

### **SECTION III – SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING**

#### **A. SELECTION/EVALUATION/RANKING PROCESS:**

The RFP shall be submitted according to the schedule below. 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, evidence of good organization background, references, ability to provide requested services, and any other factors found necessary for quality services including a presentation of the proposed system. Hidalgo County will evaluate the proposal utilizing the evaluation criteria outlined in Exhibit “B” attached herein. Thereafter, Hidalgo County Commissioners Court will rank and/or award this proposal.

**Proposals will be graded on a 100-point system with emphasis on ability to service Hidalgo County including, but not be limited to, the items listed below:**

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| 1. Vendor Qualifications        | <b>15 points</b> |
| 2. Development Model            | <b>65 Points</b> |
| 3. Capacity to Perform Services | <b>20 Points</b> |

**Total 100 Points**

#### **B. RANKING OF PROPOSALS:**

At the sole discretion of Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court: (a) score/evaluate themselves and/or (b) may appoint or designate a Committee to score and evaluate the written RFPs. Firms may be asked to provide additional information for clarification purposes based on the information provided within the Proposal response. Thereafter, Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court will finalize the evaluation and rank the respondents based upon their presentations to the Court.

#### **C. NEGOTIATION PROCESS:**

Compliance with all requirements, the most cost productive, efficient and effective plan will be considered. Emphasis will be placed on capability to perform within the program as well as meeting the needs of Hidalgo County. Accuracy and completeness are essential. If negotiations proved unsuccessful, the next highest ranked proposer will be contacted. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs.