

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING HIDALGO COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (“ACT”); IDENTIFYING AVAILABLE TAX INCENTIVES, NOMINATING COLUMBIA RIO GRANDE HEALTHCARE, L.P.”) TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM (“OOGEDT”) THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (“BANK”) FOR DESIGNATION AS A TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROJECT (“PROJECT”) UNDER THE ACT; AND DESIGNATING A LIAISON FOR COMMUNICATING WITH INTERESTED PARTIES

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo County, Texas (“County”) desires to create a favorable economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in distressed areas of the County and to provide employment to residents of those areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is located in an area designated as an enterprise zone; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act, COLUMBIA RIO GRANDE HEALTHCARE, L.P. has applied to the County for designation as a Texas Enterprise Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County finds that COLUMBIA RIO GRANDE HEALTHCARE, L.P. meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the County on the grounds that it will be located at the qualified business site, will create a higher level of employment, economic activity and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing to consider this order was held by the Commissioners Court on February 21, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HIDALGO, TEXAS THAT:**

- Section 1. The County nominates COLUMBIA RIO GRANDE HEALTHCARE, L.P. for enterprise project status.
- Section 2. The local incentives identified and summarized briefly in the attached **Exhibit A**, at the election of the governing body, are or may be made available to the nominated project or activity of the qualified business site.
- Section 3. The enterprise zone areas within the County are reinvestment zones in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312.
- Section 4. The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court directs and designates the County Judge or his designee as the County’s liaison to communicate and negotiate with the OOGEDT through the Bank and enterprise project(s) and to oversee enterprise zone activities and communications with qualified businesses and other entities in an enterprise zone or affected by an enterprise project.

Section 5. The County finds that COLUMBIA RIO GRANDE HEALTHCARE, L.P. meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act on the following grounds:

- (a.) COLUMBIA RIO GRANDE HEALTHCARE, L.P. is a “qualified business” under Section 2303.402 of the Act since it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site within the governing body’s jurisdiction, located inside of an enterprise zone and at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the business’ new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone, or Veterans, or economically disadvantaged individuals; and
- (b.) There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities in the area; and
- (c.) The designation of COLUMBIA RIO GRANDE HEALTHCARE, L.P. as a Texas Enterprise Project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the County for development and revitalization of the area.

Section 6. The enterprise project shall take effect on the date of designation of the enterprise project by the OOGEDT and terminate after five years from the date of designation.

Section 7. This order is effective immediately upon its approval.

PASSED, APPROVED and ORDERED on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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DAVID L. FUENTES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk

## Exhibit A

### County Incentives\*

	Name of Incentive	Description of Incentive	Availability
1	Tax Abatement	The County may allow property tax abatements.	On Case By Case Basis
2	Literacy and Employment Skills Services	May be offered in conjunction with local organizations.	Countywide
3	Tax Increment Financing	TIF District	On Case By Case Basis
4	Other Tax Deferrals, Tax Refunds or Tax Incentives	The County may offer financial incentives including tax reinvestments zones.	On Case By Case Basis
5	Chapter 381	The County may offer financial incentives including Chapter 381 agreements.	On Case By Case Basis

\*In addition to incentives that may be available through the County or County programs, other incentives may be available through municipalities and organizations within the County.