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AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
C-18-198-07-31

THIS AGREEMENT is made, by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioners Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**”, and **HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.**, a Texas Corporation, hereinafter called the “**Engineer**”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **Owner** desires to contract with the **Engineer** to provide “**On Call**” professional engineering services for: “**Road and Bridge, C.I.P. and Other Projects in General**” located within **Hidalgo County Precinct Number 1**, hereinafter referred to as the (“**Services**”).

WHEREAS, the **Owner** has determined that the services of a professional engineering firm is necessary to carry out the required Services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254.002, (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the **Owner** requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQ’s) from professional engineers to assist the **Owner** by providing the Services;

WHEREAS, from which “Professional Engineer” has been selected from the “Pool” of pre-qualified engineering firms from the responses to such Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and;

WHEREAS, **Owner** has selected the **Engineer** to provide the Services within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1, in accordance to Exhibit “A-1” Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet.

NOW, THEREFORE, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained do mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Employment of Engineer. The **Owner** agrees to employ the **Engineer** and the **Engineer** agrees to perform professional engineering services in connection with the **Services** as stated in the articles to follow and for having rendered such Services, the Owner agrees to pay **the Engineer** compensation as stated in the articles to follow.

ARTICLE 2. Character and Extent of Services. This Agreement will provide for the development of the **Services** with the following:

2.1 Scope of Work. The **Owner** will furnish items and provide those services for the development of the **Services** and fulfillment of this Agreement, as identified in **EXHIBIT “A” Services to be provided by the Owner**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. The Engineer shall furnish the Services as identified in **EXHIBIT “B**, attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.

2.2 Classification of Services For this Agreement, the professional services to be provided by the **Engineer**, are more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT “B”**, attached hereto.

2.3 Schedule of Work. The **Engineer** shall prepare a schedule of work (hereinafter referred to as “**Work Schedule**”) in accordance with the terms identified in **EXHIBIT “C” - Work Schedule**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

2.4 Non-Exclusive Services of Engineer Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3. Period of Service. Upon execution of this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof.

3.1 Termination Date. This Agreement shall be for a period of **one (1) year**, commencing, **July 31, 2018**, expiring, **July 30, 2019** (hereinafter referred to as the (“**Termination Date**”), unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**, or otherwise terminated as provided in Article 3.4 herein and below.. The **Owner** assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** prior to the date authorized by the **Owner** for the **Engineer** to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the **Termination Date**.

3.2 Extension of the Termination Date. The **Engineer** shall notify the **Owner** in writing as soon as possible if it is determined, or reasonably anticipated, that the work under this Agreement cannot be completed before the **Termination Date**, and the **Owner** may , at the **Owner’s** sole discretion, extend the **Termination Date** by written

supplemental agreement as provided in Article 8 hereof. The **Engineer** shall allow adequate time for review and approval by the **Owner** of the written notice and request by the **Engineer** to extend the **Termination Date**.

3.3 Suspension of Work. Should the **Owner** desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the **Owner** shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to the **Engineer**, followed by written confirmation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the **Owner** to the **Engineer**. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

If the **Owner** suspends the work, the **Termination Date** as identified above is not affected, and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified, unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**.

3.4 Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated before the stated **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 herein by any of the following conditions:

- (1) **Commitment of Current Revenues.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the **Owner** does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this Agreement, the **Owner** may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**. The **Owner** agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of the **Owner** pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).
- (2) By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both the **Engineer** and the **Owner**.
- (3) By the **Owner**, upon failure of the **Engineer** to fulfill the **Engineer's** obligations set forth herein in a satisfactory manner as determined by the **Owner** and in sole opinion of the **Owner**, after the **Owner** provides written notice to the **Engineer** of such failure and the **Engineer** has not corrected such failure within (30) days of such written notice by the **Owner**.
- (4) By the **Engineer**, upon failure of the **Owner** to fulfill the **Owner's** obligations set forth herein, after the **Engineer** provides written notice to the **Owner** of such failure and the **Owner** has not corrected such failure within thirty (30) days of such written notice by the **Engineer**.
- (5) By the **Owner** without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**.
- (6) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described herein.

Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the

time of termination shall thereafter be paid to the **Engineer** notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary. In determining the value of the work performed by the **Engineer** prior to termination, the **Owner** shall be the sole judge of the value of such work performed. Compensation for work at termination will be based on a percentage of the work completed at that time. Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement under (5) of the paragraph above, the amount charged during the thirty (30) day notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding ninety (90) days.

If the termination of this Agreement is due to the failure of the **Engineer** to fulfill the **Engineer's** obligations under this Agreement, the **Owner** may take over the Project and prosecute the work to completion. In such case, the **Engineer** shall be liable to the Owner for any additional cost occasioned by the Owner.

If the **Engineer** defaults in the performance of this Agreement or if the **Owner** terminates this Agreement for fault on the part of the **Engineer**, the **Owner** will give consideration to payment of an amount in settlement to include: the actual costs incurred by the **Engineer** in performing the work to the date of default, the amount of work required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the work which is usable to the **Owner**, the cost to the **Owner** of employing another consultant and/or firm to complete the work required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to the **Owner** of the work performed at the time of default. This Agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any default by the **Engineer**, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party and shall be cumulative.

The termination of the Agreement and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of the **Owner** and the **Engineer** under this Agreement, except the obligations set forth in Articles 11.2, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18.3, 19, 22 and 26 hereto.

ARTICLE 4. Progress and Coordination. The **Engineer** shall, from time to time during the progress of the work, confer with the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the **Owner**, in order to evaluate features of the **Engineer's** services and work.

At the request of the **Owner** or the **Engineer**, conferences shall be provided at the **Engineer's** office, the office of the **Owner**, or at other locations designated by the **Owner**. These conferences shall also include evaluation of the **Engineer's** services and work when requested by the **Owner**.

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the **Owner** before the final report is issued. The **Owner's** comments regarding the **Engineer's** preliminary report will be addressed by the **Engineer** in the

final report.

If funds by other agencies or entities are to be used for the development of the project under this Agreement, the **Engineer's** services and work will be subject to periodic review and approval by other agencies or entities, including those of the city, county, state and/or federal agencies.

Should it be determined that the progress in the production of the **Engineer's** services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved **Work Schedule** as provided by **Exhibit "C"**, attached hereto, the **Owner** shall review the approved **Work Schedule** with the **Engineer** to determine the corrective action needed by either the **Owner** or the **Engineer**.

The **Engineer** shall promptly advise the **Owner** in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the **Engineer's** services and work and the approved **Work Schedule**, including:

- (1) problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain contract objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of **Project** deliverables by the **Engineer** within established time periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the **Engineer** of recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any **Owner** or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and
- (2) favorable developments or events which enable meeting the **Work Schedule** goals sooner than anticipated.

ARTICLE 5. Compensation and Fees. For and in consideration of the services to be rendered by the Engineer, the Owner shall compensate the Engineer as follows:

5.1 Services. For and in consideration of the **Services** to be rendered by the **Engineer**, as identified in Article 2 and more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto, the maximum amount payable by the **Owner** to the **Engineer** for **Services**, subject to adjustment in accordance with Article 6.1 herein, will be provided in each work authorization issued. An outline and breakdown of the **Services Fee** is more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "D"**- **Engineer Contract Rates**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. Payments to the **Engineer** for **Services** shall be made by the **Owner**, upon presentation by the **Engineer** of the monthly **Request for Payment**, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 6 herein.

5.2 Special Services. Those services that may be required to be provided by the **Engineer** as **Special Services** are set forth below and more particularly described in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto. For and in consideration of these **Special Services** rendered as required by the **Engineer**, the **Owner** shall pay the **Engineer** a negotiated lump sum

fee (hereafter referred to as “**Special Services Fee**”) at the hourly labor rates and non-labor rates (hereinafter referred to as “**Contract Rates**”) specified in EXHIBIT “D” - **Contract Rates**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and as follows:

1. **RESIDENT OR SITE ENGINEER, INSPECTOR.** Actual performance of services of project site engineer, resident engineer and/or inspector, if required by **Owner**.
2. **DOCUMENT COPIES.** Actual performance and/or providing of additional copies (over 10) of report; additional copies (over 10) of plans (contract drawings), specifications and estimates (PS&E); additional copies (over 10) of bidding documents: additional copies (over 10) of as-built drawings.
3. **EXTRA TRAVEL.** Extra travel required of **Engineer** and authorized by **Owner** to points outside of Hidalgo County.
4. **EXPERT WITNESS.** Assistance to the **Owner** as expert witness in any litigation with third parties, arising from the development or construction of the **Project**.
5. **MISCELLANEOUS.** Investigations involving detailed consideration of operation, maintenance and overhead expenses and (unless otherwise agreed) the preparation of rate schedules, earning and expense statements; preparation of feasibility studies; environmental document preparation; appraisals, valuations, and material audits; or inventories required for certification of force account construction performed by the **Owner**; preparation of change orders for extra work done by the **Contractor**.

ARTICLE 6. Method of Payment.

6.1 **Requests for Payment.** Payments to the **Engineer** for services rendered will be made while work is in progress as executed through a lump sum fee assigned to each work authorization (hereinafter referred to as “**Work Authorization**”) in accordance with Article 7 herein. For each **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall prepare and submit to the **Owner** monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the work and in support of a request for payment (hereinafter referred to as “**Request for Payment**”). The progress report shall indicate the percent completion of the work accomplished by the **Engineer** during the billing period and to the date of the **Request for Payment**. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the performance of the services, the **Engineer** shall submit to the **Owner** for approval a **Request for Payment**. Payment of the lump sum fee for each **Work Authorization** identified in the **Request for Payment** will be in proportion to the percent completion of the work tasks identified in such **Work Authorizations** together with a detailed breakdown of the amount and the sum of all prior payments. The **Owner** shall review each such **Request for Payment** and may make such exceptions as the **Owner** reasonably deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances then existing. About ten (10) working days after the Commissioners Court of the **Owner** meets approving such payment, the **Owner** shall make payment to the **Engineer** in the amount approved as aforesaid subject to Article 6.4

herein and below.

If the **Project**, or any portion(s) thereof, are deleted or otherwise not constructed, compensation to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** for the **Project** or such portions of the project shall be only the amounts paid the **Engineer** for actual work performed in accordance with the **Work Authorization(s)** approved by the **Owner**.

6.2 Final Payment. After final completion of the work and acceptance thereof by the **Owner**, the **Engineer** shall submit a final request for payment ("**Final Request for Payment**") which shall set forth all amounts due and remaining unpaid to the **Engineer** and upon approval thereof by the **Owner**, the **Owner** shall pay to the **Engineer** the amount due ("**Final Payment**") under such **Final Request for Payment** in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.1, hereof. The **Final Payment** shall not be made until the **Engineer** delivers to the **Owner** an affidavit that so far as the **Engineer** has knowledge or information any and all amounts due for materials and services over which the **Engineer** has control have been paid.

6.3 Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the **Owner** shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether a payment under Article 6.1 hereof or **Final Payment**) to the **Engineer** hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedent exist:

- (1) The **Engineer** is in default of any of its obligations hereunder or otherwise is in default under this Agreement or under any contract documents related to this Agreement;
- (2) Any part of such payment is attributable to the **Engineer's** services which are not performed in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, such payment shall be made as to the part thereof attributable to the **Engineer's** services which were performed in accordance with this Agreement.
- (3) The **Engineer** has failed to make payments promptly to consultants or other third parties used in connection with the **Project** for which the **Owner** has made payment to the **Engineer**;
- (4) If the **Owner**, in good faith judgment, determines that the portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the **Engineer's** services in accordance with this Agreement, no additional payments will be due the **Engineer** hereunder unless and until the **Engineer**, at its sole cost, performs a sufficient portion of the **Engineer's** services so that such portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid is determined by the **Owner** to be sufficient to so complete the **Engineer's** services.

6.4 No partial payment made hereunder shall be or construed to be final acceptance or approval of that part of the **Engineer's** services to which such partial payment related or relieves the **Engineer** of any of its obligations hereunder with respect thereto.

6.5 The **Engineer** shall promptly pay all bills for labor and material performed and furnished by others in connection with the performance of the **Engineer's** services.

6.6 Waiver. The making of the **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Owner** except those arising from (1) faulty or defective services of the **Engineer** appearing after completion of the **Project**. (2) failure of the **Engineer's** services to comply with the requirements of this Agreement or any contracts or Agreements related to the **Project**, or (3) terms of any special warranties required by this Agreement or provided at law or in equity. The acceptance of **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Engineer** except those previously made in writing and identified by the **Engineer** as unsettled at the time of the **Final Request for Payment**.

ARTICLE 7. Work Authorization. After execution of this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof, only as authorized by the **Owner** through an agreed **Work Authorization** document in the form identified in **EXHIBIT "E"- Work Authorization Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. The **Engineer** will identify, as approved by the **Owner**, the needed services for the **Project**, as required through the course of the development to the **Project**. The **Owner** shall authorize the **Engineer** to perform one or more of the agreed tasks identified in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto, in the form of individual work authorizations. Upon authorization from the **Owner**, the **Engineer** will prepare a **Work Authorization** document, which will include a description of the work to be performed, including a description of the tasks and milestones, a work schedule, and an estimated cost proposal agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The estimated cost proposal shall set forth in detail the computation of the cost of each work task, at the hourly rates established and identified in **EXHIBIT "D"**, attached hereto. The **Work Authorizations** shall not waive the **Owner's** and the **Engineer's** responsibilities and obligations established in this Agreement.

The estimated cost proposal for each **Work Authorization**, developed by the **Engineer** and approved by the **Owner** shall be used by the **Owner** to appropriate a purchase order for the **Work Authorization**. Each executed **Work Authorization** shall become a part of this **Agreement**. Upon satisfactory completion of the **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall submit the **Project's** deliverables as specified in the executed **Work Authorization** to the **Owner** for review and acceptance.

Work included in a **Work Authorization** shall not begin until the **Owner** and the **Engineer** have signed the **Work Authorization**. All work must be completed on or before the completion date specified in the **Work Authorization**, unless extended by written agreement by the **Engineer** and the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** of any event that will affect completion of the **Work Authorization**. All **Work Authorizations** must be executed and completed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** within the period established for this Agreement as specified in Article 3 hereof.

The final acceptance by the **Owner** of each **Work Authorization** for the **Project** shall serve as evidence of completion, on the part of the **Engineer**, of all services under this Agreement insofar as they pertain to that portion of work on the **Project** identified in the applicable work authorization.

ARTICLE 8. Supplemental Agreements. The terms of this Agreement may be amended by supplemental agreement if the Owner determines that (1) there is a need to extend the **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 hereof, (2) there has been a significant change in the scope, complexity or character of the services to be performed by the **Engineer**, and/or (3) for any other reason agreeable to the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. All supplemental agreements will be developed in the form identified in **EXHIBIT "F" - Supplemental Agreement Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and incorporated herein by reference as "**Supplemental Agreement**".

If determined appropriate by the **Owner**, additional compensation to the **Engineer** for (1), (2) and/or (3) above shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the **Contract Rates** specified in **EXHIBIT "D"**, attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the **Supplemental Agreement**.

Any **Supplemental Agreement** must be executed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date** specified in Article 3 hereof.

It is distinctly understood and agreed that no claim by the **Engineer** for additional work, as identified in Article 9 hereof, or changes or revisions in work, as identified in Article 10 hereof, shall be made by the **Engineer** until full execution of the **Supplemental Agreement** and authorization to proceed is granted by the **Owner**. The **Owner** reserves the right to withhold payment to the **Engineer** pending verification of satisfactory work performed by the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 9. Additional Work. If the **Engineer** is of the opinion that any work it has been directed to perform is beyond the scope of this Agreement and constitutes extra work, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** in writing. In the event the **Owner** finds that such work does constitute extra work, the **Owner** shall so advise the **Engineer** and a written supplemental agreement will be executed between the **Owner** and the **Engineer** as provided herein. The **Engineer** shall not perform any proposed additional work or incur any additional cost prior to the execution by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** of a supplemental agreement. Additional compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the **Contract Rates** specified in **EXHIBIT "D"** attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the supplemental agreement as specified in Article 8 hereof. The **Owner** shall not be liable or under any obligation to compensate the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** relating to

additional work not directly associated with the performance of the work authorized in this Agreement or as amended through supplemental agreement.

ARTICLE 10. Changes or Revisions in Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request changes to the work, and the changes are within the applications of sound engineering principles, the **Engineer** shall make such revisions if requested and directed by the **Owner**.

10.1 Preliminary Work. The **Engineer** will make, without expense to the **Owner**, such revisions of any preliminary reports or drawings as may be required to meet the needs of the **Owner** and the applications of sound engineering principles.

10.2 Previously Approved or Satisfactorily Completed Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request the **Engineer** to make changes to work previously approved by the **Owner** or work satisfactorily completed for which the **Owner** approves or, after a definite plan has been approved by the **Owner**, if a decision is subsequently made by the **Owner**, which for proper execution involves extra services and expenses for changes in or additions to the drawings specifications or other documents, this will be considered as additional work, and compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** will be in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.3 Project Delays. If the **Engineer** is required to perform additional work due to delays by the imposition of causes not within the **Engineer's** control, such as by the re-advertisement of bids or by the delinquency or insolvency of contractors, such work associated with these delays shall be considered additional work, and the **Engineer** shall be compensated by the **Owner** for such extra services and expense in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.4 Reduction of Project Cost. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event it is necessary for the **Owner** to require changes in the final plan of the **Project** to enable it to reduce the construction cost of the **Project** to an amount within the sum estimated by the **Engineer**, the **Engineer** will be required to make such revisions or changes. These changes will only be considered additional work by the **Engineer**, if the **Engineer** previously provided these same changes as options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan for the **Project**, and the option or options were not selected or approved by the **Owner** to be incorporated into the final plan of the **Project**. Payment for this additional work will then be made to the **Engineer** in accordance with Article 9 hereof. If the **Engineer** failed to provide these changes as an option or options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan of the **Project**, these changes will not be considered additional work and no additional

compensation will be made to the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 11. Ownership and Release of Documents.

11.1 Ownership of Documents. Original drawings and specifications are the property of the **Engineer** however the **Project** is the property of the **Owner**, and the **Engineer** may not use the drawings and specifications thereof for any purpose not relating to the **Project** with the **Owner's** consent. The **Owner** shall be furnished with such reproductions of drawings and specifications as the **Owner** may reasonably require. Upon completion of the work or any earlier termination of this Agreement under Article 3.4 hereof, the **Engineer** will revise drawings to reflect changes made during construction and will promptly furnish the **Owner** with one complete set of reproducible record prints. Prints shall be furnished by the **Engineer**, as an additional service, at any other time requested by **Owner**. All such reproductions shall be the property of the **Owner** who may use them without the **Engineer's** permission for any proper purpose relating to the **Project**, including but not limited to additions to or completion of the **Project**. Any additions or revisions by the **Owner** to a drawing signed, sealed, and dated by a registered professional engineer, shall be made in accordance with the Texas Engineering practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

All documents furnished to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** shall be delivered to the **Owner** upon completion or termination of this Agreement. The **Engineer**, at the **Engineer's** own expense, may retain copies of such documents or any other data under this Agreement.

11.2 Release of Documents or Information. Release of information to the public or others regarding the **Project** will be accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

ARTICLE 12. Discounts, Rebates, Refunds. In connection with procurement services rendered by the **Engineer**, if procurement services are required of the **Engineer** hereunder, all discounts, rebates and refunds shall accrue to the **Owner**. For some purchases, the **Engineer** may deem that payment within the discount period is not safe; and/or inspection, guarantees, or other considerations may dictate delay. In such cases, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** so that a course of action may be mutually agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 13. Records, Accounting, Inspection. The **Engineer** shall keep full and detailed records and accounts in a manner approved by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall afford the **Owner's** authorized personnel and independent auditors, if any, full access to the work performed by the **Engineer** regarding the **Project** and to all of the **Engineer's** books, records, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers and other documents relating to such

work under this Agreement and the **Engineer** shall preserve all such records for three (3) years after final payment. The **Engineer** shall deliver to the **Owner** upon completion of such work, a statement of the cost of such work detailed according to the accounting procedure and requirements of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 14. Subcontracting and Assignment. The **Engineer** shall not assign, subcontract or transfer the **Engineer's** interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall bind every subconsultant by written subcontract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontract relieves the **Engineer** of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

The **Engineer**, and the **Owner**, do hereby bind themselves, their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to each other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this contract.

ARTICLE 15. Patents. The **Engineer** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from all liability for alleged or actual infringement of any patent resulting from the use of apparatus or equipment furnished or designed by the **Engineer** or from the use of any process designed by the **Engineer** or effected by said apparatus or equipment, and the **Engineer** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from and against all costs, legal fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any claim of or action for such infringement: provided, however, that the **Owner** shall promptly transmit to the **Engineer** all papers served on the **Owner** in any suit involving such claim of infringement, and provided further, that the **Owner** permits the **Engineer** to have entire charge and control of the defense of any such suit. If because of actual infringement the use of such apparatus, equipment, or process is enjoined, the **Engineer** shall refund the purchase price thereof in proportion to the length of service uncompleted, the life of such apparatus or equipment being assumed as five years. The **Engineer** hereby grants to the **Owner** a non-exclusive, royalty-free license under patents now or hereafter owned by the **Engineer** covering any machines, apparatus, processes, articles, or products included in the **Engineer's** work hereunder.

ARTICLE 16. Confidential Information, Inventions and Other Restrictions.

16.1 Confidential Information. The **Engineer** shall not use in any way, commercial or otherwise, except to the extent required by the proper performance of this Agreement; and shall hold in confidence and not disclose to any person, for any reason or at any time, any information relating to the secret processes, products, compositions, machinery, apparatus or trade secrets of the **Owner**, or any other confidential information given to the **Engineer** by any of the **Owner's**

commissioners, elected officials, employees, or representatives or acquired by the **Engineer** during the term of or as a result of this Agreement. Any information not generally available to the public shall be considered secret and confidential for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that any technical information which was lawfully in the **Engineer's** possession prior to such disclosure to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** or which is or shall lawfully be published or become part of general knowledge from sources other than the **Engineer** or which otherwise shall lawfully become available to the **Engineer** from a source other than the **Owner**, shall not be subject to these provisions. All the foregoing stipulations shall apply to such information and work hereunder as well as to any information and ideas originated or developed by the **Engineer** in performing such work. Such information may, of course, be disclosed to the proper officials or employees of the **Owner** if necessary to perform the work hereunder. The **Engineer** shall, however, inform each of its employees who receive such information of these restrictions and the **Engineer** shall take all reasonable precautions and exert all reasonable efforts to assure conformance with such restrictions by all of its officers, employees, and agents, obtaining from them if necessary, agreements satisfactory to the **Owner**, effectuating the purposes of this Article.

16.2 Inventions. The **Engineer** shall communicate to the **Owner** at once, and require the **Engineer's** employees assigned to this **Project** to communicate to the **Owner** all inventions and improvements which any of the **Engineer's** employees, either alone or in conjunction with any of the **Owner's** employees may conceive, make or discover during the course of or as a result of work on this **Project** under this or any ensuing agreement with the **Owner** that relates to the processes, products, compositions, machinery or plants of the **Owner**, or relating in any way to any of the operations in which the **Owner** may be obligated to pay to the **Engineer** as compensation for services rendered by the **Engineer** under contract with the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall require its employees to execute patent applications and assignments thereof to the **Owner** or its nominees, and powers of attorney relating thereto for any country the **Owner** may designate, and shall take all other actions as the **Owner** may request to maintain and protect such inventions and improvements. The **Owner** shall pay all costs or charges incurred in protecting such inventions and improvements if the **Owner** desires to protect them. Before assigning any of the **Engineer's** employees to work under any contract with the **Owner** concerning this **Project**, the **Engineer** shall obtain from them agreements satisfactory to **Owner** complying in all respects with the terms and provisions of this Article.

16.3 The rights and obligations set forth in Article 16 shall survive the performance of this Agreement, or any termination, discharge or cancellation thereof

ARTICLE 17. Engineer's Seal, Responsibility and Warranties.

17.1 Engineer's Seal. The **Engineer** shall assign a responsible engineer or engineers licensed to practice in the State of Texas, who shall sign, seal and date all appropriate engineering submissions to the **Owner** in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

17.2 Engineer's Responsibility. The **Engineer** shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work for the **Project** and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**. No additional compensation will be made to the **Engineer** for any necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**.

The **Engineer's** responsibility for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions will be determined by the **Owner** or a designee appointed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** will not be relieved of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions or for clarification of any ambiguities until after the construction phase of the **Project** has been completed.

17.3 Warranties.

(a) The **Engineer** warrants that engineering design work performed by the **Engineer** hereunder shall be in accordance with sound engineering design practices and in conformance with applicable code and standards established for such work.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree and acknowledge that the **Owner** is entering into this Agreement in reliance on the **Engineer's** experience and abilities with respect to performing the **Engineer's** services hereunder. The **Engineer** accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the **Owner** by this Agreement. The **Engineer** covenants with the **Owner** to use the **Engineer's** best efforts, skill, judgment and abilities to design the **Project** and to further the interests of the **Owner** in accordance with the **Owner's** requirements and procedures, in accordance with all professional standards, and in compliance with all applicable national, federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders and with those of any other body having jurisdiction. If the development of plans, specifications and estimates (hereinafter referred to as "**PS&E**") are identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, prior to the commencement of construction, the **Engineer** shall certify in writing to the **Owner** that the **PS&E** for the **Project**, and the improvements when built in accordance therewith, conform to all

applicable governmental regulations, statutes and ordinances then in effect. The **Engineer** represents covenants and agrees that there are no obligations, commitments or impediments of any kind that will limit or prevent performance of the **Engineer's** services.

(c) The **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that all of **Engineer's** services to be furnished by the **Engineer** under or pursuant to this Agreement from the inception of the Agreement until the **Project** has been fully completed, shall be of the standard and quality which prevail among engineers of similar experience, knowledge, skill and ability engaged in engineering practice throughout Texas under the same or similar circumstances involving the design and construction of **Project**.

(d) The **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that the **Engineer's** special talent, training and experience cause the **Engineer** to be the prime professional on the **Project**; that because of such talent and training, the **Engineer** envisions the construction of the **Project** in its entirety and possesses the special skills which enable the **Engineer** to recognize dangerous conditions that a reasonable, prudent engineer having such special skills could anticipate may arise from the proper use of the **Project** after acceptance by **Owner**; and that the **Engineer** recognizes that any commissioners, elected officials, employees and agents of the **Owner**, plus residents and owners of property within the area affected by the **Project** are within a class of foreseeable persons who will be relying on the project being designed in a professional and safe manner.

(e) If the development of **PS&E** is identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, the **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that the **PS&E** of the **Project** will be accurate and free from any material errors. The **Engineer** additionally represents, covenants and agrees to the following: that the design of the **Project** will conform to its foreseeable use as a **Project** with all the amenities as set forth in any **PS&E** developed by the **Engineer** for the **Project**; that the result of such **PS&E**, if built in accordance therewith, will be suitable for purposes for which the **Project** is designed; and the **Project** will be inspected in a workmanlike, professional manner and will be suitable for the **Project's** intended purpose. The **Engineer's** responsibilities as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the **Owner** of any **PS&E** developed by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, nor shall the **Engineer** be released from any liability by reason of such approval by the **Owner**, it being understood that the **Owner** at all times is ultimately relying upon the **Engineer's** skill and knowledge in preparing such **PS&E**.

(f) In connection with the **Engineer's** performance of procurement services hereunder, if any, the **Engineer** use its best efforts to obtain from all vendors of equipment and materials, fullest possible warranties against defective materials and workmanship for the benefit of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 18. Engineer's Resources. The **Engineer** shall furnish and maintain, at the **Engineer's** own expense, office space for the performance of all services, skilled and sufficient personnel, as well as adequate and sufficient equipment to perform the services as required under this Agreement.

18.1 Project Manager. The **Engineer** shall provide a manager (**Project Manager**) for the **Project** that is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas. The **Project** manager shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable that **Project Manager** during the course of the **Project** without prior consent of the **Owner**. If, due to situations beyond the control of the **Engineer**, the **Engineer** must change the **Project Manager** prior to the completion and acceptance of the **Project**, the **Engineer** will submit a request to change the **Project Manager** to the **Owner** for approval.

18.2 Employees of the Engineer. All employees of the **Engineer** shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them and required for the services under this Agreement. Any employee of the **Engineer** who, in the opinion of the **Owner**, is incompetent, or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the work required under this Agreement, shall immediately be removed from association with the **Project** when so instructed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** certifies that the **Engineer** presently has employed sufficient and qualified personnel, and will maintain sufficient and qualified personnel for performance of the services under this Agreement.

18.3 Documents/Information Exchange The purpose of this Article is to define the required automated resources, format for graphics files, and information exchange pertaining to the **Project**. Taking into consideration that the **Owner** has a significant investment in the development of the **Project**, there is a need for the **Engineer** to provide consistency in document development for information exchange. Consistency in document development for information exchange and production will help facilitate an economically efficient **Project**. Therefore, the **Engineer** shall provide the **Owner** with documents and information in accordance with the special requirement outlined in **EXHIBIT "B"** attached hereto.

ARTICLE 19. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the **Engineer** and its agents, partners, subcontractors, and consultants (collectively "**Indemnitors**") shall and do agree to indemnify, and hold harmless the **Owner**, the **Owner's** respective directors, elected officials, employees and agents (collectively "**Indemnitors**") from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any

nature, kind or description (collectively "Liabilities") of any person or entity whomsoever arising out of, caused by or resulting from the negligent performance of the **Engineer's** services through activities of the **Engineer**, its agents, partners, subcontractors and/or consultants performed under this Agreement, and which are caused by or result from error, omission, or negligent act of the **Engineer** or of any person employed or contracted by the **Engineer** provided that any such **Liabilities** (1) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to the injury to or destruction of tangible personal property including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting therefrom and (2) are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the **Engineer**, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the **Engineer** or anyone for whose acts the **Engineer** may be legally liable. The **Engineer** shall also save harmless the **Owner** from any and all expense, including but not limited to, attorney fees which may be incurred by the **Owner** in litigation or otherwise resisting said claim or liabilities which may be imposed on the **Owner** as a result of such activities by the **Engineer**, its agents partners, subcontractors and/or consultants. In this connection, it is agreed and understood that the **Engineer** shall not be responsible for any portion of the liability proximately caused by the **Owner's** negligence.

ARTICLE 20. Joint and Several Liability. In the event more than one of the **Indemnitors** are connected with an accident or occurrence covered by the indemnification in Article 19 hereof, then each of such **Indemnitors** shall be jointly and severally responsible to the **Indemnitees** for indemnification and the ultimate responsibility among such **Indemnitors** for the loss and expense of any such indemnification shall be settled by separate proceedings and without jeopardy to any **Indemnitee**. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification or right which the **Owner** or any of the **Indemnitees** has by law.

ARTICLE 21. Insurance. The **Engineer** shall obtain and maintain insurance in the limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified as follows.

- (1) Workers Compensation, endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner** in accordance with the statutory obligations imposed by Workers Compensation or Occupational Disease laws under the Texas Workers Compensation Law ("**Statutory Texas**")
- (2) Commercial General Liability, endorsed with the **Owner** as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner** *all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Engineer under Article 19 and Article 20* herein, in limits of liability not less than one million dollars (**\$1,000,000**) combined single limit each occurrence and in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
- (3) Texas Business Automobile Policy, endorsed with the **Owner** as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner** *all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Engineer under Article 19 and Article 20* herein, in limits of liability not less than

two hundred fifty thousand dollars (**\$250,000**) each person for bodily injury, five hundred thousand dollars (**\$500,000**) each occurrence for bodily injury, and one hundred thousand dollars (**\$100,000**) each occurrence for property damage.

- (4) Professional Liability in limits of **\$1,000,000** each claim and aggregate.

The **Engineer** covenants and agrees to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified above. The **Engineer** shall furnish the **Owner** with a certificate of insurance (**Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance**) showing the said policy to be in full force and effect during the period of service, identified in Article 3 hereto, for this Agreement. The completed Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance shall be attached hereto and identified as **EXHIBIT "G"- Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance**. The **Engineer** will be considered in breach of contract should the **Engineer** fail to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above while performing services for and under this Agreement, and will be subject to default and termination of the Agreement as outlined in Article 3.4 hereto. Additionally, the **Engineer** covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above until one year following the date of the acceptance of the **Project** by **Owner**.

ARTICLE 22. Compliance with Laws. The **Engineer** shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement including, without limitation, workers compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations and licensing laws and regulations. When required the **Engineer** shall furnish the **Owner** with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

ARTICLE 23. Non-Collusion. The **Engineer** warrants that the **Engineer** has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the **Engineer**, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that the **Engineer** has not paid or agreed to pay any company, engineer or any other person or entity any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or execution of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty the **Owner** shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in the **Owner's** discretion, to deduct from the *Services Fee*, or otherwise recover, the full amount of each fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 24. Gratuities. The **Owner** mandates that employees of the **Owner** shall not accept any benefits, gifts or favors from any person doing business or who reasonably speaking may do business with the **Owner** under this

Agreement; the only exceptions allowed are ordinary business meals. Any person doing business with or who may reasonably seeking to do business with the **Owner** under this Agreement may not make any offer of benefits, gifts or favors to **Owner** employees, except as mentioned herein above. Failure on the part of the **Engineer** to adhere to this provision may result in the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25. Payment of Franchise Tax. The **Engineer** hereby certifies that the **Engineer** is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the **Engineer** is exempt from, or not subject to, such as tax. A false statement concerning franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 26. Disputes. The **Engineer** shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurement made by the **Engineer** in support of the services under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

ARTICLE 28. Notices. All notices to either party by the other required under this Agreement shall be personally delivered or mailed to such party at the following respective addresses:

OWNER:
Hidalgo County
100 E. Cano, 2nd, Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

ENGINEER:
Half Associates, Inc
5000 West Military Hwy., Suite 100
McAllen, Texas 78503

The Address may be changed by either party by written notice and notice sol mailed shall be effective upon mailing.

ARTICLE 29. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(a) This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the **Engineer** and the **Owner** relating to the work herein described and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral contracts between the parties respecting the subject matter defined herein. These are no previous or contemporary representations or warranties of the **Owner** or the **Engineer** not set forth herein.

(b) Except as specifically provided herein no modification, waiver, termination, rescission, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall be binding on the **Owner** unless in writing and executed by

an officer or employee of the **Owner** specifically authorized to do so.

(c) No waiver of any provision of or a default under this Agreement shall affect the right of the **Owner** thereafter to enforce said provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default whether or not similar.

(d) No modification, waiver, termination, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or of any terms thereof shall impair the **Owner's** right with respect to any liabilities whether or not liquidated of the **Engineer** to the **Owner** theretofore accrued.

(e) All rights and remedies of the **Owner** specified in this Agreement are in addition to the **Owner's** other rights and remedies.

(f) The **Engineer** shall remain an independent contractor and shall have no power nor shall the **Engineer** represent that the **Engineer** has any power to bind the **Owner** or to assume or to create any obligation express or implied on behalf of the **Owner** except as specifically authorized in advance by the **Owner**.

(g) The Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas and is performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

(h) This Agreement may only be amended by a written document executed by the **Owner** and the **Engineer** as provided by Article 8 herein.

ARTICLE 30. Signatory Warranty The undersigned signatory or signatories for the **Engineer** hereby represent and warrant that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he or she has executed this Agreement and that he or she has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the **Engineer**. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing the **Owner** to enter into this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31. Texas Law to Apply. This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

ARTICLE 32. Immunities. Nothing in this agreement is intended to and County does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses County enjoys by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to County as to any claim or action of any

person, entity, or individual against County.

WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Engineer** and the **Owner** have caused this **Agreement for Professional Services**

to be effective as of the _____ day of _____, **2018**.

ENGINEER:
HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

BY: _____
Menton "Trey" Murray, P.E., LEED AP

OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

Approved by Commissioner's Court on _____, 2018.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

BY: _____
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

ATTACHMENTS:

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| EXHIBIT A1 | Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet |
| EXHIBIT A | -Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner |
| EXHIBIT B | -Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer |
| EXHIBIT C | -Work Schedule |
| EXHIBIT D | -Engineer's Rates |
| EXHIBIT E | -Work Authorization Form |
| EXHIBIT F | -Supplemental Agreement Form |
| EXHIBIT G | -Certificate of Insurance (<i>Hidalgo County</i>) |

EXHIBIT A-1

-Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet



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February 1, 2018

RE: **ADDENDUM NO. 2**
FOR RFQ: **2018-008-01-24-LHS**
“Professional Engineering Services Pool”-
Hidalgo County

Participating Firms:

Attached you will find **ADDENDUM NO. 2**, in connection with Hidalgo County’s Request for Qualifications for **“Professional Engineering Services Pool”**.

Please add this **ADDENDUM NO. 2** to your submitted packet so as to permit your firm/company to submit a complete packet. See original RFQ packet LEGAL NOTICE page 3 paragraph 9.

Acknowledge receipt of ADDENDUM NO. 2 by signing and returning this notice via email to leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us and/or submitting this form with your qualifications submittal.

If you do not receive all pages of **ADDENDUM NO. 2** please notify us immediately to (956) 318-2626.

Please be advised that this **ADDENDUM NO. 2** will complete your packet for Hidalgo County’s **“Professional Engineering Services Pool”**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB/Purchasing Agent
(or)
Dina Trevino, Assistant Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

January 31, 2018

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

Hidalgo County

RFQ NO.: **2018-008-01-24-LHS**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

1. QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL DATE HAS CHANGED:

Responses/Qualifications will be received and opened on:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

2. PLEASE REPLACE PARAGRAPH # 1 in “EXHIBIT A REQUIREMENTS”, PAGE 8, under “STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL” with the following paragraph:

Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court , Elected Official and/or the User Department in need of “*Engineering Services*” will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County’s approved pool of firms, thereafter, will review, score, and evaluate the statement of qualifications received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications. *Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code sec. 2254, the services will be selected on the basis of demonstrated qualifications and competence. In the event of a tie score, the statements of qualifications shall be returned to the evaluators for re-evaluation and scoring to determine the most highly qualified provider Firms are reminded that throughout this process strict adherence to the ethical standards regarding communication with the County, including evaluators, as described in this RFQ’s Legal Notice, is required.*

I acknowledge receipt of **ADDENDUM NO. 2** dated, February 1, 2018, for **RFQ-PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL - HIDALGO COUNTY.**

BY: _____

Signature

Print Name: _____

Firm/Company

Name: _____

Date: _____

January 23, 2018

RE: ADDENDUM NO.1
FOR RFQ: 2018-008-01-24-LHS
**"Professional Engineering Services-
Construction Materials & Geo Technical
Testing Pool"**
Hidalgo County

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached, you will find **ADDENDUM NO. 1**, in connection to the Hidalgo County's request for qualifications/proposals for the "**Professional Engineering Service Pool**".

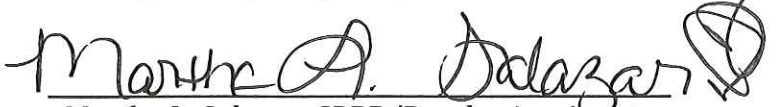
Please add this **ADDENDUM NO. 1** to your submitted RFQ packet, so, as to permit your company/firm to submit a complete packet. See original RFQ packet **LEGAL NOTICE page 3 paragraph 9**.

Acknowledge Receipt of **ADDENDUM NO. 1** by signing and returning this notice via email to leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us and submit original with your Request for Qualifications packet.

If you do not receive all pages of **ADDENDUM NO. 1**, please notify us immediately at (956)-318-2626.

Please be advised that this **ADDENDUM NO. 1** will complete your packet for the Hidalgo County's "**Professional Engineering Service Pool**".

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Martha L. Salazar, CPPB/Purchasing Agent
(or)
Dina Trevino, Assistant Purchasing Agent

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

January 23, 2018

Hidalgo County
"Professional Engineering Service Pool"
RFQ NO.: **2018-008-01-24-LHS**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL DATE HAS CHANGED:

Responses/Qualifications will be received and opened on **Wednesday, February 07, 2018 at 9:30 am.**

I acknowledge receipt of **ADDENDUM NO. 1** dated, January 23, 2018, for **RFQ-"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL"** for **HIDALGO COUNTY.**

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Print Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT THIS ADDENDUM WITH YOUR PACKET IN ORDER TO COMPLETE YOUR RFQ RESPONSE.



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TO: All Participating Vendors

FROM: Leticia Saenz, CPPB/Contract Manager
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

DATE: January 17, 2018

RE: ***QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:***
RFQ No. 2018-008-01-24-LHS - "POOL OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS" for HIDALGO COUNTY

Please see following **question and answer** for the above referenced project:

Please clarify which professional engineering services Hidalgo County is seeking for **RFQ No.: 2018-008-01-24-LHS....**

Q: Is Hidalgo seeking any of the seven categories of professional engineering services as requested in Attachment B?

**A: We are seeking for the qualifications of the Firm.
The participating Firm is to identify the services they are qualified to offer the County of Hidalgo.**

Thank you.



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January 08, 2018

Participant's/Bidder's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY (all funding sources, programs & entities)**
Request for Qualifications - **"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL"**
RFQ Bid No: **2018-008-01-24-LHS**

Dear Ladies / Gentlemen:

Enclosed, please find the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet. Modifications and new requirements have been added and implemented. Carefully read and review all instructions, Requirements and Specifications.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the Request for Qualifications process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department (956) 318-2626, Ext. 4861.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

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HIDALGO COUNTY
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The above mentioned items shall be found in this Request for Qualifications-RFQ packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the listed items are not attached in its entirety, please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626 or e-mail, to advise us of the missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile, e-mail or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.



Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

January 08, 2018
Date



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

HIDALGO COUNTY

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

RFQ NO: 2018-008-01-24-LHS

Acceptance Due Date: **January 24, 2018**

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

Project Contact Information:

Leticia H. Saenz, CPPB / Contract Manager
(956) 318-2626 Ext. 4861
Leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Form HCPD-04

1. Sealed qualifications will be received for **“HIDALGO COUNTY (INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES) “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”** in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Qualifications should address all requirements set forth. Respondents 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 requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualifications.
2. **One (1) original, three (3) copies of all qualifications and eight (8) CDs in PDF Format** are required with the respondent's name and address clearly typed/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, **RFQ 2018-008-01-24-YSS HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”**, and in County's Purchasing Department, Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281- Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **ON OR BEFORE 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018.**

NO FACSIMILES EMAILS OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY QUALIFICATION 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 IN REFERENCE TO QUALIFICATION. Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all qualifications and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the proposal considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

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

1. Legal Notice (See page 10);
 2. Areas of Specializations(Attachment “B” – Procurement Form)
 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”);
 7. Proposer's Affidavit (See Exhibit “H”)
 8. **SAMS.gov Registration Acknowledgement (See Number 17 below).**
3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this qualification that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification for approval. Receipt of any qualification shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar qualification. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose qualification is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.
 4. 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 respondent, or to reject all qualifications and re-advertise.

5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each respondent shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the qualification and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself

with existing conditions. Respondent should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the qualification.

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, respondents are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their qualification including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
7. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced qualification opening.
8. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications.
9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this qualification 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 Qualifications. Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their qualification.
10. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.
11. 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 figure it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
12. 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 qualification 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.
13. **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, CPPB, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
 - If you need additional information call the office listed below:

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

14. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful respondent
 - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
 - c) Purchase Order Number and Contract number (if any)
 - d) Notation- **“Hidalgo County (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) RFQ: 2017-008-01-24-LHS - Hidalgo County (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”**
 - e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.

- Discount payments will be considered when offered.

- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR’S OFFICE
 Postal/Mailing 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281
 Edinburg, Texas 78539
 956-318-2511

15. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Qualification Opening, 9:30 A.M.	January 24, 2018
Award of Contract:	2018
Commence Work or Deliver Products:	2018

16. HIDALGO COUNTY HOLIDAYS

2018 YEAR	
New Year’s Day	01/01/2018
Martin Luther King Day	01/15/2018
President’s Day	02/19/2018
Good Friday	03/30/2018
Memorial Day	05/28/2018
Independence Day	07/04/2018
Labor Day	09/03/2018
Columbus Day	10/08/2018
Veteran’s Day	11/12/2018
Thanksgiving Day	11/22-23/2018
Christmas Day	12/24-25/2018
New Year’s Eve	12/31/2018

17. BID OR PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION; PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT:

- ~~If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and services exceeding \$100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas. All respondents are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.~~
- Register at SAMs System for Award Management @ www.sam.gov.
- ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a qualification, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the respondent shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.~~
- ~~If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and materialmen have been paid.~~
- ~~If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor shall provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.~~
- ~~For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.~~

18. 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.

19. 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 qualification 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.

No vendor, its representative, agent, or employee shall engage in private communication with a member of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or county department heads regarding any procurement of goods or services by the County from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is released. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into. Members of the commissioners court are required to make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding potential procurements and have a duty to inquire of vendors, their representatives or employees, the nature of any private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication. "Private Communication" means communication with any vendor outside of a posted meeting of the governing body, a regular meeting of a standing or appointed committee, or a negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

20. 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 respondent 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 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. Clossner, 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.

21. 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 RFQ 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 **RFQ No. 2018-008**, 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 either by facsimile transmission to (956) 292-7612 or via email to leticia.saenz@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.

22. If, during the life of any contract or qualification awarded, the successful respondents' 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 County.
23. Qualifications, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
24. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Respondents: A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent's responsibility. A prospective respondent, by submitting a qualification, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the qualification;
 - 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.
- 25.** Successful respondent 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 respondents' 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 Countys' civil service system.
- 26.** Any contract award to a successful respondent 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 (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.
- 27.** 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. County reserves the right to terminate contract immediately in the event of breach or default by successful respondent, or in the event a successful respondent fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
 - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
- 28.** Successful respondent 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 respondent, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from qualification award. Successful respondent indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening on or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful respondent 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 respondents' 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 or services provided by successful respondent.
- 29.** Successful respondent shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to 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 Qualifications shall be subject to Countys' approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting

specifications shall be replaced by successful respondent 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 items' nonconformity.

30. 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.
31. The successful respondent 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.
32. Respondents shall provide with the qualification response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.
33. Respondents must provide all documentation requested with this Qualification in their response (except for CIQ Form if NOT APPLICABLE). Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the qualification as none conforming.

Request for Qualifications
 For
HIDALGO COUNTY
 (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”
RFQ NO: 2018-008-01-24-LHS

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
 Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
 Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
 Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

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

Respondent acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request for Qualification Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Respondent understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

Respondent agrees that this qualification shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving qualifications, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Firm: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT “A” REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

RFQ No.: 2018-008-01-24-LHS

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas Professional Independent Testing Laboratories in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories on an “As Needed Basis” per project by all County Departments and/or applicable Programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories will be for a period starting **March 16, 2018 and ending March 15, 2019**. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statement of Qualifications for the provision of **“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICE POOL” RFQ No: 2018-008-01-24-LHS** “Request For Qualifications” as specified herein. Statement of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, January 24, 2018**. **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

The following outlines the Request for Qualifications:

SECTION I **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

RFQ DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS/DELIVERY:

A total of One (1) original, three (3) copies, and eight (8) CD’s in PDF Format of RFQs should be submitted as part of your response.

Respondents must complete and include in their response, all documentation requested in this RFQ. Refer to enclosed RFQ Check List form for documents to be included with your response.

Hidalgo County is requesting that statement of qualification responses be sealed, clearly marked and/or labeled with the Company’s name, RFQ No.: 2018-008-01-24-LHS, “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL” Opening Date of February 01, 2017 and be delivered to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

US Postal Mail Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope when dropping RFQ off.

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope when dropping RFQ off.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (rfq’s, bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the respondent and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

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 contract 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. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539 – Hidalgo County Courthouse.

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

PROPOSER’S AFFIDAVIT:

Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer’s Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit “H”) certifying that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit, (2) that the Respondent does not have a Conflict of Interest as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit, or that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Respondents, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:

Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RFQ’S:

Hidalgo County’s Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

Submitters must, upon request, provide satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the vendor's ability.

RESPONDENT DEFAULT:

Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of respondent default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting respondent responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the respondent to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to notify, in writing, the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Any protest(s) or question(s) regarding the requirements or request for qualifications procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department via e-mail to leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us **BY NO LATER THAN Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** Responses will be sent to all applicants by **Thursday, January 18, 2018. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SIGNING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

In order to be considered, all submittals **must** be signed. **Please sign the original in [blue ink](#).**

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

SUBCONTRACTING:

The successful respondent may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF POOL:

The pool term is for a period of one (1) year, or upon completion of project(s) unless project specific for more than one (1) year.

DAVIS BACON ACT (if applicable):

All selected and awarded firms are required, if applicable, to adhere to the Davis-Bacon Act.

SECTION II
RFQ REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will/may result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the respondents understanding of the projects needs, the work required, and any local issues or concerns. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to three (3) pages in length.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:

The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent independent material testing laboratory, registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway, Bridge and General Design and Construction
- Federal, State and County-funded construction projects

- Solid Waste related projects
- Mechanical Engineering Projects

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent similar projects. **A list of ongoing projects similar in scope under TxDOT procurement basis shall be included in an appendix.** For each project, a client contact name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided. This project list is limited to five (5) pages and should include the following;

- 1) Area firm specializes in
- 2) Minimum years of experience
- 3) Project(s)

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:

The firm should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:

This section will contain any current licenses and/or certifications as required by STATE OF TEXAS.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The engineering services contract will encompass all project-related engineering services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

A.

- Route and Design Studies
- Social, Economic, Environmental Studies and Public Involvement
- Right of Way Maps and Data
- Utility Adjustments
- Surveying
- Pre-Design

B.

- Roadway Design
- Drainage Design
- Solid Waste
- Signing, Markings and Signalization
- Traffic Control Plans
- Bridge Design
- Plans and Specifications
- Bid Preparation

C.

- Building Design
- Plans, Drawings and Specifications

- Bid Package Preparation

D.

- Construction Contract Management
- Conduct Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Services
- Design for New Construction
- Design for Alterations/Renovations
- Needs Assessment
- ADA Compliance
- Code Analysis
- Cost Estimating

E.

- Soil/Rock and Foundation Studies
- Excavations and Trenches
- Dams and Cut or Filled Slopes
- Pavements
- Water and Waste Retention/Disposal
- Specialized Testing and Instrumentation

Other Engineering Services include:

Project Development Management, Facility Analysis & Master Planning, Site Planning & Analysis, Roof Design, Parking Design, Security Design, Energy Conservation, Ventilation Design, Acoustical Design, Asbestos Abatement Monitoring, etc.

Additionally, this section should include, but not restricted to the following information:

- A. Firm name, address, phone number and person(s) to contact regarding the Statement of Qualifications.
- B. Qualifications and recent experience of the firm and key personnel relative to the performance of similar services for public entities. This should also include the following information:
 - 1. Copy of current license certification with state seal
 - 2. History of engineering certification from the State of Texas.
 - 3. List of projects related to the subject areas within the past year.
- C. List of in-State references including the name, address and phone number of the person most closely associated with the firm's prior project performance.
- D. Ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services.
- E. Statement regarding an Affirmative Action Program.

ENGINEERING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq.

SECTION III

SELECTION/EVALUATION

SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system.

1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF PROJECT TEAM:

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Varied experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix. **Indicate the number of engineers on your staff.**

2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES:

In addition to the Project Manager and the Professional Team Member(s), the provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work, either through their own personnel, sub-providers or commitment to hire additional staff. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, and reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience.

3. METHODOLOGY:

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the Scope of Services for the project.

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS:

The statement of qualifications shall include the following:

- demonstration an understanding of the scope of services
- address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- identify information to be gathered or obtained

Responsiveness to RFQ:

- Response is Clear
- Response is Well Organized
- Easy to Evaluate
- Appropriate to this RFQ

Minimum Qualifications

*The firms should provide as much background information as to its experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other Governmental Agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers. **The RFQ must address the

proposed approach to complete the scope and identify information to be gathered or obtained and how it will be used in addition to the minimum qualifications.

5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required)

Minimum Qualifications

The RFQ must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards and policies.

Preferred Qualifications

Suitable examples of previous projects completed in the area by the Project Manager, in addition to the minimum qualifications.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL:

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Engineering services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, Elected Official and/or the User Department in need of Engineering Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firm, thereafter, will review, score and evaluate the statement of qualifications received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications;
2. A grid of the scores will be presented to Commissioners' Court for the purpose of **ranking and approval** for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm;

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firm(s) will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) a "scope of service" including fees;
2. The negotiated contract including best and final offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.
3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ No. 2018-008-01-24-LHS**

EXHIBIT "B"

Selection Criteria	Points	Score
I. Professional Qualifications of Project Team (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Registered and licenses to practice in the State of Texas (i.e. certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract)	10	
➤ Provides information on proposed professional Team qualifications to perform various types of contracts	5	
➤ Team members identified in the organizational chart.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
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2. Experience of Project Team/Ability to Commit Resources (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Designate engineering staff members in an appendix form	5	
➤ Identifying the project composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities	10	
➤ Experience of engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work.	10	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
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3. Methodology/Experience/Availability of Project Manager (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project(s).	5	
➤ Must be a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Texas and must be included in Appendix	5	
➤ Project Manager must have five (5) types of projects plus be 85-100 % involvement with technical development of project	10	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
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4. Understanding of Project/Similar Projects (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Demonstrate and understanding of the scope of services	5	
➤ Address appropriate Federal/ State/ Local regulations and policies. Knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, counties, cities, etc.	5	
➤ Identify information to be gathered or obtained/proposed approach to complete the scope	5	
➤ RFQ responsiveness. Response is clear, well organized, easy to evaluate, and appropriate to this RFQ.	5	
➤ Reference Information including contact persons and telephone numbers.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
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5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations (10 pts maximum)		
➤ Indicate passed experience of the proposed Firm knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies	5	
➤ Must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guideline, standards, and policies	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
Total Score		

Firms Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Evaluator/Department: _____ Date: _____

**PROCUREMENT FORM
ATTACHMENT B**

**HIDALGO COUNTY
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ NO: 2018-008-01-24-LHS**

Name and Address of Firm:	_____ _____ _____
Principals of Firm and Titles:	_____ _____ _____
Firm's Registration No.:	_____
Area of Specialization:	
Civil Engineering	Electrical Engineering
Structural Engineering	Highway Engineering
MEP Engineering (Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing)	
Mechanical Engineering	
Environmental Engineering	
Local References (Rio Grande Valley) List Four (4) Only:	
Reference #1: _____	
Reference #2: _____	
Reference #3: _____	
Reference #4: _____	
Recent Projects (Within Two [2] Years) List Four (4) Only:	
Project #1: _____	
Project #2: _____	
Project #3: _____	
Project #4: _____	

Submitted By: _____

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

EXHIBIT C

Insurance Requirements Professional Services (i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers, Surveyors & Other Professional Services)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto).

Certificates of insurance naming County as an additional insured shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

ACORD

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURED

INSURER A:
INSURER B:
INSURER C:
INSURER D:
INSURER E:

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THEIR TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR				MEDICAL (Any one person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT. PROT				PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY				ANNUAL AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	GARAGE LIABILITY				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN EA ACC \$
					AUTO ONLY AGG \$
C	EXCESS LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE				AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE				\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				\$
D	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY				WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE \$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$
	OTHER				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS
County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER: _____	CANCELLATION
Hidalgo County Attn: Purchasing Department 2812 S Highway Bus. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539		SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BY CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ _____

Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

- have already been met, see attached copy of insurance certificate.

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Proposer:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award and to execute a contract between your Company and the County.

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next qualified vendor. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR PACKET

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the **APPLICABLE:**

1. Licenses: _____

2. Bonds: _____

3. Certificates: _____

4. Permits: _____

5. Other: _____

necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this project, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

*** Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the packet in order to expedite the evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your proposal/qualification.**

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: Yes No

If yes, by whom?: Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other _____

Indicate Certification No(s): _____ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?: Yes No

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP, or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: _____%
(List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ()
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed:

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ()
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed:

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): Texas Building & Procurement Commission Other
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ()
Subcontract Amount: \$ _____ Description of Work to be Performed:

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in Items 1 through 5 below.

1. **Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
2. **Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
3. **Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
4. **Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
5. **Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

*Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

**Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Date: _____

If the bidder is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.

EXHIBIT "G"
APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Nondiscrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX B

CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with all applicable federal statutes, the Regulations for the Administration of all Department of Transportation programs, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, its successors and assigns.

The **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]* (2) that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended[, and(3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned nondiscrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

(*Reverted clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX C

CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

- A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:
 1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permitted, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns.*

(*Reverted clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX D

CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

- A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.*
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns.*

(*Reverted clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23U.S.C. § 324et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49CFRPart 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended,(42U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49U.S.C. § 4 71, Section 4 7123),as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987,(PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189)as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U .S.C. 1681 et seq).

EXHIBIT "H"
PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING
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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

(1) Affiant does hereby state neither the Proposer nor any of the Proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.

(2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or any of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.

(3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

(4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the Proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

Signature/Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public _____

My commission expires: _____, 20_____.



HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”
RFQ No.: 2018-008-01-24-LHS

RFQ SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

All forms listed below must be included in the RFQ response.

Indicate with a check mark (✓) the Forms completed and included in this response:

- 10 Page Legal Notice
- Attachment B
- Exhibit “C” - Insurance & Project Acknowledgement forms
- Exhibit “D” - CIQ Form -Copy of Co. Clerk Recording fee receipt (if applicable)
- Exhibit “E” - Vendor Bidder Applications and IRS form W-9
- Exhibit “F” - Certification Regarding Debarment
- Exhibit “H” - Proposer’s Affidavit
- SAMS.gov Registration - Acknowledgement www.sam.gov
- One (1) Original, Three (3) Copies of Bid(s) and 8 CD’s in PDF format (see number 2 of Legal Notice).

EXHIBIT A

-Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the **OWNER** in the development of the Project.

The **OWNER** will provide to the **ENGINEER** the following:

- (1) Authorization to the **ENGINEER** to begin work in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.
- (2) Payment for work performed by the **ENGINEER** and accepted by the **OWNER** in accordance with Section 6 of the Agreement.
- (3) Assistance to the **ENGINEER**, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies that the **ENGINEER** cannot easily obtain.
- (4) Provide any available relevant data the **OWNER** may have on file concerning the project.
- (5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the **ENGINEER'S** request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the **ENGINEER** to maintain the agreed-upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Attachment "C" of this Agreement.
- (6) Assist the **ENGINEER** in the preparation of the project mailing list; provide presentation representation, a site and stenographer for all public meetings; additionally:
 - a. Approve agenda and all exhibits prior to public meeting.
 - b. Approve date and provide location for the meeting.
 - c. Review /approve Public Meeting Report.
- (7) Attend the Preliminary Concept Conference coordinated and conducted by the **Engineer**.
- (8) Assist the **ENGINEER** as required in the coordination with the USACE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and any other coordinating agency or entity (*when and if applicable*).
- (9) Review and approve the Project design criteria.
- (10) Review and approve change orders as required and prepared by the **ENGINEER**.

EXHIBIT B

-Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

SECTION 1 – PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The services designated herein as “Services provided by the ENGINEER” shall include the performance of all engineering services for the following described facility:

COUNTY/CITY: _____ PROJECT

DESCRIPTION: _____

ENGINEER shall mean Halff Associates, Inc.

STATE shall mean Texas Department of Transportation.

COUNTY shall mean Hidalgo County.

SECTION 2 – FEASIBILITY STUDIES

(Function Code 102)

A. Preliminary Design Values

The Engineer will work with the Owner to establish basic design concepts, project controls and general scope of Projects.

B. Preliminary Route Locations on Uncontrolled Mapping

The Engineer will evaluate various alternatives (route locations, alignment shifts, geometry) for the Projects.

C. Uncontrolled Mapping (w/ Contours & GIS Info)

The Engineer will investigate the existing routes and coordinate with the Owner on establishing the best-fit alignments and mapping proposed geometry for Projects. Preliminary Location Exhibit will be developed.

D. Preliminary Traffic evaluations & Trends

The Engineer will investigate existing traffic models and trends for the proposed Projects and adjacent roadways tying into the proposed Projects.

E. Preliminary Hydrologic Map

The Engineer will develop a Hydrologic Map for the Projects. Hydrologic Maps will be based on LIDAR and GIS information.

F. Preliminary ROW Requirements

The Engineer will research and identify affected property owners on the Projects utilizing the latest appraisal district file information from Hidalgo County Appraisal District and information from Carson Maps.

G. Preliminary Cost Estimates

The Engineer will calculate preliminary construction cost estimates for the location and geometry of the Projects.

H. Preliminary Environmental Analysis (for fatal flaws)

The Engineer will perform Preliminary Environmental Constraint Mapping to determine if any fatal flaws exist along the proposed alignment.

I. Project Fact Sheet with Estimated Local Cost vs. Total Project Cost

The Engineer will produce a Project Fact Sheet providing summaries of all pertinent items in this scope of services (as required) and providing estimated local costs vs. total project costs for the Projects.

J. Meetings, Coordination & Support for Project Development

The Engineer shall provide coordination services and shall assist in meetings and workshops with TxDOT, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 and Hidalgo County Irrigation Districts, and all other affected parties. The Engineer shall serve as representative for the Owner in coordination items. The Engineer shall coordinate with the Owner's staff on all Project related items.

SECTION 3 – ROUTE AND DESIGN STUDIES

(Function Code 110)

- A. Route Location Studies***
- B. Level of Service Analysis**
- C. Traffic Evaluation and Projections**
- D. Develop Roadway Design Criteria**
- E. Preliminary Cost Estimates**
- F. Design Schematic**
- G. Preliminary Right-of-Way Requirements**
- H. Design Concept Conference**

*The Phase I or better survey for hazardous material should be included as a determining factor of route selection. Project which do not require additional right of way should be considered separately from an expansion or new location.

**SECTION 4 INVOLVEMENT
SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC
(Function Code 120)**

A. Environmental Reports

All Environmental Reports shall be in accordance with 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 2.402.51, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 771 and Highway Design Operations and Procedures Manual, Part II-B.

- a. Environmental Assessments
 - i. An Environmental Assessment shall be prepared, anticipating a Categorical Exclusion.
 - ii. An Environmental Assessment shall be prepared, anticipating a Finding of No Significant Impact.
 - iii. An Environmental Assessment shall be prepared, anticipating the need for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- b. Environmental Impact Statement
 - i. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement shall be prepared. After appropriate interagency and public reviews within time limits prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 771 and 43 Texas Administrative Code 2.40-2.51, a Final Environmental Impact Statement shall be prepared.
 - ii. A Section 4(f) Statement (Department of Transportation Act) shall be provided by the ENGINEER. The format and content of the statement is found in FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A.

B. Public Involvement

All public involvement procedures shall be in accordance with 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 2.40-2.51, Code of Federal Regulations Title 23, Part 771 and Highway Design Operations and Procedures Manual, Part II-B.

- a. A public involvement meeting(s)/hearings(s) shall be scheduled, coordinated and conducted. *
- b. Technical assistance, meeting(s)/hearing(s) preparation, and other tasks outlined by the COUNTY, shall be provided.

C. Cultural Resources

Formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be conducted by the COUNTY. a. Historic Structure Studies

A records search and reconnaissance survey shall be performed, and documentation prepared regarding identification efforts, National Register eligibility and potential impacts to historic properties in accordance with the state's historic structure requirements.

- b. Archeological Studies
 - i. Files searches shall be conducted to determine if known archeological sites are present; to identify whether these sites have been listed or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or have been designated State Archeological Landmarks; and to identify the need (if any) to perform additional archeological investigations. ii. Archeological reconnaissance will be performed under a Texas Antiquities Permit (13 TAC 26) signed for the Sponsor by a professional archeologist with the STATE.
 - iii. Archeological survey shall be performed under a Texas Antiquities Permit (13 TAC 26) signed for the Sponsor by a professional archeologist with the STATE.

D. Noise and Air Quality Analyses

- a. Noise Analysis

A noise analysis shall be prepared, including predicted noise levels and the consideration and evaluation of noise mitigation, in accordance with the STATE'S Noise Guidelines. The noise analysis or a summary of the noise analysis shall be provided as a Technical Report and results included in the administratively complete document.
- b. Air Quality Analysis

An air quality analysis shall be prepared in accordance with the STATE'S Air Quality Guidelines. The air quality analysis or a summary of the noise analysis shall be provided as a Technical Report and results included in the administratively complete document.

E. Hazardous Materials

The consultant shall perform an Initial Site Assessment (ISA) for hazardous materials impact in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) 1528.93 (Transaction Screen Process).

F. General Guidelines for Preparation of Environmental Documents

- a. The Biological Impact Evaluation Report will be prepared which will include water resources, threatened and endangered species, etc. and submitted electronically to TxDOT.
- b. All cultural resource reports (i.e. Archeological and Historical Project Coordination Requests (PCRs), background and reconnaissance surveys) will be submitted electronically to TXDOT
- c. The draft administratively complete document to be submitted to TxDOT electronically to TxDOT.
- d. The administratively complete document will be prepared in accordance with the content and format of FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A and the TxDOT Administrative Code 43 TAC §2.44.
- e. The administratively complete document will be submitted to TxDOT electronically through their FTP site.
- f. Upon completion and approval of the administratively and technically complete document, the ENGINEER will provide one (1) hard copy to Client, one (1) hardcopy to the district, and (3) hardcopies to TxDOT ENV.
- g. Exhibits in the environmental document shall be color copies and text shall be black and white.

SECTION 5 – RIGHT OF WAY DATA (Function Code 130)

A. Project Specific Scope of Services

- a. FC 130 – Right-Of-Way Data
 - i. Abstract analysis, development of ROW Map sheets including parcel plats and field notes with Metes & Bounds field descriptions, and Title Commitments.
- b. FC 150 – Field Surveying for Parcel Mapping
 - i. Recover horizontal & vertical control, locate and field tie existing ROW and boundary corners. Update topography, and reestablish corners for ROW map revisions.

B. Surveying Services for Parcel Mapping

- a. FC 130 – RIGHT-OF-WAY DATA
- b. Right-of-Way Documents – The SURVEYOR will utilize State examples and provided the following:
- c. General
 - i. Abstracting: The SURVEYOR will determine Ownership Data.
 - ii. Prepare individual parcel maps and field notes as needed to properly describe the rightof-way the State is to acquire.
 - iii. All procedures involving right-of-way maps will be in accordance with the STATE'S Rightof-Way Book I and Book II, the State's local operating procedures and according to the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying Practices Act.
 - iv. All required documents will be in English units.
 - v. The SURVEYOR will monument all corners with a 5/8-inch iron rod with a Surveyor's plastic cap on all parcel boundary corners.
 - vi. The SURVEYOR will provide to the STATE a copy of Instruments of Record.
 - vii. The SURVEYOR will attach graphics files compatible with the latest version of MicroStation graphics software.
 - viii. The SURVEYOR will attach documents or text files compatible with the latest version of Word software
- d. Parcel Plats
 - i. A parcel plat will be prepared for each parcel of land to be acquired. The STATE has developed standard formats for parcel plats, copies of which the SURVEYOR will request and secure for all purposes.
 - ii. Parcel boundary lines will be delineated with appropriate bearings, distance, and curve data.
 - iii. Private property lines will be delineated with appropriate bearings, distances, and curve data to the extent necessary to describe the individual parcels of land to be acquired.
 - iv. League lines and survey lines will be shown and identified by name and abstract number.
 - v. A north arrow will be shown on each sheet and, if possible, in the upper right hand corner. vi. Mounmentation set or found will be shown and described as to material and size.
 - vii. A station and offset will be shown for each PC, PT, and angle point in the proposed rightof-way lines and the existing right-of-way lines in areas of no proposed acquisition. viii. Intersecting streets will be shown and identified by name and right-of way width.
 - ix. A parent tract inset will be shown for each parent tract.
 - x. A note will be included on each map sheet stating the basis of bearing, coordinates, and datum used.
 - xi. Appropriate notes will be included on each map sheet stating the basis of bearings, coordinates, and datum used.
 - xii. Month(s) and year abstracting was performed upon which the map I based. xiii. Month(s) and year field surveys were conducted upon which the map is based. xiv. Month and year map was completed by the SURVEYOR.

SECTION 6 – FIELD SURVEYING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY (Function Code 150)

A. Field Surveying

- a. Primary Project Control – 3 to 5 miles spacing
 - i. Precision shall be 1 part in 20,000 or better, unless otherwise directed by the District Engineer.
 1. Establish horizontal control points
 2. Establish vertical control points

NOTE: ALL BEARING AND DISTANCE SHALL BE BASED ON THE STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM NAD 1983, SOUTH ZONE.

ALL DISTANCES AND COORDINATES SHALL BE SURFACE AND MAYBE CONVERTED TO GRID BY MULTIPLYING BY A COMBINED SCALE FACTOR OF 0.999960

- b. Secondary Project Control – Surveyor shall recover and/or reset H&V Control Points as provided by the Engineer and create Survey Data Sheets for inclusion in the Project Plans.
 - No traverse should exceed 25 angle points. Planimetrics shall be 20 ft. Lt & Rt from the proposed ROW as per the schematic provided by the Engineer.
 - The unadjusted angular error should not exceed 2 seconds per angle, plus 14 seconds.
 - The unadjusted ratio of precision should be one part in 10,000 or better. (The ratio of precision is the total length of the traverse divided by the total error.)
 - The unadjusted vertical error should not exceed 0.03 foot per mile of traverse.
 - i. Project control base lines
 - ii. Photographic ground control
 1. Establish horizontal control
 2. Establish vertical control points
 3. Place and maintain control point targets
- c. Other Field Surveying
 - i. **The limit of the Design surveys shall be 1,500-ft before and after the limits of the project as identified by the Project Engineer on the schematic. Establish horizontal and vertical Control.** Set benchmarks at 1000-ft intervals along the project proposed right-of-way. Provide x,y,z for each Benchmark. Provide a BM along each outfall identified on the Hydrologic Map. The BM's shall be #5 I.R. 2-ft in depth set in concrete. **The surveyor shall provide an H&V Book (a Sample shall be provided by the Engineer to the Surveyor).** The Surveyor will provide a 3-pt reference sketch with ties to the BMs for inclusion the existing H&V Control Book. Establish benchmark circuit throughout the project with a tolerance of 0.03'/ft per mile error vertically.
 - ii. Complete topographic and cross section survey, data processing, and CADD mapping (2D & 3D) for the limits of the project.
 - iii. Locate all visible utilities, data processing and CADD mapping (2D & 3D) including irrigation lines. Follow sample provided by the Engineer. iv. Field locate cross culverts, driveway culverts, inverts, irrigation lines, within the project limits, data processing and CADD mapping (2D & 3D).
 - v. Right of Entry, Right of Way Research, and Appraisal District Records is the responsibility of the Surveyor.
 - vi. The Surveyor shall also paint the proposed centerline on the existing pavement as approved by Engineer. (500-ft stations and a tick mark at 100 ft. stations – 12 inches long with approved paint by Engineer) before construction for the purpose of utility adjustments and project location.
 - vii. Profile and cross section intersecting streets for ties into project (500-ft. beyond the proposed ROW per schematic and 20-ft wider than the existing ROW of intersecting street). Reference missing voids as per CD provided by the Engineer.
 - viii. Cross section irrigation crossings for a distance of 20-ft beyond the proposed ROW at 100-ft intervals in a DTM file. Provide a complete description of irrigation appurtenances as identified by the engineer sample layout.
 - ix. Tie Horizontally and Vertically the existing storm drain system that lies within the existing proposed ROW including the elevation of the outfall of said recovered existing storm drain systems.

- x. Tie to existing underground and overhead utilities (location, elevation and direction) Horizontally – The surveyor shall call the 1-800 number for the utilities to be marked on the ground as well as any city water and sewer lines. He shall tie all visible utility crossing with name, address and Phone #'s of utility companies. The engineer will coordinate with the utility companies and jointly the Surveyor and Engineer will identify which utilities were missed and need to be tied down.
Vertically – The engineer shall identify all utilities that are potential conflicts and that need to be tied vertically. The engineer will advise the surveyor in writing of the needed vertical ties and the surveyor will tie the lines vertically once the surveyor has coordinated the exposure and provide the information to the engineer.
 - xi. Additional Field Surveying as shown below:
 - 1. Irrigation Lines – The surveyor will meet with the engineer before he ties down any irrigation lines. The Engineer will provide him the existing Irrigation District Maps and the A&M Data of existing irrigation lines that are identified of record. He will follow the sample given to him by the engineer and tie the structures horizontally and vertically and provide Field Books to the engineer.
 - 2. Outfalls – The surveyor will provide a complete 2D & #D File including utilities of the outfall identified on the Hydrologic Map.
 - xii. Driveways and Turnouts
 - 1. Inventory commercial entrances, public roads and side streets separately.
 - 2. Obtain centerline station. (Width at ROW, PAV'T and existing radius.
 - 3. Inventory by type (dirt, caliche, gravel or paved). If paved, indicate condition in terms of no patches, has patches or has potholes.
 - 4. Obtain width at R.O.W. line.
 - 5. Obtain elevations at both edges of the driveway or turnout in line with the side drain.
 - xiii. ROW staking (Existing and Proposed @ 1,000 ft. stations PC's, PT's, and Angle points as per ROW Map)
 - xiv. Soil core hole staking.
 - xv. Determine changes in topography from voids and outdated maps due to development, erosion, etc.
 - xvi. Profiles of existing drainage facilities.
 - xvii. Measurement of hydraulic opening under existing bridges.
 - xviii. Obtain elevations of manholes and valves of utilities.
 - xix. Provide temporary signs, traffic control, flags, safety equipment, etc.
 - xx. Ties to existing bridges or culverts that may conflict with new construction.
 - xxi. Bridge widening top of deck and/or top of cap elevations at the Profile Grade Line (PGL) and the edges of slab at bent locations.
 - xxii. Inventory signs, mailboxes, and driveways.
 - xxiii. Survey controlled data sheets per TxDOT guidelines.
- e. Photogrammetric Products
- a. Uncontrolled Photography
 - (1) Contact Prints
 - (2) Mosaics
 - (3) Digital Ortho Plots
 - b. Mapping
 - (1) Planimetric Maps
 - (2) Contour Maps
 - (3) Cross Section
 - (4) Profiles
 - (5) Digital Terrain Models (DTM)

SECTION 7 – ROADWAY DESIGN CONTROLS (Function Code 160)

A. Geometric Design

- a. Horizontal and Vertical Alignment
- b. Schematic Layout
- i. The location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps.
- ii. Develop vertical and horizontal alignment of main lanes, ramps and cross roads at proposed interchanges or grade separations. Frontage and alignment data need not be shown on the schematic; however, it should be developed in sufficient detail to determine ROW needs. The degree of horizontal curves and vertical curve data, including “k” values, shall also be shown for ease of checking.
- iii. For freeways, show the location and text of the proposed main lane guide signs. Lane lines and /or arrows indicating the number of lanes shall also be shown. iv. A complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, if proposed, including the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps.
- v. The tentative ROW limits.
 - 1. Provide a roadway Design System (RDS) or (GEOPAK) computer tape of the preliminary earthwork to verify ROW requirements.
 - 2. Provide a graphics file containing the approved schematic.
- vi. The geometric (pavement cross slopes, lane and shoulder widths, slope rates for fills and cuts) of the typical sections of proposed highway main lanes, ramps, frontage roads, and cross roads.
- vii. The current and projected traffic volumes as provided by the TxDOT (20-year traffic projection, unless otherwise determined by the District Engineer).
- viii. The control of access line if Interstate or designated under House Bill 179. ix. Direction of traffic flow on all roadways.
- x. Location and width of median openings for highway without access control.
- xi. The geometric of speed change (acceleration, deceleration, climbing) lanes.

B. General Guidelines for Project Development

- a. Prior to preparing detailed plans for a proposed project, a preliminary schematic layout shall be prepared which indicates the general geometric features and location requirement peculiar to the project. An uncontrolled aerial mosaic will be provided for this use. Four copies of the schematic layout shall be submitted through the district to the Design Division for approval and subsequent coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) where applicable. The layout shall be submitted for two-lane arterial highway projects on new locations and for all multilane highway projects. No geometric design is to be performed until the COUNTY has given the engineer written approval of the preliminary schematic layout.
- b. All geometric design shall be in conformance with the State’s Design Division, Operations and Procedures Manual, except where variances are permitted in writing by the STATE.
- c. The schematic layout shall include basic information which is necessary for the proper review and evaluation including the items listed above in the checklist of schematic layout.
- d. Handling of traffic during construction shall be a consideration in the development of preliminary designs.
- e. Upon approval of the schematic layout by Design Division (FHWA on Federal-aid projects), it shall be the basis for an exhibit at any required public hearing prior to final development of the project. If there are any changes to the schematic after the Design Division and FHWA approval and before the public hearing, four copies of the revised schematic, as displayed at the hearing, shall be submitted either prior to or accompanying the public hearing data. If there are no changes in the schematic as displayed at the hearing, only photographs of the schematic and other displays shall be submitted with the public hearing data.

- f. For all freeway construction projects, these schematics shall show the location and text of the proposed main lane guide signs. A schematic layout shall be submitted through the district to the Traffic Operations Division, Traffic Safety Section for approval and subsequent coordination with FHWA. All signing shall be in conformance with the Texas MUTCD.
- g. On complex projects, informal contact through the district with the Design Division and FHWA personnel is encouraged with regard to development of preliminary design prior to official schematic submission.
- h. The engineer shall furnish a project tape that is compatible with the STATE's computer system, a project listing, and a cross section plot showing the original design sections containing the earthwork input and original cross sections for the project. **Accuracy of the earthwork design is of the utmost importance since it is the basis for the contractor payments and construction staking.**

C. Exhibit for Airway/Highway Clearance Permits

D. Grading Design

- a. Refine the horizontal and vertical alignment of main lanes, frontage roads, ramps, cross roads and direct connectors based upon the approved schematic layout. Determine vertical clearances at grade separations and overpasses, taking into account the appropriate super elevation rate.
- b. Typical Sections
- c. Design Cross Sections
- d. Determine Cut and Fill Quantities
- e. Slope Stability Analysis
- f. Embankment Foundation Stability Analysis
- g. Embankment Settlement Analysis

E. Pavement Design

- a. Prior to initiating detailed plan preparations for a project, a preliminary investigation shall be made to determine the approximate section and pavement type to be used for the pavement structure. The Flexible Pavement Design Manual for flexible pavement, "Appendix F" of the Design Division, Operations and Procedures Manual, and the current AASHTO Guide for the Design of Pavement Structures, may be used for the purpose.
- b. The typical section shall also reflect proposed geometric including pavement cross slopes, lane and shoulder widths, and slope rates whenever this data has not been previously shown on a schematic submission.
- c. Embankment and Subgrade
 - i. Soil Core Holes (Show cost estimate with Function Code 110)
 - 1. Along center line of each roadway
 - (a) The location and minimum number of soil core holes required for this project are as follows: (To be determined when schematic is being completed)
 - 2. Embankment and Subgrade
 - (a) Identify, interpret and summarize geologic features that affect engineering design (PI, Sulfate content, % of lime)
- d. Traffic Data for Pavement Design by STATE
- e. Basic Design Criteria
- f. Life Cycle Cost Analysis(es)
- g. Cost Data
- h. Pavement Material Properties
- i. Rehabilitation Investigations
- i. Core Hole Survey (Show cost estimate with Function Code 110)
 - 1. Determine type and depth of existing material, pavement, etc. The Engineer will determine whether to salvage ACP and FLEXBASE as well as their properties and provide this information to TxDOT

SECTION 8 – DRAINAGE (Function Code 161)

All hydraulic design shall be in accordance with the TxDOT's Hydraulic Manual, except where variances are permitted in writing by the COUNTY.

A. Hydrologic Map

- a. Hydrologic data/discharge determination for outfalls

B. Hydraulic Drainage Study and Documentation

- a. Hydraulic computations and Drainage area maps showing existing conditions and proposed improvements.
 - i. Storm water detention available within the ROW (linear ft. alongside drain ditch).
 - ii. Storm water detention require outside the ROW (as per HCDD #1)
 - iii. Culverts
 - iv. Bridge waterways
 - v. Channels
 - vi. Storm sewers/inlets
 - vii. Pump stations
 - viii. Storm Water Management facilities
 - ix. Other
 1. Irrigation Canals/Siphons
- b. Hydraulic report(s)
- c. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodway requirements
- d. Determine impact of proposed drainage plan on the following receiving stream(s)
 - i. Hidalgo County Drainage District Outfalls
 - ii. All Irrigation District Outfalls impacted

C. Layout, Structural Design and Detailing of Drainage Features

- a. Culverts
 - i. New culverts
 - ii. Culvert widening and/or lengthening
 - iii. Culvert replacements
- b. Storm sewers
 - i. New storm sewers
 - ii. Modify existing storm sewers
 - iii. Inlets
 - iv. Manholes
 - v. Trunk Holes
- c. Pump stations
- d. Subsurface drainage at retaining walls
- e. Outfall channel(s) within the ROW
- f. Outfall channel(s) outside the ROW
- g. Detention Pond(s) within the ROW
- h. Detention Pond(s) outside the ROW
- i. Summary of Quantities
- j. Storm Water Management facilities

D. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SW3P)

E. Scour Evaluation – Waterway Structures only (to be completed by Bridge Engineer under FC 170).

SECTION 9 – SIGNING, MARKINGS AND SIGNALIZATION (Function Code 162)

A. Signings and Markings Layout

- a. Requirements (Separate Layout)
 - i. Roadway layout
 - ii. Center line with station numbering
 - iii. ROW Lines
 - iv. Culverts and other structures that present a hazard to traffic
 - v. Location of utilities, if not shown on plan and profile
 - vi. Existing sign to remain, to be removed, to be relocated
 - vii. Proposed signs (illustrated and numbered)
 - viii. Existing overhead sign bridges indicating location by plan layout (electrical details need to be shown on this layout)
 - ix. Proposed overhead sign bridges indicating location by plan layout (electrical details need to be shown on this layout)
 - x. Proposed markings (illustrated and quantified) which include pavement markings, object markings and delineation
 - xi. Quantities of existing pavement markings to be removed
 - xii. Proposed delineators and object markers
- b. For projects involving freeway to freeway or other types of directional interchanges, project including left-hand ramps or connections, the following information must be provided:
 - i. The location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps
 - ii. Complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, where applicable, which would include the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps.
 - iii. The number of lanes in each section of proposed highway and the location of changes in number of lanes
 - iv. The projected traffic volumes as provided by the STATE (20-year traffic project, unless otherwise determine by the District Engineer)
 - v. Tentative ROW limits
 - vi. Direction of traffic flow on all roadways
 - vii. Main lane, ramp, frontage road, and necessary cross road profiles at proposed interchanges or grade separations.

B. Summary of Small Signs Tabulation

C. Summary of Large Signs Tabulation including all Guide Signs

D. Sign Detail Sheets

- a. All Signs except route markers
- b. Design details for large guide signs
- c. Dimensions of letters, shields, borders, corner radii, etc.
- d. Designation of shields attached to guide signs
- e. Designation of arrow used on exit direction signs

E. Traffic Signals

- a. Development of Justification (Warrant) Data
 - i. Location Map
 - ii. Relationship of proposed installation to other traffic signals, highways, business areas and traffic generators.

F. Photographs as appropriate

G. Accident date as appropriate

H. Vehicle Volumes (provided by TxDOT)

- a. Existing
- b. Estimated
- c. Projected
- d. Pedestrian

I. Traffic Survey – Count Analysis

J. Recommendation based on above data

- b. Layout
 - i. Title Sheet (when applicable)
 - 1. Describe the location
 - 2. Type of installation
 - 3. Area map with project limits for each location
 - 4. Index of sheets
 - 5. Space of official signatures
 - ii. Estimate and quantity sheet (when applicable)
 - 1. List of all bid items
 - 2. Bid item quantities
 - 3. Specification item number
 - 4. Paid item description and unit of measure

K. Basis of estimate sheet (list of materials)

L. General notes and specification data sheet

M. Condition diagram

- a. Highway and intersection design features
- b. Roadside development
- c. Traffic control including illumination

N. Plan sheet(s)

- a. Existing traffic control that will remain (signs and markings)
- b. Existing utilities
- c. Proposed highway improvements
- d. Proposed installation
- e. Proposed additional traffic controls
- f. When applicable, proposed conduit for Railroad interconnect with standard details for runs under tracks.
- g. Proposed illumination attached to signal poles.

O. Notes for plan layout

P. Elevation sheet(s) (span wire design)

Q. Phase sequence diagram(s)

- a. Signal locations
- b. Signal indications

- c. Phase diagram
- d. Signal sequence table
- e. Flashing operation (normal and emergency)
- f. Preemption operation (when applicable)
- g. Interval timing, cycle length and offset

R. Construction detail sheet(s)

- a. Poles (TxDOT standard sheets)
- b. Detectors
- c. Pull box and conduit layout
- d. Controller Foundation standard sheet

S. Marking details (when applicable)

T. Barricade and warning sign standard sheet and any special details for work zone traffic control for special conditions

U. Aerial or underground interconnect details (when applicable)

- a. General Requirements
 - i. Contact local utility company
 - 1. Confirm power source
 - 2. Discuss route of aerial or underground interconnect cable (when applicable)
 - 3. Adjustment of overhead utility lines

V. Prepare governing specifications and special provisions list

W. Prepare project estimate

- a. Summary of Quantities

**SECTION 10 – MISCELLANEOUS (ROADWAY)
(Function Code 163)**

A. Retaining Walls

- a. Structural Details
 - i. Cast-in-Place Cantilever at _____ locations. (TxDOT Standard Retaining Wall) * ii. Tiedback Retaining Wall at _____ location. (TxDOT Standard Retaining Wall) iii. Specialized Retaining Wall at _____ locations (Unique Design). *
- b. Alternate Patented Retaining Walls at all locations (Layouts Only) **
 - i. Mechanically Stabilized Earth ii. Concrete Block Wall Systems
- c. Retaining Wall Layout (PLAN)
 - i. Designation of reference line
 - ii. Beginning and ending retaining wall stations iii. Station of each retaining wall joint*** iv. Offset from reference line v. Horizontal curve data
 - vi. Number of retaining wall panels and lengths*** vii. Total length of wall viii. Indicate face of wall
 - ix. All wall dimensions and alignment relations (alignment data as necessary) x. Soil core hole locations
- d. Retaining Wall Layout (ELEVATION)
 - i. Top of wall elevations at each joint or intervals*** ii. Existing and finished ground line elevations iii. Height of stem at each joint*** iv. Wall panel designations***
 - v. Top of footing elevations*** vi. Limits of measurement for payment**** vii. Type of measurement for payment****
 - viii. Top and bottom of wall profiles and soil core hole data plotted at correct station and elevation. The plot shall be the same scale as the wall profile. Ground water elevations and the observation date shall be shown.
- e. Foundation Studies (Show cost estimate with Function Code 11)
 - i. The soil core holes shall be obtained at approximately 200-foot intervals along retaining wall alignments. The core holes shall extend 25 feet below the footing elevation.
- f. Stability Analysis (the ENGINEER shall estimate this task as part of his bid to complete the work).
- g. Estimate
- h. Summary of Quantities
- i. Typical X-Section
- j. General Guidelines for Retaining Walls
 - i. The ENGINEER shall make final design calculations and final detail drawings in accordance with standard requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation. **The designed and checker shall check all calculations and initial each page.**
 - ii. The ground water level should be observed at the water strike
 - iii. For purposes of uniformity statewide, soil core hole data shall be shown on layouts as illustrated in the Bridges and Structures Foundation Exploration and Design Manual. iv. Foundation exploration shall conform to the requirements set forth in Administrative Circular No. 25-84, Administrative Circular 33-87 and Administrative Circular No. 25-92.

B. Traffic Control Plan, Detours and Sequence of Construction

- a. Traffic Control Plans (TCP) are required for all projects. A detailed TCP shall be developed when traffic handling during construction involves complications for which a feasible solution is not covered by the Texas MUTCD or the current Barricade and Construction (BC) Standards. The following items are required on all Traffic Control Plan Layouts:
 - i. The sequence of construction and method of handling traffic during each phase.

- ii. The existing and proposed traffic control devices that will be used to handle traffic during each construction sequence. Include signals, regulatory signs, warning signs, construction warning signs, guide signs, route markers, construction pavement markings, channelizing devices, portable changeable message signs, flashing arrow board, barricades, barriers, etc.
- iii. The proposed traffic control devices (stop signs, signals, flag person, etc.) at grade intersection during each construction sequence
- iv. Where detours are provided, typical cross section shall be shown.
- v. Road construction work hours shall be developed after the investigation of the traffic volumes has been performed.

C. Illumination

- a. Preliminary Roadway Illumination Layout and Circuit Layout
 - i. For projects involving freeway to freeway or other types of directional interchanges and projects including left-hand ramps or connections, provide the following:
 - 1. The location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps
 - 2. A complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, where applicable, which would include the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps
 - 3. The number of lanes in each section of proposed highway and the location of changes in the number of lanes.
 - 4. The project traffic volumes as provided by the STATE (20-year traffic projection unless otherwise determine by the district engineer)
 - 5. Tentative ROW limits
 - 6. Direction of traffic flow on all roadways
 - 7. Main lane, ramp, frontage road, and necessary cross road profiles at proposed interchanges or grade separations.
- b. Final Roadway Illumination and Electrical Circuit Layouts
 - i. Roadway layout showing pavement edges, shoulders, curbs, retaining walls, etc.
 - ii. Center line with station numbering.
 - iii. ROW lines.
 - iv. Symbol legend. Use department standard symbols for lighting and electrical.
 - v. Culverts and other structures that present a hazard to traffic.
 - vi. Location of underground utilities, if not shown on plan profile.
 - vii. Location of overhead electrical lines, both crossing and parallel to ROW.
 - viii. Existing sign lighting circuits and roadway illumination to remain, to be removed, to be relocated.
 - ix. Existing sign lighting circuits and roadway illumination to remain, to be removed, to be relocated.
 - x. Contact electric utility for service pole locations, voltage characteristics.
 - xi. Location of proposed sign lighting circuits and roadway illumination.
 - xii. Proposed electrical circuits.
 - xiii. Tabulation of all quantities and lighting summary shall be shown. Tabulations to include estimated quantity with a column for final quantities.
- c. General Guidelines for Illumination (If applicable)
 - i. The ENGINEER shall submit to the COUNTY, well in advance of PS&E due date, the roadway illumination and electrical circuit layout sheets for review by the STATE. Two copies of the layout sheets are to be submitted. One copy will be returned to the Engineer showing correction that are to be made by the ENGINEER. When final plan submission is made, the ENGINEER shall provide a written statement regarding completion of the corrections.
- d. Miscellaneous Drafting/Standards
 - i. Erosion Control
 - ii. Landscape Development
- e. Compute and Tabulate Quantities
- f. Special Utility Details (Irrigation lines)

- g. Miscellaneous Structures
- h.
 - i. Type of Structure*
 - 1. Overhead Sign Bridges (O.S.B.)
 - Modifications or special O.S.B. design shall be prepared using the same design assumptions that are used for the standard O.S.B. structures.
 - a. New O.S.B. structure(s)
 - b. Structural evaluation of existing O.S.B. structure(s) that are to remain in place or to be relocated.
 - c. Mast Illumination Poles (HMIP)
 - d. Signal Supports
 - e. Conventional Illumination Poles
 - f. Sound Barrier Walls
 - ii. Checklist for Layouts
 - 1. Reference appropriate O.S.B. standard
 - 2. Drilled shaft size and length
 - 3. Soil strength used for design {Indicate basis and boring(s) used}
 - 4. Design height
 - 5. Tower heights
 - 6. Leg spacings
 - 7. Design wind speed
 - iii. Foundation Studies (Show cost estimate with Function Code 110)
 - The soils exploration requirements for miscellaneous structures on this project are as follows: (To be provided by the Engineer on an as-needed basis)
 - i. Agreements
 - Utility Agreements ii. Exhibits for Utility Agreements iii. Railroad Agreements
 - iv. Railroad Exhibits
 - 1. Railroad Underpasses
 - 2. Railroad Overpasses
 - 3. Railroad Grade Crossing (Replanking)
 - 4. Railroad Grade Crossing Warning Systems (Signals)
 - 5. Other Miscellaneous Sketches for Railroads
 - v. Traffic Signal Agreements vi. Exhibits for Traffic Signal Agreements
 - i. Estimate
 - j. Specifications and General Notes

**SECTION 11 – BRIDGE DESIGN
(Function Code 170)**

A. Preparation of Structural Details

Number

Required

- a. New Structure(s)
- | | | |
|------------------------|---|---|
| i. Underpass(es) _____ | ii. Overpass(es) _____ | iii. Main Lanes _____ |
| _____ | iv. Direct Connector(s) _____ | v. Ramp Bridge(s) _____ |
| _____ | vi. Waterway Structure(s)** _____ | vii. Pedestrian Structure(s) _____ |
| _____ | viii. Utility Structure(s) _____ | ix. Railroad Underpass(es) _____ |
| _____ | x. Railroad Overpass(es) _____ | xi. Bridge Classification _____ |
| Culvert(s)** _____ | xii. Alternate Structural Designs _____ | xiii. Alternate Foundation Design _____ |

Total New Structures: _____

b. Existing Structure(s)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| i. Bridge Widening, Rehabilitation and/or Modification of Existing Structures _____ | ii. Bridge Replacement _____ |
| iii. Raising Bridge Elevation _____ | iv. Bridge Classification _____ |
| Culvert(s) Widening And/or Modification of Existing Structure(s) _____ | |
| v. Railroad Overpass(es) Underpass(es) _____ | vi. Railroad _____ |

Total Existing Structures: _____

* Contour plots of bridge gores are required for projects involving ramps within the main bridge in order to ensure project transition. The Template data and vertical alignment necessary to generate the contour plots are also required.

** In the early stages of the project, it sometimes cannot be determined whether a Waterway Bridge structure or a Bridge Classification Culvert (20' minimum length) will be required. Therefore, the ENGINEER should be aware that either of these two types of bridges may be reclassified later in the project for the other type when more information is known that would dictate a change in structure classification.

B. Preparation of Bridge Layouts (each bridge)

a. Bridge Layouts (PLAN)

- i. Horizontal curve information or bearing of centerline.
- ii. Including horizontal, vertical, and template information of all roadways or railroads crossed.
- iii. Bearing of center line or reference line.
- iv. Skew angle(s)
- v. Slope for header banks and approach fills.
- vi. Control station at beginning and ending of bridge (with deck elevation), intersections, etc.
- vii. Approach pavement and crown width.
- viii. Bridge roadway width and curbs, face of rail, shoulders, or sidewalks.
- ix. Approach slab and curb returns.
- x. Limits and type of riprap.
- xi. Proposed features under structure.
- xii. Location of profile grade line.
- xiii. North arrow.
- xiv. Typical bridge roadway section including preliminary proposed beam types and spacings.
- xv. Cross slope and super elevation data.
- xvi. Minimum horizontal clearances when applicable.

1. Dimensions to features that control clearances. (Calculate and indicate points of minimum vertical and horizontal clearances.)
- xvii. Location of soil core holes (station and offset), shown on layout.
- xviii. Bent stations and bearings.
- xix. Retaining wall locations.
- xx. Traffic flow directional arrows.
- xxi. Railing types shown.
- xxii. Joint type and seal size, if used.
- xxiii. Beam line numbers consistent with span details.
- xxiv. Critical horizontal clearances (location of railroad tracks, nearby structures and utilities).
- xxv. Bearings of utilities.

b. Bridge Layouts (ELEVATION)

- i. Type of Foundation.
- ii. Finished grade elevations at beginning and end of bridge.
- iii. Overall type of structure.
- iv. Length, type of spans and units.
- v. Type of railing.
- vi. Minimum calculated vertical clearance(s).
- vii. Existing and proposed ground lines clearly marked.
- viii. Grid elevations and stations.
- ix. Bent numbers encircled.
- x. Stationing of bridge compatible with grid stations.
- xi. Standard title.
- xii. Profile grade data.
- xiii. Type of riprap.
- xiv. Soil Core Hole information with penetrometer test data shall be shown on the bridge layout at correct station, elevation and scale.
- xv. Fixed/expansion conditions, elevation and scale.
- xvi. Fixed/expansion condition of all bents.
- xvii. Column "H" heights.
- xviii. Number, size and length of foundations.

c. Additional layout requirements for waterway structures and bridge classification culverts.

- i. Design and 100-year peak discharges.
- ii. Design and 100-year high water (HW) (Recorded HW and date if available)
- iii. Natural and through-bridge velocities for design and 100-year floods.
- iv. Calculated backwater for design and 100-year floods.
- v. Direction of flow for waterway crossings.
- vi. Contours for water crossing.

C. Bridge Classification Culvert, Estimate, Quantities, and Specifications (each bridge)

D. Foundation Studies (Show cost estimate with Function Code 110)

The minimum number of soil core holes shall be obtained in accordance with Section 1 – 301 of the Bridges and structures Foundation Exploration and Design Manual. Soil core holes shall be obtained at approximately (300 foot) intervals along bridge alignments. Texas cone penetrometer (TCP) tests shall be conducted in all soil types encountered at a maximum of (10 foot) intervals. If single column bents with single drilled shafts are planned, TCP values should be taken at close intervals in the upper (15 feet).

E. Bridge Total Quantities and Cost Estimates (each bridge).

F. Bridge Special Provisions and Specifications (each bridge).

G. Bearing seat elevations for each beam or girder. Top of cap elevations for non-beam type structures.

H. General Guidelines for Bridge Design

- a. The ENGINEER shall prepare a bridge layout of each bridge structure for the County's review and approval. The bridge layout shall be in conformance with the Bridges and Structures, Operation and planning Manual and the Bridges and Structures, Detailing Manual. Soil core hole data is not required for submission of the preliminary bridge layout. **No bridge design work is to be performed until the COUNTY has given the engineer written approval of the preliminary bridge layout.**
 - i. Several months may be required, after the preliminary bridge layout is submitted, for the district to obtain approval and/or permits from the following:
 1. TXDOT Design Division, when applicable:
 - Railroad companies
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife
 - Others
 - ii. Therefore, the bridge layout should be submitted at the earliest possible date and the ENGINEER's design schedule should reflect this.
 - b. All bridge superstructure and substructure design will be reviewed by the Design Division for purposes of verifying structural integrity and optimization of design.
 - c. The final bridge layout shall be in conformance with the Bridges and Structures, Operation and Planning Manual and the Bridges and Structures Detailing Manual.
 - d. The ENGINEER shall make final design calculations and final detail drawings in accordance with standard requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation Bridges and Structures Operation and Planning Manual, the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials or American Railway Engineers Association Specifications for railway structures, Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, including applicable interim specification, and the Bridges and Structures, Foundation Exploration and Design Manual. The ENGINEER shall furnish design calculations to the Design Division. **The designer and check shall check all calculations and initial each page.**
 - e. Structural steel or prestressed concrete shop drawings, form work drawings and false work drawings are not part of the design requirements. However, contract plans shall be in sufficient detail to permit the preparation of complete shop details for fabrication and erection.
 - f. Elements of the bridge (abutments, bents, slabs, etc.) shall be detailed to a metric scale of 1:20 (1/2-inch equals one-foot architect scale) or 1:50 (1/4 inch equals one foot architect scale) to provide clear legible drawings when the drawings are reduced.
Lettering shall be a minimum size of 4 millimeters (5/32 inch) height for hand lettering and 140 for lettering by computer-aided design and drafting (CADD).
 - g. Standard drawings for beams, diaphragms, railings, armor joints, riprap, etc. shall be furnished to the ENGINEER upon request. These standards shall not be redrawn by the ENGINEER nor shall his title block be transferred to the standard drawings. Modifications to the standards, if necessary, shall be clearly identified and designated by "MOD" in the standard title. Specific special drawing prepared by the ENGINEER shall not be identified as standards.
 - h. Bridge layout sheets shall have the same vertical and horizontal scale. Usually a metric scale of 1:100 (1 inch = 10 feet) or 1:200 (1 inch = 20 feet) is used. Sections of existing and proposed structures usually have a metric scale of 1:50 (1 inch = 5 feet). Soil core holes shall be positioned and labeled on the bridge layout plan view. The core hole data shall be plotted at the correct station, at the same vertical scale, and the proper elevation unless otherwise approved by the Design Division.
 - i. Geometry and structural design errors found after acceptance of bridge plans shall be promptly corrected by the consultant at no cost to the Company.

**SECTION 12 – CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES
(Function Code 320)**

A. Construction Management Services:

The ENGINEER will provide engineering and support services for and during the construction of the Project or portions of the Project approved by the COUNTY. Specific (basic and special) services for CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT by the ENGINEER will include the following:

- a. Construction Bidding:
 - i. The ENGINEER will furnish the COUNTY the necessary copies of approved plans, specifications, notice to bidders, and proposals as prepared under PS&E.
 - ii. The ENGINEER will assist the COUNTY on the tabulation of bids, recommendations to the Owner as to the proper action on all bid proposals received, and the preparation of formal contract documents for the award of each construction contract.
- b. Construction Contract Administration and Inspection:
 - i. In general, the ENGINEER will provide the management and engineering support/data required for consultation and advisement to the COUNTY and act as the COUNTY'S representative as provided in the General Condition of the Construction Contract.
 - ii. The ENGINEER will coordinate and conduct a pre-construction conference (if required).
 - iii. Defects and Deficiencies. The ENGINEER will use his best efforts to protect the COUNTY against defects and deficiencies in the work of the Contractor. The ENGINEER will promptly notify the COUNTY of any such defect or deficiency, and take all steps possible to require the Contractor to correct the defect or deficiency.
 - iv. Contractor Payment. The ENGINEER will review quantities as submitted by the Contractor and will coordinate with the COUNTY for the preparation of the monthly and final estimates for payment to the Contractor.
 - v. The ENGINEER will provide Project site inspection of the authorized construction contract as follows:
 1. Project Engineer. The ENGINEER will provide visits by the Project Engineer or a competent representative of the ENGINEER to the site of construction for the purpose of monitoring the Contractor's progress and conformance to the construction contract plans and specifications.
 2. Resident Engineer and/or Construction Inspector(s). The ENGINEER will furnish the services of a Resident Engineer and/or Construction Inspector(s) for on the site inspection construction to monitor/inspect the Contractor's daily progress and conformance to TxDOT's PS&E specifications.
- c. Miscellaneous Technical Activities:
 - i. Shop Drawings. The ENGINEER will review and check all shop or working drawings furnished by the Contractor.
 - ii. Control of Material and Equipment. The ENGINEER will provide inspection of all materials and equipment furnished/used by the Contractor as follows:
 1. Review and record all laboratory, shop and mill tests of materials and equipment for compliance with the construction contract specifications.
 2. Observe and/or perform Project record testing and/or independent assurance testing as outlined in the construction contract specifications.
 - iii. Change Orders. When applicable the ENGINEER will prepare the engineering data, including plan sheet drawings, specifications, and estimates, for the preparation of construction contract change orders, which may be required due to actual field conditions encountered or new requirements directed by the COUNTY.
 - iv. As Built Drawings. The ENGINEER will develop as built drawings to depict the work as actually constructed. The COUNTY will be furnished five (5) sets of prints.

**SECTION 13 – ACQUISITION PROVIDER SERVICES
(Function Code 600)**

A. Project Administration

- a. Negotiation of Scope of Services for Work Authorization
 - i. Acquisition Provider will visit project site with COUNTY personnel if necessary.
- b. Project Presence at Halff McAllen office
 - i. Full Project Office
 - 1. No Joint use of COUNTY or TxDOT facilities
 - 2. Open during normal COUNTY and State work hours
 - 3. Personnel available to answer questions.
 - 4. Availability of Project Files.
 - 5. At least one office staff member is required to be a current commissioned Notary Public.
- c. Overhead Costs
 - i. Administrative costs
- d. Communication
 - i. Provide monthly progress reports with invoice.
 - ii. Participate in project review meetings as determine by the COUNTY
 - iii. Prepare initial property owner contact list for use by the COUNTY in distribution of Acquisition Provider introduction letters.
- e. File Management
 - i. Project and parcel files will be kept in the COUNTY's Office, if necessary. Working files will be kept in the Acquisition Provider's project administrative office, but documents generated or received by the Acquisition Provider will be forwarded to the COUNTY office as they are generated or received by the Acquisition Provider, if necessary.
 - ii. Prepare payment transmittal request utilizing standard payment submission forms with supporting documentation.
 - iii. Maintain records of all payments including check number, amount, and date paid, etc.
 - iv. Provide copies of all incoming and outgoing correspondence as generated if requested by COUNTY at provider conference.
 - v. Maintain copies of all correspondence and contacts with property owners.

B. Title Services

- a. Secure preliminary title commitments from the Title Company that will be providing title insurance. Cost of preliminary title commitments will be paid by the Acquisition Provider (if requested by the title company) and will be included in the Acquisition Provider's scope of work for payment and paid as a separate item.
- b. Secure title commitment updates in accordance with insurance rules and requirements for parcel payment submissions. Cost of title commitment updates will be paid by the Acquisition Provider (if requested by the title company) and will be included in the Acquisition Provider's scope of work and paid as a separate time.

C. Appraisal

- a. Appraiser may be selected from TxDOT's list of state approved fee appraisers. This list will be available for review at all District offices or at the Right of Way Division Office at 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, upon request.
- b. Secure written permission (if necessary) from the owner to enter the property from which land is to be acquired. If the Acquisition Provider and/or the fee appraiser, after diligent effort, is unable to secure the necessary letter of permission from the property owner, a waiver must be obtained, in writing from the COUNTY/TxDOT. Maintain permission letters with appraisal reports.
- c. Prepare (if necessary) pre-appraisal contact with interest owner(s) for each parcel using acceptable COUNTY/TxDOT forms.

- d. Contact property owners or their designated representative to offer opportunity to accompany the appraiser on the appraiser's inspection of subject property. Maintain record of contact in file.
- e. Prepare complete appraisal report for each parcel to be acquired utilizing TxDOT Forms No. ROW-A-5 and ROW-A-6, as applicable. These reports shall conform to TxDOT/COUNTY policies and procedures along with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices.
- f. As necessary, prepare written notification to COUNTY/TxDOT of any environmental concerns associated with the right of way to be acquired which could require environmental remediation.
- g. All completed appraisals will be administratively reviewed by Halff Associates, Inc. and/or TxDOT.
- h. As necessary, the appraiser will appear and or testify as an Expert Witness in eminent domain proceedings and be available for pre-hearing/pre-trial meetings as directed by Halff Associates, Inc.
- i. As necessary, the appraiser will coordinate with review appraiser regarding revisions, comments, or additional information that may be required.
- j. The cost of the appraiser appearing as an expert witness for testimony at special commissioners hearing must be included in the proposed fee schedule for the appraiser. The cost of the appraiser's expert witness testimony for trial is not part of this contract, and shall be paid by the COUNTY.

D. Appraisal Review

- a. Review Appraiser may be selected from TxDOT's list of state approved fee appraisers. This list is available for viewing at all District offices or the Right of Way Division office at 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas upon request.
- b. Review all appraisal reports for each parcel to determine consistency of values, supporting documentation related to the conclusion reached and compliance with TxDOT/COUNTY policies and procedures and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices.
- c. Prepare and submit to TxDOT the Form ROW-RTA-10 "Tabulation of Values", for each appraisal.
- d. The cost of the review appraiser appearing as an expert witness for testimony at special commissioners hearing must be included in the proposed fee schedule for the appraiser. The cost of the appraiser's expert witness testimony for trial is not part of this contract, and shall be paid by the COUNTY.
- e. As necessary, the appraiser will coordinate with the review appraiser regarding corrections and/or additional information that may be required.

E. Negotiation, Tasks and Fees

- a. Analyze appraisal and appraisal review reports and confirm TxDOT's approved value prior to making an offer for each parcel.
- b. Analyze preliminary title report to determine potential title problems, proposed methods to cure title deficiencies.
- c. Prepare the initial offer letter, instruments of conveyance, and any other documents required or requested by COUNTY/TxDOT on applicable COUNTY/TxDOT forms.
- d. Mail (Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested) initial counter offer letter, draft deed, Bill of Rights Brochures and Appraisal Reports to address confirmed with the Appraisal District of Hidalgo County. Maintain follow up contracts and secure the necessary instruments upon acceptance of the offer for the closing.
- e. Provide a copy of the appraisal report for the subject property exclusively to the property owner or authorized representative at mailing of initial offer. Maintain original signed Receipt of Appraisal. (unless property owner refuses to sign it).
- f. Respond to the property owner inquiries verbally and in writing within two business days.
- g. Prepare a separate negotiator contact report for each parcel per contract.
- h. Maintain parcel files of original documentation related to the purchase of the real property or pretty interests.
- i. Advise property owner on the Administrative Settlement process. Transmit to TxDOT any written counter offer from property owners including supporting documentation, and provider recommendation with regard to Administrative Settlements in accordance with COUNTY/TxDOT policy and procedures.

- j. Prepare final offer letter, documents of conveyance as necessary.
- k. Appear and provided Expert Witness testimony as an Acquisition Provider when requested.
- l. Meet at the Halff Associates, Inc. office in McAllen once per week as agreed-upon with the Right of Way Acquisition Manager/Administrator.
- m. Provided a monthly progress report per parcel by the 25th of the month with invoice.
- n. The consultant shall be available for any meeting/hearings as requested by the COUNTY attorney. In the event a parcel ends up in condemnation.

F. Closing Service Fees

- a. Coordinate with COUNTY and Title Company to obtain an updated title commitment along with other Forms and certified copy of the instrument of conveyance necessary when requesting the Parcel Payment from the COUNTY.
- b. Acquisition Provider shall attend closing and provide closing services in conjunction with Title Company.
- c. Acquisition Provider shall record all original instruments immediately after closing at the respective County Clerk's Office, except for donations which must be forwarded to COUNTY for acceptance by the Texas Transportation Commission.

G. Relocation Assistance Services (separate Work Authorization will be issued once relocations have been identified, unless noted otherwise).

- a. The amount of relocations or displacements as identified. Halff will provided relocation advisory services. Halff will compute replacement housing supplements (owner occupant and/or tenants).
- b. Halff will provided advisory services to business displacements and relocate them effectively.
- c. COUNTY will review, approve and pay for all relocation costs as per the Agreement.

H. Condemnation Support

- a. Pre-Hearing Support
 - i. Upon receipt of a copy of the final offer, request an updated title commitment for Eminent Domain from the Title Company.
 - ii. Prepare a Bisection Clause for the original set of Legal Descriptions supplied by Surveyor if applicable.
 - iii. Use the information from the Title Commitment to join all interested parties on the necessary forms. Spouses of owners must also be joined.
 - iv. Upon completion of the necessary forms, prepare a packet containing 2 copies each of the following documents: Title Commitment, Negotiator's Reports, Appraisal Acknowledgment, Pre-appraisal Contact Sheet, signed and sealed property description, and plat, Final Offer Letter, any correspondence from the land owner or representatives, along with one copy of the appraisal report. Submit packet to the COUNTY Office for submission to the COUNTY Attorney's office.
 - v. Upon receipt of concurrence for the Appraisal Witness, request the update of appraisal.
 - vi. Upon receipt of packet prepared by the COUNTY Attorney which will included Petition for Condemnation, Lis Pendens, Order Appointing Special Commissioners, Order Setting Hearing, Oath of Special Commissioner, and Notice of Hearings, developed by the COUNTY Attorney; the attorney shall file the original petition with the COUNTY Court at Law or other appropriate Court for a cause number to be assigned.
 - vii. The COUNTY attorney shall file the Lis Pendens including the cause number with the COUNTY Clerk's Office.
 - viii. Upon assignment of a court, the COUNTY Attorney shall file the Order Appointing Commissioners with the judge retaining a copy of the Order for the files.
 - ix. Following appointment of Special Commissioners by the judge, the COUNTY shall secure the following documents: Oath of Commissioner signed by the Commissioners, Order Setting Hearing, 2 copies of the Notice of Hearing signed by the Commissioners.
 - x. The COUNTY shall file all originals with the court and send copies marked "copy" to Halff Associates, Inc.

- xi. The COUNTY Attorney shall send a copy of the petition to the Title Company so that the Title Company can make sure the appropriate parties were joined and no changes in title have occurred.
- xii. The COUNTY Attorney shall set the Special Commissioners Hearing after the updated appraisal has been submitted, if there is no change in value. If there is an increase in value, COUNTY will approve the new value and the COUNTY's provider will present a revised offer and a final offer letter and submit a copy of the final offer letter.
- xiii. The COUNTY Attorney shall coordinate a pre-hearing conference prior to the hearing (the day before or earlier) to discuss facts of the case with the COUNTY, Appraiser, and Negotiator. xiv. After the hearing is set, the Attorney shall serve Notices of Hearing to the indicated parties at least 11 days prior to the Commissioner's hearing. If it is necessary to join the Federal Government, be advised that they have an additional 60 days to prepare for the Hearing.
- xv. Once the notices have been served, the COUNTY Attorney shall file the original notices with the court and send copies stamped "copy" to Halff Associates, Inc.'s McAllen offices.
- xvi. Once the notices have been served, the COUNTY Attorney shall file the original notices with the court and send copies stamped "copy" to Halff Associates, Inc.'s McAllen office.
- b. Post Hearing Support (by COUNTY Attorney)
 - i. For the hearing, prepare the necessary forms and Special Commissioners and file with the court for the judge's signatures.
 - ii. Obtain the signatures of Special Commissioners on the Award of Commissioners and file with the court for the judge's signatures within 48 hours of the Hearing.
 - iii. Give timesheets to Judge. The amount paid to the Special Commissioners is determined by the Judge.
 - iv. Obtain and distribute 3 certified copies of the award as follows: 1 certified copy to the title company with a request for a commitment, 1 certified copy to the COUNTY, 1 certified copy to Halff Associates, Inc. with the Commitment to request the warrant in the amount of the Special Commissioners Award.
 - v. Send the Commitment and Award to COUNTY, along with individual special commissioner's billing requesting the payment for their fees.
 - vi. File COUNTY warrant in the registry of the court. File a Notice of Deposit with the court and send certified copies to each defendant notifying them of the date of the deposit. The Date of Deposit is the Date of Take.
 - vii. Take photograph of the interest to be acquired (if necessary) on the day of deposit for relocation verification. viii. Send written notices of the date of deposit to the County Administration office and all interested parties. ix. Appear as Expert Witness as requested. Sub-contractors must also appear as Expert Witnesses as requested.
 - x. All acquisition negotiations file indicating all "due diligence" provided by the Acquisition Provider will be directed to the COUNTY Attorney's office for his further handling in accordance to the Eminent Domain process by the COUNTY.

COMPENSABLE UTILITIES

- A. Utility Accommodation is an integral factor in road construction and design. Coordination of utility adjustments is a necessary function within planning, design, acquisition and construction and requires the administration of property rights issues, utility policy, and reimbursement of eligible utility adjustments. It includes the following tasks:
 - a. Preliminary Design Consultations
 - i. Conduct Field Investigation and review Certificate of Convenience and Necessity boundaries to identify utility providers within the project area. Communications through letter, phone calls and email to establish a contact list. Coordinate data gathering by surveyors and design team. Introduce project to utility providers.
 - b. Field Observations and Verifications
 - i. Provide maps to Utility providers to "redline" and identify conflicts. Coordinate exposures and data collection by surveyor. Provide and confirm utility data on project maps. Order Utility Location Services.

- c. Exchange of Information with Utility Providers
 - i. Provide project schedule.
 - ii. Request schedules for utility adjustments.
 - iii. Identify who is responsible for utility process.
- d. Confirmation of Property Interests
 - i. Request Documents ii. Coordination of data on maps and citation of property interest documents.
 - iii. Confirm utilities are within easements.
- e. Coordination of Agreements
 - i. Identify utilities that are compensable
 - ii. Determine parties and agreements necessary to complete compensable process.
 - iii. Coordinate execution and processing of Standard Utility Agreements.
- f. Utility Meetings throughout the project development
 - i. Set up and coordinate utility meetings during planning, design, acquisition and construction phases.
 - ii. Attend and participate in meetings by other parties.

SECTION 14 – ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Coordination of Utilities

- a. The ENGINEER shall furnish the COUNTY prints of a project layout which will be distributed by ENGINEER to various utility companies to determine which utilities are in the limits of the project. These shall be preliminary layouts. Upon completion of the preliminary drainage plans and U&D sheets, the ENGINEER shall distribute to the various utility companies and request return. Upon return of these prints, the ENGINEER will schedule a meeting with the various utility companies to discuss potential conflicts and conformance with the State's Utility Accommodation Policy.

B. Meetings

- a. Meetings will be held with the FHWA, State Officials, local governments, property owners, utility owners, railroad companies, other consulting firms, etc., as needed or required by the COUNTY. The ENGINEER shall coordinate through the COUNTY for the development of this project, it shall be in the State's format and incorporate reference to approved State test procedures.

C. Document and Information Exchange

- a. Data, Plan Sheets, General Notes and/or Specifications provided to the COUNTY shall be furnished on USB flash drives. Each flash drive shall have a file titled Table of Contents. The Table of Contents shall indicate the locations of files within the directory structure of the documentation.
- b. General Notes and specifications shall be provided in MS Office 2007 format. Plan sheets shall be provided in Microstation DGN or GEOPAK GPK FORMAT. PDF copies of plan sheets shall also be provided.
- c. Two copies of the documentation shall be provided to the COUNTY.

D. Office Location

- a. The ENGINEER will perform the services to be provided under this agreement out of their office or offices listed below:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Office Location</u>	PS&E	McAllen Office Schematic
McAllen Office			
Environmental Document		Richardson Office	

The work effort will be managed out of the McAllen office located at 5000 West Military Highway, Suite 100, McAllen, Texas 78501.

GIS

A. Data Collection and GIS Base Map

The following information will be collected for the study watershed and compiled into a comprehensive GIS base map:

- a. Current FIS and USACE hydrologic and hydraulic models;
- b. Digital GIS data of parcels, zoning maps, current and future land use maps and soils data/maps;
- c. Cultural resource and environmental resource maps and materials;
- d. Record ("as-built") plans for channels, swales, bridges/culverts, and other drainage infrastructure;
- e. Topographic data including recently acquired LiDAR for the complete watershed study area;
- f. Previous drainage studies (including CLOMR's and LOMRs) and other engineering, planning, and environmental reports.

- g. Disaster files, citizen drainage complaint files, rainfall records, high water marks, records of street closures, and related flooding data for the study area

ARCHITECTURAL

- A. Facilities assessments**
- B. Programming**
- C. Blocking and Stacking**
- D. Test fits**
- E. Space planning**
- F. Site Master Planning**
- G. Facility Master Planning**
- H. Schematic Design**
- I. Conceptual Design**
- J. Construction Documents**
- K. Construction Administration**
- L. As-Builts**
- M. Owners Agent**
- N. Peer Reviews**
- O. Program Management**

MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING ENGINEERING

- A. Mechanical Plans**
 - a. Mechanical equipment locations, indicating arrangement of mechanical equipment and systems.
 - b. Mechanical equipment schedules.
 - c. Mechanical details as required.
 - d. Mechanical Energy Compliance Report.
 - e. Specifications.
- B. Electrical Plans**
 - a. Provisions for distribution of the electrical service. Connection, circuiting and switching of all fixtures.
 - b. Circuiting of receptacles and other power equipment. (Architect shall provide all equipment cut sheets.)
(See Note 'A')
 - c. Panel and lighting fixture schedules.
 - d. Connection of mechanical equipment.
 - e. Design of building fire alarm system.
 - f. Parking lot lighting. (not applicable)

- g. Electrical Energy Compliance Report.
- h. Specifications.

C. Plumbing Plans

- a. Diagrammatic condensate drain piping layout.
- b. Sewer and water line routing services at the proposed site. (See Note 'A')
- c. Sewer/Vent Risers.
- d. Specifications.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

A. Design of Structured Cabling

- a. Design of pathways and transmission media for horizontal distribution cabling system.
- b. Design of pathways and media for backbone distribution cabling system for inter- and intra-building.
- c. Specification of communication outlets, fiber and/or copper horizontal/backbone cabling, data terminations, equipment racks/cabinets for networking hardware and cable termination patch panels (severs, routers, network switches, computers, or other active equipment shall be specified by owner.)
- d. Design for grounding systems for telecommunication system.
- e. Design for horizontal and vertical cable supports such as cable tray, jay-hooks, and Drings.
- f. Specifications of contractor's minimal qualifications to install structured cabling systems and required cabling field testing reports.
- g. Specification of cable termination and cabling labeling standards.
- h. Submittals review.
- i. CA Administrative support.
- j. Punch list and final observations.

B. Design of Access Controls

- a. Access control system
- b. Design of access control system for perimeter and interior spaces.
 - a. Doors and gates.
 - c. Coordination with owner and architect for type of card reader and access card type.
 - d. Coordination with architect on access control components required based on door hardware.
 - e. Specify access control systems based on NPFA 101, Life Safety requirements.
 - f. Submittals review.
 - g. CA Administrative support.
 - h. Punch list and final observations.

C. Design of Intrusion Detection

1. Specify motion sensors, glass breaks detectors, annunciators and sounding devices, and key pads based on perimeter, area of space, and point of objects requirements.
2. Submittals review.
3. CA Administrative support.
4. Punch list and final observations.

D. Design of Surveillance System

1. Design of surveillance camera system based on application (e.g. observation, deterrence, intrusion detection, and/or investigation).
2. Specification of POE and/or POE+ cameras.
3. Specification of fixed, variable, and zoomed lensed cameras based on application.
4. Cameras type by location will be specified based on detection, recognition, or identification.
5. Submittals review.
6. CA Administrative support.
7. Punch list and final observations.

E. Design of Audio Visual

1. Pathways, connectors, cabling, and terminations for all Audio Visual (AV) equipment will be specified based on the equipment of use. Lighting selection and controls in the space will be specified to collaborate with the AV equipment.
2. Submittals review.
3. CA Administrative support.
4. Punch list and final observations.

F. Design of Fire Alarm System

- a. Design of Fire Alarm System based on NFPA 72, International Building Code, International Fire Code, Texas Accessibility Standards, and applicable local city codes.
- b. Submittals review.
- c. CA Administrative support.
- d. Punch list and final observations.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

A. Landscape Plan

- a. Hall Associates will provide landscape construction plans, details and specifications necessary to construct proposed improvements, in compliance with COUNTY landscape requirements.

B. Preliminary Landscape Design Services

- a. Meet with COUNTY representatives to define desirable design elements to be included in the plans. This meeting will also provide a venue to review initial plans submitted to, and provide a point of departure for discussions related to the format and content of final plans that are to be prepared for the project. Coordinate with civil engineering staff on utilization of base information and production of plans. Prepare Preliminary Landscape Plans for COUNTY review and comment. These plans will indicate types and quantities of plant materials to be used on the project.

C. Final Landscape Plans

- a. Prepare final landscape plans, based on COUNTY comments from preliminary plan reviews. Include all notes, specifications, and details necessary to construct landscape improvements. Submit final landscape plans to the COUNTY for review and comment at 90% completion stage. Incorporate Owner comments in final plan preparation. Prepare 100% Landscape Design Plans based on COUNTY comments to 90% plans. **IRRIGATION**

A. On-Site Irrigation Plan

- a. This task includes preparing an irrigation construction plan with details and specifications for an automatic irrigation system for inclusion in the completed construction document set.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

- A. General Notes**
- B. Typical Details**
- C. Foundation Design**
- D. Roof Framing Design**
- E. Structural Details**
- F. Structural Specifications**
- G. Construction Administration**

SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEERING (SUE)

- A.** Halff will perform SUE in accordance with ASCE CI/ASCE 38-02 “Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data.” As needed by COUNTY. This standard defines the following Quality Levels:
 - a. Quality Level A: Precise horizontal and vertical location of utilities obtained by the actual exposure (or verification of previously exposed and surveyed utilities) and subsequent measurement of subsurface utilities, usually at a specific point. Minimally intrusive excavation equipment is typically used to minimize the potential for utility damage. A precise horizontal and vertical location, as well as other utility attributes, is shown on plan documents.
 - b. Quality Level B: Information obtained through the application of appropriate surface geophysical methods to determine the existence and approximate horizontal position of subsurface utilities. Quality Level B data should be reproducible by surface geophysics at any point of their depiction. This information is surveyed to applicable tolerances defined by the project and reduced onto plan documents.
 - c. Quality Level C: Information obtained by surveying and plotting visible above-ground utility features and by using professional judgment in correlating this information to Quality Level D information.
 - d. Quality Level D: Information derived from existing records or oral recollections.
- B. Sue Task 1: Locating (Vacuum Excavation) – Level A**
 - a. Up to forty (40) test holes will be performed on the utilities at locations specified by COUNTY. Halff will dig a 12” x 12” test hole, record the depth, backfill and compact the hole, and restore the surface to its original condition. An iron rod with cap or “x-cut” will be set to mark the location of the test hole. Halff will make a good faith effort to locate all utilities, but shall be compensated for work performed even if the utility is not located.
- C. Sue Task 2: Designating – Level B**
 - a. Halff will designate tonable subsurface utilities using geophysical prospecting equipment and mark with paint and/or pin flags within the apparent project limits of the project. We anticipate designating approximately 32,000 linear feet of utilities including electric, gas, telephone, fiber optic cable, water,

wastewater, and storm sewer. If additional utilities are encountered, Halff will prepare a Supplemental Agreement and submit for approval to COUNTY. Designating irrigation lines, asbestos concrete and/or PVC lines, as well as PVC lines without tracer wire or access is not included in this proposal. Halff's services will be performed in a manner consistent with that degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances. Because of limited record information, Halff cannot guarantee that all utilities will be found and marked on the project.

D. Sue Task 3: Surveying – Level C

- a. The designating work (paint marks, pin flags, and all above ground utility appurtenances) and locating work (iron rod with cap or “x-cut”) will be surveyed and tied to the project survey control.

E. Sue Task 4: Records Research – Level D

- a. Available Records will be provided to Halff by COUNTY. Halff will perform additional record research as needed to successfully complete the project.

F. Sue Field Manager / Professional Engineer

- a. A SUE Field Manager will be on-site for a portion of this project for field crew supervision, field quality control, and coordination with on-site personnel. A Professional Engineer will be responsible for QA/QC, management of the contract, sealing the final deliverables and coordination with the project team.

G. Sue: Right-Of-Entry

- a. Right-of-entry is not included under this Work Authorization. If right-of-entry is required, it will be performed and provided to Halff by COUNTY. Halff will coordinate with property owner(s) once right of entry has been obtained.

H. Sue: Permitting

- a. Street cut permits will be coordinated with the City.

I. Sue: Traffic Control

- a. Halff will provide routine/ordinary traffic control consisting of cones and free-standing signage for this project. It does not include lane closure(s), flag person(s), arrow board(s), changeable message board(s), or the preparation of engineered traffic control plans. If unique or additional traffic control situations are required, Halff will prepare a Supplemental Agreement and submit for approval to COUNTY.

J. Sue: Schedule

- a. The SUE process is a two (2) phase approach and requires Designating (Level B) to be completed prior to commencing test hole operations. The estimated schedule for the entire SUE process, excluding review time and delays due to weather, is approximately 120 days. Halff will complete the Designating services within 60 days upon receipt of written notice-to-proceed from COUNTY. Upon completion of Designating services, Halff will submit a proposed test hole layout for approval by COUNTY. Following receipt of COUNTY approval, Halff will complete Locating (Level A) services within 60 days.

HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS

A. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Model Selection

- a. Modeling methodologies and procedures will be evaluated to determine the best technical approach to simulate flood events in the study area. The recommended modeling software and methodology shall be based on technical merit, GIS compatibility, user friendliness, cost effectiveness, and COUNTY Drainage Criteria requirements.

B. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis

- a. GIS-based hydrologic hydraulic models of the watershed will be developed for existing and future land use conditions. The models will be based on the new COUNTY topographic information (LiDAR), STATSGO or SSURGO soil information, and other available COUNTY GIS data. Existing land use information will be determined using a combination of recent aerial photography and current COUNTY GIS layers. Future

- land use information will be determined based on projected growth utilizing COUNTY land use trends as well as COUNTY Planning Department guidance.
- b. **Rainfall intensity and storm frequency are important elements in the analysis. Coordination with the USGS and the National Weather Service may aid in developing the most appropriate and accurate frequency scenarios. A frequency analysis based on historical record of discharge will be performed. These frequencies will be compared to current USGS regression equations and the current FIS flow rates where available.**
 - c. Hydraulic models will be developed utilizing collected field survey data, information from design plans, and recent topographic data. The model will be geo-referenced to correlate with COUNTY GIS data. Flood profiles for the 2-year, 5-year, 10-year, 25-year, 50-year, 100-year, and 500-year frequency storm events will be developed for existing and future watershed conditions.
 - d. To verify the models and associated parameters, the models will be calibrated to simulate historic flood events, utilizing available rainfall and city provided high water marks and stream gage data (if available) from past flood events.

VISUALIZATION

- A. Will provide 3D animation services to create an accurate 3D model for the purpose of visualization of the proposed conditions based on provided CAD data.

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Water/Wastewater Plan

- a. Halff will design and layout of pipe systems required for public domestic water and wastewater lines, and related appurtenances. Sizing for lines will be coordinated with the COUNTY. Coordinate geometry and layout dimensions will be provided to allow construction of these facilities.

B. Drainage Area Map and Drainage Plan

- a. The drainage plan includes determination of drainage basins, calculation of runoff volumes, layout and sizing of drainage collection system and details required for construction. Storm sewer plan showing elevations and hydraulic flows and capacities will be prepared. Coordinate geometry and layout dimensions will be shown to allow for construction of the drainage facilities. Detention/Retention calculations and design as required by the County are included. **C. Erosion Control Plan**

- a. This task involves preparation of a layout showing the suggested erosion control measures with details and notes required for the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3). The layout will be utilized by the Contractor for the preparation of a storm water pollution prevention plan required for compliance with government regulation.

BIDDING

A. Bidding Services

- a. This scope includes coordination with contractors as directed by the owner, preparation of quantities and bid proposal form, preparation of addendums, printing sets of drawings for each contractor, and collecting bids from each contractor.

EXHIBIT C

-Work Schedule

A detailed work schedule for each **Work Authorization**, identified and more particularly described in Article 7 of this Agreement, shall be prepared by the Engineer to be submitted and approved by the Owner in writing for each Work Authorization. The work schedule will provide specific work sequence and definite review times by the Owner and the Engineer of the work performed.

The Engineer will diligently pursue the completion of each Work Authorization as defined by the milestones and deliverable due dates outlined in each Work Authorization's associated work schedule.

The Engineer will inform the Owner (in reasonable advance of the delay) should the Engineer encounter delays that would prevent the performance of all work in accordance with the established work schedule.

EXHIBIT D

-Engineer's Contract Rates

Half Associates, Inc.
 Billing Rate Schedule
 McAllen Office
 July 23, 2018

Labor/Staff Classification	FY 18 Contract Rate	FY 19 Contract Rate
Principal	\$ 257	\$ 268
Project Manager	\$ 245	\$ 252
Quality Manager	\$ 274	\$ 281
Senior Engineer	\$ 241	\$ 249
Project Engineer	\$ 192	\$ 199
Design Engineer	\$ 160	\$ 165
EIT	\$ 112	\$ 115
Senior CADD Operator	\$ 103	\$ 106
CADD Operator	\$ 86	\$ 89
Survey Manager - RPLS	\$ 160	\$ 165
Survey Technician - SIT	\$ 112	\$ 115
Two Person Survey Crew	\$ 219	\$ 215
Three Person Survey Crew	\$ 257	\$ 264
Abstractor	\$ 97	\$ 99
Senior Environmental Specialist	\$ 209	\$ 215
Mid-Level Environmental Specialist	\$ 177	\$ 182
Junior Environmental Specialist	\$ 129	\$ 132
Senior GIS Operator	\$ 145	\$ 150
GIS Operator	\$ 112	\$ 115
SUE Project Manager	\$ 177	\$ 182
Utility Coordinator	\$ 160	\$ 181
QL "B" SUE Field Crew	\$ 145	\$ 150
QL "A" SUE Field Crew	\$ 177	\$ 182
Admin/Clerical	\$ 64	\$ 67
Sr. Computer Visualization Specialist	\$ 177	\$ 182
Jr. Computer Visualization Specialist	\$ 112	\$ 115
Public Involvement Specialist	\$ 192	\$ 199
Project Inspector	\$ 89	\$ 93

EXHIBIT E
-Work Authorization

HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services
Contract # C-18-198-07-31
Work Authorization Form

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _____

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section I.A. of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, action herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**," and, _____, professional engineers of _____, Texas, hereinafter called "**Engineer**".

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the **Engineer** to provide

The scope of services to be provided by the **Owner** is identified in **EXHIBIT "A" – Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner** attached hereto.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Engineer** is identified in **EXHIBIT "B" – Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer** attached hereto.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is \$ _____. This amount is based upon the costs outlined in the Estimated **Cost Proposal** attached hereto as **EXHIBIT "D"**.

PART 3. PAYMENT

Compensation and payment to the **Engineer** for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with **Article/Part/Section** _____ of the Agreement.

PART 4. FUNDING

This Work Authorization No. 1 shall be funded through funding source:

Account No. _____

Requisition Number _____ (**MUST BE INCLUDED AFTER CC APPROVAL**)

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate **upon completion of scopes of the work authorization**.

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the **Agreement**.

PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Acknowledgement and confirmation by **Hidalgo County Precinct #1**, as to content and detail of this **Work Authorization No. ____**.

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT No. 1

BY: _____
Joseph Palacios, Commissioner

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on _____ as indicated below and effective as of ____ day of _____, **2018**.

THE ENGINEER:
HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

By: _____

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

By: _____
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- ATTACHMENT "A" - Service to be provided by the Owner
- ATTACHMENT "B" - Services to be provided by the Engineer
- ATTACHMENT "C" - Work Schedule
- ATTACHMENT "D" - Cost Proposal

EXHIBIT F
-Supplemental Agreement Form

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT No. ___
TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS **SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT** is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Article 8 of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**", and _____, Professional Engineers of, _____, Texas, hereinafter called the "**Engineer**".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** executed the **Agreement** on the ____ day of _____ **20__** concerning engineering for _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "**Project**"); and,

WHEREAS, Article ____ of the **Agreement**, (article title), establishes _____; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the contract to _____

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree that said **Agreement** is amended as follows:

I. Article ____ of the **Agreement**, (article title), is revised to

All other provisions are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the _____ day of _____, 20__.

THE ENGINEER:

By: _____

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(as required)

EXHIBIT G
-Certificate of Insurance (*Hidalgo County*)



<MARKETABLE PRODUCT NAME>

**Blanket Additional Insured - Owners, Lessees or
Contractors - with Products-Completed
Operations Coverage Endorsement**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

It is understood and agreed as follows:

- I. **WHO IS AN INSURED** is amended to include as an **Insured** any person or organization whom you are required by **written contract** to add as an additional insured on this **coverage part**, but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** caused in whole or in part by your acts or omissions, or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:
 - A. in the performance of your ongoing operations subject to such **written contract**; or
 - B. in the performance of **your work** subject to such **written contract**, but only with respect to **bodily injury or property damage** included in the **products-completed operations hazard**, and only if:
 1. the **written contract** requires you to provide the additional insured such coverage; and
 2. this **coverage part** provides such coverage.
- II. But if the **written contract** requires:
 - A. additional insured coverage under the 11-85 edition, 10-93 edition, or 10-01 edition of CG2010, or under the 10-01 edition of CG2037; or
 - B. additional insured coverage with "arising out of" language; or
 - C. additional insured coverage to the greatest extent permissible by law;then paragraph I. above is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

WHO IS AN INSURED is amended to include as an **Insured** any person or organization whom you are required by **written contract** to add as an additional insured on this **coverage part**, but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** arising out of **your work** that is subject to such **written contract**.
- III. Subject always to the terms and conditions of this policy, including the limits of insurance, the Insurer will not provide such additional insured with:
 - A. coverage broader than required by the **written contract**; or
 - B. a higher limit of insurance than required by the **written contract**.
- IV. The insurance granted by this endorsement to the additional insured does not apply to **bodily injury, property damage, or personal and advertising injury** arising out of:
 - A. the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering, or surveying services, including:
 1. the preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; and
 2. supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities; or
 - B. any premises or work for which the additional insured is specifically listed as an additional insured on another endorsement attached to this **coverage part**.
- V. Under **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS**, the Condition entitled **Other Insurance** is amended to add the following, which supersedes any provision to the contrary in this Condition or elsewhere in this **coverage part**:

Primary and Noncontributory Insurance

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«PolUWCompany»

Insured Name: «CusChangeName»

Policy No:

Endorsement No:

Effective Date:



<MARKETABLE PRODUCT NAME>

**Blanket Additional Insured - Owners, Lessees or
Contractors - with Products-Completed
Operations Coverage Endorsement**

With respect to other insurance available to the additional insured under which the additional insured is a named insured, this insurance is primary to and will not seek contribution from such other insurance, provided that a **written contract** requires the insurance provided by this policy to be:

1. primary and non-contributing with other insurance available to the additional insured; or
2. primary and to not seek contribution from any other insurance available to the additional insured.

But except as specified above, this insurance will be excess of all other insurance available to the additional insured.

VI. Solely with respect to the insurance granted by this endorsement, the section entitled COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS is amended as follows:

The Condition entitled **Duties In The Event of Occurrence, Offense, Claim or Suit** is amended with the addition of the following:

Any additional insured pursuant to this endorsement will as soon as practicable:

1. give the Insurer written notice of any **claim**, or any **occurrence** or offense which may result in a **claim**;
2. send the Insurer copies of all legal papers received, and otherwise cooperate with the Insurer in the investigation, defense, or settlement of the **claim**; and
3. make available any other insurance, and tender the defense and indemnity of any **claim** to any other insurer or self-insurer, whose policy or program applies to a loss that the Insurer covers under this **coverage part**. However, if the **written contract** requires this insurance to be primary and non-contributory, this paragraph 3. does not apply to insurance on which the additional insured is a named insured.

The Insurer has no duty to defend or indemnify an additional insured under this endorsement until the Insurer receives written notice of a **claim** from the additional insured.

VII. Solely with respect to the insurance granted by this endorsement, the section entitled DEFINITIONS is amended to add the following definition:

Written contract means a written contract or written agreement that requires you to make a person or organization an additional insured on this **coverage part**, provided the contract or agreement:

- A. is currently in effect or becomes effective during the term of this policy; and
- B. was executed prior to:

1. the **bodily injury or property damage**; or
 2. the offense that caused the **personal and advertising injury**;
- for which the additional insured seeks coverage.

Any coverage granted by this endorsement shall apply solely to the extent permissible by law.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the Policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the effective date of said Policy at the hour stated in said Policy, unless another effective date is shown below, and expires concurrently with said Policy.

(2) In or on the covered "auto."

This coverage applies only in the event of a total theft of your covered "auto."

This insurance is excess over any other collectible insurance and no deductible applies.

F. Rental Reimbursement

The following is added to Section III, Paragraph A.4.:

d. We will pay for rental reimbursement expenses incurred by you for the rental of an "auto" because of "loss" to a covered "auto." Payment applies in addition to the otherwise applicable amount of each coverage you have on a covered "auto." No deductibles apply to this coverage.

1. We will pay only for those expenses incurred during the policy period beginning 24 hours after the "loss" and ending, regardless of the policy's expiration, with the lesser of the following number of days:

- (a) The number of days reasonably required to repair or replace the covered "auto"; or,
- (b) 15 days.

2. Our payment is limited to the lesser of the following amounts:

- (a) Necessary and actual expenses incurred; or,
- (b) \$25 per day subject to a maximum of \$375.

3. This coverage does not apply while there are spare or reserve "autos" available to you for your operations.

4. If "loss" results from the total theft of a covered "auto" of the private passenger type, we will pay under this coverage only that amount of your rental reimbursement expenses which is not already provided for under the Physical Damage Coverage Extension.

G. Hired "Autos"

The following is added to Section III, Paragraph A.:

5. Hired "Autos"

If Physical Damage coverage is provided under this policy, and such coverage does not extend to Hired Autos, then Physical Damage coverage is extended to:

- a. Any covered "auto" you lease, hire, rent or borrow without a driver; and
- b. Any covered "auto" hired or rented by your "employee" without a driver, under a contract in that individual "employee's" name, with

your permission, while performing duties related to the conduct of your business.

c. The most we will pay for any one "accident" or "loss" is the actual cash value, cost of repair, cost of replacement or \$75,000 whichever is less minus a \$500 deductible for each covered auto. No deductible applies to "loss" caused by fire or lightning.

d. The physical damage coverage as is provided by this provision will be limited to the types of physical damage coverage(s) provided on your owned "autos."

e. Such physical damage coverage for hired "autos" will:

(1) Include loss of use, provided it is the consequence of an "accident" for which the Named Insured is legally liable, and as a result of which a monetary loss is sustained by the leasing or rental concern.

(2) Such coverage as is provided by this provision G.e.(1) will be subject to a limit of \$750 per "accident."

H. Airbag Coverage

The following is added to Section III, Paragraph B.3.

The accidental discharge of an airbag shall not be considered mechanical breakdown.

I. Electronic Equipment

Section III, Paragraphs B.4.c and B.4.d. are deleted and replaced by the following:

c. Physical Damage Coverage on a covered "auto" also applies to "loss" to any permanently installed electronic equipment including its antennas and other accessories

d. A \$100 per occurrence deductible applies to the coverage provided by this provision.

J. Diminution in Value

The following is added to Section III, Paragraph B.6.

Subject to the following, the "diminution in value" exclusion does not apply to:

a. Any covered "auto" of the private passenger type you lease, hire, rent or borrow, without a driver for a period of 30 days or less, while performing duties related to the conduct of your business; and

b. Any covered "auto" of the private passenger type hired or rented by your "employee" without a driver for a period of 30 days or less, under a contract in that individual

"employee's" name, with your permission, while performing duties related to the conduct of your business.

- c. Such coverage as is provided by this provision is limited to a "diminution in value" loss arising directly out of accidental damage and not as a result of the failure to make repairs; faulty or incomplete maintenance or repairs; or the installation of substandard parts.
- d. The most we will pay for "loss" to a covered "auto" in any one accident is the lesser of:
 - (1) \$5,000; or
 - (2) 20% of the "auto's" actual cash value (ACV)

III. Drive Other Car Coverage – Executive Officers

The following is added to Sections II and III:

- 1. Any "auto" you don't own, hire or borrow is a covered "auto" for Liability Coverage while being used by, and for Physical Damage Coverage while in the care, custody or control of, any of your "executive officers," except:
 - a. An "auto" owned by that "executive officer" or a member of that person's household; or
 - b. An "auto" used by that "executive officer" while working in a business of selling, servicing, repairing or parking "autos."
- Such Liability and/or Physical Damage Coverage as is afforded by this provision will be:
- (1) Equal to the greatest of those coverages afforded any covered "auto"; and
 - (2) Excess over any other collectible insurance.
- 2. For purposes of this provision, "executive officer" means a person holding any of the officer positions created by your charter, constitution, by-laws or any other similar governing document, and, while a resident of the same household, includes that person's spouse.

Such "executive officers" are "insureds" while using a covered "auto" described in this provision.

IV. BUSINESS AUTO CONDITIONS

A. Duties In The Event Of Accident, Claim, Suit Or Loss

The following is added to Section IV, Paragraph A.2.a.

- (4) Your "employees" may know of an "accident" or "loss." This will not mean that you have such knowledge, unless such "accident" or "loss" is known to you or if you are not an individual, to any of your executive officers or partners or your insurance manager.

The following is added to Section IV, Paragraph A.2.b.

- (6) Your "employees" may know of documents received concerning a claim or "suit." This will not mean that you have such knowledge, unless receipt of such documents is known to you or if you are not an individual, to any of your executive officers or partners or your insurance manager.

B. Concealment, Misrepresentation or Fraud

The following is added to Section IV, Paragraph B.2.

Your failure to disclose all hazards existing on the date of inception of this Coverage Form shall not prejudice you with respect to the coverage afforded provided such failure or omission is not intentional.

C. Policy Period, Coverage Territory

Section IV, Paragraph B.7.b.(5) is revised to provide:

- a. 45 days of coverage in lieu of 30 days

V. DEFINITIONS

Section V, Paragraph C. is deleted and replaced by the following:

"Bodily Injury" means bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person, including mental anguish, mental injury or death resulting from any of these

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CNA PARAMOUNT

**Changes - Notice of Cancellation or Material
Restriction Endorsement**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

- COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- OWNERS AND CONTRACTORS PROTECTIVE LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- RAILROAD PROTECTIVE LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- STOP GAP LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- TECHNOLOGY ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- SPECIAL PROTECTIVE AND HIGHWAY LIABILITY POLICY - NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SCHEDULE	
Number of days notice (other than for nonpayment of premium):	030
Number of days notice for nonpayment of premium:	10
Name of person or organization to whom notice will be sent:	ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE WITH 30 DAY NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF THIS POLICY UNDER A WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT
Address:	1201 N BOWSER RD RICHARDSON TX 75081

If no entry appears above, the number of days notice for nonpayment of premium will be 10 days.

It is understood and agreed that in the event of cancellation or any material restrictions in coverage during the policy period, the Insurer also agrees to mail prior written notice of cancellation or material restriction to the person or organization listed in the above Schedule. Such notice will be sent prior to such cancellation in the manner prescribed in the above Schedule.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the Policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the effective date of said Policy at the hour stated in said Policy, unless another effective date is shown below, and expires concurrently with said Policy.

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

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			Controlling	Intermediary
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	Baker, Jessica	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Bargainer, Tim	Austin, TX United States	X	
	Killen, Russell	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Kuhn, Greg	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Kunz , Pat	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Moya, Mike	Austin, TX United States	X	
	Plugge, Roman	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Murray , Murray	McAllen, TX United States	X	
	Tanksley, Dan	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Zapalac, Russell	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Craig, Matthew	Richardson, TX United States	X	
	Edwards, Mark	Richardson, TX United States	X	
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6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Raul Garcia Jr. and my date of birth is 9/20/1975

My address is 5000 W. Military Hwy #100 McAllen TX 78503 US
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Hidalgo County, State of TX, on the 23rd day of July, 2018.
(month) (year)


Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)

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