



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

September 23, 2016

Mr. Gary Looney

via email: glooney@alamoinsgrp.com

Mr. Danny Simmerman

Brown & Brown Lone Star Insurance Services, Inc.

dba Alamo Insurance Group

3201 Cherry Ridge Drive, Bldg. D504

San Antonio, TX 78203

Re: HB Form 1295 Required/Renewal/Extension Notice
Extension# E-16-264-Consulting Services for Self-Funded Insured Group Health for Hidalgo County Employees

Dear Mr. Looney:

Be advised, that in order to proceed with the County's option to extend/renew for the first (1st) of three (3) **One (1) year term, under the same rates, terms and conditions** with **Brown & Brown Lone Star Insurance Services, Inc. dba Alamo Insurance Group** for the referenced project, the County is required, as of **January 1, 2016**, to comply with the **Texas Government Code, §2252.908**, and the rules issued by the **Texas Ethics Commission** found in Title 1, Section 46.1, 46.3 and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code. In accordance with these requirements for the type of contract being considered, a business must submit a completed **Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295** to the County before the County may enter into a contract with the business entity.

Thus, in order for County staff to process the above referenced extension/renewal; you must complete Form 1295 and file Form 1295 with the Texas Ethics Commission. You can find the 1295 Form through the Texas Ethics Commission at the following website:

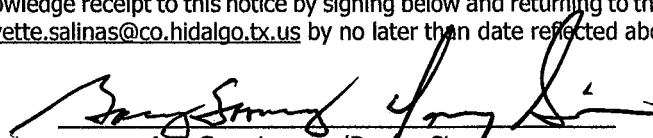
https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

In box 3 of **Form 1295**, provide **Renewal/Extension No. E-16-264**. Once completed and filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Form 1295 must be printed and signed in the presence of a notary and submitted to our office by the deadline stated below.

In order to proceed with approval of **Renewal/Extension** for referenced project by **Commissioners Court on October 11, 2016**, the signed notarized "**HB Form 1295**" and "**Extension Notice**" must be received in our office completed via email to: yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us **by no later than Thursday, November 29, 2016**. Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted, therefore, failure to timely submit Form 1295 signed, and notarized may result in delay of award.

Please acknowledge receipt to this notice by signing below and returning to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, via email: yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us by no later than date reflected above.

By:


Mr. Gary Looney/Danny Simmerman

Date:

9/23/16

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the contract process. If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department (956)318-2626.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB

Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/yss

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Certificate Number:
2016-115862

Date Filed:
09/23/2016

Date Acknowledged:

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

Brown & Brown Lone Star Insurance Services, Inc. DBA Alamo Insurance Group
San Antonio, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Hidalgo County

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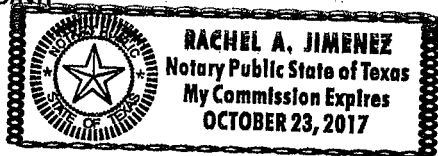
E-16-264
Consulting Services for Self-Funded Insured Group Health for Hidalgo County Employees

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I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the 23rd day of September, 2016, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

[Handwritten Signature] Rachel A. Jimenez *[Handwritten Title]*
 Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

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Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20_____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

 Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
12/22/2015

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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| PRODUCER Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc. Daytona Beach Office P.O. Box 2412 Daytona Beach, FL 32115-2412 M. Decker Youngman | CONTACT NAME: LAURIE KOHLER #16002 PHONE (A/C, No. Ext): 386-252-9601 E-MAIL ADDRESS: lkohler@bbdaytona.com | FAX (A/C, No): 386-239-5729 |
| | INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE | |
| INSURED BROWN & BROWN INC ETAL P O BOX 2412 DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32115 | INSURER A: XL Specialty Ins Inc. NAIC # 37885 | |
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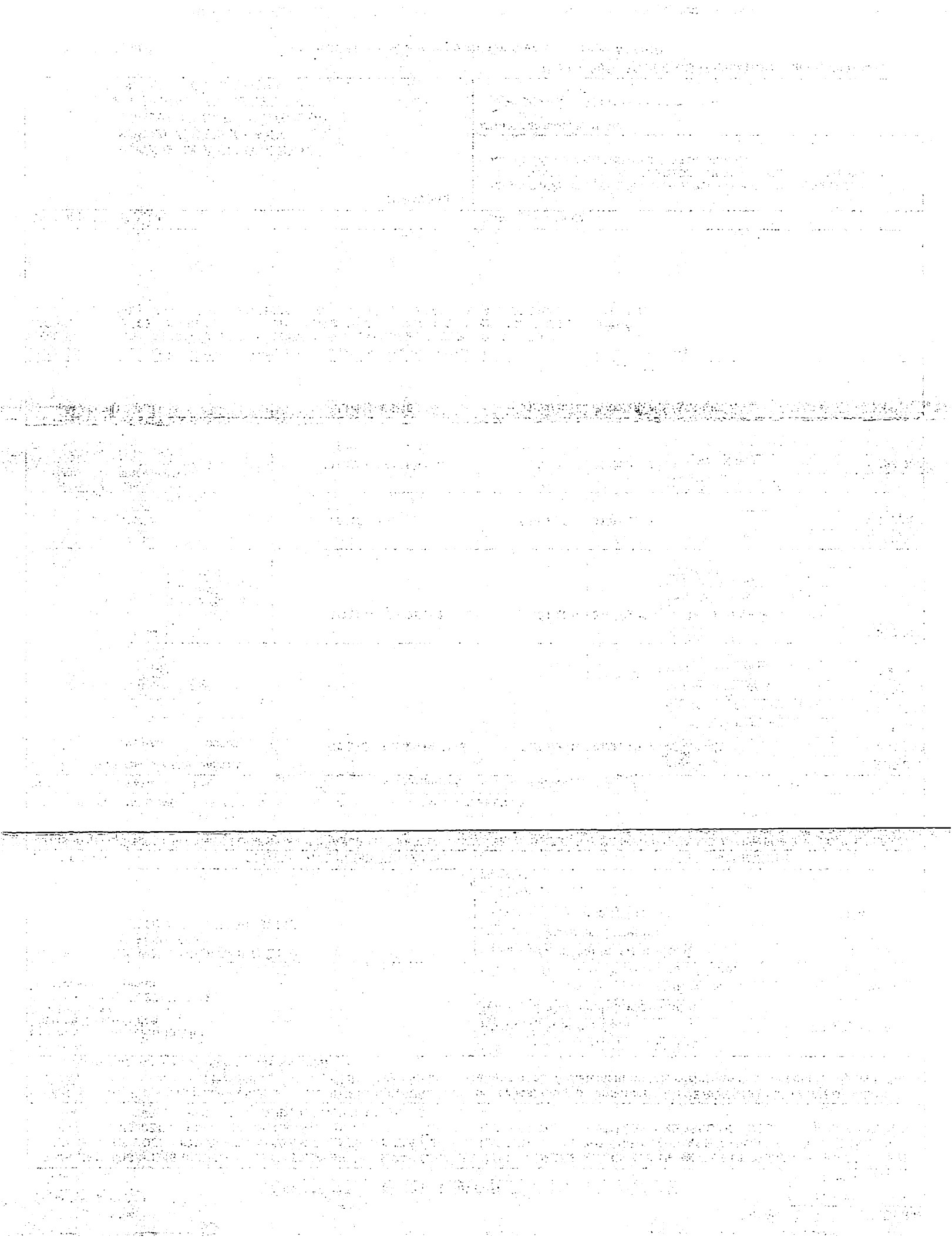
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

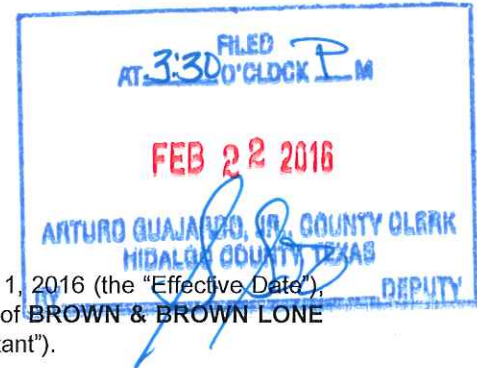
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
NAMED INSURED: BROWN & BROWN INSURANCE SERVICES OF SAN ANTONIO INC dba ALAMO INSURANCE GROUP.

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| CERTIFICATE HOLDER HIDALGO COUNTY 2802 S BUSINESS HWY 281 EDINBURG, TX 78539 | CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE |
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C-15-283-12-08
CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT



THIS CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), effective January 1, 2016 (the "Effective Date"), is made by and between HIDALGO COUNTY ("County"), and the San Antonio office of BROWN & BROWN LONE STAR INSURANCE SERVICES, INC., D/B/A ALAMO INSURANCE GROUP ("Consultant").

Background

County wishes to retain Consultant to perform certain specified advisory services as described in this Agreement. Consultant wishes to perform such services according to the terms and conditions in this Agreement for the compensation set forth in this Agreement. The parties agree as follows:

1. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for a period of one (1) year, with the option of the County to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods at the same rate and terms, unless sooner terminated as herein provided.

2. **Relationship of Parties.** Consultant is an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship, a joint venture relationship or partnership relationship. In consideration of the compensation paid to the Consultant by the County, Consultant will provide services to the County as an insurance consultant. County acknowledges that Consultant, or its parent company, Brown & Brown, Inc. ("Parent"), and related or affiliated companies (collectively with Parent, "B&B Affiliates"), may provide services as an insurance agent on behalf of certain insurance carriers or risk-bearing entities. County expressly consents to such relationship, if applicable, in the rendition of services by Consultant under this Agreement.

3. **Consultant Services.** Consultant, subject to the terms of this Agreement, shall provide certain services set forth in the attached Schedule A (the "Services") & Requests for Proposals (RFP) No. 2015-283-10-28-YSS Procurement Package including Exhibit "A" Requirements as made part of this Agreement. **Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to impose any obligations on Consultant, or limitations on Consultant's compensation, relative to services other than as specifically delineated above.**

4. **County Responsibilities.** In consideration of the Services provided by Consultant, County agrees as follows:

(a) County shall cooperate fully with Consultant and the insurance companies with whom Consultant solicits in the performance of Consultant's obligations under this Agreement.

(b) County shall timely produce complete and accurate information including, but not limited to, current financial information, statements of values, loss information and any other information, necessary for the effectuation of insurance coverage at the request of Consultant. County further agrees to provide Consultant with notice of any material changes in County's business operations, risk exposures or in any other material information provided under this Agreement. In addition, County shall carefully read each insurance policy issued to County in order to confirm the accuracy of the facts reflected therein and that the policy(ies) contain(s) the terms and coverages desired. County is responsible for recommending any changes to insurance policies issued to County.

5. **Compensation.** In consideration of the Services, County shall compensate Consultant as set forth in Schedule B (the "Consultant Services Fee"). With regard to the Consultant Services Fee, County and Consultant acknowledge and agree as follows:

(a) Compensation for the Services specified under this Agreement is exclusive of all federal, state and local sales, use, excise, receipts, gross income and other similar taxes and governmental charges and fees. Any such taxes, charges or fees for the Services under this Agreement, now imposed or hereafter imposed during the term of this Agreement, shall be in addition to the compensation and charges set forth in this Agreement and shall be paid by County upon request.

(b) County acknowledges and agrees that the Consultant Services Fee is reasonable in relation to the Services to be provided by Consultant hereunder.

6. **Confidentiality.** To the extent consistent with performances of Consultant's duties under this Agreement, Consultant and County agree to hold in

confidence Confidential Information (defined below). County acknowledges, however, that Consultant will disclose Confidential Information as reasonably required in the ordinary course of performing the Services to insurance companies and other insurance intermediaries. "Confidential Information" means all nonpublic information and all documents and other tangible items (whether recorded information, on paper, in computer readable format or otherwise) relating to the disclosing party's business (including without limitation business plans, manner of doing business, business results or prospects), proposals, recommendations, marketing plans, reports, any of which (i) at the time in question is either protectable as a trade secret or is otherwise of a confidential nature (and is known or should reasonably be known by receiving party as being of a confidential nature) and (ii) has been made known to or is otherwise learned by receiving party as a result of the relationship under this Agreement. Confidential Information should be protected with the same reasonable care as each party protects its own Confidential Information.

Confidential Information will not include any information, documents or tangible items which (i) are a matter of general public knowledge or which subsequently becomes publicly available (except to the extent such public availability is the result of a breach of this Agreement), (ii) were previously in possession of receiving party as evidenced by receiving party's existing written records, or (iii) are hereafter received by receiving party on a non-confidential basis from another source who is not, to receiving party's knowledge, bound by confidential or fiduciary obligations to disclosing party or otherwise prohibited from transmitting the same to receiving party. In the event that Consultant or County become legally compelled to disclose any of the Confidential Information, they shall provide the other party with prompt notice so that such party may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy and/or waive compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. In the event that such protective order or other remedy is not obtained, or that the other party waives compliance with the provisions of the Agreement, such party may disclose such information as is necessary or advisable to comply with the legal process.

7. Termination.

(a) Either party may terminate this Agreement, without cause and for any reason whatsoever, by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of termination, which shall be specified in such written notice.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions in sub-paragraph (a) above, in the event that, during any Term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the monetary obligations of the County under this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Consultant. The County agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of the Agreement. The Parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this agreement at the expiration of each budget period of the County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. §271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

In addition and notwithstanding the provision in subparagraph (a) above, County may terminate this Agreement upon the happening of any one of the following causes: (i) Suspension or termination of Consultant's insurance license in the State of Texas if not cured by Consultant within sixty (60) days following such suspension or termination; (ii) Consultant's participation in any fraud; or (iii) Consultant's material failure to properly perform its duties and responsibilities hereunder because of Consultant's gross neglect, proven dishonesty, or commission of a felony.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions in sub-paragraph (a) above, Consultant may terminate this Agreement upon the happening of any one of the following causes: (i) County's failure to pay any Consultant Services Fee more than forty-five (45) days after such payment is due; (ii) County's participation in any fraud; or (iii) County's material failure to properly perform its duties and responsibilities hereunder because of County's gross neglect, proven dishonesty, or commission of a felony.

Termination for any cause enumerated in subparagraphs (b) or (c) shall become effective upon the delivery of written notice of termination to the breaching party or at such later time as may be specified in the written notice.

(d) Termination of this Agreement shall not release County from any accrued obligation to pay any sum to Consultant (whether then or thereafter payable) or operate to discharge any liability incurred prior to the termination date.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, County may terminate the Contract without cause upon (30) days written notice at any time for any reason or no reason at all. In the event this Contract is terminated without cause by County, but not otherwise, any unpaid fees or compensation owing to Consultant at the time of termination under this Contract will be due and payable to Consultant within thirty (30) days following the time of contract termination.

8. **Notices.** Any notices required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be sufficient if in writing by Certified Mail to:

If to County:

Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
100 E. Cano Street, 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Email: countyjudge@co.hidalgo.tx.us

If to Consultant:

Brown & Brown Lone Star Insurance Services, Inc.
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3201 Cherry Ridge Drive, Bldg. D504
San Antonio, Texas 78203
Attn: Danny Simmerman
Email: dsimmerman@alamoinsgrp.com

With a copy to:

Brown & Brown, Inc.
220 Ridgewood Ave
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Attn: Carrie R. Brown, Corporate Counsel
Email: carrie.brown@bbins.com

or such other address as either shall give to the other in writing for this purpose.

9. **Severability.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

10. **Texas Law Applies; Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its conflicts of laws principles. Exclusive venue is agreed to be in a state or federal court of competent jurisdiction in or for Hidalgo County, Texas.

11. **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned by any of the parties hereto (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. This Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

12. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement (including the schedules, documents and instruments referred to herein or attached hereto) constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. The Agreement shall not be modified except by a written agreement dated subsequent to the date of this Agreement and signed on behalf of County and Consultant by their respective duly authorized representatives.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank – Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

COUNTY:

Hidalgo County
the County of Hidalgo, Texas

By: _____
Name: Ramon Garcia
Title: County Judge

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ON: 12/8/15 *ma*

Witnesses:

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

CONSULTANT:

Brown & Brown Lone Star Insurance Services, Inc.
d/b/a Alamo Insurance Group
a Texas Corporation

By: *John McMahan*
Name: John McMahan
Title: Executive Vice President

Witnesses:

By: *Greg Coldewey*
Name: *Greg Coldewey*
Title: *SVP*

Attest:

By: _____
Name: Arturo Guajardo
Title: County Clerk
Date: _____

Approved by Commission Court

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Approved as to Form:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

By: *Stephen L. Crain*
Name: Stephen L. Crain
Title: *Partner*

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ON: 12/8/15 mb

Witnesses:

Witnesses:

By: Monica Badillo
Name: Monica Badillo
Title: Court Administrator

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Attest:

Arturo Guajardo
By: _____
Name: Arturo Guajardo
Title: County Clerk
Date: _____

Approved by Commission Court

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____



Approved as to Form:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

By: Stephen L. Crain
Name: Stephen L. Crain
Title: Partner

SCHEDULE A

CONSULTANT SERVICES

Subject to the terms of this Consultant Services Agreement, Consultant shall provide the Services listed below, but only in relation to the following Lines of Insurance: (a) Group Life and Accidental Death Plan; (b) Group Health Benefits Plan; and (c) Third Party Administration Services.

Services are as follows:

- 1 Monitoring the current health benefits provider, from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.
- 2 Information and data collection.
- 3 Review medical plan information and data from health benefits providers.
- 4 Prepare the Request for Group Health Benefits Plan with Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Proposal (RFP).
- 5 Solicitation of qualified insurers and vendors.
- 6 Analyze the RFP responses and make recommendations for vendor(s) and coverage.
- 7 Make recommendation for the selection and presentations of vendor finalists.
- 8 Program implementation effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019.
- 9 Program premium recommendation.
- 10 Initiatives to reduce group healthcare cost such as wellness programs.

SCHEDULE B

COMPENSATION

Consultant Services Fee:

In consideration of the Services, County shall compensate Consultant in the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$60,000.00) each year during the term and duration of this Agreement (the "Consultant Services Fee"). The Consultant Services Fee shall be due and payable in equal monthly installments, the first of every month, in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$5,000.00). The first installment shall be fully earned and payable upon the County's execution and delivery of this Agreement.

RFP NO.2015-283-10-28-YSS

Consulting Services for Self-Funded Insured Group Health for Hidalgo County Employees

Procurement Package

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Consulting Services for Self-Insured Group Health for Hidalgo County Employees

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Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20_____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

Hidalgo County
Arturo Guajardo Jr.
County Clerk
Edinburg, TX 78540



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Instrument Number: 2013-2372253

Recorded On: January 09, 2013

As
Recording

Parties:

To

Billable Pages: 1

Number of Pages: 2

Comment: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

** Examined and Charged as Follows: **

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Any provision herein which restricts the Sale, Rental or use of the described REAL PROPERTY
because of color or race is invalid and unenforceable under federal law.

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Receipt Number: 1327627
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Record and Return To:

ALAMO INSURANCE GROUP
RETURN TO CUSTOMER
TX

User / Station: M Cantu - Cash Station 01



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in the File Number sequence on the date/time
printed hereon, and was duly RECORDED in the Official Records of Hidalgo County, Texas

Arturo Guajardo Jr.
County Clerk
Hidalgo County, TX

EXHIBIT "D"

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| CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE | FORM CIQ |
| For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity | |

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| <p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> | OFFICE USE ONLY |
| | Date Received |

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

None Alamo Insurance Group

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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| <p>4 </p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 40px;">_____ Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity</p> | <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 40px;">01/08/2013</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 40px;">_____ Date</p> |
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John T. McLahan



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County Of Hidalgo

October 05, 2015

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**
Request For Proposals -

"Consulting Services for: Self-Funded Insured Group Health"
RFP NO: 2015-283-10-28-YSS

Dear Respondents:

Enclosed please find a Request for Proposals (RFP) packet for you review and consideration.

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

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

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

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Enclosures

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) CHECKLIST

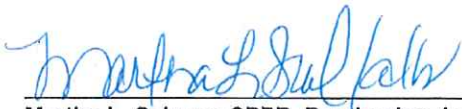
HIDALGO COUNTY "CONSULTING SERVICES FOR: SELF FUNDED INSURED GROUP HEALTH"

RFP NO: 2015-283-10-28-YSS

1. Request for Proposals Letter.
2. Request for Proposals, Legal Notice, consisting of 8 pages.
3. Exhibit A, Requirements, Scope of Services, Terms and Conditions consisting of 7 pages.
4. Exhibit B, Evaluation/Selection Criteria, consisting of 3 page.
5. Exhibit C, Insurance Requirements, consisting of 4 pages.
6. Exhibit D, CIQ Conflict Of Interest Questionnaire, consisting of 1 pages.
7. Exhibit E, Proposer's Affidavit, consisting of 1 page.
8. Proposer/Vendor Application and Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Declaration, consisting of 2 pages.
9. IRS W-9 Form, consisting of 4 pages.
10. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, consisting of 1 page.

The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Proposals (RFP) 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

October 05, 2015

RFP NO: 2015-283-10-28-YSS

Buyer: YVETTE SALINAS

Tel. No: (956) 318-2626

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

HIDALGO COUNTY "CONSULTING SERVICES FOR: SELF-FUNDED INSURED GROUP HEALTH"

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE DATE

OCTOBER 28, 2015

Contact Person:

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



Form HCPD-04

1. **Sealed Proposals** will be received for "**Hidalgo County–Consulting Services for: Self-Funded Insured Group Health**", in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Proposals should address all requirements set forth. Proposals may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall proposal.
2. **ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND SEVEN (7) COPIES** are required, with the vendor's name and address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package, "**RFP No: 2015-283-10-28-YSS- Hidalgo County-“Consulting Services For: Self-Funded Insured Group Health”**" and at County's Purchasing Department with a physical address: 2802 S. Business 281 and a mailing address: 2812 S. Business Hwy 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas on **or before 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015.**

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFP 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 WITH THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE: RFP NO: 2015-283-10-28-YSS-HIDALGO COUNTY- “Consulting Services for: Self Funded Insured Group Health”

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile to (956) 292-7612 or via email to yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us by NO LATER THAN Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at 5:00 pm. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Friday October 16, 2015 at 5:00 pm. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to: **A)** separate and accept, or eliminate any items(s) listed under this proposal that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; **B)** reject any or all proposals/qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal for approval. Receipt of any proposal shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar proposal and; **C)** award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.
4. Failure of the delivered item(s) to perform as specified or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible proposer, or to reject all proposals and re-advertise.
5. For work to be performed and/or services to be provided or rendered at a County owned or operated location, each submitter shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the proposal and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Proposer should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the proposal

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, proposers are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their proposal including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. No proposal may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the scheduled time to accept proposals.
8. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced proposal opening.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this proposal document must be in a written addendum and signed by Hidalgo County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Proposals. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their proposal.
10. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all RFP's
11. Costs are to be net F.O.B. destination 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's budget for this fiscal year only. County on an annual basis has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a proposal or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
14. Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security card to the Hidalgo County Auditor in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.
15. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
 - At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, before delivery will be accepted.
 - If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
(956) 318-2626
16. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful submitter
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number (if any)

- d) Notation - “Hidalgo County–Consulting Services for: Self-Funded Insured Group Health” Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
- e) Contract Number must be indicated on all invoices

- Discount payments will be considered when offered.
- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

Ray Eufrazio, CPA, Hidalgo County Auditor
2802 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, TX 78539
(956) 318-2511

17. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Proposal Acceptance Date: | October 28, 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 and services exceeding \$100,000, all submitters 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 participants are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.

- ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a proposal, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the proposer shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.~~
- ~~If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and materialmen have been paid.~~
- ~~If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor shall provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.~~
- For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.

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 contract 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 Proposer 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 complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSER.**

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

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

23. Minimum Standards For Responsible Prospective Proposers: A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a proposal, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the proposal;
- Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- Have a satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

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

25. Any contract award to a successful proposer will be in effect until:

- a) the contract expires;
- b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or;
- c) terminated by County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.

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 proposer; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful proposer fails to:

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

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

28. Successful proposer shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Proposal shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful proposer within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
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 proposer shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.
31. Proposers shall provide with the proposal response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.
32. Proposers must provide **all** documentation requested with this Proposal in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal as non-conforming.

**Proposal for
HIDALGO COUNTY-
“Consulting Services for Self-Funded Insured Group Health”**

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder: _____
Address: _____
By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**“CONSULTING SERVICES FOR:
SELF FUNDED INSURED GROUP HEALTH”**

RFP NO: 2015-283-10-28-YSS

HIDALGO COUNTY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
“Consulting Services for:
Self-Funded Insured Group Health”
RFP No: 2015-283-10-28-YSS

OVERVIEW:

The County of Hidalgo is seeking qualified participants to enter into a contract(s) for the following services:

Self-Funded Insured Group Health: A Health Benefits Consultant that is licensed by the State of Texas, including licensed pursuant to Article 21.07-02 of the Insurance Code of 1951. Hidalgo County is requiring a copy of your Life and Health Insurance Counselor License to ensure compliance with said statute. The consultant is being engaged to assist the County in procuring group health benefits including Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment for approximately 3800. The County's current Group Health Benefits Plan with Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage expires on December 31, 2015.

The Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 Board of Director's may, at their option, utilize the "Consulting Services for: Part I-Self-Funded Insured Group Health Benefits including Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Consultant(s) selected by Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1. Should the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 decide the firm selected as the Consultant is the same as the one selected by Hidalgo County, the firm shall offer Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 the same terms and provisions as it offers Hidalgo County.

The Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors may, at their option, utilize the "Consulting Services for: Self-Funded Insured Group Health Benefits including Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Consultant(s) selected by Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Should the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Appraisal District decide the firm selected as the Consultant is the same as the one selected by Hidalgo County, the firm shall offer Hidalgo County Appraisal District the same terms and provisions as it offers Hidalgo County.

The consultants must prepare to devote sufficient staff and time to the County to monitor the current group health benefits provider and assure that replacement coverage is selected and in place by January 01, 2016. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing request for proposals with qualifications for the provision of "**Consulting Services for: Self-Funded Insured Group Health**" as specified herein.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, OCTOBER 28, 2015**. **ANY RFP RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

Deliver Submittal to:
RFP No: 2015-283-10-28-YSS
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
New Administration Building
2802 So. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

The Submittal Envelope Must Show the RFP Number, Name and Acceptance Date.

All applicable forms in this packet must be filled in its entirety and submitted with proposal response. Incomplete sections may be considered for probable cause of disqualification and/or non-compliance.

SECTION I GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hidalgo County is requesting that sealed proposals must be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, with a **Physical location of:** 2802 So. Business Hwy 281, **(Southeast Corner of Canton & Business Highway 281)** Hidalgo County New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, 78539.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA AT 956-292-7612 OR E-MAIL AT yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, OCTOBER 14, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Responses will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by Friday, OCTOBER 16, 2015. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of all (bid, proposals, request for qualification and quotes) shall be the responsibility of the bidder and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed on to HIDALGO COUNTY.

NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED: An original and seven (7) copies of RFP should be submitted.

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 contract or seeks to

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PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT: Prior Contract award, respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in **Exhibit E**) certifying that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer's Affidavit, (2) that the Respondent does not have a Conflict of Interest as described in the Proposer's affidavit (3) that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer's Affidavit.

NON-COLLUSION: Submitters, by submitting the signed Proposer's Affidavit, certify that the accompanying submission is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Texas or United States law.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:

Submitters must submit completed form enclosed herein.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: Submitters, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

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

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

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

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

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

HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS: Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering request for proposals with qualifications, to make sure that it is stamped with date and time by the County Purchasing staff.

SIGNING OF PROPOSALS: In order to be considered all submittals **must** be signed by a person authorized to bind the company or firm. **Please sign the original in blue ink.**

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

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

DURATION OF CONTRACT:

Effective date to commence is January 01, 2016. The term of the contract is for an initial period of one (1) year with County's option to renew three (3) additional one (1) year terms.

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

DAVIS BACON ACT:

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing specifications (if applicable).

SECTION II RFP REQUIREMENTS:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFP are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFP.

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

SELF-FUNDED INSURED GROUP HEALTH FIRM QUALIFICATIONS: This section should contain the qualifications of the organization and the office location(s) involved. Additionally, this section should include:

- a. A description of the firm's personnel and their most recent similar projects;
- b. A summary example of at least one similar project with a county government;

- c. A minimum of three (3) client references for whom the same type of work or services was performed (list must include name, address, telephone number, date and project description) should be included for reference purposes;
- d. A summary of the work plan, approach, tasks and outline of information that will be required from Hidalgo County;
- e. A typical schedule for the completion of this type of project; and
- f. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided;
- g. Errors and Omissions Insurance (Min. \$1 million per occurrence);
- h. Pursuant to Article 21.07-2 of the Insurance Code of 1951, Hidalgo County is requiring a copy of your Life and Health Insurance Counselor License to ensure compliance with said stature along with all other State, Federal or Local requirements.
- i. Minimum of five (5) years experience with County Government.

This project is limited to five (5) pages.

- (A) The Consultant must not have any monetary or financial interest with a potential participant. This project is limited to five (5) pages.

Pursuant to Article 21.07-2 "Life and Health Insurance Counselor License-Prohibition of dual compensation-Section 4a.

- (B) The Consultant will not be allowed to sell any products related to Hidalgo County Self-Insured Group Health Program.

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

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL: This section will contain any licenses and certifications as required by the State of Texas and Hidalgo County. The Group Health Consultant firm(s) should add copies of their Professional Liability Insurance.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant Services for Group Health is on an "As Needed Basis" including, but not limited to the following for:

GROUP HEALTH CONSULTANT

- Monitoring of current health benefits provider, through December 31, 2015.
- Information and data collection.

- Preparation of the Request for a Group Health Benefits Plan with Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Proposal (RFP).
- Solicitation of qualified insurers and vendors.
- Analysis of responses for recommendation.
- Selection and presentation of finalists; and
- Program implementation (effective 01-01-16).
- Program premium recommendation.
- Initiatives to reduce group healthcare cost such as wellness programs.

PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL: Proposer is to provide a fee proposal based on the scope of work.

SECTION III: SELECTION AND SCHEDULES:

SELECTION PROCEDURES: The RFP shall be submitted according to the program implementation date of January 01, 2016. The County of Hidalgo is not required to select the proposal with the lowest fees, but shall take into consideration other factors, including past experience, qualifications, evidence of good organization background, references, ability to provide requested services any other factors found necessary for quality services.

RFP Scoring and Ranking:

- (A) Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court and/or an Evaluation Committee (selected and/or designated by County Commissioner's Court) will review, score and evaluate the proposals received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Proposals.
- (B) After the proposals have been reviewed, scored and evaluated, a grid will be presented to Commissioner's Court for the purposes of ranking.

Negotiation Process: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court will authorize the Purchasing Department to proceed to negotiate the proposal section of the RFP with the number one ranked firm. The firm will submit a detailed Scope of Services, project schedule/portion and flat fee proposal for negotiation. The consulting services firm shall be compensated by the County on an agreed upon flat fee. No commission fees will be allowed. After negotiations, if a contract for the engagement cannot be successfully completed for Commissioners Court's approval, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners Court that negotiations be ceased and the process will proceed with the second ranked firm. This process will continue until negotiation efforts are successful. The County of Hidalgo reserves the right to reject any and all RFP's.

Any contract awarded to a successful proposer will be in effect until **(a)** the contract expires, **(b)** delivery and acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or **(c)** terminated by County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.

EVALUATION SYSTEM: The evaluation consists of a 100-point scoring system. Categories are further detailed in the Selection Criteria (Exhibit B) section of this RFP.

EXHIBIT B

EVALUATION/SELECTION CRITERIA

HIDALGO COUNTY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**"CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SELF FUNDED
INSURED GROUP HEALTH"**

RFP NO: 2015-283-10-28-YSS

Exhibit "B"

Evaluation Criteria RFP № 2015-283-10-28-YSS

The following evaluation criteria shall be followed in selection of those proposals being selected:

- I. QUALIFICATIONS 25 pts.
 - A. Credentials, firm's personnel, their most recent similar projects, experience with government entities and level of commitment; 10 pts.
 - B. Staffing level/experience of staff, bilingual staffing capabilities and capability to providing services; 10 pts.
 - C. Experience of good organization and firm's management service 5 pts.
- II. RESPONSIVENESS 25 pts.
 - A. Requested information is included, completeness and thoroughness of documentation of response 10 pts.
 - B. RFP Clarity and brevity of response; 10 pts.
 - C. Location of Consultant's Office (Hidalgo County) 5 pts.
- III. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 30 pts.
 - A. Efficiency and comprehensiveness of the methods to be used in performing the Consulting Services; 10 pts.
 - B. A summary of work plan, approach, tasks and outline of information that will be required from Hidalgo County 10 pts.
 - C. Comprehensiveness of benefit offerings and quantitative analysis of benefits versus cost; 10 pts.
- IV. COST 20 pts.
 - Fee 20 pts.

EXHIBIT "B"

**RFP EVALUATION FORM
"CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SELF FUNDED INSURED GROUP HEALTH"**

| <u>Selection Criteria</u> | <u>Minimum Points</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. QUALIFICATIONS 25 PTS | | |
| ➤ Credentials, firm's personnel, their most recent similar projects, experience with government entities and level of commitment; | 0-10 | |
| ➤ Staffing level/experience of staff, bilingual staffing capabilities and capability to providing services; | 0-10 | |
| ➤ Experience of good organization and firm's management service | 0-5 | |
| Comments/Rationale for points: | TOTAL: | ===== |
| | | |
| 2. RESPONSIVENESS 25 PTS | | |
| ➤ Requested information is included, completeness and thoroughness of documentation of response; | 0-10 | |
| ➤ RFP clarity and brevity of response | 0-10 | |
| ➤ Location of Consultant's Office (Hidalgo County) | 0-5 | |
| Comments/Rationale for points: | TOTAL: | ===== |
| | | |
| 3. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: 30 PTS | | |
| ➤ Efficiency and comprehensiveness of the methods to be used in performing the Consulting Services; | 0-10 | |
| ➤ A summary of work plan, approach, tasks and outline of information that will be required from Hidalgo County; | 0-10 | |
| ➤ Comprehensiveness of benefits offerings and quantitative analysis of benefits versus cost; | 0-10 | |
| | | |
| 4. COST 20 PTS | 0-20 | |
| Comments/Rationale for points: | TOTAL: | ===== |
| | | |
| | | TOTAL SCORE: |

Provider: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

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



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BROWN-3

OP ID: JW

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01/04/2016

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| PRODUCER Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc. Daytona Beach Office P.O. Box 2412 Daytona Beach, FL 32115-2412 M. Decker Youngman | CONTACT NAME: LAURIE KOHLER #16025 | |
| | PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 386-252-9601 | FAX (A/C, No): 386-239-5729 |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS: lkohler@bbdaytona.com | | |
| INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE | | NAIC # |
| INSURER A: Travelers Prop & Cas of Amer | | 25674 |
| INSURER B: Continental Casualty Co | | 20443 |
| INSURER C: Travelers Indemnity | | 25658 |
| INSURER D: XL Specialty Ins Inc. | | 37885 |
| INSURER E: | | |
| INSURER F: | | |

INSURED
BROWN & BROWN INC ETAL
P O BOX 2412
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32115


COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 12025** **REVISION NUMBER:**

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| INSR LTR | TYPE OF INSURANCE | ADDL INSD | SUBR WVD | POLICY NUMBER | POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY) | POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY) | LIMITS |
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| A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER: | | | TC2JGLSA9527B87416 | 01/01/2016 | 01/01/2017 | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 1,000,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 \$ |
| A | AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS | | | TC2JCAP9527B86216 | 01/01/2016 | 01/01/2017 | COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$ |
| B | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$ | | | 6011849429 | 01/01/2016 | 01/01/2017 | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 1,000,000 \$ |
| A C | WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below | | N/A | TC2JUB9517B58016 TRKUB9518B76116 | 01/01/2016 01/01/2016 | 01/01/2017 01/01/2017 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000 |
| D | INS AGENTS E&O | | | ELU142465-16 | 01/01/2016 | 01/01/2017 | EACH LOSS \$ 5,000,000 |

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

NAMED INSURED: BROWN & BROWN LONE STAR INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.
 LOCATIONS: 3201 CHERRY RIDGE DR., STE D405, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78230; 10700 NORTH FREEWAY, STE. 300, HOUSTON, TX 77037; 11149 RESEARCH BLVD., AUSTIN, TX 78759.

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| CERTIFICATE HOLDER BROW169 BROWN & BROWN LONE STAR INSURANCE SERVICES INC dba ALAMO INSURANCE GROUP 3201 CHERRY RIDGE STE D405 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78230 | CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  |
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| PRODUCER Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc. Daytona Beach Office P.O. Box 2412 Daytona Beach, FL 32115-2412 M. Decker Youngman | CONTACT NAME: LAURIE KOHLER #16002 PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 386-252-9601 FAX (A/C, No): 386-239-5729 E-MAIL ADDRESS: lkohler@bbdaytona.com | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 12002

REVISION NUMBER:

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| | COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER: | | | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ MED EXP (Any one person) \$ PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ \$ |
| | AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS | | | | | | COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$ |
| | UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$ | | | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$ |
| | WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A PER STATUTE OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ |
| A | INS AGENTS/BROKERS PROF LIAB E&O | | | ELU142465-16 | 01/01/2016 | 01/01/2017 | EACH LOSS & AGG 5,000,000 |

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

NAMED INSURED: BROWN & BROWN INSURANCE SERVICES OF SAN ANTONIO INC dba ALAMO INSURANCE GROUP.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

HILD01

HIDALGO COUNTY
 2802 S BUSINESS HWY 281
 EDINBURG, TX 78539

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURED

INSURER A:

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

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|--|---|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| A | GENERAL LIABILITY | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY | | | | FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR | | | | MEDICAL (Any one person) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT. PROT. | | | | PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY | | | | ANNUAL AGGREGATE \$ |
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| | | | | | AGG \$ |
| B | AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY | | | | COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO | | | | BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS | | | | BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS | | | | PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS | | | | | |
| | GARAGE LIABILITY | | | | AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT \$ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO | | | | OTHER THAN EA ACC \$ |
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| C | EXCESS LIABILITY | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$ | | | | \$ |
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| | | | | | 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 BY 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

Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

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

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

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

Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

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

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Bidder:

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

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

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET

**PROJECT REQUIREMENTS
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

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

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

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

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

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

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT
Exhibit "E"

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| PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING |
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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

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

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

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

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

Signature/Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20__.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

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

If yes, by whom?: Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other _____

Indicate Certification No(s): _____ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?: Yes No

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: _____

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 ⁴ |
| 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.

APPROVED

AI-52528

Purchasing Department 16. B. 1.

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Meeting Date: 12/08/2015

Submitted By: Yvette Islas, PURCHASING DEPT.

Department: PURCHASING DEPT.

Information

CAPTION

Approval and acceptance of the negotiated agreement between Hidalgo County and Brown & Brown Lone Star Insurance Services, Inc. dba Alamo Insurance Group (ranked by HCCC on 11-17-15) including the Best And Final Offer (BAFO) for RFP No: 2015-283-10-28-YSS Consulting Services for Self-Funded Insured Group Health.

BACKGROUND

Fiscal Impact

FISCAL YEAR: 2016

ACCT. #: 6-2201-415-00-115-009-0-339

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

2016 Adopted Budget approved \$47,500.00.

Attachments

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Form Review

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