

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS**  
**Hidalgo County Health and Human Services**  
**"LABORATORY SERVICES"**  
**BID NO.: 2017-193-00-00-SGS**

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Hidalgo County is requesting bidder(s) from firms that can adequately demonstrate that they have the resources, experience and qualifications necessary to provide "*Laboratory Services*" in a timely manner; ensure that such services meet the County standards; ensure quality, yet be cost effective.

The following are the minimum requirements and/or specifications that will be acceptable to the Hidalgo County. These requirements and/or specifications must be "**equal to or better**", including, but not limited to, the following:

**SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS.**

- 1) All bid prices for items shall take into consideration shipping and handling costs and any other items mentioned on specifications as part of the fixed item price.
- 2) Specimens will be collected by Hidalgo County Staff.
- 3) Provide at least one (1) accessible lab location to refer patients for collection, if specimen cannot be collected by Hidalgo County staff (i.e. Edinburg). Laboratory will be responsible for delivery/processing of such specimens when necessary.
- 4) Electronic Lab results are required.
- 5) All certificates, licenses, etc. for laboratory to operate in the State of Texas are required and copies must be submitted with bid. (*Including but not limited to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) 1988 certification*)
- 6) All supplies must be provided to Hidalgo County for all required testing and results must be available and provided within 24 hours.
- 7) Lab must schedule and provide pick up services for all specimens from each facility listed below.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The initial contract term for this project will be for one (1) year with the County's option to extend for an additional two (2) - one (1) year terms.
2. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates, terms and conditions at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delays in award of new bid for the next contract term.
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
4. 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.
5. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one (1) or multiple vendors whichever is more valuable to the County.
6. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add/delete items as it deems to be in the best interest of the County.
7. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete locations as it deems in the best interest of the County.

8. After bid is awarded and low bidder(s) default(s) in meeting the general instructions to bidders and/or comply with contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek services from the next low bidder. In such event, County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost of such item.
9. Hidalgo County has the authority to utilize State Contracts from its membership with their existing or new cooperatives whenever it is in the County's best interest to do so.
10. All services will be on an "As Needed Basis", there are **no set quantities** to be requested only approximations.
11. Insurance requirements for this project to be maintained throughout the contract term (Refer to limits on the EXHIBIT "C" for limits).
12. 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.
13. Name Brands: Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Hidalgo County to restrict these bids in such cases, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items. Offerors may offer items of equal stature and the burden of proof of such stature rests with offerors. Hidalgo County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered. These requirements and/or specifications may be "equal to or better".

<b>LOCATIONS/CLINICS</b>			
<b>HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>			
<b>1)</b>	Edinburg Clinic 3105 E Schunior Edinburg, TX 78539 Phone: (956) 318-2040 Supervisor: Lilia Velasco, R.N.	<b>2)</b>	Mission Clinic 211 N. Schurebach Road Mission, Texas 78572 Phone: (956)585-2461 Supervisor: Ana C. Lopez Garza, R.N.
<b>3)</b>	Elsa Clinic 708 Edinburg St. Elsa, Texas 78543 Phone: (956)262-1141 Supervisor: Elva Murphy, R.N.	<b>4)</b>	Pharr Clinic 300 W. Hall Acres Pharr, TX Phone: (956)787-1531 Supervisor: Laila De Leon, R.N.
<b>5)</b>	Hidalgo Clinic 702 E. Texano Hidalgo, Texas 78557 Phone: (956)843-7463 Supervisor: Norma Garza, R.N.	<b>6)</b>	Weslaco Clinic 1901 N. Bridge Weslaco, Texas 78596 Phone: (956)969-8332 Supervisor: Laura Reyes, R.N.
<b>7)</b>	McAllen Clinic 300 E. Hackberry McAllen, Texas 785001 Phone: (956)682-6155 Supervisor Victoria Garza, R.N.	<b>8)</b>	Pulmonary Clinic (South Entrance) 1304 South 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave Edinburg, Texas 78542 Phone: (956)387-0118 Supervisor: Jeanne Salinas

**SERVICES REQUIRED:**

The vendor shall provide qualified and trained personnel and certified licensed facilities for the laboratory services. Laboratory testing services shall; include, but is not limited to the following services:

Item #	DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES "EQUAL TO OR BETTER"
1	ABO and Rh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABO Group</li> <li>• RH Type</li> </ul>
2	Occult Blood, Fecal
3	Acute Hepatitis Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hep A IgM AB</li> <li>• Hep B Core IgM AB</li> <li>• Hep B surf AG w. Conf.</li> <li>• Hep C AB</li> <li>• If Hep B Surface Antigen is positive, then Reflex confirmation will be performed</li> </ul>
4	AFB Smear and Culture w/ Susceptibilities
5	Affirm (Trichomonas and G. Vaginalis, Candida)
6	Aerobic Bacterial Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflex Susc. 1</li> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 1</li> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 2</li> <li>• Reflex Susc-2</li> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 2</li> <li>• Reflex Susc. 1</li> </ul>
7	Amylase
8	Antibody Screen RBC w/Reflex to identification, Titer and Antigen Typing; X# of panels performed; X# of titers performed; X# of antigens performed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflex Antibody Identification</li> <li>• Reflex Titer</li> <li>• Reflex antigen Typing</li> </ul>
9	Antinuclear Antibodies. Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflex ANA Titer and Pattern</li> </ul>
10	Aspergillosis Immunodiffusion
11	B12 and Folate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vitamin B12</li> <li>• Folate, Serum</li> </ul>
12	Bacterial Vaginosis/Vaginitis (Trich, G. Vaginitis, & Candida)
13	Basic Metabolic Panel
14	BUN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urea Nitrogen (BUN)</li> <li>• BUN Creatinine Ratio</li> </ul>
15	Carbamazepine levels
16	CBC w Diff w/ Plt.
17	CBC w Diff w/o Plt.
18	CBC w/ diff and platelets.
19	CBC w/o Diff w Plt.
20	CBC w/o Diff w/o Plt.
21	CD4 Count
22	CEA.
23	Chem 24
24	Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/confirmation on positives
25	Chlamydia/GC (out of vial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlamydia/GC</li> </ul>
26	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA Probe/Urine w/confirmation on positives
27	Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/out confirmation.
28	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA CX Male/Urethra Probe/Urine/ confirmation on positives
29	Cholesterol Total

30	CK, Total
31	Comp Metabolic Panel
32	Creatinine.
33	24hr. Creatinine Clearance
34	Cult, Campylobacter
35	Culture, Aerobic/Anaerobic
36	Cultures (wound and urine)
37	Culture (& Sensitivity)- Wound
	• Reflex Susc-1
	• Reflex Org. ID 1
	• Reflex Org. ID 2
	• Reflex Susc.-2
	• Reflex Org. ID 2
38	• Reflex Susc 1
	Digoxin.
	Dilantin levels
	Draw Fee, Psc Spec
	Drug screens (serum and urine)
	Electrolyte Panel
43	Eosinophil Ct, (B)
44	Fecal Fat, Qualitative
45	Fecal Globin by Immunochemistry (FOB)
46	Fecal Leukocyte Stn
47	Ferritin
48	FSH and LH.
	• FSH (Follicle Stimulating Hormone)
	• LH
49	Fungus Culture
	• Culture, Fungus, Blood
50	Fungal CF Panel
51	Genital Culture, Routine
52	Giardia Ag Detection
53	Glucose Gestational Screen 50 Gram
54	Glucose, Plasma
55	Glucose Serum
56	Glucose Tolerance Test (GTT), Gestational 4 specimens 100 grams
57	Group B Strep Colonization Detection Cult/DNA Probe
58	H & H
59	HCG, Beta Subunit, Qual
60	HCG, Beta Subunit, qualitative
61	HCG, Beta Subunit, Quant
62	HCG, Beta Subunit, quantitative
63	Hdl-Cholesterol
64	Helicobacter pylori IgG.
	• Hpylori Breath Test
65	Hematocrit
66	Hemoglobin A1C w/MBG
67	Hemoglobin
	• Hemoglobin
68	Hep A Igm Ab
69	Hepatic Function Panel
70	Hepatitis B Surface Antibody
71	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
72	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen with confirmation
73	Hepatitis C Antibody
74	Herpes Culture
75	Hgal c.
76	HIV-1 Antibodies
77	HIV-1 Antibodies (HIV Antibody, HIV-1/2m EIA w/Reflex)
78	HIV- Western Blot, if HIV positive
79	HIV-2 Antibody EIA if Western Blot positive

80	HIV-2 Antibody Western Blot if HIV-2 Antibody EIA if positive
81	H-pylori
82	H. Pylori (serum)
83	HPV Genotypes 16, 18
84	HPV High Risk
85	HSV 1/2 Herpesselect
86	HSV ½
87	Iron and IBC
88	Iron, Total & Ibc
89	Lead
90	Lipid Panel
91	Lithium levels
92	Liver enzyme panel
93	Magnesium
94	Maternal Serum Screen 4 (Quad) (Age, hcG, UE3, DIA, ITA)
95	Maternal Serum Screen 5 (Penta)
96	Myoglobin
97	Myoglobin (U)
98	New Born Screening
99	Ova & Parasites
100	Phenytoin
101	Platelet Count
102	Potassium
103	PreGen-Plus
104	Prenatal (OB) Panel Total of 11 tests which include Hept. B, HIV, RPR, & Rubella
105	Prolactin
106	Prothrombin Time (PT)
107	PSA
108	PTT Activated
109	RBC Count
110	Renal Function Panel
111	Rheumatoid Arthritis Factor
112	RPR
113	RPR Titer
114	RPR with reflex to titer & confirmatory testing
115	RPR (Monitor) with Reflex to Titer (without confirmations) • RPR (Diagnosis) with reflex to Titer and Confirmatory
116	RPR (DX) Reflex FTA-ABS
117	Rubella Antibodies, IgG.
118	Sed Rate, Westergren
119	Stat Assay 1
120	Stat Assay 2
121	Stool Culture • Reflex Susc. 1 • Reflex Org.ID 1 • Reflex Org. ID 2 • Reflex Susc 2 • Reflex Org. ID 2 • Reflex Susc. 1
122	Surpath (Liquid pap smear)
123	Surpath Pathology if pap smear abnormal
124	Surpath with CT/GC (out of the vial)
125	Thin Prep Pap Test • Pathology Review if thin Prep is abnormal
126	T3 Uptake
127	T-4 (Thyroxine)
128	T-4 Free
129	Testosterone • Additional Offering Testosterone, total Males
	Throat, Beta-Hemolytic Strep Cult, Group A. • Reflex Susc. 1

130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 1</li> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 2</li> <li>• Reflex Susc 2</li> <li>• Reflex Or. ID 2</li> <li>• Reflex Susc 1</li> </ul>
131	Thyroid Cascade Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TSH</li> <li>• T4 Free</li> <li>• TPO (Thyroid Peroxidase antibodies)</li> <li>• T3</li> </ul>
132	Thyroid panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T-3 Uptake</li> <li>• T-4 Thyroxine</li> <li>• TSH</li> </ul>
133	Thyroxine (T4)
134	Total Electrophoresis
135	Total Iron and TIBC
136	Tp Rand (U) W/Creat
137	Triglycerides
138	TSH, 3rd generation
139	TSH
140	TSH with Reflex to Free T4
141	UA, Complete
142	UA.
143	Upper Respiratory Culture, Routine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture, throat, will reflex to identification &amp; susceptibilities if positive and when appropriate</li> <li>• Reflex Susc -1</li> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 1</li> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 2</li> <li>• Reflex susc -2</li> <li>• Org. ID 2</li> <li>• Susc-1</li> </ul>
144	Uric Acid
145	Urinalysis (Microscopic on Positives) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflex UA Microscopic</li> </ul>
146	Urine Culture, Routine. Urine Culture (& Sensitivity), Routine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflex Presumptive ID</li> <li>• Reflex Org. ID 1</li> <li>• Reflex Susc. 1</li> </ul>
147	Urine, complete
148	Valproic acid levels
149	Valproic Acid
150	VDRL.
151	Vitamin B-12
152	WBC Count
153	WBC Differential
154	HIV 1 RNA, QLTMA OPT 87535 CODE 16185
155	HIV 1-2 AB DIFF. CODE 19432
156	Antibody Panel X 1 CODE 37419
157	Antigen Type X 1 CODE 37429
158	FTA/ABS OPT 86780 CODE 4112
159	DAT c Relax CODE 36668
160	Zika RT/PCR OPT 87798

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**All Costs And Expenses Associated With The preparation and submission of Bids, Proposals, RFQ & Sealed Quotes, 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 Salazar, CPPB, Attn: Sandy Suarez, Buyer II, Physical: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281, Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas 78539.  
**TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED via facsimile (956)292-7612 or via e-mail to [sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us) by no LATER THAN, **Monday Month 00, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.** Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by no later than **Wednesday Month 00, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.**  
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