

December 10, 2018

Department of Homeland Security  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Grant Program Directorate  
800 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20472

RE: Special Equipment Justification for OPSG OO TX Hidalgo Co. 2018 Operation Stonegarden

Dear Grants Program Directorate,

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) along with 19 friendly forces will be participating in the 2018 Operation Stonegarden grant. Hidalgo County was awarded \$4,500,000.00 and is requesting to utilize \$596,644.02 of the awarded funds for the procurement of specialized equipment.

The specialized equipment will be mobile and deployed along egress/ingress routes along highways leading from the border and into the interior of the United States to support border security efforts throughout Hidalgo County. HCSO and the below friendly forces are requesting the purchase of the below listed specialized equipment:

The specialized equipment requested by HCSO and friendly forces is as follows:

Agency	Equipment	Cost
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office	Three (3) SkyCops Surveillance Towers AEL# 03OE-02-SCOP	\$316,525.34
	Ten (10) Vigilant License Plate Readers AEL# 03OE-01-ALPR	\$105,025.34
	One (1) Vigilant Commercial Account AEL# 03OE-01-ALPR	\$32,025.34
Mercedes Police Department	One (1) Mobile Surveillance Tower AEL# 03OE-02-SCOP	\$29,068.00
Pharr Police Department	Two (2) SKYCOPS AEL# 03OE-02-SCOP	\$114,000.00
Total	17 Items	\$596,644.02

The purchase of mobile License Plate Readers (LPRs) will enhance our law enforcement capabilities to collect information and intelligence and distribute it to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The enhancement of LPRs will require the purchase of the Vigilant Commercial Account Software for compatibility with LPRs. The purchase of mobile surveillance towers will support law enforcement and border security in closing operational gaps along the U.S./Mexico border.

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The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and friendly forces will comply with the State administrative Agency's requirements and register or enter into an agreement with TXDPS regarding sharing data/information from LPRs with other law enforcement agencies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to our request.

Sincerely,

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra  
Hidalgo County Sheriff

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