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July 26, 2018

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RE: Legal Services

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

This letter is written to summarize our understanding with you regarding this firm's proposed billing arrangement with Hidalgo County Commissioners Court ("Court"). After approval by the Court, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. shall be compensated at the rate of \$195.00 per hour for all Basic Legal Services performed effective August 1, 2018. Basic Legal Services do not include litigation, controversies with local, state or federal agencies, or special projects.

The billing arrangement following approval by the Court is for Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. to be paid a rate of \$195.00 per hour for Basic Legal Services. Also, as we discussed, in addition to Basic Legal Services, if a matter involves other than Basic

Legal Services, such as litigation, or special projects, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. will be compensated at the then current hourly rates for the attorney(s) providing services other than Basic Legal Services. If a question arises as to whether or not a matter is outside the scope of Basic Legal Services, the question will be resolved by agreement.

Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. shall bill the Court the Basic Legal Services hours spent at \$195.00 per month performed during each month. Each monthly statement will show the hours spent providing those services to the Court during the month, and the value of those services at the rate of \$195.00 per hour. We will continue to bill the Court separately for litigation and other matters that fall outside the scope of Basic Legal Services.

Periodically, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. and the Court will review the billing arrangements to determine in any future adjustments are necessary for Basic Legal Services.

In addition to the monthly fee and any special billings, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. will be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. in connection with performing either the Basic Legal Services or other legal services. These expenses would be billed monthly, in addition to the billings previously referred.

As has always been the agreement between the Court and Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. the Court may terminate the services of this firm on thirty (30) days written notice.

If this billing arrangement meets with the approval of the Court, we would appreciate the undersigned executing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We look forward to continuing our representation of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.

Very truly yours,

Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P.

By:   
Stephen L. Crain

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:  
HIDALGO COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr. Hidalgo County Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

cc: Martha L. Salazar, Agent

via email

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

Correspondence  
July 26, 2018  
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bcc: Valde Guerra  
Hidalgo County Commissioners Court Executive  
Officer

via email

Monica Salinas  
Hidalgo County Commissioners Court  
Administrator

via email

(3) an item necessary because of unforeseen damage to public property;

(4) a personal or professional service;

(5) any individual work performed and paid for by the day, as the work progresses, provided that no individual is compensated under this subsection for more than 20 working days in any three month period;

(6) any land or right-of-way;

(7) an item that can be obtained from only one source, including:

(A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;

(B) films, manuscripts, or books;

(C) electric power, gas, water, and other utility services; and

(D) captive replacement parts or components for equipment;

(8) an item of food;

(9) personal property sold:

(A) at an auction by a state licensed auctioneer;

(B) at a going out of business sale held in compliance with Subchapter F, Chapter 17, Business & Commerce Code; or

(C) by a political subdivision of this state, a state agency of this state, or an entity of the federal government;

(10) any work performed under a contract for community and economic development made by a county under Section 381.004; or

(11) vehicle and equipment repairs.

(b) The renewal or extension of a lease or of an equipment maintenance agreement is exempt from the requirement established by Section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption and if:

(1) the lease or agreement has gone through the competitive bidding procedure within the preceding year;

(2) the renewal or extension does not exceed one year; and

(3) the renewal or extension is the first renewal or extension of the lease or agreement.

(c) If an item exempted under Subsection (a) (7) is purchased,