

EXHIBIT "A"
Specifications/Requirements
Hidalgo County Health Department
"Laboratory Services for Health and Human Services"
RFB NO.: 2018-048-02-28-SGS

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed bids from qualified firms, meeting all specification/requirements stated herein, but not limited to and that can adequately demonstrate that they have the resources, experience and qualifications necessary to provide "**Laboratory Services**" to the Hidalgo County Health Department. Also, that is able to provide high quality, cost effective services in a timely manner and meets County standards.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE: will be held on DAY, Month 00, 2018, at 00:00 A.M. at the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department (Conference Room) - 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281–Administration Bldg., Edinburg, Texas 78539. We encourage all interested Vendors to attend.

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. In 2016 there were approximately 2415 Lab requisitions.
- 3) Specimens will be collected by Hidalgo County Staff.
- 4) Have several accessible lab testing facilities located in and/or near the Hidalgo County area, to refer patients for collection, if specimen(s) cannot be collected by Hidalgo County staff (i.e. Edinburg, McAllen, Pharr, Weslaco, etc.). Laboratory will be responsible for delivery/processing of such specimens when necessary.
- 5) Laboratory must have been in business for at least four (4) years.
- 6) Provide references. A minimum of three (3) current references/contracts for any state, local political subdivision, private sector or any other County, this **must** be submitted with your bid. (see attached A-1) Information should include, but not limited to the following:

A). Company	D). Work Preformed
B). Contact Person	E).Contract Term
C). Phone Number	
- 7) Must have Electronic Lab Portal for Electronic Lab results and customization of lab test codes, to only include lab list included in bid.
- 8) Have the ability to import all previous lab data from current lab provider into the awarded Vendor's system.
- 9) Must have a manual triplicate lab requisition form available, in case computer system is down.
- 10) Train staff at no additional cost to the Health Department and provide a local Technical support for all Billing inquiries.

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- 11) Provide all material, supplies, equipment and labor, in order to provide training/services, at no additional cost to the County. Any maintenance and/or repairs to equipment, shall be the sole responsibility of the contracted vendor and no cost will be passed on to the County.
- 12) Allow HCHD access to print original billing statements and/or invoices.
- 13) All lab supplies must be provided to Hidalgo County for all required testing.
- 14) Testing results must be available and provided within 24 hours.
- 15) Lab test may require Stat 1 or Stat 2 results. Stat 1, results are needed "Immediately". Stat 2, can wait a day, but are still needed "as soon as possible".
- 16) Lab must schedule and provide pick up/transportation services for all specimens from each facilities listed below. This is a daily pick up needed for eight (8) clinics, depending on lab collections done. There may also be the need for STAT lab, which then will require a second pick up for that day.
- 17) 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).
- 18) 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). Laboratory must also be in compliance with any mandated and/or applicable HIPPA and OSHA rules and regulations.
- 19) All prices and/or NB (no bid) **must** be indicated on the Bid page for each test (see Exhibit "B"- Bid page). **No Alterations** may be made to the Bid page, this may be a probable cause for disqualification.

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. Award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the "lowest and best bid" and meeting **all** specifications/requirements.
3. 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.
4. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
5. 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.

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6. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award to one (1) or multiple vendors whichever is more valuable to 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. Must meet/provide all Insurance requirements for this project and maintain them throughout the entire contract term (Refer to "limits" on the EXHIBIT "C" for limits).
11. 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.
12. 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

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:

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Item #	DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES
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	Amylase
5	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
6	CBC w Diff w/ Plt.
7	CBC w Diff w/o Plt.
8	CBC w/ diff and platelets.
9	CD4 Count
10	Chem 24
11	Chlamydia/GC DNA Probe w/confirmation on positives
12	Chlamydia/GC (out of vial) Chlamydia/GC
13	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA Probe/Urine w/confirmation on positives
14	Chlamydia/GC DNA Pharynx
15	Chlamydia/GC DNA, SDA CX Male/Urethra Probe/Urine/ confirmation on positives
16	Cholesterol Total
17	Comp Metabolic Panel
18	Creatinine.
19	24hr. Creatinine Clearance
20	Cult, Campylobacter
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
30	HDL-Cholesterol
31	Helicobacter pylori IgG. Hpylori Breath Test
32	Hemoglobin A1C w/MBG
33	Hep A Igm Ab
34	Hepatic Function Panel
35	Hepatitis B Surface Antibody
36	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
37	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen with confirmation

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38	Hepatitis C Antibody
39	Herpes Culture
40	HIV-1 Antibodies
41	HIV-1 Antibodies (HIV Antibody, HIV-1/2m EIA w/Reflex)
42	HIV- Western Blot, if HIV positive
43	HIV-2 Antibody EIA if Western Blot positive
44	HIV-2 Antibody Western Blot if HIV-2 Antibody EIA if positive
45	HIV 1 RNA, QLTMA OPT 87535 CODE 16185
46	HIV 1-2 AB DIFF. CODE 19432
47	Antibody Panel X 1 CODE 37419
48	Antigen Type X 1 CODE 37429
49	H-pylori
50	H. Pylori (serum)
51	HPV Genotypes 16, 18
52	HPV High Risk
53	HSV ½ Herpes-elect
54	HSV ½
55	Lead
56	Lipid Panel
57	Maternal Serum Screen 4 (Quad) (Age, hcG, UE3, DIA, ITA)
58	Maternal Serum Screen 5 (Penta)
59	New Born Screening
60	Ova & Parasites
61	Prenatal (OB) Panel Total of 11 tests which include Hept. B, HIV, RPR, & Rubella
62	PSA
63	PTT Activated
64	RBC Count
65	Renal Function Panel
66	RPR
67	RPR Titer
68	RPR with reflex to titer & confirmatory testing
	RPR (Monitor) with Reflex to Titer (without confirmations)
69	RPR (Diagnosis) with reflex to Titer and Confirmatory
70	RPR (DX) Reflex FTA-ABS
71	Rubella Antibodies, IgG.
	Stool Culture
	Reflex Susc. 1
72	Reflex Org.ID 1
	Reflex Org. ID 2
	Reflex Susc 2
	Reflex Org. ID 2
	Reflex Susc. 1
73	Surpath (Liquid pap smear)
74	Surpath Pathology if pap smear abnormal
75	Surpath with CT/GC (out of the vial)
	Thin Prep Pap Test
76	Pathology Review if thin Prep is abnormal
77	T3 Uptake
78	T-4 (Thyroxine)
79	T-4 Free
80	Testosterone Additional Offering Testosterone, total Males
81	Throat, Beta-Hemolytic Strep Cult, Group A.
	Reflex Susc. 1
	Reflex Org. ID 1

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	Reflex Org. ID 2		
	Reflex Susc 2		
	Reflex Or. ID 2		
	Reflex Susc 1		
82	Thyroxine (T4)		
83	Total Electrophoresis		
84	Total Hemoglobin		
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	

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, **Friday, February 16, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via facsimile by **no later than Wednesday, February 21, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.** TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**