

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SERVICE CONTRACT
C-19-007-00-00

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this ___ day of ___, 2019 by and between the **County of Hidalgo, Texas** ("County"), and _____. ("Company").

WHEREAS, Company responded to advertised notices for bids for **"Turnkey Burial Services (Including Cemetery Plots) for Unidentified Pauper Remains"** (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, Company submitted a bid to provide services in accordance with the specifications as bid, a copy of such specifications and bid being attached hereto as Exhibits "A" ("The RFB") and Exhibit "B" respectively, and incorporated herein for all purposes (the "Bid Page"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's Contract to perform the Services in accordance with the RFB, the Commissioners Court of County awarded the bid to Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Company hereby agrees that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Services to **Hidalgo County** for **"Turnkey Burial Services (Including Cemetery Plots) for Unidentified Pauper Remains (aka John Doe's)"**. This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.

2. Company hereby promises and agrees to render and provide, during the term of this Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the Services in accordance with the RFB within **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the **Health and Human Services Department Officer** or his designated agent. Company agrees in performing the Services that it will use proper professional

standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall be for a period beginning MARCH 26, 2019 and ending on January 25, 2021 and may be extended at the sole discretion of the County for an additional one (1) year term, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first. County also reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period, under the same rates terms and conditions due.

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services.

5. All vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employment of Company who operate such vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such vehicles in providing the Services.

As consideration for rendering the Service provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay Company the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Company.

7. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with the coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

8. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

9. Company shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees for the defense of any action against County arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the provision of the Service by Company under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any act or failure to act by the Company, its agents or employees.

10. This Contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part by either party without prior written consent of the other party.

11. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

12. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

To County: The County of Hidalgo
 Attn: County Judge
 100 E. Cano
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company _____

13. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract 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 Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

14. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) this contract may be terminated by County without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to Company prior to cancellation.

15. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Contract.

16. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

17. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Contract, County may terminate this Contract upon ninety (90) days written notice to Company. County agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Contract. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Contract at the expiration of each budget period of County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann '271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996)

18. **Entire Contract.** This Contract contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or contracts in connection with this Contract not specifically set forth herein. This Contract may be modified or amended only by contract in writing executed by County and Company, and not otherwise.

19. **Immunities.** Nothing in this Contract 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.

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WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this ____ day of _____, 2019.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: _____

_____, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ATLAS & HALL, LLP

By: _____

Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

REQUEST FOR BIDS

PROCUREMENT PACKET

EXHIBIT "B"
BID PAGE

EXHIBIT "C"
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS