

EXHIBIT "A"
Specifications/Requirements
Hidalgo County Health Department
"Laboratory Services for Health and Human Services"
RFB NO.: 2017-193A-00-00-SGS

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/test shall take into consideration shipping and handling costs and any other items/tests mentioned on specifications as part of the fixed item price.
- 2) **All** services will be on an "**As Needed Basis**", there are **no set quantities** to be requested only approximations.
- 3) Specimens will be collected by Hidalgo County Staff.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Must have Electronic Lab Portal for Electronic Lab results and customization of lab test codes to only include lab list included in bid.
- 6) Train staff at no additional cost to the Health Department and provide Technical support for Billing inquiries.
- 7) All supplies must be provided to Hidalgo County for all required testing.
- 8) Testing results must be available and provided within 24 hours.
- 9) Lab must schedule and provide pick up services for all specimens from each facility listed below.
- 10) 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*).
- 11) Must comply with the rules and regulations as set forth in the HHSC Contract 529-12-0045-00002A to include the Data Use Agreement (DUA).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The initial contract term for this project will be for **two (2) years** 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.

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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 or delete locations as it deems in the best interest of the County.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Insurance requirements for this project to be maintained throughout the contract term (Refer to limits on the EXHIBIT "C" for limits).
10. 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.
11. 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".

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

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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 ABO Group RH Type
2	Acute Hepatitis Panel Hep A IgM AB Hep B Core IgM AB Hep B surf AG w. Conf. Hep C AB If Hep B Surface Antigen is positive, then Reflex confirmation will be performed
3	AFB Smear and Culture w/ Susceptibilities
4	Antibody Screen RBC w/Reflex to identification, Titer and Antigen Typing; X# of panels performed; X# of titers performed; X# of antigens performed Reflex Antibody Identification Reflex Titer Reflex antigen Typing
5	CBC w Diff w/ Plt.
6	CBC w Diff w/o Plt.
7	CBC w/ diff and platelets.
8	CBC w/o Diff w Plt.
9	Chem 24
10	Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/confirmation on positives
11	Chlamydia/GC (out of vial) Chlamydia/GC
12	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA Probe/Urine w/confirmation on positives
13	Chlamydia/GC DNA Pharynx
14	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA CX Male/Urethra Probe/Urine/ confirmation on positives
15	Cholesterol Total
16	Comp Metabolic Panel
17	Creatinine.
18	24hr. Creatinine Clearance
19	Cult, Campylobacter
20	Culture (& Sensitivity)- Wound Reflex Susc-1 Reflex Org. ID 1 Reflex Org. ID 2 Reflex Susc.-2 Reflex Org. ID 2 Reflex Susc 1
21	Fungus Culture Culture, Fungus, Blood
22	Fungal CF Panel
23	Genital Culture, Routine
24	Giardia Ag Detection
25	Glucose Gestational Screen 50 Gram
26	Glucose, Plasma
27	Glucose Serum
28	Glucose Tolerance Test (GTT), Gestational 4 specimens 100 grams
29	Group B Strep Colonization Detection Cult/DNA Probe

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30	Hdl-Cholesterol
31	Helicobacter pylori IgG.
	Hpylori Breath Test
32	Hemoglobin A1C w/MBG
33	Total Hemoglobin
34	Hep A Igm Ab
35	Hepatic Function Panel
36	Hepatitis B Surface Antibody
37	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
38	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen with confirmation
39	Hepatitis C Antibody
40	Herpes Culture
41	HIV-1 Antibodies
42	HIV-1 Antibodies (HIV Antibody, HIV-1/2m EIA w/Reflex)
43	HIV- Western Blot, if HIV positive
44	HIV-2 Antibody EIA if Western Blot positive
45	HIV-2 Antibody Western Blot if HIV-2 Antibody EIA if positive
46	HIV 1 RNA, QLTMA OPT 87535 CODE 16185
47	HIV 1-2 AB DIFF. CODE 19432
48	Antibody Panel X 1 CODE 37419
49	Antigen Type X 1 CODE 37429
50	H-pylori
51	H. Pylori (serum)
52	HPV Genotypes 16, 18
53	HPV High Risk
54	HSV ½ Herpeselect
55	HSV ½
56	Lead
57	Lipid Panel
58	Maternal Serum Screen 4 (Quad) (Age, hcG, UE3, DIA, ITA)
59	Maternal Serum Screen 5 (Penta)
60	New Born Screening
61	Ova & Parasites
62	Prenatal (OB) Panel Total of 11 tests which include Hept. B, HIV, RPR, & Rubella
63	PSA
64	PTT Activated
65	RBC Count
66	Renal Function Panel
67	RPR
68	RPR Titer
69	RPR with reflex to titer & confirmatory testing
70	RPR (Monitor) with Reflex to Titer (without confirmations)
	RPR (Diagnosis) with reflex to Titer and Confirmatory
71	RPR (DX) Reflex FTA-ABS
72	Rubella Antibodies, IgG.
73	Stool Culture
	Reflex Susc. 1
	Reflex Org.ID 1
	Reflex Org. ID 2
	Reflex Susc 2
	Reflex Org. ID 2
74	Surpath (Liquid pap smear)
75	Surpath Pathology if pap smear abnormal
76	Surpath with CT/GC (out of the vial)

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77	Thin Prep Pap Test Pathology Review if thin Prep is abnormal		
78	T3 Uptake		
79	T-4 (Thyroxine)		
80	T-4 Free		
81	Testosterone Additional Offering Testosterone, total Males		
82	Throat, Beta-Hemolytic Strep Cult, Group A. Reflex Susc. 1 Reflex Org. ID 1 Reflex Org. ID 2 Reflex Susc 2 Reflex Or. ID 2 Reflex Susc 1		
	83	Thyroxine (T4)	
	84	Total Electrophoresis	
	85	Total Iron and TIBC	
	86	Triglycerides	
	87	TSH, 3 rd generation	
88	TSH		
89	TSH with Reflex to Free T4		
90	UA, Complete		
91	UA.		
92	Upper Respiratory Culture, Routine Culture, throat, will reflex to identification & susceptibilities if positive and when appropriate Reflex Susc -1 Reflex Org. ID 1 Reflex Org. ID 2 Reflex susc -2 Org. ID 2 Susc-1		
	93	Uric Acid	
	94	Urinalysis (Microscopic on Positives) Reflex UA Microscopic	
		95	Urine Culture, Routine. Urine Culture (& Sensitivity), Routine Reflex Presumptive ID Reflex Org. ID 1 Reflex Susc. 1
	96		Urine, complete
	97		WBC Count
	98	WBC Differential	
99	FTA/ABS OPT 86780 CODE 4112		
100	DAT c Reflex CODE 36668		
101	Zika RT/PCR OPT 87798		

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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 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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