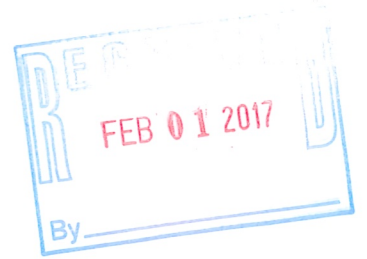




Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
 2812 S. Business Highway 281
 New Administration Building
 Edinburg, Texas 78539
 (956) 318-2626/ Fax: (956) 318-2629

MEMORANDUM
 (Approval of Specifications)



TO: Juan Tapia, Procurement Specialist Via email: juan.tapia@hidalgoso.org
 Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

FROM: Sandra Montalvo, Buyer II
 Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

DATE: January 25, 2017

RE: Approval of Specifications for: **RFB No.: 2017-038-00-00-SMA-Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office-"POLYGRAPH EXAMINER FOR (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)"**

Please review the following SPECIFICATIONS and indicate if they meet all your requirements by selecting APPROVE, DISAPPROVE (or) APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS and signing below. If your answer is DISAPPROVE, please make any modifications necessary to the specifications and return the revised copy to the designated Buyer in the Purchasing Department.

If you have any questions, please call me at (956) 318-2626 ext# 4865.

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| APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | DISAPPROVE <input type="checkbox"/> |
| APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> | |

FUNDS AVAILABILITY: ✓ YES / _____ NO/ _____ Other

(Specify) _____

BUDGET ACCOUNT #: 7-1100-421-00-280-001-0-339

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| | <u>Sandra Montalvo</u> | <u>HC50</u> | <u>1/31/17</u> |
| AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE | PRINT NAME | DEPARTMENT | DATE |

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, by no later than MONDAY, January 31, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M., via e-mail to : sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Enclosures

3881 1/31/17
Virginia Rodriguez, OK

Bid No:2017-038-00-00-SMA

Buyer: Sandra Montalvo

Tel. No: (956) 318-2626 ext. 4865

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

***“POLYGRAPH EXAMINER for
(Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)”***

RFB No.: 2017-038-00-00-SMA

BID OPENING DATE: March 00, 2017

Contact Person:

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



- 1) Sealed bids will be received for **“Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office-“POLYGRAPH EXAMINER FOR (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)”** in accordance with the specifications attached as **Exhibit "A"** hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.
- 2) **One (1) original and Three (3) copies** of all bids are required with the bidders name and return address clearly typed and or/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: **RFB No.: 2017-038-00-00-SMA “Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office-“POLYGRAPH EXAMINER FOR (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)”** and at County's Purchasing Department with a physical address: 2802 S. Business 281 and a mailing address: 2812 S. Business Hwy 281, Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 A.M, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 00, 2017.**

NO FACSIMILES, EMAILS OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE WITH REFERENCE TO Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office-“POLYGRAPH EXAMINER FOR (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)”.

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

Additionally, all forms listed below must be properly executed and included with your bid:

1. Legal Notice (See page 8);
2. Bid Page – Procurement Form – Areas of Specialization (See **Exhibit “B”**);
3. Insurance pages with Acknowledgment Forms (See **Exhibit “C”**);
4. Form CIQ-Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (See **Exhibit “D”**);
5. Vendor Bidder Application & W-9 forms (See **Exhibit “E”**);
6. Certification Regarding Debarment (See **Exhibit “F”**); and
7. SAMS.gov Registration Acknowledgement (See Number 18 below).

- 3) Hidalgo County reserves the right to: A. separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; B. reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; C. award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so; D. award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid. "Lowest and best" means a bid or offer providing the best value considering associated direct and indirect costs, including transport, maintenance, reliability, life cycle, warranties, and customer service after a sale.
- 4) The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Failure of the delivered item to perform as specified or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible bidder, or to reject all bids and re-advertise.

- 5) For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid.
- 6) Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
- 7) No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.
- 8) Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.
- 9) Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.
- 10) County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids.
- 11) Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
- 12) County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
- 13) Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a bid or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.
- 14) Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy 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, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
- If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

19) TITLE VI NOTICE/ NONDISCRIMINATION

- a) The County of Hidalgo, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. §§2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.”
- b) The appropriate clauses of Appendices “A” through “E” as delineated in the USDOT Standard Title VI/Nondiscrimination Assurances-Specific Assurances are hereby incorporated by reference as applicable. Title VI Appendices “A” through “E” are attached as **Exhibit “G.”**
- c) Bidder will attach all applicable notices to which it is obligated to provide or submit as part of the bid, including Form FHWA 1273 to be submitted by all contractors and subcontractors in relation to construction contracts.

20) 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.

NOTICE:

ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY A VENDOR TO THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE DONE THROUGH THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

21) DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Effective January 1, 2016, 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 that contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract

resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful bidder fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Completed Form CIQ must be submitted to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539 - Hidalgo County Courthouse.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENT. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL.

22) CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (FORM HB1295)

- As of January 1, 2016, to comply with Texas Government Code Section §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, we have updated and revised our RFB packet. In accordance with these requirements, 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. In box 3 of Form 1295, you will provide the **RFB Project No. (2017-038)**, as shown on the packet. 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 via email to: sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us. 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. Full instructions for completion and submittal of Form 1295 may be found on the Texas Ethics Commission website:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>

THE AWARDED VENDOR WILL HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT APPROVES THIS AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT THE SIGNED NOTARIZED FORM 1295. *HIDALGO COUNTY CANNOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT UNTIL FORM 1295 IS SUBMITTED.*

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

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

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

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

- 26)** Successful bidder will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful bidder's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.
- 27)** Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty day's written notice prior to cancellation.
- 28)** County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful bidder; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful bidder fails to:
- a) Meet schedules;
 - b) Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - c) Otherwise perform in accordance with the specifications.
- 29)** Successful bidder shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful bidder's indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods and services provided by successful bidder.
- 30)** Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Bids shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.
- 31)** 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.
- 32)** The successful bidder shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.

LEGAL NOTICE

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

"POLYGRAPH EXAMINER for (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)"

RFB No. 2017-038-00-00-SMA

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 - Administration Building
Mailing/Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

EXHIBIT-"A"

Specifications/Requirements
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office
"POLYGRAPH EXAMINER for (Pre-Employment, Criminal, Suitability)"
RFB No. 2017-038-00-00-SMA

INTENT:

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office is seeking qualified vendor(s) to furnish *Polygraph Examiners* on an "as needed basis". The following are the minimum requirements and/or specifications that will be acceptable. Any bid that does not meet the minimum requirements and/or specifications will be rejected these specifications are to include, but not limited to, the following:

LOCATION(S):

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office 711 El Cibolo Road Edinburg, Texas 78542

TYPE OF EXAMINATIONS:

All exam questions will be reviewed and approved by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office prior to the exam.

- Criminal
- Pre-Employment
- Suitability

SPECIFICATIONS/ REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Polygraph Examiner must be licensed by the State of Texas and keep current with renewals at his/her expense. (Must submit a copy of certification)
- 2) Polygraph Examiner must have a minimum of Five (5) years experience in specific field of Law Enforcement.
- 3) Polygraph Examiner (s) must follow rules set out by Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 88

RESPONSE TIME:

Polygraph Examiner must be available within 8 hours of notification.

RESPONSE OF ENQUIRY:

- Please specify timeframe for exam(s) results, both verbal & documented
- Provide days/hrs of the operation services will be available.
- List an alternate location where polygraph examinations may be provided other than at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

STANDARD TERMS & CONDITION:

- 1) Term of contract is for one (1) year period with County's option to renew contract for additional two (2) one (1) year term under the same rates and conditions.
- 2) County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.
- 3) County will seek purchases from state awarded vendors whenever it is, its best interest to do so.

- 4) After bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidders(s) and/or in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost to the County.
- 5) Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until;
 - a) The contract expires
 - b) Delivery acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or
 - c) Terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to be cancellation.
- 6) Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the bid to MULTIPLE bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
- 7) All services will be done on an **“As Needed Basis”**.
- 8) The successful awarded vendor will submit and maintain General Liability, Auto Liability and Workers Compensation insurance and its limits through out the contract term, as described and listed in: Exhibit “C” Insurance Requirements.
- 9) Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantage to the County.
- 10) Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.

Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustments:

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis.

The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

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

applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.

- 2) **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
- 3) **Time frame for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.
- 4) **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
- 5) **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS:

All written questions will be accepted via email no later than, **February 00, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** at sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via email by no later than **February 00, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.**