |  |                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3. |  |                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>Part II Certification</b>  |  |                            |        |
| 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).  |  |                            |        |
| <b>Certification instructions.</b> 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. |  |                            |        |
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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.

### 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)<br>b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law  | The grantor-trustee <sup>3</sup><br>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.

**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.

### 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 Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, in 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, theory, 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 of cause or default.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the proposer is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such proposer should attach an explanation to this proposal.



**HIDALGO COUNTY**  
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)  
**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
**PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES POOL**

**RFQ No.: 2015-005-02-04-YSS**

**RFQ SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST**

All forms listed below must be included in the RFQ response, failure to submit any of these forms may be considered non responsive.

**Indicate with a check mark (✓) the Forms completed and included in this response:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Page 9 of Legal Notice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attachment "B" Procurement Form-Areas of Specialization
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit "C" - Acknowledgement forms (pages 3 and 4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit "E" - Proposers Affidavit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor Bidder Application and IRS form W-9
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Regarding Debarment
- \_\_\_\_\_ One (1) Original, Three (3) Copies, and Eight (8) CDs containing a complete copy of Response.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**DESCRIPTIONS (Continued from Page 1)**

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**RE: Review of Contract**

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**From :** Steve Crain <scrain@atlashall.com>

Tue, Jul 14, 2015 03:00 PM

**Subject :** RE: Review of Contract**To :** 'Evangelina Garcia' <evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Looks good.

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**From:** Evangelina Garcia [mailto:evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us]**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 2:27 PM**To:** Steve Crain**Subject:** Re: Review of Contract

Here you go Mr. Crain; attached is the revised contract with the "entire agreement" clause inserted.

Respectfully;

Vangie Y. Garcia, Contract Manager  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
2812 S. Business Hwy. 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
Email: [evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us)  
Phone: 956-292-7000-Ext. 4856

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**From:** "Steve Crain" <[scrain@atlashall.com](mailto:scrain@atlashall.com)>**To:** "Evangelina Garcia" <[evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us)>**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 1:43:29 PM**Subject:** RE: Review of Contract

Add "Entire Agreement" clause.

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**From:** Evangelina Garcia [<mailto:evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>]**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 1:20 PM**To:** scrain**Cc:** Martha Salazar**Subject:** Review of Contract

Good Afternoon Mr. Crain;

Attached for your review as to form is a Professional Service Agreement with **RIKE OGDEN FIGUEROA ALLEX ARCHITECTS, INC.** for the purposes of "**an on-call**" Architectural Services through the form of an AIA Agreement for every project as assigned under this standard agreement for projects that will involve "Remodeling, Alterations, Repairs, Additions and/or Building Review/Assessment Related Services" located in Precinct One. I would like to place an agenda item for the next court date of July 23, 2015. I believe that the court date has been moved from July 21 to July 23, 2015.

Please advise.....