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| RFQ No: 2015-000-00-00 | Buyer III: Yolanda Z. Velasquez | Tel. No: (956) 292-7000 ext. 4881 |
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## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

# **HIDALGO COUNTY-SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR INMATES**

### **MONTH 00, 2015**

Contact Person:

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

**RFQ No.: 2015-000-00-00-YZV**

1. **Sealed Statements of Qualifications** will be received for "**Professional Physician Services for Inmates**", in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." RFQs should address all requirements set forth. Vendors 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 RFQ.
2. One (1) original and seven (7) copies of RFQs are required, with vendor'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 No. 2015-000-00-00-YZV Professional Physician Services for Inmates Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office**" and in County's Purchasing Department, **physical address:** 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281; **mailing address:** 2812 S. Hwy. Business 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 AM, Wednesday, MONTH 00, 2015. NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFQ 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 RFQ.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFQs and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFQ 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 proposal that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal for approval. Receipt of any proposal shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar proposal. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is 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(s) 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 vendor, or to reject all RFQs and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed at a County-owned or operated location, each vendor shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the RFQ and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Vendor should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the RFQ.
6. No RFQ may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days from the scheduled time to accept RFQs.
7. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this RFQ 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. Vendors shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their RFQ.
8. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all RFQs.

9. Costs are to be net F.O.B. destination, County Prepaid.
10. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
11. 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 proposal 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.
12. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security card to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.
13. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS (for applicable goods and/or services):
  - . 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 vendor
    - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
    - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
    - d) Notation - "**Professional Physician(s) Services for Inmates -Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office**"
    - 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 Sheriff's Office**  
**711 E. El Cibolo Rd.**  
**Edinburg, Texas 78539**  
**(956) 383-8114**
15. Schedule of Events
 

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| <b>RFQ Acceptance, 9:30 A.M.</b>  | <b>_____ , 2015</b> |
| Award of Contract                 | _____ 2015          |
| Commence Work or Deliver Products | _____ 2015          |
16. ~~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 participating firms 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 proposal, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the proposer 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.~~

17. Ethical Standards:

- . It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor 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.

18. 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 participant 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. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse.

**COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANT.**

19. If, during the life of any contract or proposal awarded, the successful proposer'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.
20. Proposals, 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.
21. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Proposers: A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a proposal, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
  - . Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the proposal;
  - . 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.
22. Successful proposer 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 proposer'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.
23. Any contract award to a successful proposer 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.
24. 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 proposer; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful proposer fails to:
  - A. Meet schedules;

- B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
  - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
25. Successful proposer 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 proposer, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Successful proposer 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 proposer 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 proposer'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 proposer.
26. Successful proposer 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 proposer 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.
27. 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.
28. The successful proposer 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.
29. Proposers shall provide with the proposal 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.
30. Proposers must provide **all** documentation requested with this Proposal in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal as non-conforming.

Request for Qualifications  
"Professional Physician Services for Inmates - Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

**RFQ No: 2015-000-00-00-YZV**

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281  
Mailing/US Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281  
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 participating firm proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned participant further agrees, upon acceptance of its proposal, 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.

Participant acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request For Qualifications Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Participant understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all RFQs and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal.

Participant agrees that this proposal shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for accepting RFQs, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**REQUIREMENTS**

**HIDALGO COUNTY**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**"PROFESSIONAL PHYSICIAN SERVICES  
FOR INMATES-HIDALGO COUNTY  
ADULT DETENTION FACILITY (JAIL)"**

**RFQ No. [2015-000-00-00-YZV](#)**

Hidalgo County will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified Physician(s) to provide physician services for Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility (Jail). The County of Hidalgo is seeking to enter into a services contract(s) with a state-registered/licensed (Texas physician(s). The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statements of Qualifications for the provision of "Physician(s) Services for the Adult Detention Facility (Jail)". Request For Qualifications" as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, Month 00, 2015. ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.

Deliver Submittal to:  
RFQ Number: [2015-000-00-00-YZV](#)

The Submittal Envelope/Packet Must Show The RFQ Number, Name And Opening Date.

The following outlines the Request For Qualifications:

### SECTION I -GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Hidalgo County is requesting that statements of qualifications be routed 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

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** via facsimile to (956)292-7612 or via e-mail to [yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us) BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, Month 00, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Friday, Month 00, 2015. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Submitters, 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:** Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

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

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:** Submitters 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.

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

**RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:** It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or request for qualifications/proposal procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

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

**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 submitter may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

## 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 will result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ. A total of **one (1) original and seven (7) copies** of the RFQ shall be submitted to the address on the cover letter.

**CONTENTS:** The required contents for the RFQ are presented below in the order they should be incorporated into the submitted document.

### **PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

The County of Hidalgo must provide pursuant to Texas Commission on Jail Standards provisions, Chapter 273, "Health Services", (medical, dental and health services) in accordance with the approved health services plan. These services may include, but shall not be limited to, the services of a licensed physician, professional and allied health personnel, hospital or similar service.

**PHYSICIAN(S) QUALIFICATIONS-REQUIREMENTS:** The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent qualified physician(s) to provide services for the Adult Detention Facility (Jail). This section will contain the minimum requirements to qualify a competent physician(s) to provide services for the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility (Jail), including but not limited to the following:

- Personal Curriculum Vitae;
- Registered and licensed to practice medicine by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners. Copy of current/valid license must be included in this response;
- Must have a minimum of (3) years experience in general practice;
- Must hold and maintain a current/valid certificates by the Drug Enforcement Agency and Texas Department of Public Safety Controlled Substances Registration.
- Revocation or suspension of the Physician's medical license will be cause for immediate termination of the contract. All qualified physician(s) are required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the physician(s) is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CRF76;
- Certification form is included in this packet and must be completed and submitted as part of the response to the RFQ;
- The qualified physician(s) should provide a copy of their Professional Liability Insurance (malpractice) as well as all other applicable insurances as required by Hidalgo County and as detailed in Exhibit "C" contained herein;
- Must be or become a member of the Hidalgo County Medical Society;
- Serving on general call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except when out of town;
- When unavailable, physician must make all necessary arrangements for a substitute physician to perform the duties of correctional physician;
- **Must provide sick call hours twice a week of two (2) hours shift - (4hrs) per week at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility (Jail).**

**Term of Agreement:** The term of the agreement will be for an initial period of 2 years with the County's option to renew for an additional 2 one(1) year terms under the same rates, terms and conditions.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.

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

**Required Certifications and Submittal:** This section will contain any licenses and certifications as required by HIDALGO COUNTY, the STATE OF TEXAS . The qualified physician(s) should add copies of their certificate of license from the Texas Board of Medical Examiners.

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

- a. Providing standing delegation orders to nurse practitioners and nurses and supervising medical procedures;
- b. Conducting physical examinations of the Clients as required by the Department;
- c. Conducting other evaluations and tests on each Client as required by the Department;
- d. Interpreting the results of any test conducted under (b) or (c) above and submitting a written report to the Department of the results of such tests and examinations, as required by the Department including but not limit to, the Radiology tests (i.e. X-rays for all inmates) performed on Hidalgo County inmates involving and/or subject to tuberculosis;
- e. Together with a nurse, provide at the sole cost and expense of the Department, will conduct and oversee Sick Call Clinics for all inmates incarcerated at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility (Jail) who require medical services. It will be the duty of the R.N. Supervisor and/or Infirmery Administrator to organize additional clinic visits by the Contractor to follow up medications, treatments and similar requirements;
- f. Physician(s) shall adopt and implement workplace guidelines concerning inmates with AIDS and HIV infection and shall develop and implement guidelines regarding confidentiality of AIDS and HIV-related medical information for employees of Contractor and for Clients, inmates, patients, and/or residents served by the Contractor.
- g. Provides consultation, hands-on treatment and other related medical services to inmates while assessing their health needs and designing treatment plans during regularly scheduled visits to the Jail facilities;
- h. Physician(s) shall refer inmates to a hospital or specialty clinic for treatment and care whenever the health care required is beyond the resources available in the jail;
- i. Physician(s) shall oversee the preparation, maintenance and submission of all records that are designated, required or prescribed by either Department or the Texas Commission on Jail Standards;
- j. Physician(s) shall permit Department and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to audit or inspect records and reports, review services and/or evaluate the performance of the services provided hereunder at any time;

- k. Physician(s) shall provide reasonable access to all records, books, reports and other data and information needed to accomplish reviews of activities, services and expenditures of the Department;
- l. Physician(s) will order prescription medications utilizing the approved formulary provided by the jail, unless in the best interest of the patient as is deemed by the Physician;
- m. The qualified Physician(s) must provide and maintain a Texas Controlled Substance Registration Certificate listing the Adult Detention Centers' physical address in order to maintain and store/stock medications as needed by the Contract Physician(s) and Detention Infirmary Department;
- n. Physician shall be responsible for making arrangements acceptable to, and at no additional expense to the county, for adequate coverage during any absence by Physician. The County, through the Sheriff of the County, shall not unreasonably withhold acceptance of any such arrangements.
- o. Physician shall remain responsible for the services herein requested at all times during the term of services agreed to in this RFQ. Physician may have a qualified substitute physician render services herein requested. The substitute physician must meet the qualifications-requirements as set forth in this RFQ.
- p. Physician must submit the name of the qualified physician to the county and make all necessary arrangements for the performance of services should Physician not be available for a period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours.

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COVERAGE AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION, WITHOUT PENALTY, OF ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS RFP.**

**UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:** This section should demonstrate the submitter'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.

**PARTICIPATING FIRMS AND/OR DOCTORS 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 for the following scope of work.

## **PART III -SELECTION & SCHEDULES**

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

RFQ submittal evaluation will be based on the criteria outlined below,

**PROPOSAL RANKING:** Departmental Committees will evaluate and rank the written RFQ. After the RFQ have been ranked, the department will make a recommendation to the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court.

**NEGOTIATION PROCESS:** If negotiations prove unsuccessful, the next highest ranked physician will be contacted. The County of Hidalgo reserves the right to reject any and all RFQ.

### **TERMINATION OF SERVICES:**

**Any contract awarded to a qualified physician will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) performance of all services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with ninety (90) day's written notice prior to cancellation.**

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

### **EVALUATION:**

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system. The physician(s) will be ranked after evaluation. Categories under the 100-point system include response to RFQ. RFQ submittal evaluation will be based on the criteria outlined in Exhibit "B".

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

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**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**  
**C-15-000-00-00**

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the \_\_\_\_ day of, \_\_\_\_\_, **2015** by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (hereinafter "County") and \_\_\_\_\_, **M.D.** (hereinafter "Physician" and/or "Contractor") to serve at the pleasure of the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, County desires to contract with a person to provide the services necessary to act as the provider of professional medical services for the residents of the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility (the "Clients" ) that are more specifically set forth hereinafter; and

WHEREAS, Physician has agreed to provide the services enumerated hereinafter for Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility (the "Jail").

NOW, THEREFORE, for the mutual consideration expressed hereinafter, County and Physician agree as follows:

1. Physician agrees to provide to the Jail and its Clients the services specified in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Response to Request for Qualifications attached as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" respectively and incorporated herein. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency, the Request for Qualifications shall control. These services include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Providing and maintaining a medical license under which all medical activities of the Jail employees will take place;
- (b) Providing standing delegation orders to nurse practitioners and nurses and supervising medical procedures;
- (c) Conduct physical examinations of the Clients as required by the Jail;
- (d) Conducting other evaluations and tests on each client as required by the Jail;
- (e) Interpreting the results of any test conducted under (c) or (d) above and submitting a written report to the Jail of the results of such tests and

- examinations, as required by the Jail, including but not limited to, the Radiology Tests (i.e. X-rays for all inmates) performed on Hidalgo County Inmates involving and/or subject to tuberculosis;
- (f) Together with a nurse, provided at the sole cost and expense of the Jail, Physician will conduct and/or oversee Sick Call Clinics for all inmates incarcerated at the Jail who require medical services two (2) hours per day, twice a week. It will be the duty of the R.N. Supervisor and/or Infirmary Administrator to organize additional clinic visits by the Physician to follow up on medications, treatments and similar requirements;
  - (g) Physician shall adopt and implement workplace guidelines concerning inmates with AIDS and HIV infection and shall develop and implement guidelines regarding confidentiality of AIDS and HIV-related medical information for employees of Physician and for Clients, inmates, patients, and/or residents served by the Physician.
  - (h) Provides consultation, hands on treatment and other related medical services to inmates while assessing their health needs and designing treatment plans during regularly scheduled visits to the Jail Facilities; Physician shall refer inmates to a hospital or specialty clinic for treatment and care whenever the health care required is beyond the resources available at the jail;
  - (j) Physician shall oversee the preparation, maintenance and submission of all records that are designated, required or prescribed be either the Jail or the Texas Commission on Jail Standards;
  - (k) Physician shall permit Jail and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to audit or inspect records and reports, review services and/or evaluate the performance of the services provided hereunder at any time;
    - 1. Physician shall provide reasonable access to all records, books, reports and other data and information needed to accomplish reviews of activities, services and expenditures of the Jail;
    - 2. Physician will order prescription medications utilizing the approved formulary provided by the jail, unless in the best interest of the patient as is deemed by the Physician;
    - 3. The qualified Physician must provide and maintain a Texas Controlled Substance Registration listing the Jail's physical address in order to maintain and store/stock medications needed by the Contract Physician and Detention Infirmary Department;

2. Contractor represents that he is a licensed physician licensed by the State of Texas and qualified to perform and execute the services provided above. If such license is suspended or revoked, this Contract shall automatically be terminated and Contractor shall immediately notify the Hidalgo County Sheriff of such suspension or revocation.

3. As consideration for the above and foregoing, Contractor shall submit a monthly billing statement to the Jail (P.O. Box 1228, Edinburg, Texas 78540). Said statement must include an itemized list of services rendered to the Jail during the statement period. Upon receipt of said statement, the Jail shall submit a requisition for payment of said services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Physician shall be compensated in the according to the negotiated monthly amount as evidenced in Exhibit "B1" entitled Negotiated Monthly Amount for the services provided to the Jail hereunder.

4. Contractor must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the Jail and County policies. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Contractor represents and maintains that he is not an employee of the Jail, Hidalgo County, Texas, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that he does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Jail, Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's Civil Service Program. Contractor agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

5. The Jail and Contractor agree that either party may terminate this contract at any time for any reason or no reason at all by providing ninety (90) days written notice. Contractor agrees to give County two weeks notice of his intent to terminate Contract; however, if County is unable to find a suitable replacement, Contractor agrees to continue for a period not to exceed thirty days at the same compensation stipulated in this Contract so that County may have an additional period of time to find a suitable replacement.

6. Contractor agrees to provide professional liability insurance covering his activities in providing the services to County in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code and according to Exhibit "C" entitled Insurance Requirements, and shall furnish County a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

7. Contractor may not assign the obligations or rights under this Contract to any person without the prior written consent of County.
8. Contractor agrees to comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
9. The term of this Contract shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall commence on **Month 00, 2015** and end on **Month 00, 2017** with the option to renew for two (2) one (1) year options reserved solely with the County.

12. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, all notices, demands, requests or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to County:

County of Hidalgo, Texas  
Attention: County Judge  
100 East Cano Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Contractor:

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Each notice, demand, request or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

13. Contractor 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 Contractor under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any act or failure to act by the Contractor, its agents or employees.

14. 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.

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 sixty (60) days written notice to Contractor. 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 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

18. This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representation or agreement in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by the parties hereto, and not otherwise.

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

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

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

ATTEST:

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

PHYSICIAN:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr.

Approved by Commissioners' Court on: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form:

Office of Criminal District Attorney  
Rene Guerra

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael L. Garza, Assistant District Attorney




**EXHIBIT “A”**  
**RFQ**  
**REQUIREMENTS**



**EXHIBIT “B”  
RFQ  
RESPONSE**



**EXHIBIT “B1”  
NEGOTIATED  
MONTHLY  
AMOUNT**



**EXHIBIT “C”  
INSURANCE  
REQUIREMENTS**