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

March 7, 2016

Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.
Attn: Reynaldo Rivera, Sales Manager
1801 W. Business 77
San Benito, Texas 78586

Via Email: rrivera@mathesongas.com

Re: Renewal of Contract #C-15-213-07-28
"RFB No: 2014-213-06-24-SGS-Welding Supplies and Other Misc. Items"

Dear Mr. Rivera;

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will be requesting Commissioners' Court to consider the County's sole option to exercise the **additional year extension** term as provided in the current contract (under the same rates, terms and conditions).

Please acknowledge receipt of this notice of placement on the Commissioners' Court meeting of **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** for discussion, consideration and action, by signing below and returning to the Purchasing Department, by no later than ***10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 10, 2016 and or sooner***, via facsimile to (956) 956-318-2629 or email to: evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us so as to meet the agenda request form deadlines.

By: _____ Date: 3/10/16

Additionally, we are requesting your company provide an updated certificate of insurance as required through Hidalgo County's Request for (Bid, Quote, Proposal, Statement of Qualification), if applicable.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (956) 318-2626. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and we hope your company continues its business relationship with Hidalgo County.

Sincerely,
Vangie Y. Garcia, Contract's Manager
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT
C-15-213-07-28

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into effective as of this **28th** day of **July, 2015** by and between **Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.** ("Seller") and **Hidalgo County, Texas** ("Buyer").

WHEREAS, Buyer has solicited sealed bids for the supply of its requirements of **Hidalgo County** for the **"Welding Supplies and Other Misc. Items"** (the "Product") as further described in Exhibit "A", Request for Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes (the "RFB") for a period of **one (1) year** and;

WHEREAS, Seller has submitted a proposal to supply Buyer's requirements; and

WHEREAS, Buyer has determine that Seller has submitted the lowest and best bid to meet Buyer's requirements for certain of the Products, as herein after described.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller, and Seller agrees to sell and deliver to Buyer, all of the Products listed on Exhibit "B", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by references, that Buyer may require for use by Buyer in Hidalgo County projects for a period of one (1) year, with the County's sole option to extend/renew for an additional one (1) year term based upon prior year's performance evaluation and contingent upon cost, terms and conditions remaining unchanged. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates, terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for the next contract term. This Contract shall commence on **August 28, 2015** and expire on **August 27, 2016** and it is agreed that the Products will meet the Specifications in the Request for Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

2. When Buyer determines that it needs a quantity of the Products to be delivered, it will, according to its Purchasing Policies, complete and submit to Seller a Purchase Order describing the type and quantity of the Products required. The Products are to be delivered by Seller to the location in Hidalgo County specified by Buyer in its Purchase Order.

3. Buyer agrees to pay Seller for each Purchase Order based on the prices set out in Exhibit "B". Seller shall render invoices for each Purchase Order, and the invoices shall be paid by Buyer on or before the 30th day following receipt of the invoice.

4. General Provisions.

a. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or

between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

b. **No Waiver.** No waiver by Buyer of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

c. **Entire Agreement.** 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 representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by Buyer and Seller, and not otherwise.

d. **Texas Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

e. **Notice.** Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, 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 Buyer:

Hidalgo County
Attention: County Judge
302 University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Seller:

Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.
1801 W. Business 77
San Benito, Texas 78586

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 Unites States mail.

f. **Termination.** County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon giving thirty (30) days written notice.

g. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

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

i. **Assignment.** This Agreement shall not be assignable.

j. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.

k. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate

l. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by Buyer and Seller have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of Buyer and Seller in accordance with its terms.

m. **Insurance.** Company shall provide insurance in force on all persons and vehicles connected with providing products and or services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured, and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage Exhibit "C", which is attached hereto.

n. **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 Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Seller. Buyer 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 Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

o. **Purchasing Ethics**. Seller represents and warrants it has not, during the process of being awarded this contract violated the following ethical standards of Buyer and, upon and after the execution of this Agreement, agrees to abide by the following ethical standards of Buyer:

(1) 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 Hidalgo County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of Hidalgo County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an officer 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 advise, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before any department or agency of Hidalgo County.

(2) 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 Hidalgo County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

p. **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.

EXECUTED effective as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: Ramon Garcia
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ON: 7/28/15

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo Jr.
Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY:

By: Reynaldo Rivera
Printed Name: Reynaldo Rivera
Title: Sales Manager

C-15-15-213-07-28
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.
"WELDING SUPPLIES and OTHER MISC. ITEMS"

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON: **JULY 28, 2015**

EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET

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

June 8, 2015

Participant's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: ***HIDALGO COUNTY (all funding sources, programs & entities)***
"Welding Supplies andOther Misc. Items "
RFB No*: 2015 213-06-24-SGS*

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/sgs

Enclosures

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

Thank you.

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

June 08, 2015
Date

BID: 2015-213-06-24-SGS	Buyer II: Sandy Suarez	Tel. No: (956) 318-2626 Ext. 4860

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY

(all funding sources, programs & entities)

"WELDING SUPPLIES AND OTHER MISC. ITEMS"

BID OPENING DATE:
JUNE 24, 2015

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB,Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 S. Bus Hwy 281 New Administration BuildingEdinburg, Texas 78539

956 318-2626

Form HCPD-03

LEGAL NOTICE **BID NO: 2015-213-06-24-SGS**

1. Sealed bids will be received for **HIDALGO COUNTY ((all funding sources, programs & entities) "WELDING SUPPLIES AND OTHER MISC, ITEMS"** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.

2. **One (1) original and Three (3)** copies of all bids are required with the bidders name and return address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package: **BID-2015-213-06-24-SGS - HIDALGO COUNTY((all funding sources, programs & entities)-"WELDING SUPPLIES AND OTHER MISC. ITEMS"** and in County's Purchasing Department, 2812 S. Business Highway 281, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, June 24, 2015. NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE WITH REFERENCE TO REQUEST FOR BIDS-2015-213-06-24-SGS.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all RFB and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the RFB considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: A. separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; B. reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; and C. award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so."

4. The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Failure of the delivered item(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 bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.

5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid.

6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.

7. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.

8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.

9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.

10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

11. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.

12. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

13. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a bid or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.

14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy o their Federal ID Number Certificate.

15. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
- At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
- If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

16. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Invoices must include:
  a) Name and address of successful bidder
  b) Name and address of receiving department or official
  c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
  d) Notation - **HIDALGO COUNTY (All Funding Sources) "WELDING SUPPLIES AND OTHER MISC. ITEMS"** 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
2808 South Highway 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2511

17. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Bid Opening, 9:30 AM	**June 24, 2015**
Award of Contract	_____, 2015
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2015

18. **BID OR PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION; PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT:**

. If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods & services exceeding $100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas. All bidders are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR Part 76.

. Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the bidder shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds $50,000.

. If the contract is for $50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men have been paid.

. If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor *shall* provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.

. For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.

19. **ETHICAL STANDARDS:**

. It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement

standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.

. It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

. No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

20. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

. Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person, consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business 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 bidder fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Please Submit completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse
COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.

21. If, during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to County.

22. Bids, and all goods and services provided there under, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.

23. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

. Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the bid;
. Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;

- Have a satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

24. Successful bidder will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful bidder's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.

25. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

26. County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful bidder; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful bidder fails to:

    A. Meet schedules;
    B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
    C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications.

27. Successful bidder shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful bidder's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods and services provided by successful bidder.

28. Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform 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 Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.

29. 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.

30. The successful bidder shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.

For

HIDALGO COUNTY

(all funding sources, programs & entities

"WELDING SUPPLIES and OTHER MISC. ITEMS"

BID NO.: 2015-213-06-24-SGS

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

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

Bidder acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Invitation to Bid Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Bidder understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid.

Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids, as contained in the Specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

SPECIFICATIONS

Hidalgo County is seeking to enter into a Welding Supplies and Other Misc. Items contract with qualified participates. Sealed Bids will be received for the following ***"Welding Supplies and Other Misc. Items"*** on an "**As Needed Basis**"

It is intended that the amount of **Industrial welding supplies and other misc. items** will be on an "**as needed basis**" by Hidalgo County. It shall be agreed & understood that Hidalgo County will purchase no more supplies/material than is needed. **All costs are to be net F.O.B.**

BID REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. After bid is awarded and low bidder(s) default(s) in meeting the terms and conditions of this bid and/or comply with the contractual agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, County shall charge the successful bidder(s) the difference for any additional cost of such item(s).

2. Bid price for gases will at a flat rate amount by c.f. and rental fees shall be per cylinder. All fees shall remain in effect for the length of the contract.

3. **Any item(s)** that might be needed/required and not specified herein shall be honored with the terms of this contract.

4. It is expressly understood and agreed that in case Hidalgo County should need "Industrial Welding Services and/or Welding Supplies" not available within the time frame needed from the successful vendor during the term of this contract, Hidalgo County reserves the right to purchase these items or request these services from other sources other than the successful vendor and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of said contract. Further, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek another vendor if, at any time, vendor's prices do not conform to public pricing.

5. Continuing non-performance of the bidder(s) in terms of specifications shall be basis for termination of contract by the County. The County shall not pay for work, equipment, or supplies which are unsatisfactory. Bidder(s) will be given a reasonable opportunity before termination to correct the deficiencies.

6. In the event the material furnished does not meet all the above requirements (regardless of weather, tests acceptability, method of repair or other conditions), the County reserves the option to require the material supplier to replace or to reimburse the County for the unused portion of material found to be unsatisfactory.

5. **Name Brands:** Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Hidalgo County to restrict theses bids in such cases, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items. Offerors may offer items of equal stature and the burden of proof of such stature rests with offerors. Hidalgo County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered.

6. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all formalities, or to accept the bid considered the lowest, best, and most advantageous to the County, including compliance to the bid specifications.

7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete items during the term of the contract under the same rates and conditions.

8. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold the bids for a period of (90) ninety days without taking action hereon.

9. Hidalgo County shall award the bid on a **LUMP SUM BASIS to ONE VENDOR** and/or **ITEM BY ITEM BASIS** and/or to **MULTIPLE** bidders, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

10. Hidalgo County may seek purchases from state awarded vendors or any other cooperative purchasing programs, whenever it is in the best interest to do so.

11. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of product, and /or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.

12. The contract will be in effect for a period **of one (1) year** with the County's sole discretion to extend for a one (1) additional year under the same rates, terms and conditions.

13. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional (60) sixty day Grace Period at the end of the contract term due to unforeseen delay of award for the next contract term.

14. Insurance Certificates as per Exhibit "C" must be submitted to the Purchasing Department prior to any services being performed by the awarded bidder(s).

15. Bidder's must provide bid pricing on Hidalgo County's Exhibit "B". Pricing not conformiing to Hidalgo County Specifications maybe cause for disqualification.

WELDING SUPPLIES AND MISC. ITEMS:

The following welding supplies/material **will be awarded to the lowest bidder(s)**.

*The following materials/items listed will be on an **"As Needed Basis"** only. **WELDING SUPPLIES**** ***(No items are specific name brands – Equivalent to or better)***

		SIZE				CASE/UNITS
1.	Metal welding **Rods** (different gauges)	7018 1/8		6011 3/32		10/50 LBS
		7018 5/32		6010 1/8		10/50 LBS
		6011 1/8		6010 5/32		10/50 LBS
		6011 5/32		6013 1/8		10/50 LBS
				6013 5/32		10/50 LBS
	1a.Stainless steal welding **Rods** (different gauges)	Size 1, 2, 3, 4				
	A 308 L-16	A	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	B 308 L-17	B	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	C 308/308 L-17	C	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	D 308/308 H-16	D	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	E 309/309 L-16	E	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	F 309/309 L-17	F	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	G 316/316 L-16	G	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	H 316/316 L-17	H	3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
	1 b. Aluminum welding Rods different gauges 1 ½ lbs		1/8 - 345 al		3/32 E4043	1/8 E4043
2.	Rod keepers (storage system) - Electrode oven 120v			10 LBS		50 LBS
3.	Aluminum welding Rods (different gauges)			#35 1/8		5 LBS

4.	Cable (by feet) AWG Copper	**SIZE**	
		1	
		2	
		4	
		1/0	
		2/0	
		3/0	
		4/0	
5.	Torch RD-45 or compatible	1/8 Steel	1 LB
		3/32	1 LB
6.	Alloy 144 Brass Electrode 10 minimum	1/8	10 LB
		5/32	10 LB
7.	Torch Brass	1/8	1 LB
		5/32	1 LB
8.	Oxygen (for welding gas)	20 Series	150 Series
		40 Series	200 Series
		80 Series	280 Series
		100 Series	300 Series
		125 Series	
9.	Acetylene, (for welding gas) Cost per C.F.	# 3 -70 CF	
		# 4 - 100 CF	
		# 4.5 - 200 CF	
		# 5 – 300 CF	
		MC - 8 CF	
		B- 35 CF	
10.	Nitrogen (for welding gas)	19 Series	125 Series
		20 Series	200 Series
		40 Series	
		80 Series	
11.	Argon - CO2 75-25% -Mig welder -mild steel Argon - Pure (Aluminum) Tri-gas – (Stainless Steel)	20	125
		40	200
		80	300
		100	
12.	Welding Goggles standard (square frame, flip lens preferred)		
13.	Leather Welding Gloves (standard) all sizes s, m, l - 4x	Mig Leather gloves	
		Tig Leather gloves	
14.	Nomex welding Gloves (standard sizes s, m, l-4x)		
15.	Welding Helmets (2" with flip lens preferred)		
16.	Jackson HSL1 Apprentice Quick Chance Hood		
17.	Leather Jackets for Welders (complete)	Small	
		Medium	
		Large	
18.	Doo- Rag Flame Retardant Cap and/or Beanies		
19.	Welding Blanket Coated Fiberglass and Acrylic Coated	Size	
		6x4	
		6x6	
		6x8	
		6x10	
		8x8	
		8x10	
		10x10	
20.	Bib Apron Leather	36"	
		48"	
21.	Lens Clear Huntsman "Nitro" Auto Darkening Inner Replacement - #10, #11 & #13	1-13/16" x 4-1/16"	

22.	Torch Lighters (3 way)			
23.	Torch Tips	Medium Torch 100 Series	**Tip Type 0-3-101**	**Size**
			Cutting Tip Org. Victor	0-3-101 Victor
			Welding Tip Victor or equivalent to	#0-W-1
				#1-W-1
				#2-W-1
				#3-W-1
			Heating Tip	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to
		Medium duty	Victor Cutskill tips or equivalent to	00,0,1,2,3,4,
		Large Torch 300 Series	**Tip Type 0-1-101**	**Size**
			Cutting Tip Org. Victor	0-1-101 Victor
			Welding Tip Victor 2 or equivalent to	#0-W
				#1-W
				#2-W
				#3-W
			Heating Tip	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to
24.	Torch Gauges-Replacement Gauges for regulators (Preferred - Victor & Victor CR150CR) or equivalent *** Gauges for high pressure- the low pressure side of gauge**		Victor -Victor CR150CR (preferred)	1 ½, 2, 2 1/2
			Victor Cutskill 250	2" gauge –1 ¾ diaphram
25.	Torch Hoses - R & T		**SIZE "R" & "T"**	
			25 ft x ¼	
			50 ft x ¼	
			100 ft x ¼	
26.	Torches- Complete Kit is preferred with handle and cutting attachments		Medium 100 Series	
			Large 300 Series	
27.	Rental of Cylinder **(as needed)**		**Gas**	**Tank Size**
			Oxygen–Acetylene- CO-2/Argon -25%/75% Tri-Gas- (Argon/CO2/Helium) Argon	**ALL SIZES**
28.	Tip cleaner- Standard			
29.	Flat Soap Stone-Standard Square			
30.	Soap Stone Holder			
31.	Safety Glasses – High Impact Protector Z94.3			Dark
				Clear
32.	Welding cable liners – for Millermatic 135 - OEM Miller or equivalent to- Profax194011 for Lincoln 140 c / miller welder size			**Sizes**
				.020
				.025
				.030
				.035
33.	Welder Tips - (for Millermatic 135) Lincoln 140 c / miller welding size	Contact tip		**Sizes**
				.020
				.025
				.030
				.035
			Sizes	LBS

Exhibit A'
HIDALGO COUNTY
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"Welding Supplies and Other Misc. Items"
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34.	Welding Wire- Spools - (Flux Core Coated) .030/.035	Flux-Core-	1 lb	10 lb		
		Shield gas solid wire-ER 70S-6	1 lb	10 lb		
		Stainless steel- ER 308/308 L	1 lb	10 lb		
	Aluminum	.030/.035	ER 4043			
		1 lb	ER 4047			
35.	Grinding Disc- Screw On	4.1/2 x ¼ x 5/8-11				
36.	Sanding Disc- Screw On – or equal to (Med. Coarse grid- Zircowia flap disc) Hub style	Hub Style 4 ½ x 5/8" x 11				
		Z-40				
		Z-60				
		Z-80				
		Z-100				
		Hub Less 4 ½ x 7/8"				
		Z-40				
		Z-60				
		Z-80				
		Z-100				
37.	Chop Saw Blades – 14 x 3/32 x 1					
38.	Strikers 1 & 3 flint striker	single				
		triple				
39.	Flints 1 & 3 flint replacement sets	single				
		triple				
40.	Spring Handle Cross Chisel & Pick Hammer					
41.	Headgear w/ clear visor - (CEPMPH-CL)- & dark shade 5 Ratchet	3" - 7"				
42.	Maximum- Hazardous Material Fee					
43.	Plastic Rod Canister (Rod Guards)	14" (water tight-standard)				
		18" (water tight-tig brazing rods)				
44.	Flash back Arrestors	Regulator side				
		Torch side				
45.	Electrodes Holder	80-120 amp	50-300 amp			
		40-225 amp	350 amp			
46.	Ground Clamp (spring load)	Steel 8" – 200/300 amp				
		Brass 8"- 200/300 amp				
47.	Cable connectors- male & female quick lock or inter-lock	5/8	1/2	1/0	2/0	3/0
		1	2	4	122 strip gauge	
48.	Cooper or Aluminum ground lugs	5/8	7/8	1	2	4
		1/0	2/0	3/0	4/0	
49.	Female Terminals – Spade-Eyelet –Fork	SIZES				
		14 – 12- 10- 8 - 6 - 4 - 2				
50.	Leather Sleeves protectors -Slip on with elastic	S –M-L-XL- XXL - XXXXXL				
51.	Quick Connect sets Torch side –with & without flashbacks					
52.	Tungsten tip for Tig	Pure Tungsten	Size			
			1/16			
			3/32			
			1/8			
		2% Thoriated	1/16			
			3/32			
			1/8			
		Size	lbs			
		.030	1-10 lb			
		.035	1-10 lb			

53.	Flux Cored welding wire-used with Shielding gas		
54.	Flux Cored welding wire- self shielded wire	.030	1-10 lb
		.035	1-10 lb
55.	Flux coated (ET-IT-GS) mild steel	.030	1-10 lb
		.035	1-10 lb
56.	Carbon Steel-(70S-6) mild steel 1-10 lb	.030	1-10 lb
		.035	1-10 lb
57.	Stainless Steel (ER 308LSI)	.030	1-10 lb
		.035	1-10 lb
58.	Grinding Disc with hub		size
			7 1/4x5/8-11 large
59.	Wire cup brush		2 ¾ x 5/8-11
60.	Standard Twist wire wheel		4" x 5/8-11
61.	Stringer Bead knot wheel		6"x 5/8-11
62.	Shaft Knot wheel brush 3" x ¼"	Carbon	Crimped
			.014
			.020
		Stainless Steel	.014
			.020
		Carbon	Knotted
			.014
			.020
		Stainless Steel	.014
			.020
63.	Flow gauge- for CO2 Argon - Mig & Tig welding		
64.	Brazing Alloy Safety Silv - 15 % 050 x 1/8 - ¼ flux 20 lbs		
65	Mig Welding Machine 120 volt-180 volt, 208 volt, 240 volts (Miller or Lincoln model equal to or better)		single face
			triple face
66.	Replacement - Mig Gun (milliermatic 135) 10 ft long equivalent or better Lincoln welding gun		
67.	Auto Dark welding helmet multi shade 10-12 mask lens for Mig & Tig welding		Large
68.	Tri-Gas Argon-CO2-Helium 7.5%-2.5-90% for stainless steel		Size
			291
69.	Hand Held wire brush – mild & stainless steel		Mild
			Stainless Steel
70.	Refill of Co. owned cylinders– Argon -CO2- Nitrogen-Acetylene-Oxygen – Tri-Gas- Argon/CO2		Cylinder Size
			20 / 280
			40 / 300
			80 / MC-8
	(prices to include all fees for delivery, refilling and/ or swapping – etc.)		100 / B-35
			125 / 3
			150 / 4
			200 / 4.5
			219 / 5

Usage of the different Gases by Hidalgo County:

Tri-Gas – used for stainless steel Mig Welding.
CO-2 Argon & CO – used for mild steel Mig welding.
Argon – used for Tig welding Mig Aluminum.
Nitrogen Gas - used by AC to purge and check for leaks in units.

Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustments:
Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

1. **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.

   - A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the suppliers advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
   - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
   - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
   - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the suppliers notice.
   - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.

2. **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.

3. **Time frame for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.

4. **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.

5. **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed on to Hidalgo County.

Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquiries, and clarifications regarding quotes, bids, proposals, or statements of qualifications be addressed to, Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, 2802 S. Bus. Hwy 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539. **TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL NO LATER THAN, June 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to sandy.suarez.@co.hidalgo.tx.us . Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by **no later than June 19, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.**

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BID PAGE – Equivalent to or better

Bidder must provide bid pricing on Hidalgo County Exhibit"B". Pricing not conforming to Hidalgo County Specifications maybe cause for disqualificaiton.

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	SIZE	CASE/UNITS	BID PRICE
1. Metal welding **Rods** (different gauges)	7018 1/8	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	7018 5/32	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	6011 1/8	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	6011 5/32	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	6011 3/32	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	6010 1/8	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	6010 5/32	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	6013 1/8	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	
	6013 5/32	10 LBS	
		50 LBS	

1a Stainless steal welding **Rods** (different gauges)	SIZE 1-2-3-4	3 32	1/8	5/32	3 16
A) 308 L -16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	A				
B) 308 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	B				
C) 308 / 308 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	C				
D) 308 / 308 H-16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	D				
E) 309 / 309 L -16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	E				
F) 309 / 309 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	F				
G) 316 / 316 L -16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	G				
H) 316 / 316 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	H				

1b Aluminum Welding Rods (1 ½ - 5 lbs)		1/8 345 al	
	E4043	3/32	
		1/8	
2. Rod keeper (storage system) - Electrode oven 120v	10 LBS		
	50 LBS		
3. Aluminum welding Rods (different gauges) 5 lbs	#35 - 1/8		

	SIZE	BID PRICE
4. Cable (by feet) AWG Cooper	1	
	2	
	4	
	1/0	
	2/0	
	3/0	
	4/0	
5. Torch RD-45 or compatible to	1/8 Steel	1 LB
	3/32	1 LB
6. Alloy 144 Brass Electrode 10 minimum	1/8	10 LB
	5/32	10 LB
7. Torch Brass	1/8	1 LB
	5/32	1 LB

	SIZE		BID PRICE	
8. Oxygen (for welding gas)	20 Series	150 Series		
	40 Series	200 Series		
	80 Series	280 Series		
	100 Series	300 Series		
	125 Series			

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9. Acetylene (for welding gas – All size) Cost per C.F.	# 3 - 70 CF	# 5 – 300 CF	All sizes $ _____ Per C.F.
	# 4 - 100 CF	MC - 8 CF	
	# 4.5 -200 CF	B- 35 CF	

10. Nitrogen (for welding gas)	SIZE	BID PRICE
	19 Series	
	20 Series	
	40 Series	
	80 Series	
	125 Series	
	200 Series	

11. Argon- CO2 75-25% -Mig welder -mild steel Argon - Pure (Aluminum) & Tri-gas – (S S)	SIZE		BID PRICE								
			Argon - CO2		Argon - Pure			Tri-gas			
	20	125									
	40	200									
	80	300									
	100										

12. Welding Goggles standard (square frame, flip lens preferred)

13. Leather Welding Gloves (standard) All sizes s, m, l - 4x	Mig Leather gloves	S	M	L	XL	4X
	Tig Leather gloves					

14. Nomex Welding Gloves (standard sizes s, m, l -4x)		
	small	
	medium	
	large	
	1x-4x	

15. Welding Helmets (2" with flip lens preferred)	
16. Jackson HSL1 Apprentice Quick Chance Hood	

17. Leather Jackets for Welders (complete)		
	Small	
	Medium	
	Large	

	BID PRICE
18. Doo- Rag Flame Retardant Cap and/or Beanies	

19. Welding Blanket Coated Fiberglass and Acrylic Coated	Size	BID PRICE
	6x4	
	6x6	
	6x8	
	6x10	
	8x8	
	8x10	
	10x10	

20. Bib Apron Leather		
	36"	
	48"	

21. Lens Clear Huntsman "Nitro" Auto Darkening Inner Replacement		#10	#11	#13
	1-13/16" x 4-1/16"			

22. Torch Lighters (3 way)	

23. Torch Tips		Tip Type 0-3-101	Size	BID PRICE
	Medium Torch 100 Series	Cutting Tip Org. Victor	0-3-101 Victor	
		Welding Tip Victor or **equivalent to**	#0-W-1	
			#1-W-1	
			#2-W-1	
			#3-W-1	

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23. Continue		Heating Tip						
	Medium Duty	Victor Cutskill	00	0	1	2	3	4
		or equivalent to						
		Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent						

		Tip Type 0-1-101	Size	BID PRICE
	Large Torch 300 Series	Cutting Tip Org. Victor	0-1-101 Victor	
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or **equivalent**	#0-W	
			#1-W	
			#2-W	
			#3-W	
		Heating Tip	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to	

24. Torch Gauges-Replacement Gauges for regulators: **(preferred** - Victor & Victor CR150CR) *Gauges for high pressure the low pressure side of gauge	Victor	1 ½" gauge	
		2" gauge	
		2 ½" gauge	
	Victor CR150CR (perferred) or equivalent	1 ½" gauge	
		2" gauge	
		2 ½" gauge	
	Victor Cutskill 250	2" gauge – 1 ¾ diaphram	

	Size	BID PRICE "R"	BID PRICE "T"
25. Torch Hoses - " R" and " T "	25 ft x ¼		
	50 ft x ¼		
	100 ft x ¼		
26. Torches- Complete Kit is preferred with handle and cutting attachments	Medium 100 Series		
	Large 300 Series		

	Gas	Size	BID PRICE
27. Rental of Cylinder **(as needed)** **(Price to include all additonal fees)**	Oxygen	(All Sizes)	$ _____ per cylinder
	Acetylene		
	CO-2/Argon- 25%/75%		
	Tri-Gas- Argon/CO2/Helium		
	Argon		

28. Tip cleaner- Standard		
29. Flat Soap Stone-Standard Square		
30. Soap Stone Holder		
31. Safety Glasses – High Impact Protector Z94.3	Dark	
	Clear	

	Sizes	BID PRICE
32. Welding cable liners - for Millermatic 135 OEM Miller or equivalent to- Profax194011 & for Lincoln 140 c / miller welder size	.020	
	.025	
	.030	
	.035	

		Sizes	BID PRICE
33. Welder Tips - for Millermatic 135 & for Lincoln 140 c / miller welding size	Contact tip	.020	
		.025	
		.030	
		.035	

	Sizes	LBS	BID PRICE

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34. Welding Wire- Spools - (Flux Core Coated) no shield gas A Flux Core Coated B Shield Gas solid wire ER 70S -6 C Stainless steel ER 308 / 308L 34. continue	.030/ .035	A 1-lb		
		A 10lb		
		B 1-lb		
		B 10lb		
		C 1-lb		
		C 10lb		
Aluminum Mig Wire	.030/ .035 1-lb	ER 4043		
		ER 4047		
35. Grinding Disc- Screw On – 4.1/2 x ¼ x 5/8-11				
36. Sanding Disc- Screw On – or **equivalent** to (Med. Coarse grid- Zircowia flap disc) Hub style		Hub Style 4 ½ x 5/8" x 11	BID PRICE	
		Z-40		
		Z-60		
		Z-80		
		Z-100		
		Hub - Less 4 ½ x 7/8"		
		Z-40		
		Z-60		
		Z-80		
		Z-100		
37. Chop Saw Blades – 14 x 3/32 x 1				
38. Strikers 1 & 3 flint striker		single		
		triple		
39. Flints 1 & 3 flint replacement sets		single		
		triple		
40. Spring Handle Cross Chisel & Pick Hammer				
41. Headgear w/ clear visor - (CEPMPH-CL)- & dark shade 5 – Ratchet 3" & 7"		3"		
		7"		
42. Maximum- Hazardous Material Fee				
43. Plastic Rod Canister (Rod Guards)		14" (water tight-standard)		
		18" (water tight-tig brazing rods)		
44. Flash back Arrestors		Regulator side		
		Torch side		
45. Electrodes Holder		80-120 amps		
		40-225 amps		
		50-300 amps		
		350 amps		
46. Ground Clamp - spring load		Steel 8" 200/300 amp		
		Brass 8" 200/300 amp		
47. Cable connectors- male & female **Quick-lock or Inter-lock**		5/8		
		1/2		
		1/0		
		2/0		
		3/0		
		1		
		2		
		4		
		122 strip gauge		

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48. Cooper or Aluminum Ground Lugs	5/8	
	7/8	
	1	
	2	
	4	
	1/0	
	2/0	
	3/0	
	4/0	

49. Female Terminals Spade – Eyelet – Fork 14,12,10,8,6,4,2	SIZE	Spade	Eyelet	Fork
	14			
	12			
	10			
	8			
	6			
	4			
	2			

50.Leather Sleeves protectors Slip –On with Elastic	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL- 5XL

51. Quick Connect sets Torch side- with and without Flashbacks		
	With flashback	
	Without flashback	

52. Tungsten tip for Tig (per box)		Size	BID PRICE
	Pure Tungsten	1/16	
		3/32	
		1/8	
	2% Thoriated	1/16	
		3/32	
		1/8	

53. Flux Cored welding wire-used with Shielding gas	Size	lbs	BID PRICE
	.030	1 lb	
		10 lb	
	.035	1 lb	
		10 lb	
54. Flux Cored welding wire- self shielded wire	.030	1 lb	
	.035	10 lb	
55. Flux coated (ET-IT-GS) mild steel	.030	1 lb	
	.035	10 lb	
56. Carbon Steel-(70S-6) mild steel	.030	1 lb	
	.035	10 lb	
57.Stainless Steel (ER 308LSI)	.030	1 lb	
		10 lb	
	.035	1 lb	
		10 lb	

58. Grinding Disc with hub	size 7 1/4x5/8-11 large	
59. Wire cup brush	2 ¾ x 5/8-11	
60. Standard Twist wire wheel	4" x 5/8-11	
61. Stringer Bead knot wheel	6"x 5/8-11	

62. Shaft Knot wheel brush 3" x ¼"		Crimped	
	Carbon	.014	
		.020	
	Stainless Steel	.014	
		.020	
		Knotted	

Exhibit "B"
HIDALGO COUNTY
(all funding sources, programs & entities)
"WELDING SUPPLIES & OTHER MISC. ITEMS
RFB NO.: 2015--06-24-SGS

	Carbon	.014	
		.020	
	Stainless Steel	.014	
		.020	
63. Flow gauge- for CO2 Argon - Mig & Tig welding			
64. Brazing Alloy Safety Silv - 15 %		050 x 1/8 – ¼ flux 20 lbs	
65. Mig Welding Machine 120 volt-180 volt, 208 volt, 240 volts (Miller or Lincoln model equal to or better)		single face	
		triple face	
66. Replacement - Mig Gun (milliermatic 135) 10 ft lg - Lincoln welding gun 10 ft lg (equivalent to or better)		10 ft' long	
67. Auto Dark welding helmet multi shade (mask lens for Mig & Tig welding) 10-12		Large	
68. Tri-Gas Argon-CO2-Helium 7.5%-2.5-90% for stainless steel		Cylinder Size	BID PRICE
		291	
69. Hand Held wire brush – mild & stainless steel		Mild	
		Stainless Steel	

70. Refill of Co. owned cylinders- all series –

Argon -CO2- Nitrogen-Acetylene-Oxygen - Tri-Gas

(Prices to include any additional fees- i.e. Delivery, refilling or swapping & Hydro –Static testing- etc.)

	SIZE							
A Argon	20	40	80	100	125	200	219	300
B Nitrogen	19	20	40	80	125	200		
C Acetylene	#3	#4	#4.5	#5	MC 8	B 35		
D Oxygen	20	40	80	100	125	150	280	300
E Tri-Gas	20	40	80	100	125	200	219	300
F CO2	50							
G Argon/CO2	20	40	80	100	125	200	219	300
	BID PRICE							
A Argon								
B Nitrogen								
C Acetylene								
D Oxygen								
E Tri-Gas								
F CO2								
G Argon CO2								

Usage of the different Gases by Hidalgo County:

Tri-Gas – used for stainless steel Mig Welding.
CO-2 Argon & CO – used for mild steel Mig welding.
Argon – used for Tig welding Mig Aluminum.
Nitrogen Gas - used by AC to purge and check for leaks in units.

BIDDER/COMPANY NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:_____

PHONE & FAX NO.'S:_____

CELL PHONE:_____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:_____

PRINTED NAME:_____

TITLE:_____

EMAIL:_____

EXHIBIT "C"

Insurance Requirements
Applicable to the Acquisition of Goods and /or Services
(other than Professional Services)

The Bidder awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the bidder in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar ($500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.

2. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand ($500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.

3. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;

4. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto). Certificates of insurance shall name Hidalgo County as additional insured and must be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

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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 THER 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	GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS MADE ☐ OCCUR ☐ OWNER'S & CONT. PROT. ☐ OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER ☐ POLICY ☐ PROJECT ☐ LOC				EACH OCCURRENCE	$
					FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire)	$
					MED EXP (Any one person)	$
					PERSONAL & ADV. INJURY	$
					GENERAL AGGREGATE	$
					PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ ALL OWNED AUTOS ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	$
					BODILY INJURY (Per person)	$
					BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	$
					PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$
	GARAGE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT	$
					OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY EA ACC	$
					AGG	$
C	EXCESS LIABILITY ☐ OCCUR ☐ CLAIMS MADE				EACH OCCURRENCE	$
					AGGREGATE	$
	☐ DEDUCTIBLE					$
	☐ RETENTION $					$
						$
D	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY				WC STATUTORY LIMITS ☐ OTHER	
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE	$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT	$
	OTHER					

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

Hidalgo County
Attn: Purchasing Department
2812 S Highway Bus. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER: _____

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 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.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

SAMPLE

Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

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

☐ will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid awarded by the Hidalgo County Commissioners= Court;

☐ will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of bid award by the Hidalgo County Commissioners= Court; currently carry the following:

Automobile Liability: $_____ General Liability: $_____

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

_____ _____.
Authorized Representative Date

Notice to Bidder:
A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award of bid and to execute a contract between your Company and the County

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the bid award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next lowest bidder. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company=s obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the APPLICABLE:

1. Licenses: _____.
2. Bonds: _____.
3. Certificates: _____.
4. Permits: _____.
5. Other: _____.

necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this bid, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

* Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required <u>must be presented</u> as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid.

_____ _____.

Authorized Signature Date

_____.

Company

_____.

Address

_____.

City, State, Zip

EXHIBIT "D"

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

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

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

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

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

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

_____

Name of Officer

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

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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_____ _____

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

(Copy of receipt and this form must be submitted with bid)

HIDALGO COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
Bidder/Vendor Application

Complete in print or type. Please return this application to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department thru Facsimile: (956) 318-2629 or (956) 292-7612 in person or regular mail to: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539 or e-mail purchasing@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Company Name: Telephone No. ( )

dba Name:

Legal Name:

Mailing Address : Fax No. ( )

Physical Address:

City, State, Zip Tax I.D. No.

Remit to Address : City, State, Zip

E-Mail Address:

Representative(s) Name(s) & Title(s)

Type of Organization (check one): _____ Individual _____ Partnership _____ Corporation _____Non-Profit
_____ LLC _____ Sole Proprietor _____ Other, Specify
State Identification No._____ (Please attached completed W-9 form with this application)
Federal Identification No. or (if individual) SS No.

State of Incorporation: _____ Date:_____ Other:

Type of Business (check one): _____ Manufacturer _____ Wholesaler _____ Retailer _____ Broker
_____ Distributor _____ Service Organization _____ Other, Specify

Name & Title of Person(s) Authorized to Sign Bids, Proposals, and/or Contracts:

Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Information (check application criteria)

Small Business:	Disadvantaged Business (At Least 51% Ownership)	
☐ Less than 125,000 annual gross receipt	☐ Black American	☐ Native American
☐ Less than 250,000 annual gross receipt	☐ Hispanic American	☐ Women
☐ Less than 499,000 annual gross receipt	☐ Asian Pacific American	☐ Other
☐ More than 500,000 annual gross receipt		

Have you been certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate Certification No.(s):_____ or are Certificate(s) attached?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

What type of product(s) is/are solicited by your company?:

Would you like to be provided with specifications for procurements of such products?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

To Be Completed by the County: Rec'd by (Purchasing):_____ Date Rec'd by (Purchasing):

Date Forwarded Information to Auditor's Office:_____Entry Date: _____ Vendor No.:

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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

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:

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:

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:

Form **W-9**
(Rev. August 2013)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:
☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

Exemptions (see instructions):
Exempt payee code (if any) _____
Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

Requester's name and address (optional)

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

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

Social security number
☐☐☐ – ☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐

Employer identification number
☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here | **Signature of U.S. person ▶** | **Date ▶**

General Instructions

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

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at *www.irs.gov/w9*. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

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, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and 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 under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 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 section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give 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:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity,
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust, and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (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, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

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, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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 *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

What is FATCA reporting? The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

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. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). 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 should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. 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, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the U.S. 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 U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. 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, as appropriate. 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the *Exemptions* box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See *Exempt payee code* and *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3.

Exempt payee code. 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. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following codes identify payees that 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

5—A corporation

6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States

7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8—A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)

11—A financial institution

12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13—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 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over $600 required to be reported and direct sales over $5,000[1]	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5[2]
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

[1] See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

[2] 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.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

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*. 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* 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 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, apply for a TIN and 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 U.S. 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 items 1, 4, or 5 below 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 code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

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 made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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 [1]
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor [2]
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee [1]
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner [1]
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner [3]
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 [4]
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

[1] 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.

[2] Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

[3] 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.

[4] 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*. 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* or contact them at *www.ftc.gov/idtheft* or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit 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. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;

b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and

d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature:_____
Print Name:_____
Title:_____
Telephone Number:_____
Date:_____

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

REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT
C-15-00-00

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into effective as of this _____ day of _____, **2015** by and between _____("Seller") and **Hidalgo County, Texas** ("Buyer").

WHEREAS, Buyer has solicited sealed bids for the supply of its requirements of **Hidalgo County** for the **"Welding Supplies and Other Misc. Items"** (the "Product") as further described in Exhibit "A", Request for Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes (the "RFB") for a period of **one (1) year** and;

WHEREAS, Seller has submitted a proposal to supply Buyer's requirements; and

WHEREAS, Buyer has determine that Seller has submitted the lowest and best bid to meet Buyer's requirements for certain of the Products, as herein after described.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller, and Seller agrees to sell and deliver to Buyer, all of the Products listed on Exhibit "B", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by references, that Buyer may require for use by Buyer in Hidalgo County projects for a period of one (1) year, with the County's sole option to extend/renew for an additional one (1) year term based upon prior year's performance evaluation and contingent upon cost, terms and conditions remaining unchanged. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates, terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for the next contract term. This Contract shall commence on _____, 2015 and expire on _____, 2016 and it is agreed that the Products will meet the Specifications in the Request for Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

2. When Buyer determines that it needs a quantity of the Products to be delivered, it will, according to its Purchasing Policies, complete and submit to Seller a Purchase Order describing the type and quantity of the Products required. The Products are to be delivered by Seller to the location in Hidalgo County specified by Buyer in its Purchase Order.

3. Buyer agrees to pay Seller for each Purchase Order based on the prices set out in Exhibit "B". Seller shall render invoices for each Purchase Order, and the invoices shall be paid by Buyer on or before the 30th day following receipt of the invoice.

4. General Provisions.

a. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

b. **No Waiver.** No waiver by Buyer of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

c. **Entire Agreement.** 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 representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by Buyer and Seller, and not otherwise.

d. **Texas Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

e. **Notice.** Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, 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 Buyer:

Hidalgo County
Attention: County Judge
302 University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Seller:

_____
_____
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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

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Unites States mail.

f. **Termination.** County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon giving thirty (30) days written notice.

g. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

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

i. **Assignment.** This Agreement shall not be assignable.

j. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenient reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision or paragraph hereof.

k. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate

l. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by Buyer and Seller have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of Buyer and Seller in accordance with its terms.

m. **Insurance.** Company shall provide insurance in force on all persons and vehicles connected with providing products and or services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured, and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage Exhibit "C", which is attached hereto.

n. **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 Buyer under this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Seller. Buyer 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 Buyer pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

o. **Purchasing Ethics**. Seller represents and warrants it has not, during the process of

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being awarded this contract violated the following ethical standards of Buyer and, upon and after the execution of this Agreement, agrees to abide by the following ethical standards of Buyer:

(1) 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 Hidalgo County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of Hidalgo County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an officer 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 advise, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore pending before any department or agency of Hidalgo County.

(2) 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 Hidalgo County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

p. **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.

EXECUTED effective as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

ATTEST:

By:_____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

_____
Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

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COMPANY:

By:_____
Printed Name:_____
Title:_____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

_____
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON:_____

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EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET

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EXHIBIT "B"
BID PAGE

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EXHIBIT "C"
CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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EXHIBIT "B"
BID PAGE

HIDALGO COUNTY
TABULATION
"WELDING SUPPLIES & OTHER MISC. ITEMS
RFB NO.: 2015-06-24-SGS

BID PAGE – Equivalent to or better

Bidder must provide bid pricing on Hidalgo County Exhibit"B". Pricing not conforming to Hidalgo County Specifications maybe cause for disqualification.

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	SIZE	CASE/UNITS	Matheson Bid Price
1. Metal welding **Rods** (different gauges)	7018 1/8	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	85.00
	7018 5/32	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	85.00
	6011 1/8	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	87.50
	6011 5/32	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	85.00
	6011 3/32	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	95.00
	6010 1/8	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	149.50
	6010 5/32	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	149.00
	6013 1/8	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	89.00
	6013 5/32	10 LBS	19.50
		50 LBS	89.00

1a Stainless steal welding **Rods** (different gauges)	SIZE 1-2-3-4	Matheson 3/32	1/8	5/32	3/16
A) 308 L -16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	A	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.95
B) 308 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	B	11.45	10.50	10.50	10.20
C) 308 / 308 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	C	11.45	10.50	10.50	10.20
D) 308 / 308 H-16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	D	11.45	10.50	10.50	10.20
E) 309 / 309 L -16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	E	6.40	6.10	6.10	6.10
F) 309 / 309 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	F	11.45	10.50	10.50	10.50
G) 316 / 316 L -16 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	G	8.50	7.00	7.00	7.00
H) 316 / 316 L -17 size: 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16	H	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50

1b Aluminum Welding Rods (1 ½ - 5 lbs)			Matheson
		1/8 345 al	N/B
	E4043	3/32	4.20 lb
		1/8	3.95 lb

2. Rod keeper (storage system) - Electrode oven 120v	10 LBS	139.00
	50 LBS	353.00
3. Aluminum welding Rods (different gauges) 5 lbs	#35 - 1/8	32.78 per lb

4. Cable (by feet) AWG Cooper	SIZE	Matheson
	1	1.60
	2	1.25
	4	.85
	1/0	2.05
	2/0	2.60
	3/0	3.16
	4/0	4.12

5. Torch RD-45 or compatible to	1/8 Steel	1 LB	4.39
	3/32	1 LB	4.42
6. Alloy 144 Brass Electrode 10 minimum	1/8	10 LB	N/B
	5/32	10 LB	N/B
7. Torch Brass	1/8	1 LB	7.98
	5/32	1 LB	7.98

8. Oxygen (for welding gas)	Size -Series	Matheson
	20	5.50
	40	5.75
	80	6.25
	100	7.50
	125	9.00
	150	8.00

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		200	10.00	
		280	12.00	
		300	14.00	
			Matheson	
9. Acetylene (for welding gas – All size) Cost per C.F.	# 3 - 70 CF	# 5 – 300 CF	# 3 -70 CF	$ 24.00 ea
	# 4 - 100 CF	MC - 8 CF	MC-8 CF	$ 8.00 ea
	# 4.5 -200 CF	B- 35 CF	B-35 CF	$ 14.00 ea
			#5- #4 - #4.5	$ .26 per C.F.

10. Nitrogen (for welding gas)	Size-Series	Matheson
	19	6.00
	20	6.00
	40	6.50
	80	8.00
	125	10.00
	200	14.00

11. Argon- CO2 75-25% -Mig welder -mild steel Argon - Pure (Aluminum) & Tri-gas – (SS)		Matheson		
	Size	Argon - CO2	Argon - Pure	Tri-gas
	20	14.00	12.00	30.00
	40	14.00	12.00	30.00
	80	15.00	19.00	43.00
	100	19.00	18.00	56.00
	125	19.00	18.00	56.00
	200	26.00	24.00	70.00
	300	28.00	26.00	72.00

12. Welding Goggles standard (square frame, flip lens preferred)	Matheson
	$ 9.50

13. Leather Welding Gloves (standard) all sizes S,M,L -4x	Size	Mig	Tig
	S	13.00	13.00
	M	13.00	13.00
	L	13.00	13.00
	XL	13.00	13.00
	4X	13.00	13.00

14. Nomex Welding Gloves (standard sizes s, m, l -4x)	small	19.50
	medium	19.50
	large	19.50
	1x-4x	19.50

15. Welding Helmets (2" with flip lens preferred)	32.85
16. Jackson HSL1 Apprentice Quick Chance Hood	N/B

17. Leather Jackets for Welders (complete)	Small	60.00
	Medium	60.00
	Large	60.00

		Matheson
18. Doo- Rag Flame Retardant Cap and/or Beanies		N/B
19. Welding Blanket Coated Fiberglass and Acrylic Coated	Size	Matheson
	6x4	N/B
	6x6	N/B
	6x8	N/B
	6x10	N/B
	8x8	N/B
	8x10	N/B
	10x10	N/B
20. Bib Apron Leather	36"	25.68
	48"	29.36

21. Lens Clear Huntsman "Nitro" Auto Darkening Inner Replacement	1-13/16" x 4-1/16"	Matheson		
		#10	#11	#13
		N/B	N/B	N/B
22. Torch Lighters (3 way)		2.20		

23. Torch Tips		Tip Type 0-3-101	Size	Matheson
	Medium	Cutting Tip Org. Victor	0-3-101 Victor	12.00

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	Torch 100 Series			
		Welding Tip Victor or equivalent to	#0-W-1	18.00
			#1-W-1	18.00
			#2-W-1	18.00
			#3-W-1	18.00
		Heating Tip	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent	N/B
	Medium Duty	Victor Cutskill or equivalent to	Matheson	
			00 / 0 / 1 / 2 / 3 / 4	
			All - $ 6.00	
	Heating tip	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent	52.00	
	Large Torch 300 Series	Tip Type 0-1-101	Size	Matheson
		Cutting Tip Org. Victor	0-1-101 Victor	12.00
		Welding Tip Victor 2 or equivalent	#0-W	28.00
			#1-W	28.00
			#2-W	28.00
			#3-W	28.00
	Heating Tip	Rosebud Victor 8 or equivalent to		58.00
24. Torch Gauges-Replacement Gauges for regulators: (preferred – Victor & Victor CR150CR) *Gauges for high pressure the low pressure side of gauge	Victor		1 ½" gauge	N/B
			2" gauge	N/B
			2 ½" gauge	N/B
	Victor CR150CR (perferred) or equivalent		1 ½" gauge	N/B
			2" gauge	N/B
			2 ½" gauge	N/B
	Victor Cutskill 250		2" gauge – t ¾ diaphram	N/B
25. Torch Hoses - "R" and "T"			Matheson	
		Size	"R"	"T"
		25 ft x ¼	29.00	39.00
		50 ft x ¼	52.00	62.00
		100 ft x ¼	75.00	105.00
26. Torches- Complete Kit is preferred with handle and cutting attachments		Medium 100 Series	250.00	
		Large 300 Series	315.00	
27. Rental of Cylinder (as needed) All Sizes (Price to include all additonal fees)		Gas	Matheson	
		Oxygen	$ 0.15 per cylinder Per Day	
		Acetylene		
		CO-2/Argon- 25%/75%		
		Tri-Gas- Argon/CO2/Helium		
		Argon		
28. Tip cleaner- Standard			2.95	
29. Flat Soap Stone-Standard Square			15.50 box	
30. Soap Stone Holder			2.95	
31. Safety Glasses – High Impact Protector Z94.3			Dark	4.20
			Clear	4.90
32. Welding cable liners - for Millermatic 135 OEM Miller or equivalent to- Profax194011 & for Lincoln 140 c / miller welder size			Sizes	Matheson
			.020	17.00
			.025	17.00
			.030	17.00
			.035	17.00
33. Welder Tips - for Millermatic 135 Contact tip & for Lincoln 140 c / miller welding size			Sizes	Matheson
			.020	.80
			.025	.80
			.030	.80
			.035	.80
34. Welding Wire- Spools - (Flux Core Coated) no shield gas A Flux Core Coated B Shield Gas solid wire ER 70S -6 C Stainless steel ER 308 / 308L		Sizes	LBS	Matheson
		.030/ .035	A 1-lb	2 lb 9.00 / 9.00
			A 10lb	39.90 / 37.00
			B 1-lb	2 lb 4.75 / 4.50
			B 10lb	20.00 / 19.00
			C 1-lb	N/B / N/B
			C 10lb	N/B / N/B

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Aluminum Mig Wire	.030 / .035 1-lb	ER 4043	8.00	8.00
		ER 4047	N/B	N/B

35. Grinding Disc- Screw On – 4.1/2 x ¼ x 5/8-11		3.20
36. Sanding Disc- Screw On – or equivalent to (Med. Coarse grid- Zircowia flap disc) Hub style	Hub Style 4 ½ x 5/8" x 11	Matheson
	Z-40	5.55
	Z-60	5.55
	Z-80	5.55
	Z-100	5.55
	Hub - Less 4 ½ x 7/8"	Matheson
	Z-40	2.95
	Z-60	2.95
	Z-80	2.95
	Z-100	2.95
37. Chop Saw Blades – 14 x 3/32 x 1		6.80
38. Strikers 1 & 3 flint striker	single	1.90
	triple	2.40
39. Flints 1 & 3 flint replacement sets	single	1.95
	triple	1.75
40. Spring Handle Cross Chisel & Pick Hammer		4.50
41. Headgear w/ clear visor - (CEPMPH-CL)- & dark shade 5 – Ratchet 3" & 7"	3" & 7"	N/B
	3" & 7"	N/B
42. Maximum- Hazardous Material Fee		5.50
43. Plastic Rod Canister (Rod Guards)	14" (water tight-standard)	8.90
	18" (water tight-tig brazing rods)	9.10
44. Flash back Arrestors	Regulator side	46.64
	Torch side	42.75
45. Electrodes Holder	80-120 amps	16.00
	40-225 amps	16.50
	50-300 amps	16.75
	350 amps	19.00
46. Ground Clamp - spring load	Steel 8" 200/300 amp	8.00 / 9.00
	Brass 8" 200/300 amp	22.00 / 24.00

47. Cable connectors- male & female Quick-lock or Inter-lock		Matheson	
		M	F
	5/8	N/B	N/B
	1/2	N/B	N/B
	1/0	N/B	N/B
	2/0	N/B	N/B
	3/0	N/B	N/B
	1	N/B	N/B
	2	N/B	N/B
	4	N/B	N/B
	122 strip gauge	N/B	N/B
48. Cooper or Aluminum Ground Lugs		Matheson	
	5/8	N/B	
	7/8	N/B	
	1	N/B	
	2	N/B	
	4	N/B	

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	1/0	N/B
	2/0	N/B
	3/0	N/B
	4/0	N/B

49. Female Terminals Spade – Eyelet – Fork 14,12,10,8,6,4,2

Size	Matheson Spade	Matheson Eyelet	Matheson Fork
14	N/B	N/B	N/B
12	N/B	N/B	N/B
10	N/B	N/B	N/B
8	N/B	N/B	N/B
6	N/B	N/B	N/B
4	N/B	N/B	N/B
2	N/B	N/B	N/B

50.Leather Sleeves protectors Slip –On with Elastic

Matheson S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL-5XL
N/B	N/B	N/B	N/B	N/B	N/B

51. Quick Connect sets Torch side- with and without Flashbacks	With flashback	N/B
	Without flashback	N/B

52. Tungsten tip for Tig (per box)	Pure Tungsten	Size	Matheson 10 per box
		1/16	10.75
		3/32	21.40
		1/8	36.28
	2% Thoriated	1/16	14.50
		3/32	26.00
		1/8	42.00

53. Flux Cored welding wire-used with Shielding gas	Size		Matheson
	.030	1 lb	N/B
		10 lb	N/B
	.035	1 lb	N/B
		10 lb	N/B

54. Flux Cored welding wire- self shielded wire	.030	1 lb	N/B
	.035	10 lb	N/B
55. Flux coated (ET-IT-GS) mild steel	.030	1 lb	N/B
	.035	10 lb	N/B
56. Carbon Steel-(70S-6) mild steel	.030	1 lb	N/B
	.035	10 lb	N/B
57.Stainless Steel (ER 308LSI)	.030	1 lb	N/B
		10 lb	N/B
	.035	1 lb	N/B
		10 lb	N/B

	size	
58. Grinding Disc with hub	7 1/4x5/8-11 large	5.20
59. Wire cup brush	2 ¾ x 5/8-11	6.50
60. Standard Twist wire wheel	4" x 5/8-11	7.50
61. Stringer Bead knot wheel	6"x 5/8-11	15.50

62. Shaft Knot wheel brush 3" x ¼"		Crimped	Matheson
	Carbon	.014	N/B
		.020	N/B
	Stainless Steel	.014	N/B
		.020	N/B
		Knotted	Matheson
	Carbon	.014	N/B
		.020	N/B
	Stainless Steel	.014	N/B
		.020	N/B

63. Flow gauge- for CO2 Argon - Mig & Tig welding		75.00
64. Brazing Alloy Safety Silv - 15 %	050 x 1/8 – ¼ flux 20 lbs	129.00
65. Mig Welding Machine 120 volt-180 volt, 208 volt, 240 volts (Miller or Lincoln model equal to or better)	single face	N/B
	triple face	N/B

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66. Replacement - Mig Gun (milliermatic 135) 10 ft lg - Lincoln welding gun 10 ft lg (equivalent to or better)	10 ft' long	150.00 150.00
67. Auto Dark welding helmet multi shade (mask lens for Mig & Tig welding) 10-12	Large	109.00
68. Tri-Gas Argon-CO2-Helium 7.5%-2.5-90% for stainless steel	Cylinder Size 291	Matheson 72.00
69. Hand Held wire brush – mild & stainless steel	Mild Stainless Steel	1.95 2.20

70. Refill of Co. owned cylinders- all series –Argon -CO2- Nitrogen-Acetylene-Oxygen - Tri-Gas
(Prices to include any additional fees- i.e. Delivery, refilling or swapping etc.)

	Matheson															
	Size	Cost	Size	Cost	Size	Cost	Size	Cost	Size	Cost	Size	Cost	Size	Cost	Size	Cost
A Argon –	20	14.00	40	14.00	80	15.00	100	19.00	125	19.00	200	24.00	219	24.00	300	26.00
B Nitrogen	19	6.00	20	6.00	40	6.50	80	8.00	125	10.00	200	14.00	219	15.00	300	16.00
C Acetylene	#3	24.00	#4	36.00	#4.5	52.00	#5	98.00	MC 8	8.00	B 35	14.00				
D Oxygen	20	5.50	40	5.75	80	6.25	100	7.50	125	9.00	150	10.00	280	12.00	300	14.00
E Tri-Gas	20	30.00	40	30.00	80	36.00	100	48.00	125	56.00	200	70.00	219	72.00	300	76.00
F CO2	50	14.00														
G Argon/CO2	20	14.00	40	14.00	80	15.00	100	19.00	125	19.00	200	26.00	219	28.00	300	28.00

71. Hydro- Static Testing	Matheson –refill only–no swap	$ 25.00 per cylinder

Red –Vendor comments and/or added items

EXHIBIT "C"
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INSURER B : ACE American Insurance Company	22667
INSURER C : Tokio Marine America Insurance Company	10945
INSURER D :	
INSURER E :	
INSURER F :	

INSURED
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Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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A	X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY			543-996182-7	10/01/2015	10/01/2016	EACH OCCURRENCE	$ 1,000,000
	CLAIMS-MADE X OCCUR						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	$ 1,000,000
							MED EXP (Any one person)	$ 10,000
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	$ 1,000,000
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE	$ 10,000,000
	X POLICY PRO-JECT LOC						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	$ 2,000,000
	OTHER:						SIR	$ 500,000
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY			ISA H08865371	10/01/2015	10/01/2016	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	$ 1,000,000
	X ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person)	$
	ALL OWNED AUTOS / SCHEDULED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	$
	HIRED AUTOS / NON-OWNED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$
								$
C	X UMBRELLA LIAB X OCCUR			CU 6408565-00	10/01/2015	10/01/2016	EACH OCCURRENCE	$ 10,000,000
	EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE						AGGREGATE	$ 10,000,000
	X DED RETENTION $ 10,000							$
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY			WLR C48594487	10/01/2015	10/01/2016	X PER STATUTE OTH-ER	
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? Y / N (Mandatory in NH)	N / A					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	$ 1,000,000
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	$ 1,000,000
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	$ 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
Evidence of Insurance.

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RE: Review of Contract

From : Steve Crain <scrain@atlashall.com> Tue, Jul 21, 2015 01:36 PM
Subject : RE: Review of Contract
To : 'Evangelina Garcia' <evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

The contract is fine.

From: Evangelina Garcia [mailto:evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 1:12 PM
To: scrain
Subject: Review of Contract

Mr. Crain;
Attached is a contract for your review and approval so as to proceed thereafter with an agenda item for cc date of August 4, 2015.

Respectfully;

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