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Month ##, 2019

Bidder's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**
Request for Proposals -**“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal, & Other Miscellaneous Services”**
RFP No: 2019-XXX-XX-XX-YSS

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed, please find the Request for Proposals (RFP) 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 Proposals process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department 956/318-2626 x 4874.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

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Enclosures

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HIDALGO COUNTY
“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Related Services”
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The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Proposal (RFP) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, advise of missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

Date



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

HIDALGO COUNTY

“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Related Services”

RFP NO: 2019-XXX-XX-XX-YSS

Acceptance Date:

Month day, 2019

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Project Contract Specialist Contact Information:
Yvette Salinas, Contract Specialist III
(956) 318-2626 Ext. 4874
yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Form HCPD-04

1. Sealed bids will be received for **Hidalgo County-“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Related Services”**, in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Responses should address all specifications set forth. Bidders (may also be referred to as respondents, contractor or vendor) may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"), however, a 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 bid.
2. **One (1) original (pages one-sided – clearly marked ORIGINAL), two (2) copies and 5 USBs in PDF Format of all RFP’s 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, **RFB: 2019-XXX-XX-XX-YSS Hidalgo County-“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Services”**, 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 am, Wednesday, Month day, 2019.**

NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY PROPOSAL 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 AND/OR PACKAGE IN REFERENCE TO BID.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all bids and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities or to accept the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

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

1. Legal Notice (See **page 11**);
 2. Insurance pages with Acknowledgment Forms (See **Exhibit “C”**);
 3. Form CIQ-Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (See **Exhibit “D”**);
 4. Vendor Bidder Application & W-9 forms (See **Exhibit “E”**);
 5. Certification Regarding Debarment (See **Exhibit “F”**);
 6. (If applicable) - Required Contract Clauses for Contracts Under Federal Award – 2 CFR 200, Appendix II & FEMA (See **Exhibit “H”**);
 7. Proposer’s Affidavit (See **Exhibit “J”**); and
 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 bids 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 catalog 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. The 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 (if applicable).
 - At least seventy-two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must (if applicable) 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-“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Services”**,

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.	<u>Month day, 2019</u>
Award of Contract:	<u>2019</u>
Commence Work or Deliver Products:	<u>2019</u>

16. HIDALGO COUNTY HOLIDAYS:

2019 YEAR	
New Year’s Day	01/01/19
Martin Luther King Day	01/21/19
President’s Day	02/18/19
Good Friday	04/19/19
Memorial Day	05/27/19
Independence Day	07/04/19
Labor Day	09/02/19
Columbus Day	10/14/19
Veteran’s Day	11/11/19
Thanksgiving Day	11/28/19-11/29/19
Christmas Day	12/24/19-12/25/19
New Year’s Eve	12/31/19

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 by a surety company authorized to do business in Texas.
- Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of qualification, and prior to the 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 material men 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.
- **All participants 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.**

18. TITLE VI NOTICE/ NONDISCRIMINATION

- a) By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies that it will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and their implementing regulations. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (78 Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. §§2000d to 2000d-4) provides that no person in the United States shall, 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 under any program or activity for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance. Title VI has been broadened by related statutes, regulations and executive orders as found in Appendices “A” through “E” as delineated in the USDOT Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances-Specific Assurances to prohibit discrimination on other grounds including, but not limited to, religion, sex, age, and disability. (Title VI-Appendices “A” through “E”) are hereby attached as **Exhibit “G”**. The County’s entire Title VI policy may be found at <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/2071/Title-VINondiscrimination-Plan> and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- b) The following required statement and the applicable provisions of the Title VI Appendices “A” through “E” expanding these protections to the categories described herein are hereby incorporated by reference as applicable.
 - “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”.
- c) The bidder will attach all applicable notices, including those referenced in Title VI – Appendices “A” through “E”, to which it is obligated to provide or submit as part of the bid.
 - If applicable, Form FHWA 1273 – “*Required Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts*”, must be physically attached to certain Federal-aid construction contracts. A contractor (or subcontractor) is required to insert Form FHWA 1273 in each subcontract and all lower tier subcontracts. Form FHWA 1273 is attached as **Exhibit “I”**, and, if applicable, its provisions are incorporated in and made part of the contract entered into between the County and the successful respondent related to the present procurement.

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 commissioner's 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 negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

19. 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 the 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 the 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.

If applicable, completed Form CIQ must be submitted to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, 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.

20. 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 packet. In accordance with these requirements, a 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 **RFP No.** as shown on the packet. Once completed and filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Form 1295 must be printed, signed, and submitted to our office either by facsimile transmission to (956) 292-7612 or via email to yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us. Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted. Therefore, failure to timely submit signed Form 1295 may result in a delay of the 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 COMMISSIONERS' COURT APPROVES THIS AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT THE SIGNED NOTARIZED FORM 1295. HIDALGO COUNTY CANNOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT UNTIL FORM 1295 IS SUBMITTED.

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Respondents: A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate the 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; and
 - Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

24. 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 County's civil service system.
25. 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) days written notice prior to cancellation.
26. 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 the contract immediately in the event of breach or default by a 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.
27. **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 arises 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 the successful respondent.**
28. 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 County approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by the successful respondent within two (2) business days at no expense to County. Items that are 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.

31. 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 the name of the representative or contact person.

32. CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AWARD:

- The procurement standards of 2 CFR, Part 200, including, but not limited to 2 CFR 200.317-200.326, and applicable Hidalgo County Purchasing Policy (found at <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/805/County-Administrative-Policies>) address the County's requirements, as a non-Federal entity, in regards to contracts it enters into that are subject to federal award. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.236, the County, as a non-Federal entity, is required to include into contracts subject to federal award, the applicable provisions and contract clauses described in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200, the provisions of Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 and the required contract clauses found in **Exhibit "H"** are incorporated by reference, whether specified explicitly or not, as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.
- In addition, should the County's contracts under Federal award be subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FEMA requires the inclusion of contract terms in addition to those under Appendix II to 2 CFR 200. **If applicable**, the additional contract clauses required by FEMA are found in **Exhibit "H"** and incorporated by reference, whether specified explicitly or not, as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement. Should the contract be subject to assistance from FEMA, it is the County's intention to comply with FEMA requirements; therefore, any conflict in terms should be resolved as such.
- **If applicable**, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.319, Contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. (*See* 2 CFR 200.219). Additionally, Hidalgo County policy provides that for federal road projects, engineers, engineering firms, and/or a subsidiary, affiliate, or a consultant of the engineer or engineering firm who has received compensation from the County, that assist in the development of, or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals, will be excluded from competing for such procurements (i.e...subsequent construction engineering/management and/or inspection/testing) for all other phases of the project. (*See* Hidalgo County Policy: "*Procedures for Selection and Contracting of Professional Service Providers for Federal Road Projects*" found at <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/805/County-Administrative-Policies>, which, if applicable, is incorporated by reference, whether specified explicitly or not, as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement for all purposes).

33. HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS/DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

The County is committed to ensuring that Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) such as small business enterprises (SBE), minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE) receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. The County encourages the use of these enterprises both as prime and subcontractors. (*See* **Exhibit "E"** for requirements).

When federal funds are expended by the County, the County will take affirmative steps set forth in 2 CFR 200.321 to assure that small, minority, women-owned businesses and labor surplus area owned firms are used when possible. Pursuant to 2 CFR 321, the County requires that a prime contractor

who uses sub-contractors take affirmative steps set forth in 2 CFR 200.321, including:

- a) Placing qualified small and minority business and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- b) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- c) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- d) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
- e) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

Nothing in this section is to be construed to require the County to award a contract other than as required by law and Hidalgo County policies and procedures.

34. Respondents must provide all applicable documentation requested with this Qualification in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the qualification as non-conforming.

Request for Qualifications
For
HIDALGO COUNTY

“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Services”

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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 Table of Contents 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

Request for Proposals (RFP)

For

HIDALGO COUNTY

***“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other
Miscellaneous Services”***

RFP No.: 2019-XXX-XX-XX-YSS

Effective Date: MONTH DAY, 2019

Proposals Acceptance Due: Month day, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed proposals from interested and qualified firms to provide services for “**Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Services**”. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing proposals for the provision of “**Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Services**” as specified herein. Sealed Proposals will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, Month day, 2019**. **ANY PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

Deliver Submittal to:

<u>US Postal Mail Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2812 S. Business Hwy 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539	<u>Physical Address:</u> Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Administration Building 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Edinburg, Texas 78539
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The Submittal Envelope Must Show the RFP Number, Name and Acceptance Date.

RFP No: 2019-XXX-XX-XX-YSS

The following outlines the Request for Proposal:

SECTION 1 **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

PROPOSER’S AFFIDAVIT:

Respondents to this RFP must submit a signed Proposer’s Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit “E”) certifying that the submission is one (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer’s Affidavit; two (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 agreement, 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:

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

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF BIDS:

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

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:

Respondents must, upon request, furnish 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 respondent’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 cost occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the respondent to review the Request for Proposals (RFP) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict the respondent's ability to comply with. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or bidding procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

RFP DELIVERY:

Hidalgo County requires respondent, when hand delivering sealed proposals, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope and/or sealed package.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hidalgo County requires that "Request for Proposals" be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

US Postal Mail Address:
New Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:
New Administration Building
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

SIGNING OF PROPOSALS:

In order to be considered all proposals **must** be signed. **Please sign the ORIGINAL IN blue ink.**

TERM: The term of the proposal contract will be for a period of one (1) year. Hidalgo County may in its sole discretion elect the option to extend the contract for four (4) additional one (1) year terms under the same rates, terms and conditions.

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- ASSIGNMENTS:

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

DAVIS BACON ACT: (if applicable)

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing specifications.

SECTION 2
RFP REQUIREMENTS:

PLEASE REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. ENSURE THAT YOUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES ALL FORMS REQUIRED.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Hidalgo County is seeking proposals for Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Services and intends to enter into contract with one (1) primary, one (1) secondary and one (1) tertiary service providers.

Debris as used in this document is defined as found in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Debris Management Guide, Chapter 3. This guide may be accessed at FEMA publication 325, <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/demagde.pdf>. It is the intent of this solicitation to enter into pre-event contracts, which would result in no immediate cost to the County, and which must meet FEMA guidelines established as found in FEMA Debris Management Guide (FEMA publication 325).

The qualified providers can deliver the services requested in an efficient and effective manner while ensuring the highest standards of performance, integrity, customer service and fiscal accountability. The County of Hidalgo wishes to contract with firms that understands the importance of the tasks, the impact, and the necessary urgency for such implementation. The successful firms will demonstrate the ability to consistently provide these services to the County of Hidalgo. By submitting a proposal, the offeror acknowledges and will adhere to all specifications as stated within this proposal.

Hidalgo County is aware and appreciative of the time and effort you expend in preparing and submitting proposals to the County. Please notify the designated person in writing of any bid requirements that are causing you difficulty in responding to our proposal. We want to make the process as convenient as possible so that all responsible vendors can compete for the County's business. Given the urgent nature of the services requested herein, the County regrets any errors or omissions to this document, and request Contractor's understanding and acceptance of corrections of minor issues or irregularities which may need to be perfected prior to issuance of a contract.

PROPOSAL OUTLINE AND CONTENT:

To simplify the review process and to obtain the maximum degree of comparability, the proposal must follow the outline as set forth below and, at a minimum, contain the information as requested. PROPOSERS are encouraged to include additional relevant information. At PROPOSERS' option, brochures may accompany required proposal materials, but will not be considered as substitution for other written requirements.

2.1 Proposal Format

The Proposals must be typewritten and the original clearly marked and signed in blue ink. Legibility, clarity, and completeness are important and essential. Proposals must include labels which identify the sections of the Proposal.

2.2 Letter of Transmittal

The letter of transmittal should be limited to one (1) page and should include:

- 2.2.1 A brief statement that the PROPOSER understands of the work to be done.
- 2.2.2 The names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the individuals who are authorized to make representations on behalf of the PROPOSER.
- 2.2.3 A statement that the person signing the transmittal letter is authorized to legally bind the PROPOSER; that the proposal shall remain firm for a period of 180 days from the date of receipt of best and final offers, and that the proposal will comply with the requirements of this RFP.
- 2.2.4 A statement indicating which vendor, if multiple vendors are proposing jointly, intends to act as prime point of contact for proposal evaluation questions and the delivery and maintenance of the vendor's proposed offerings.

2.3 Title Page

The title page should include the RFP subject and RFP number, the name and address of the PROPOSER, and the date of the proposal.

2.4 Table of Contents

The contents should be identified by section, description, and page number.

2.5 Recommendations/Exceptions

If your organization truces exception to the equipment and/or services requested in the RFP, please state specifically within your proposal your objection. Deviations shall be acceptable to Hidalgo County only to the extent that the deviations are determined as having offered a feature or component which meets or exceeds the specifications.

2.6 Trade Secret Information

In the event a PROPOSER submits trade secret information to Hidalgo County, the information must be clearly labeled as "Trade Secret." Hidalgo County will maintain the confidentiality of such trade secrets to the extent provided by law.

2.7 Certificate of Registration

The PROPOSER must furnish a "Certificate of Registration" that identifies the States the PROPOSER is authorized to conduct business in prior to the awarding of the contract. Within the State of Texas, registration can be obtained from the Texas Secretary of State's Office, which will also provide the certification thereof.

2.8 Capabilities and Related Experience

Please provide a description of your organization's related experience and capabilities. In order to propose, each PROPOSER must also provide a list of three (3) debris removal, reduction, and disposal operations where PROPOSER was the prime CONTRACTOR and provide references for the communities where these operations took place. Each reference must include jurisdiction name, contact name, e-mail address and phone number, and description of project. PROPOSERS that do not meet these minimum qualifications will not be considered.

2.9 Qualifications of Key Personnel

PROPOSERS must provide a listing of key personnel who would be assigned to the project, including their training and certifications and years of experience. PROPOSERS should also indicate which personnel will be primary contacts, which will be dedicated staff, and what role each staff member will play in execution of the contracted services.

2.10 Description of Work

Detailed requirements for the description of work, scope of services and proposed costs are provided in Scope of Work.

2.11 Technical Proposal

- 2.11.1 PROPOSERS should, at a minimum, provide the following information listed below. Each section shall be provided in the order listed below:
- 2.11.2 PROPOSER background, with specific detail to similar projects performed
- 2.11.3 PROPOSER technical experience regarding large-scale debris removal operations associated with hurricanes, storms, tornadoes, or other natural or manmade disasters
- 2.11.4 Organizational chart including proposed points of contact and a full-time project manager required to report to the Personnel authorized by Hidalgo County.
- 2.11.5 Training and professional experience (include all professional certifications)
- 2.11.6 A list of existing contracts, particularly those within the State of Texas
- 2.11.7 References from existing contracts and/or past clients (must include references from the successful completion of three (3) debris removal projects)
- 2.11.8 A list of SUB-CONTRACTORS showing/including primary operating location
- 2.11.9 Provide a one to two page company profile with a brief description of the firm, capabilities, experience, contact information, website, and additional resources.
- 2.11.10 Detailed listing of CONTRACTOR'S equipment and resources
- 2.11.11 A mobilization and operations plan
- 2.11.12 Construction drawings for OSHA-compliant temporary inspection towers
- 2.11.13 Anti-Collusion Statement

- 2.1.1.14 PROPOSER'S equipment and resource list - PROPOSERS shall submit a list of on-site and off-site equipment that will be available at the collection site or facility. The list should include all fire prevention, safety, personal protective equipment, and other equipment that the PROPOSER determines suitable or necessary for the project.
- 2.11.15 Spill and Fire Prevention Plan-PROPOSERS shall submit spill prevention and fire prevention plans tailored to on-site activities at the Debris Management Site (DMS) or facility.
- 2.11.16 Contingency Plan - PROPOSERS shall submit a format for a contingency plan and provide a description of notification procedures to the participants of on-site emergencies and evacuation of the participants in case of an emergency on-site,
- 2.11.17 Employee Training and Medical Monitoring - PROPOSERS shall submit a detailed training outline of each position involved in debris removal and DMS(s) operations. PROPOSERS shall also submit information regarding employee medical monitoring requirements.
- 2.11.18 Description of PROPOSER'S Safety Record- PROPOSERS shall submit a listing of all warning notifications, violations, and/or citations received from pertinent federal and/or state agencies in the past three (3) years by the PROPOSER.

2.12 Safety

PROPOSER shall be solely responsible for maintaining safety at all work sites. PROPOSER shall take all reasonable steps to insure safety for both workers and visitors to the site(s) to include traffic control. PROPOSER will also be solely responsible to ensure that all OSHA requirements are met and a safety officer assigned to the project for the duration of this contract.

2.13 Generator Status and Indemnification

In order to protect Hidalgo County from liabilities associated with on-site activities, transportation, and inherent CERCLA liabilities involving disposal, the CONTRACTOR should supply its own labor, transportation, and dispose of the waste at only EPA-permitted disposal facility. The CONTRACTOR must agree to assume generator status and be responsible for preparing and signing all manifests related to Hidalgo County's household hazardous collection and/or disposal facility.

CONTRACTOR agrees to and shall defend, indemnify, and hold Hidalgo County, its employees, officers, and legal representatives (collectively, "Hidalgo County") harmless for all claims, causes of action, liabilities, fines and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees, court costs, and all other defense costs and interest), for injury, death, damage, or loss to persons or property sustained in connection with or incidental to performance under this agreement including, without limitation, those caused by:

1. CONTRACTOR'S and/or its agents', employees', officers', directors', or SUB-CONTRACTORS' actual or alleged negligence or intentional acts or omissions;
2. Hidalgo County and CONTRACTOR'S actual or alleged concurrent negligence, whether CONTRACTOR is immune from liability or not; and
3. Hidalgo County's and CONTRACTOR'S actual or alleged strict products liability or strict statutory liability, whether CONTRACTOR is immune from liability or not.

CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold Hidalgo County harmless during the term of this agreement and for four years after this agreement terminates. CONTRACTOR shall not indemnify Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County's sole negligence.

2.14 Release

The CONTRACTOR, its predecessors, successors, and assigns hereby release, relinquish,

and discharge the Hidalgo County, its agents, employees, officers, and legal representatives from any liability arising out of the Hidalgo County's sole and/or concurrent negligence and/or Hidalgo County's strict products liability or strict statutory liability for any injury, including death or damage to persons or property, where such damage is sustained in connection with or arising out of performance under this Contract.

2.15 Insurance Requirements

The CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this agreement, insurance coverage as set forth below and shall furnish certificates of insurance showing Hidalgo County as an Additional Insured, in duplicate form, prior to the beginning of the Agreement. Each policy, except those for Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability, must name Hidalgo County as Additional Insured parties on the original policy and all renewals or replacements. Each policy, except for Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability, must contain an endorsement that the policy is primary to any other insurance available to the Additional Insured with respect to claims arising under the Agreement. CONTRACTOR'S failure to maintain the required insurance coverage at any time during the Contract period may be grounds for Hidalgo County to suspend the Contract and to withhold payment until insurance coverage is satisfactory. The issuer of any policy shall have a certificate of authority to transact insurance business in the State of Texas or have a Best's rating of at least B+ and a Best's Financial Size Category of Class VI or better, according to the most current edition of the Best's Key Rating Guide, Property-Casualty United States.

Standard insurance policies and minimum amounts required are as follows:

1. Commercial General Liability insurance for bodily and personal injury (including death) and property damage
 - a. Each occurrence not less than \$1,000,000
 - b. General aggregate not less than \$1,000,000
 - c. The coverage shall include but not be limited to personal injury liability, premises/operations, and products/completed operations
2. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance
 - a. Employers' Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 per occurrence
 - b. Worker's Compensation as required by statute
3. Automobile Liability (for vehicles CONTRACTOR uses in performing under the Agreement, including Employer's Owned, Non-Ownership, and Hired Auto Coverage) with broad pollution liability endorsement and MCS-90 endorsement
 - a. Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence
4. Environmental Impairment Liability and/or Pollution Liability
 - a. \$3,000,000 per occurrence or claim and \$3,000,000 aggregate
5. Excess Liability
 - a. \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate
6. Other Insurance
 - a. If requested by Hidalgo County, CONTRACTOR shall furnish adequate evidence of Social Security and Unemployment Compensation Insurance, to the extent applicable to CONTRACTOR'S operations under the Agreement

Defense costs are excluded from the face amount of the policy. Aggregate limits are per 12-month policy period unless otherwise indicated.

All of the insurance required to be carried by the CONTRACTOR hereunder shall be by policies which shall require on their face, or by endorsement, that the insurance carrier waive any rights of subrogation to recover against Hidalgo County, and that it shall give

thirty (30) days written notice to Hidalgo County before they may be cancelled or materially changed. Within such thirty (30) day period, CONTRACTOR covenants that it will provide other suitable policies in lieu of those about to be cancelled or materially modified, or non-renewed so as to maintain in effect the coverage required under the provisions hereof. Failure or refusal of the CONTRACTOR to obtain and keep in force the above-required insurance coverage shall authorize Hidalgo County, at its option, to terminate the Agreement at once. CONTRACTOR shall give written notice to Hidalgo County within five (5) days of the date on which total claims by any party against CONTRACTOR reduce the aggregated amount of coverage below the amounts required by the Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall pay all insurance premiums, and Hidalgo County shall not be obligated to pay any premiums. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for and bear any claims or losses to the extent of any deductible amounts and waives any claim it may have for the same against Hidalgo County.

If any part of the work is sublet, similar insurance shall be provided by or in behalf of the SUB-CONTRACTOR to cover their operations, and evidence such as insurance, satisfactory to Hidalgo County shall be furnished by the CONTRACTOR. In the event a SUB-CONTRACTOR is unable to furnish insurance in the limits required under the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall endorse the SUB-CONTRACTOR as an Additional Insured on his policies excluding Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability.

Only unaltered original insurance certificates endorsed by the underwriter are acceptable. Photocopies are unacceptable.

2.16 Financial Assurance

PROPOSERS must submit the most current, unqualified, audited financial statement or SEC Form 10K for the proposing organization. Proposals submitted without the most current certified financial statement or SEC Form 10K shall be considered non-compliant with the RFP.

2.17 Conflict of Interest Questionnaire

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires vendors and consultants contracting or seeking to contract with Hidalgo County to file a conflict of interest questionnaire (CIQ) if they have an employment or other business relationship with an Hidalgo County officer or an officer's close family member. The required questionnaire is located at the Texas Ethics Commission website <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/>.

The CIQ must be completed and filed with a bid/proposal response if an employment or business relationship defined in the law exists.

SECTION 3 **DEFINITIONS**

Definitions of key terms used in this RFP are provided below.

3.1 Approved Final Disposal Site

3.1.1 A final disposal site approved in writing by the Hidalgo County.

3.2 Authorized Representative

3.2.1 Hidalgo County employees and/or contracted individuals designated by Hidalgo County or Hidalgo County debris manager.

3.3 Cleanup Crew

- 3.3.1** A group of individuals or an individual employed by the CONTRACTOR to collect disaster debris.

3.4 Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris

3.4.1 FEMA Publication 325 defines eligible C&D debris as damaged components of buildings and structures such as lumber/wood, gypsum wallboard, glass, metal, roofing material, tile, carpeting and floor coverings, window coverings, plastic pipe, concrete, fully cured asphalt, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and their components, light fixtures, small consumer appliances, equipment, furnishings and other residential contents that are a result of a disaster. (Note: This definition of C&D debris is for disaster recovery purposes and is not the same definition commonly used in other solid waste documents.) Current eligibility criteria include the following:

- a. Debris must be located within a designated area and be removed from an eligible applicant's improved property or right-of-way (ROW).
- b. Debris removal must be the legal responsibility of the applicant.
- c. Debris must be a result of a major disaster.

3.5 Debris

3.5.1 Items and materials broken, destroyed, or displaced by a natural or human-caused federally declared disaster, Examples of debris include but are not limited to trees, C&D debris, and personal property.

3.6 Debris Management Site (DMS)

3.6.1 A location to temporarily store, reduce, segregate, and/or process debris before it is hauled to a final disposal site. May also be referred to as a temporary debris storage and reduction site (TDSRS) or temporary debris staging and processing facility (TDSPF).

3.7 Debris Manager

3.7.1 Hidalgo County will designate a Debris Manager, who will provide oversight for all phases of debris removal operations.

3.8 Debris Removal

3.8.1 Picking up debris and taking it to a DMS, composting facility, recycling facility, permitted landfill, or other reuse or end-use facility.

3.9 Demolition

3.9.1 Demolition is the act or process of reducing a structure, as defined by the State of Texas or local code, to a collapsed state. It contrasts with deconstruction, which is the taking down of a building while carefully preserving valuable elements for reuse.

3.10 Description of Designated Area

3.10.1 The designated area for debris removal is bounded by Hidalgo County limits and includes all public ROWs, easements, parks, and debris staging areas within the areas of Hidalgo County. Debris clearance and removal on roadways in municipalities within the Hidalgo County's limits may assign debris removal responsibilities to the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR will remove debris from municipal roadways at the direction of Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County

may also authorize the CONTRACTOR to remove debris from NON-Hidalgo County roadways or other areas as directed in writing by Hidalgo County.

- 3.10.2 All debris identified by Hidalgo County shall be removed. The CONTRACTOR shall make up to two complete passes through Hidalgo County limits, removing all debris along each ROW. Hidalgo County may or may not require the CONTRACTOR to perform a third pass. Partial removal of debris piles is strictly prohibited. The CONTRACTOR shall not move from one designated area to another designated area without prior approval from Hidalgo County or its representative. Any eligible debris (such as fallen trees) that extends onto the ROW from private property shall be cut at the point where it enters the ROW, and the part of the debris that lies within the ROW shall be removed. The CONTRACTOR shall not enter onto private property during the performance of this contract unless specifically authorized in writing by Hidalgo County.
- 3.10.3 The CONTRACTOR shall deliver debris to disposal sites that have been permitted to receive disaster debris and will adhere to all State, Local, and Federal regulations.
- 3.10.4 Debris shall be reasonably compacted into the hauling vehicle. No limbs shall be allowed to protrude more than six (6) inches beyond the sides of the truck bed. Any debris extending above the top of the truck bed shall be secured in place to prevent it from falling off. Measures must be taken to prevent debris from blowing out of the hauling vehicle during transport to the disposal site.
- 3.10.5 All debris will be mechanically loaded. Hauling vehicles that are hand loaded or that require mechanical assistance for dumping will not be permitted to dump at DMS(s), unless approved in advance by Hidalgo County.
- 3.10.6 Loose leaves and small debris in excess of one bushel basket shall be removed within the designated area. No debris shall be left on the road surface. No single piece of debris larger than six (6) inches in any dimension shall be left on-site. Hand crews and rakes will be required.
- 3.10.7 The CONTRACTOR will provide an on-site Project Manager to the Hidalgo County. The Project Manager shall provide Hidalgo County with a telephone number at which the Project Manager can be reached throughout the project. The Project Manager will be expected to have daily meetings with Hidalgo County representatives. Daily meeting topics will include but will not be limited to volume of debris collected, completion progress, local coordination, and damage repairs. Hidalgo County may adjust the frequency of meetings. The CONTRACTOR Project Manager must be available 24 hours-a-day, or as required by Hidalgo County.
- 3.10.8 Hidalgo County may provide the CONTRACTOR with potential DMS(s). The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for returning the DMS(s) to its original condition, abiding by all State and Federal environmental regulatory requirements.
- a. **DMS locations to be determined within Hidalgo County's service request form.**
 - b. Once DMS locations are identified, the CONTRACTOR will be provided with the address, GPS coordinates, and estimated acreage of each DMS.
 - c. Based on the severity of the disaster, Hidalgo County may task the CONTRACTOR with locating additional sites available to be used as DMS(s).
 - d. Hidalgo County does not warrant or guarantee the availability or use of any dump sites. The CONTRACTOR must coordinate directly with owners of all final disposal sites. All final disposal sites must be approved in writing by Hidalgo County. The CONTRACTOR will remain legally responsible for the handling, reduction, and final haul-out and disposal of all reduced and unreduced debris. DMS(s) operations and remediation must comply with all

Local, State, and Federal safety and environmental standards. CONTRACTOR reduction, handling, disposal, and remediation operations must be approved in writing by Hidalgo County.

- e. Payment for disposal costs (such as tipping fees) incurred by the CONTRACTOR at permitted disposal facilities, or other Hidalgo County-approved sites that meet Local, State, and Federal regulations for disposal, will be made at the cost incurred by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR must furnish a copy of the invoice received by the disposal facility, all scale or load tickets issued by the disposal facility, and proof of CONTRACTOR payment to the disposal facility.

3.10.9 The CONTRACTOR shall conduct the work so as not to interfere with the disaster response and recovery activities of Federal, State, and Local governments or agencies, or of any public utilities.

3.10.10 Hidalgo County reserves the right to inspect the DMS(s), verify quantities, and review operations at any time.

3.10.11 The CONTRACTOR shall be capable of assembling, directing, and managing a workforce that can be fully operational in debris management operations in a maximum of seventy-two (72) hours, or sooner depending on the extent of the disaster. Operations must begin within twenty-four (24) hours of notification by Hidalgo County. Depending on the category of the event, Hidalgo County may request immediate mobilization.

3.10.12 Debris management activities reimbursed through federal disaster programs may occur in areas protected by the Endangered Species Act. For Hidalgo County, any project that requires a federal permit or receives federal funding is subject to Section 7. The CONTRACTOR and Hidalgo County will comply with the findings of the Section 7 consultation, if applicable.

3.10.13 Debris management activities reimbursed through federal disaster programs may occur in areas that are protected by the Texas Historical Commission (IBC). The CONTRACTOR and Hidalgo County will coordinate with the SHPO when appropriate.

3.11 Disaster Specific Guidance (DSG)

3.11.1 DSG is a policy statement issued in response to a specific post-event situation or need in a state or region. Each DSG is issued a number and is generally referred to by its numerical identification.

3.12 Eligible

3.12.1 Eligible means qualifying for and meeting the most current stipulated requirements (at the time the written Notice to Proceed is issued and executed by Hidalgo County to the CONTRACTOR) of the FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program, FEMA Publication 321, FEMA Publication 322, FEMA Publication 323, FEMA Publication 325, and all current FEMA fact sheets, guidance documents, and DSGs. Eligible also includes meeting any changes in definition, rules, or requirements regarding debris removal reimbursement as stipulated by FEMA during the course of a debris removal project.

3.13 Endangered Species Act

3.13.1 Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, *16 U.S.C. § 1536(a)(2)*, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for marine and anadromous species, or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for freshwater and wildlife, if they are proposing an action that may affect listed species or their designated habitat. "Action" is defined broadly to include funding, permitting, and other regulatory actions. (See *50 C.F.R. § 402.02*.)

3.13.2 Each Federal agency is to ensure that any action they authorize, fund, or carry out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated critical habitat. This is done through consultation. If such species may be present, the Local government must conduct a biological assessment (BA) to analyze the potential effects of the project on listed species and critical habitat in order to establish and justify an effect determination (assistance and coordination may be available from the State of Texas, especially with transportation projects). The Federal agency reviews the BA and, if it concludes that the project may adversely affect a listed species or its habitat, it prepares a biological opinion. The biological opinion may recommend reasonable and prudent alternatives to the proposed action to avoid jeopardizing or adversely modifying the habitat.

3.14 FEMA Publication 325 Debris Management Guide

3.14.1 This publication is specifically dedicated to the rules, regulations, and policies associated with the debris removal process. Familiarity with this publication and any revisions can help a Local government limit the amount of non-reimbursable expenses. The Debris Management Guide provides the framework for the debris removal process authorized by the Stafford Act, including the following:

- a. Eliminating immediate threats to lives, public health, and safety.
- b. Eliminating immediate threats of significant damage to improved public or private property.
- c. Ensuring the economic recovery of the affected community to the benefit of the community at large.

3.15 Grinding

3.15.1 Reduction of disaster-related vegetative debris through mechanical means into small pieces to be used as mulch or fuel. Grinding may also be referred to as chipping or mulching.

3.16 Hazardous Hanging Limbs

3.16.1 A limb that poses significant threat to the public. The current eligibility requirements for hazardous hangers according to FEMA Publication 325 are:

- a. The limb must be greater than two (2) inches in diameter.
- b. The limb must be suspended in a tree and threatening a public use area.
- c. The limb must be located on improved public property.

3.17 Hazardous Leaning Tree

3.17.1 A tree is considered hazardous and defined as an eligible leaner when the tree's present state is caused by a disaster, the tree poses a significant threat to the public, and the tree is six (6) inches in diameter or greater as measured two (2) feet from the ground. The current eligibility requirements for leaning trees according to FEMA Publication 325 include:

- a. The tree has more than fifty (50) percent of the crown damaged or destroyed (requires written documentation from an arborist).
- b. The tree has a split trunk or broken branches that expose the heartwood.
- c. The tree has fallen or been uprooted within a public use area.
- d. The tree is leaning at an angle greater than thirty (30) degrees.

3.17.1 Hazardous Stump

3.18.1 A stump is defined as hazardous and eligible for reimbursement if all of the

following criteria are met. The current eligibility requirements for hazardous hangers according to FEMA Publication 325 are:

- a. The stump has fifty (50) percent or more of the root ball exposed.
- b. The stump is greater than twenty-four (24) inches in diameter when measured twenty-four (24) inches from the ground.
- c. The stump is located on a public ROW.
- d. The stump poses an immediate threat to public health and safety.

3.18 Historic Preservation

3.18.1 In certain instances, debris operations may occur in designated areas (for example, DMS locations or private property) that are subject to historical preservation rules and regulations.

3.19 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

3.19.1 The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) defines hazardous waste as materials that are ignitable, reactive, toxic, corrosive, or meet other listed criteria. Examples of eligible HHW include items such as paints, cleaners, pesticides, etc. The eligibility criteria for HHW are as follows:

- a. HHW must be located within a designated area and be removed from an eligible applicant's improved property or ROW.
- b. HHW removal must be the legal responsibility of the applicant.
- c. HHW must be a result of a major disaster.

3.19.2 The collection of commercial disaster-related hazardous waste is generally not eligible for reimbursement. Commercial hazardous waste will only be collected by the CONTRACTOR with written authorization by Hidalgo County. Hazardous waste must be disposed of in accordance with all rules and regulations of Local, State, and Federal regulatory agencies.

3.20 Monitor

3.20.1 Person that observes day-to-day operations of debris removal crews to ensure they are performing eligible work, meeting Hidalgo County's expectations and contractual requirements, and complying with all applicable Federal, State, and Local regulations. May also be referred to as a field inspector.

3.21 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

3.21.1 Equipment worn to minimize exposure to a variety of hazards.

3.22 Recycling

3.22.1 The recovery or use of wastes as a raw material for making products of the same or different nature as the original product.

3.23 Refrigerant

3.24.1 Ozone-depleting compound that must be removed from white goods or other refrigerant-containing items prior to recycling or disposal.

3.24 Right-of-Entry (ROE)

3.25.1 As used by FEMA, the document by which a property owner confers to Hidalgo County or its CONTRACTOR or the United States Army Corps of Engineers the right to enter onto private property for a specific purpose without committing trespass.

3.25 Right-of-Way (ROW)

3.25.1 The portions of land over which facilities such as highways, railroads, or power lines are built. It includes land on both sides of the facility up to the private property line.

3.26 Scale/Weigh Station

3.26.1 A scale used to weigh trucks as they enter and leave a landfill. The difference in weight determines the tonnage dumped and a tipping fee is charged accordingly. It also may be used to determine the quantity of debris picked *up* and hauled.

3.27 Tipping Fee

3.27.1 A fee charged by landfills or other waste management facilities based on the weight or volume of debris dumped. May also be referred to as a disposal fee.

3.28 Used Electronics

3.28.1 End-of-life electronics (typically televisions, computers, and related components) that have been damaged by the disaster. May also be referred to as e-waste.

3.29 Vegetative Debris

3.29.1 Damaged and disturbed trees, tree limbs, bushes, shrubs, brush, untreated lumber, and wood products.

3.29.2 Remains of standing trees that are clearly damaged beyond salvage.

3.30 White Goods

3.30.1 As outlined *in* FBMA Publication 325, eligible white goods are defined as discarded disaster-related household appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps, ovens, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers, and water heaters. White goods can contain ozone-depleting refrigerants, mercury, or compressor oils that the federal Clean Air Act prohibits from being released into the atmosphere. The Clean Air Act specifies that only qualified technicians can extract refrigerants from white goods before they can be recycled. The eligibility criteria for white goods are as follows:

- a. White goods must be located within a designated area and be removed from an eligible applicant's improved property or ROW.
- b. White goods removal must be the legal responsibility of the applicant.
- c. White goods must be a result of a major disaster.

SECTION 4: SCOPE OF WORK AND RATE SCHEDULE ITEMS

The CONTRACTOR shall have experience in debris removal, reduction, and disposal operation where the CONTRACTOR was the prime CONTRACTOR with the capacity to manage a major workforce with multiple SUB-CONTRACTORS and to cover the expenses of a major recovery prior to being paid by the Hidalgo County. Established management teams must be in place. The CONTRACTOR shall have the resources to provide the equipment and personnel necessary to cover a disaster. The CONTRACTOR shall have experience in three (3) debris removal, reduction, and disposal operations in excess of one million (1,000,000) cubic yards where the CONTRACTOR was the prime CONTRACTOR.

It shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to load, transport, reduce, and properly dispose

of all disaster-generated debris once Hidalgo County issues a Notice to Proceed to the CONTRACTOR, unless otherwise directed in writing by Hidalgo County.

Payment for disposal costs (such as tipping fees) incurred by the CONTRACTOR at an Hidalgo County's approved final disposal site that meet Local, State, and Federal regulations for disposal will be reimbursed by Hidalgo County as a pass-through cost. Prior to reimbursement by Hidalgo County, the CONTRACTOR must furnish an invoice in hard copy and electronic formats, all scale or load tickets issued by the disposal facility, and proof of CONTRACTOR payment to the disposal facility.

The Scope of Work under this contract includes the following elements:

4.1 Emergency Road Clearance

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to clear and remove debris from Hidalgo County roadways and waterways to make them passable immediately following a declared disaster. All roadways designated by Hidalgo County shall be clear and passable within seventy (70) working hours of the issuance of a Notice to Proceed from Hidalgo County to conduct emergency roadway clearance work. Hidalgo County may choose to extend the CONTRACTOR'S seventy (70)-hour limit through a written request. This may include roadways in municipalities within Hidalgo County. Roadways will be cleared as directed by Hidalgo County. The CONTRACTOR shall assist Hidalgo County and its representatives in ensuring proper documentation of emergency road clearance activities by documenting the type of equipment and/or labor utilized (that is, certification), starting and ending times, and zones/areas cleared. Services performed under this Contract element will be compensated using a mutually agreed upon Hourly Labor and Equipment Price Schedule.

4.2 Right-of-Way (ROW) Vegetative Debris Removal

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary to pick up and transport eligible disaster-related vegetative debris from Hidalgo County ROW to Hidalgo County approved DMS or approved final disposal site in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

4.2.1 Vegetative debris in Hidalgo County's ROW is defined as debris, resulting from a hurricane or other natural or human-caused disaster that has been or will be placed along public ROWs, easements, Hidalgo County parks, alleys, Hidalgo County debris staging areas, and other areas as designated by Hidalgo County.

4.2.2 For the purposes of this contract, eligible vegetative debris that is piled in immediate proximity to the actual legal street ROW and that is accessible from the ROW line with loading equipment (that is, not behind a fence or other physical obstacle) will be deemed to be on the ROW, and is to be removed.

4.2.3 The CONTRACTOR will remove vegetative debris as directed by Hidalgo County.

4.2.4 All eligible debris will be removed from each location before proceeding to the next location, unless otherwise directed by Hidalgo County or its authorized representative.

4.2.5 The CONTRACTOR must provide traffic control as conditions require or as directed by the Hidalgo County.

4.2.6 Entry onto private property for the removal of eligible vegetative debris will only be permitted when directed by Hidalgo County or its authorized representative. Hidalgo County will provide specific right-of-entry (ROE) legal and operational procedures.

4.3 ROW Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Removal

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs,

and other associated costs necessary to pick up and transport eligible C&D debris from the Hidalgo County's ROW to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

- 4.3.1 C&D debris in Hidalgo County's ROW is defined as disaster generated debris that has been or will be placed along public ROW, easements, Hidalgo County parks, alleys, and Hidalgo County debris staging areas.
- 4.3.2 For the purposes of this contract, eligible C&D debris that is piled in immediate proximity to the ROW and that is accessible from the ROW line with loading equipment (that is, not behind a fence or other physical obstacle) will be deemed to be on the ROW, and is to be removed.
- 4.3.3 The CONTRACTOR will remove C&D debris from the ROW as directed by the Hidalgo County.
- 4.3.4 Once the debris removal vehicle has been issued a load ticket from the Hidalgo County's authorized representative, the debris removal vehicle will proceed immediately to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site. The debris removal vehicle will not collect additional debris once a load ticket has been issued.
- 4.3.5 All eligible debris will be removed from each location before proceeding to the next location, unless otherwise directed by the Hidalgo County or its authorized representative.
- 4.3.6 The CONTRACTOR must provide traffic control as conditions require or as directed by Hidalgo County.
- 4.3.7 Entry onto private property for the removal of eligible C&D debris will only be permitted when directed by the Hidalgo County or its authorized representative. Hidalgo County will provide specific ROE legal and operational procedures.
- 4.3.8 C&D debris must be monitored for the collection, complete haul, and delivery at the approved final disposal site. Hidalgo County or authorized representative will obtain the original copy of the disposal or scale ticket showing the inbound and outbound collection vehicle weights.

4.4 Demolition, Removal, Transport, and Disposal of Non-RACM Structures

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary to decommission, demolish, and dispose of eligible non-regulated asbestos-containing material (non-RACM) structures on private property within the jurisdiction limits of the Hidalgo County. Under this service, work will include asbestos-containing material (ACM) testing, decommissioning, structural demolition, debris removal, and site remediation. Further, eligible debris generated from the demolition of non-RACM structures, as well as scattered C&D debris on private property, will be transported to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

- 4.4.1 Removal and transportation of demolished structures and scattered C&D debris on private property will be performed as identified by Hidalgo County.
- 4.4.2 Entry onto private property will only be permitted when directed by Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County will provide specific ROE legal and operational procedures.
- 4.4.3 The CONTRACTOR is required to strictly adhere to all Local, State, and Federal regulations (such as obtaining demolition permits) for the demolition, handling, and transportation of non-RACM structures.
- 4.4.4 Decommissioning consists of the removal and disposal of all household hazardous waste (HHW), used electronics, white goods, and scrap tires from a non-RACM structure at a properly sanctioned facility in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local regulations.

- 4.4.5 Any structurally unsound and unsafe structures will be identified and presented to Hidalgo County for direction regarding decommissioning.
- 4.4.6 Removal and transportation of eligible non-RACM demolished structures and eligible scattered C&D debris on private property will be performed as directed in writing by the Hidalgo County's authorized representative.
- 4.4.7 Once the debris removal vehicle has been issued a load ticket from the Hidalgo County's authorized representative, the debris removal vehicle will proceed immediately to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site. The debris removal vehicle will not collect additional debris once a load ticket has been issued.
- 4.4.8 Entry onto private property for the removal of eligible C&D debris will only be permitted when directed in writing by the Hidalgo County or its authorized representative. Hidalgo County will provide specific ROE legal and operational procedures for private property debris removal programs if requested.

4.5 Demolition, Removal, Transport, and Disposal of RACM Structures

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary to decommission, demolish, and dispose of eligible RACM structures on private property within the jurisdictional limits of Hidalgo County. Under this service, work will include ACM testing, decommissioning, structural demolition, debris removal, and site remediation. Further, eligible debris generated from the demolition of structures, as well as eligible scattered C&D debris on private property, will be transported to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

- 4.5.1 The CONTRACTOR is required to strictly adhere to all Local, State, and Federal regulatory requirements (such as obtaining demolition permits, burrito wrapping of debris, etc.) for the demolition, handling, and transportation of RACM structures.
- 4.5.2 Decommissioning consists of the removal and disposal of all HHW, e-waste, white goods, and scrap tires from an RACM structure at a properly sanctioned facility in accordance with all applicable Local, State, and Federal regulations.
- 4.5.3 Any structurally unsound and unsafe structures will be identified and presented to Hidalgo County for direction regarding decommissioning.
- 4.5.4 Removal and transportation of eligible RACM demolished structures and eligible scattered C&D debris on private property will be performed as directed in writing by Hidalgo County's authorized representative.
- 4.5.5 Once the debris removal vehicle has been issued a load ticket from Hidalgo County's authorized representative, the debris removal vehicle will proceed immediately to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site that accepts RACM debris. The debris removal vehicle will not collect additional debris once a load ticket has been issued.
- 4.5.6 Entry onto private property for the removal of eligible C&D debris will only be permitted when directed in writing by Hidalgo County or its authorized representative. Hidalgo County will provide specific ROE legal and operational procedures for private property debris removal programs if requested.

4.6 DMS Management and Operations

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary to manage and operate DMS(s) for the acceptance, management, segregation, staging, and reduction of disaster debris. Reduction methods must be approved by Hidalgo County prior to commencement of reduction activities. DMS layouts and ingress and egress plans must be approved by Hidalgo County.

- 4.6.1 Managing DMS location includes helping to obtain necessary Local, State, and

Federal permits or approval and operating *in* accordance with all rules and regulations of Local, State, and Federal regulatory agencies, which may include but are not limited to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Historical Commission (THC), or other State agencies. The CONTRACTOR shall also be responsible for all costs associated with third-party groundwater and soil testing.

- 4.6.2 Debris at the DMS(s) will be clearly segregated and managed independently by debris type (C&D, vegetative, white goods, and other scope of service items), program (ROW collection, private property debris removal, etc.), and Hidalgo County as outlined in Section 4.10 Description of Designated Area.
- 4.6.3 If the alternate tonnage price schedule of this RFP is used, the CONTRACTOR shall obtain, install, and operate scales for weighing incoming debris. Scales shall be installed and certified within five (5) business days of receiving the Notice to Proceed or written notice that the Hidalgo County intends to use the alternate tonnage price schedule of this RFP. The CONTRACTOR shall provide a sufficient number of scales meeting Hidalgo County's specifications to provide for the efficient delivery of waste streams without excessive wait times. Hidalgo County shall decide what constitutes an excessive wait time. To the extent that Hidalgo County determines that additional scales are required, certified scales must be operational within five (5) business days of Hidalgo County's written request.
- 4.6.4 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for maintaining the DMS(s) approach and interior road(s) for all weather conditions for the entire period of debris hauling, including provision of crushed concrete for any roads that require stabilization for ingress and egress.
- 4.6.5 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for all associated costs necessary to provide DMS(s) traffic control (for example, traffic cones and staff with traffic flags).
- 4.6.6 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for all associated costs necessary to provide DMS(s) dust control and erosion control (for example, an operational water truck, silt fencing, and other best management practices).
- 4.6.7 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for providing twenty-four (24)-hour security at DMS(s).
- 4.6.8 The CONTRACTOR will only permit CONTRACTOR vehicles and others specifically authorized by the Hidalgo County or its authorized representative on DMS locations.
- 4.6.9 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for all associated costs necessary to provide DMS(s) utilities (for example, water, lighting, and portable toilets).
- 4.6.10 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for all associated costs necessary to provide DMS(s) fire protection (for example, an operational water truck [sufficient and equipped for fire protection], fire breaks, and a site foreman).
- 4.6.11 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for all associated costs necessary to provide qualified personnel, as well as lined containers or containment areas, for the segregation of visible HHW/contaminants that may be mixed with disaster debris. The cost associated with qualified personnel and lined containers/containment areas for HHW/contaminant segregation is reflected in this scope of work. The Hidalgo County will be responsible for disposing of HHW/contaminant material segregated and stored in lined containers at the DMS(s)
- 4.6.12 The CONTRACTOR shall provide tower(s) from which the Hidalgo County or its authorized representative can make volumetric load calls. The tower provided by the CONTRACTOR will meet required minimum specifications.
- 4.6.13 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for operating the DMS(s) in accordance with

Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), EPA, and TCEQ guidelines.

4.6.14 Upon completion of haul-out activities, the CONTRACTOR shall restore the site to its original condition prior to site use at their own expense, abide by all Local, State, and Federal environmental regulatory requirements, and obtain a written release from Hidalgo County or its authorized representative. Site remediation will include but is not limited to returning the original site grade, sod, and other physical features. Site remediation does not include restoring fencing, concession stands, lighting, and other permanent structures that may have been demolished at Hidalgo County's direction for DMS(s) operations. All debris, mulch, and other residual material is to be removed adequately; fill dirt and/or other base material (if required) must meet standards for intended use; and new sod or seeding must meet standards for intended use. Site remediation will also include returning all utilized sites to their original condition as verified through soil and groundwater samples. Site remediation will abide by all State and Federal environmental regulatory requirements and is subject to final approval by Hidalgo County and TCEQ.

4.7 DMS Management and Reduction by Grinding

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to reduce disaster debris by grinding. Reduction methods are at the discretion of Hidalgo County. Grinding must be approved by Hidalgo County prior to commencement of reduction activities.

4.7.1 All un-reduced disaster debris must be staged separately from reduced debris at the DMS(s).

4.7.2 The CONTRACTOR must obtain Hidalgo County's approval to reduce C&D debris. If approved for reduction by Hidalgo County, C&D debris must be reduced via grinding in order for Hidalgo County to compensate the CONTRACTOR for reduction. Incineration or mauling of C&D are not acceptable methods of C&D reduction.

4.8 DMS Management and Reduction by Incineration

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to reduce disaster debris by incineration. Reduction methods (controlled open-air incineration and air curtain burning) are at the discretion of Hidalgo County. Incineration must be approved by Hidalgo County prior to commencement of reduction activities.

4.8.1 All un-reduced disaster debris must be staged separately from reduced debris at the DMS(s).

4.9 Haul-Out of Reduced Debris to Final Disposal Site

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and associated costs necessary to load and transport reduced eligible material (such as ash, compacted C&D, or mulch) from Hidalgo County approved DMS(s) to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site in accordance with all Local, State, and Federal regulations.

4.9.1 All un-reduced disaster debris must be transported to a final disposal site separately from reduced debris.

4.9.2 The CONTRACTOR shall provide the name and address of each disposal site to be used along with the name and the telephone number of a responsible party for each site, prior to commencing the work.

4.9.3 The CONTRACTOR shall not use any disposal site without the written consent of Hidalgo County. All costs and fees associated with the disposal of debris shall be

reviewed for reasonableness by the Hidalgo County prior to issuing any such authorization.

4.9.4 The CONTRACTOR shall initiate and manage the execution of a written three-party agreement between the disposal site owner/operator, the CONTRACTOR, and Hidalgo County for permission to post Hidalgo County inspector at the site for verification of each load disposed.

4.9.5 The CONTRACTOR shall provide a sufficient number of debris site towers and/or certified scales meeting Hidalgo County specifications to provide for the efficient delivery of waste streams without excessive wait times. Hidalgo County shall decide what constitutes an excessive wait time. To the extent that Hidalgo County determines that additional towers and/or scales are required, additional towers must be operational within forty-eight (48) hours of the Hidalgo County's request and certified scales must be operational within five (5) business days of Hidalgo County's request.

4.9.6 At the completion of disposal operations, each disposal site will issue a written summary of the quantity, type, and origin of waste, delivered.

4.9.7 The CONTRACTOR shall not receive any payment from Hidalgo County for haul out or load tickets related to reduced or unreduced debris transported and disposed of at a final disposal site that was not approved by Hidalgo County.

4.10 Removal of Hazardous Leaning Trees and Hanging Limbs

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, control costs, and other associated costs necessary to remove all eligible hazardous leaning trees six (6) inches or greater in diameter, measured four (4) feet from the base of the tree or chest height, and eligible hazardous hanging limbs two (2) inches or greater in diameter in Hidalgo County ROW. Further, debris generated from the removal of eligible hazardous leaning trees and eligible hazardous hanging limbs two (2) inches or greater in Hidalgo County ROW will be placed in the safest possible location on Hidalgo County ROW and subsequently removed in accordance with Section 4.2 of this RFP. Eligible hazardous leaning trees less than six (6) inches in diameter, measured four (4) feet from the base of the tree or at chest height, will be flush cut, loaded, and removed in accordance with Section 4.2 of this RFP. Hidalgo County will not compensate the CONTRACTOR for cutting leaning trees less than six (6) inches in diameter on a unit rate basis. The collection of all eligible hazardous leaning trees and eligible hazardous hanging limbs must be performed on the same day as the cut work. If there is insufficient room for safe placement along Hidalgo County ROW, then the CONTRACTOR must load the resulting debris as eligible hazardous leaning trees or eligible hazardous hanging limbs as they are removed.

4.10.1 Eligible hazardous leaning trees will be identified by Hidalgo County or its authorized representative for removal. Removal and transportation of hazardous leaning trees six (6) inches or greater in diameter on Hidalgo County or private property will be performed as identified by Hidalgo County or authorized representative. All disaster-specific eligibility guidelines regarding size and diameter of hazardous leaning trees will be communicated to the CONTRACTOR in writing by Hidalgo County or authorized representative. For hazardous leaning trees to be removed and eligible for reimbursement, the tree must satisfy a minimum of one (1) of the following requirements:

- a. The tree has more than fifty (50) percent of the crown damaged or destroyed (requires written documentation from an arborist).
- b. The tree has a split trunk or broken branches that expose the heartwood.
- c. The tree has fallen or been uprooted within a public use area.
- d. The tree is leaning at an angle greater than thirty (30) degrees.

4.10.2 Eligible hazardous hanging limbs will be identified by Hidalgo County or its

authorized representative for removal. Removal and placement of eligible hazardous hanging limbs two (2) inches or greater in diameter on Hidalgo County ROW or private property will be performed as identified by Hidalgo County's authorized representative. All disaster specific eligibility guidelines regarding size and diameter of limbs will be communicated to the CONTRACTOR in writing by Hidalgo County's authorized representative. For hazardous hanging limbs to be removed and eligible for payment, the limb must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- a. The limb is greater than two (2) inches in diameter.
- b. The limb is still hanging in a tree and threatening a public use area.
- c. The limb is located on improved public property.

4.11 Removal of Hazardous Stumps

4.11.1 Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary to remove all hazardous uprooted stumps greater than twenty-four (24) inches in diameter, measured twenty-four (24) inches from the base of the tree, in Hidalgo County ROW. Any voids not backfilled immediately following hazardous stump removal must have measures taken in order to protect public health and safety. Further, debris generated from the removal of eligible hazardous uprooted stumps in the Hidalgo County ROW will be placed in the safest possible location on the ROW and subsequently removed in accordance with Section 4.2 of this RFP. Stumps measured twenty-four (24) inches from the base of the tree and less than twenty-four (24) inches in diameter will be considered normal vegetative debris and will be removed in accordance with Section 4.2 of this RFP. Hidalgo County will not compensate the CONTRACTOR for removing hazardous stumps less than twenty-four (24) inches in diameter on a unit rate basis and instead will be considered normal vegetative debris. The diameter of stumps less than twenty-four (24) inches will be converted into a cubic yardage volume based on the published FEMA Stump Conversion Table (see Attachment 1) and will be removed under the terms and conditions of Section 4.2 of this RFP.

4.11.2 Eligible hazardous stumps will be identified by Hidalgo County for removal. Removal and transportation of hazardous uprooted stumps in the Hidalgo County ROW and private property will be performed as identified by Hidalgo County. All disaster-specific eligibility guidelines regarding size and diameter of hazardous stumps will be communicated to the CONTRACTOR in writing by the Hidalgo County. For hazardous stumps to be removed and eligible for reimbursement, the stump must satisfy the following requirements:

- a. Over fifty (50) percent of the tree crown is damaged or broken and heartwood is exposed.
- b. Fifty (50) percent or more of the root ball is exposed.
- c. The stump is on Hidalgo County ROW and poses an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare.

4.11.3 Stumps that are not attached to the ground will be considered normal vegetative debris and will be subject to removal under the terms and conditions of Section 4.2. Stumps with less than fifty (50) percent of the root ball exposed shall be flush cut to the ground. The stump portion of the tree will not be removed but the residual debris (that is, tree trunk) will be removed under the terms and conditions of Section 4.2. The cubic yard volume of the unattached stump will be based on the diameter conversion using the published FEMA Stump Conversion Table (see Attachment 1).

4.11.4 Hidalgo County or its representative will measure and certify all stumps before removal.

4.11.5 Stumps shall only be collected after Hidalgo County and the CONTRACTOR document and perform the following:

a. Location - Determine that the uprooted stump is located on improved public property or a public ROW. Record and document the location using photography, map depiction, and specific descriptive notations.

b. Size - Measure and record the diameter of the stump to be removed at the appropriate location.

c. Marking - Eligible stumps will be marked and uniquely numbered with green paint. Ineligible stumps will be marked with red paint.

d. Stump Worksheet - Hazardous Stump Worksheet provided by the monitoring firm(s) will be completed in full for each stump to capture the following information: 1) names and signatures of parties present; 2) physical location (street address, road cross streets, etc.); 3) stump number; 4) size of the stump; and 5) date of stump removal.

4.11.6 The unit stump price shall include but not be limited to stump extraction, stump cavity filling with compacted soils and installation of seed and/or sod, stump hauling, and stump reduction.

4.12 ROW White Goods Debris Removal

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary for the collection of white goods from the ROW, removal of refrigerants, transportation to Hidalgo County approved DMS, decontamination, and transportation to Hidalgo County's approved final disposal site.

4.12.1 White goods containing refrigerants must first have such refrigerants removed by the CONTRACTOR'S qualified technicians prior to mechanical loading. White goods can be collected without first having refrigerants removed if the white goods are manually placed into a hauling vehicle with lifting equipment so that the elements containing refrigerants are not damaged.

4.12.2 The removal, transportation, and disposal of white goods includes obtaining all necessary Local, State, and Federal Handling Permits and operating in accordance with all Local, State, and Federal regulatory agencies.

4.12.3 There are no disposal fees for residential white goods.

4.13 Used Electronics

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary for the removal, transportation, and proper disposal of eligible used electronics from the ROW to Hidalgo County approved final disposal site. Eligible used electronics includes but is not limited to disaster damaged televisions, computers, computer monitors, and microwaves in areas identified and approved by Hidalgo County. The CONTRACTOR shall recycle or dispose of all eligible used electronics in accordance with all Local, State, and Federal regulations.

4.14 Household Hazardous Waste Removal, Transport, and Disposal

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary for the removal, transportation, and disposal of HHW.

4.14.1 The removal, transportation, and disposal of HHW includes obtaining all necessary Local, State, and Federal Handling Permits and operating in accordance with all Local, State, and Federal regulations.

4.14.2 The collection methods shall include collection vehicles supplied by the

CONTRACTOR which shall be capable of transporting IIBW materials from the curb to the approved final disposal sites. All hazardous waste collection personnel shall wear Level D personal protective equipment (PPE) and carry a means of communication (for example, cell phone or radio) for safety and operational purpose. CONTRACTOR personnel shall observe all applicable safety requirements for the handling of HHW in accordance with applicable regulations. All HHW shall be examined prior to collection to ensure it is free of other more serious contaminants, including PCBs. Such serious and non-qualifying non-HHW waste shall be noted and scheduled for separate recovery by Hidalgo County or CONTRACTOR as directed by Hidalgo County. Debris identified as HHW shall be collected and placed in poly bags for temporary storage during transport to the approved final disposal site.

4.14.3 HHW from DMS

4.15 Section Deleted

4.16 Animal Carcass Removal and Disposal

Under this contract, work shall consist of all labor, equipment, fuel, traffic control costs, and other associated costs necessary for the removal, transportation, and lawful disposal of dead animal carcasses in areas identified and approved by Hidalgo County to an approved final disposal site. The carcasses will be hauled to Hidalgo County approved staging area and subsequently disposed of by the appropriate regulatory agency.

4.16.1 The CONTRACTOR will coordinate activities with the appropriate Local animal control agency.

4.16.2 The removal, transportation, and disposal of Animal Carcasses includes obtaining all necessary Local, State, and Federal Handling Permits and operating in accordance with all Local, State, and Federal regulations.

4.17 Other Debris Removal Work

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUB-CONTRACTOR shall solicit work from private citizens or others to be performed in the designated work areas during the term of this CONTRACT. Hidalgo County reserves the right to require the CONTRACTOR to dismiss or remove from the project any workers as Hidalgo County sees necessary. Any debris removal vehicles dismissed from the project must have their issued placard removed and destroyed.

4.18 Use of Local Resources

The CONTRACTOR will be able to use their own SUB-CONTRACTOR resources to meet the obligations of the contract. FEMA encourages using local resources. Hidalgo County will establish the extent to which CONTRACTOR must use local resources. It is expected that the awarded CONTRACTOR will encourage at least thirty (30) percent of SUB-CONTRACTORS are resources located within the disaster area, including but not limited to procuring supplies and equipment, awarding subcontracts, and employing workmen at the Hidalgo County's discretion.

4.19 Working Hours

Working hours of this CONTRACT shall only be during daylight hours, Monday through Sunday, or as otherwise directed by Hidalgo County. No work outside these hours shall be allowed unless approved in advance by Hidalgo County.

4.19.1 The CONTRACTOR shall conduct debris removal operations that generate noise levels above that normally associated with routine traffic flow during daylight hours only. Work may be performed seven (7) days per week. Adjustments to work hours, as local conditions may dictate, shall be coordinated between Hidalgo County and the CONTRACTOR. Unless otherwise directed, the CONTRACTOR must be

capable of conducting volumetric reduction operations at DMS locations on a twenty-four-(24)-hour, seven-(7)-day-a-week basis. No work will be performed on the following holidays without prior approval of Hidalgo County:

- 4.19.1.1 New Year's Day
- 4.19.1.2 Memorial Day
- c. Independence Day
- d. Labor Day
- e. Thanksgiving Day
- f. Christmas Day

4.20 Debris Site Tower Specifications

The CONTRACTOR shall provide as many towers as designated by Hidalgo County at each disposal site for the use of Hidalgo County representatives during their inspection of dumping operations.

4.20.1 If ingress and egress of the DMS(s) is of significant distance that Hidalgo County or its authorized representative are unable to verify the entering and exiting trucks, then the CONTRACTOR may be required to provide a second tower.

4.20.2 The inspection platform of the tower shall be constructed at a minimum height of ten (10) feet from surrounding grade to finish floor level, have a minimum eight (8) feet by eight (8) feet of usable floor area, be covered by a roof with two (2) feet overhangs on all sides, and be provided with appropriate railings and a stairway. The platform shall be enclosed, starting from platform floor level and extending up four (4) feet on all four (4) sides. The expense incurred by the CONTRACTOR for the construction of towers is an overhead expense considered part of the CONTRACTOR'S compensation under the terms and conditions of Section 4.

4.20.3 The CONTRACTOR shall provide a minimum of one (1) portable toilet at each dump site for the use of Hidalgo County authorized representatives during their inspection of dumping operations. The toilet shall be provided prior to start of any dumping operations and will be kept in a sanitary condition by the CONTRACTOR throughout dumping operations. The expense incurred by the CONTRACTOR for the operation of portable toilets is an overhead expense considered part of the CONTRACTOR'S compensation under the terms and conditions of Section 5.

4.20.4 Care shall be taken to place tower at a sufficient distance away from any reduction/dumping operations. If necessary, dumping operations may be temporarily suspended by Hidalgo County due to unsuitable conditions at the tower.

4.21 Equipment

4.21.1 All trucks and other equipment must comply with all applicable Local, Tribal, State, and Federal regulations. Any truck used to haul debris must be capable of rapidly dumping its load without the assistance of other equipment, and must be equipped with a tailgate that will effectively contain the debris during transport and permit the truck to be filled to capacity.

4.21.2 Sideboards or other extensions to the bed are allowable provided they meet all applicable regulations, cover the front and both sides, and are constructed to withstand severe operating conditions. The sideboards are to be constructed of two (2) inch by six (6) inch boards or greater and not to extend more than two (2) feet above the metal bedsides. Trucks or equipment certified with sideboards must maintain such sideboards and keep them in good repair. To ensure compliance, equipment will be inspected by Hidalgo County or authorized representative prior to its use by the CONTRACTOR.

4.21.3 Trucks or equipment designated for use under this contract shall not be used for any other work during the working hours of this contract. The CONTRACTOR shall not solicit work from private citizens or others to be performed in the designated area during the period of this contract. Under no circumstances will the PROPOSER mix debris hauled for others with debris hauled under this contract.

4.21.4 Debris shall be reasonably compacted into the hauling vehicle. Any debris extending above the top of the bed shall be secured in place to prevent it from falling off. Measures must be taken to prevent debris from blowing out of the hauling vehicle during transport to an approved DMS or an approved final disposal site.

4.21.5 Equipment used under this contract shall be rubber tired and sized properly to fit loading conditions. Excessively large equipment (100 cubic yards and up) and non-rubber tired equipment must be approved for use on the road by Hidalgo County.

4.21.6 Hand-loaded vehicles are prohibited unless pre-authorized in writing by the Hidalgo County following the event. All hand-loaded vehicles will receive an automatic fifty (50) percent deduction for lack of compaction.

4.22 Traffic Control

4.22.1 The CONTRACTOR shall mitigate the effects of their operations on local traffic to the fullest extent practical. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate traffic controls in all work areas, including DMS(s) and debris collection sites.

4.22.2 The CONTRACTOR shall provide, erect, and maintain all necessary barricades, suitable and sufficient lights, danger signals, signs, and other traffic control devices at all CONTRACTOR work areas to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

4.22.3 The CONTRACTOR shall provide qualified flag personnel where necessary to direct the traffic and shall take all necessary precautions to protect the designated area and the safety of the public.

4.22.4 All work shall comply with all applicable Local, State, and Federal regulations governing personnel, equipment, and workplace safety. Any notification of a deficiency in traffic control or other safety items shall be immediately corrected by the CONTRACTOR. No further work shall take place until the deficiency is corrected. Neither Hidalgo County nor Hidalgo County's authorized representative shall sign any additional load or unit rate tickets until the safety item is corrected.

4.22.5 Highways, streets, or parts of the designated area closed to through traffic shall be protected by effective barricades, and obstructions shall be illuminated during the hours from sunset to sunrise. Suitable warning signs shall be provided to properly control and direct traffic.

4.22.6 All barricades, warning signs, lights, temporary signals, other protective devices, flag persons, and signaling devices shall meet the minimum requirements established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, Part VI, prepared by the National Joint Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and current at the time bids are received. Traffic control will conform to the State's most current roadway and traffic design standards and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways. The foregoing requirements are to be considered as minimum and the CONTRACTOR'S compliance shall in no way relieve the CONTRACTOR of final responsibility for providing adequate traffic control devices for the protection of the public and CONTRACTOR'S employees throughout the designated area.

4.22.7 The expenses incurred by the CONTRACTOR for traffic control shall be compensated under the terms and conditions of Section 4.

4.23 Damage to Public or Private Property

4.23.1 All items damaged as a result of CONTRACTOR or SUB-CONTRACTOR operations (for example, sidewalks, seating, curbs, pipes, drains, water mains, pavement, mail boxes, and turf) shall be repaired or replaced by the CONTRACTOR, at their expense, in a manner prescribed by and at the sole satisfaction of Hidalgo County. The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for any invoices submitted to Hidalgo County (such as by utility companies or landowners) that are determined to be the result of damage done by the CONTRACTOR. Hidalgo County reserves the right to pay any such invoices and deduct the cost from the CONTRACTOR'S invoice. Repairs or receipt of repairs shall be completed and submitted to Hidalgo County prior to submission of the CONTRACTOR'S invoice for work accomplished. If the CONTRACTOR fails to repair any damaged property, Hidalgo County may have the work performed and charge the CONTRACTOR.

4.23.2 The CONTRACTOR shall restore all disturbed areas to their original condition, including re-grading, use of rye grass and permanent grass, and any other means necessary.

4.23.3 The CONTRACTOR'S failure to restore damage to public or private property to the satisfaction of Hidalgo County will result in Hidalgo County withholding retainage money in an amount sufficient to make necessary repairs.

4.24 Existing Utilities

4.24.1 Some trees and debris that are to be removed under this contract may be blocked or entangled with overhead power, telephone, and television cables. In this case, it shall be CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to coordinate directly with the utility owners to a ll'ange for the removal of the debris without damage to the overhead and underground utility lines. The CONTRACTOR shall pay all such costs to the utility company for any adjustments.

4.25.1 The CONTRACTOR shall make the necessary repairs or pay all costs incurred to repair damaged utilities, as determined by the affected utility company. Repairs to all municipal and privately owned water and sewer facilities shall be made by the CONTRACTOR.

4.25 Environmental Protection

4.25.1 All chemicals of whatever nature used during project construction or furnished for project operations must be state and federally certified. Their use and disposal of all residues shall strictly comply with instructions.

4.25.2 The CONTRACTOR shall, at their own expense, ensure that noise and dust pollution is minimized to comply with all Local and State regulations and the approval of Hidalgo County. The CONTRACTOR shall comply in a timely manner with all directions of Hidalgo County regarding the use of a water truck or other approved dust abatement measures.

4.25.3 The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances regarding environmental protection.

4.26 Documentation and Measurement

4.26.1 Prior to beginning any work, Hidalgo County or its authorized representative shall clearly number each truck hauling debris or piece of equipment loading debris. All vehicles must be certified by Hidalgo County or its authorized representative prior to debris collection. If a vehicle is working under multiple contracts or for multiple communities, it must be re-certified by Hidalgo County authorized representative each time it returns to work from other contracts or communities.

4.26.2 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for ensuring that all SUB-CONTRACTORS

maintain valid driver's licenses and equipment legally fit for travel on the road.

4.26.3 The CONTRACTOR shall designate one Project Manager. The Project Manager shall provide Hidalgo County with a telephone number at which the Project Manager can be reached throughout the project.

4.26.4 Load tickets will be provided by Hidalgo County or its authorized representative for recording volumes of debris removal.

4.26.4.a.1 Each load ticket shall consist of one original and four carbon-copy duplicates.

b. Load tickets will be issued by Hidalgo County authorized representative at the loading site. Hidalgo County will keep one copy of the ticket, and give four copies to the vehicle operator. Upon arrival at the dump site, the vehicle operator will give the four copies to Hidalgo County authorized representative at the dump site. Trucks with less than full capacities will be adjusted down by visual inspection. This determination will be made by the Hidalgo County authorized representative present at the dump site. Hidalgo County authorized representative will validate, enter the estimated debris quantity, and sign the load tickets. Hidalgo County will keep the original copy and the three remaining duplicate copies will be returned to the vehicle operator for the CONTRACTOR'S records.

c. The CONTRACTOR shall give written notice of the location for work scheduled twenty-four (24) hours in advance to Hidalgo County.

4.27 Ownership of Debris

All debris residing in Hidalgo County ROW and Hidalgo County provided DMS(s) shall be the property of Hidalgo County until final disposal at a properly permitted disposal site. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible removing debris up to the point where debris can only be described as light litter and additional collection can be facilitated only by sweeping and raking. In addition to debris stored on the ROW as the result of road clearing, Hidalgo County will direct residents to place debris in segregated piles along the ROW, separated as to the waste category. There may be a need to perform some curbside separation of the different waste materials. Different waste materials will be collected in separate vehicles and may require disposal at different locations, which will be approved by Hidalgo County. All items requiring disposal at special sites shall be required to be monitored for the collection, complete haul, and delivery at the approved special site with the monitor obtaining an original copy of the disposal ticket showing inbound and outbound collection vehicle weights.

4.27.1 All bagged and bundled waste and debris smaller than two (2) inches in diameter and shorter than two (2) feet in length are outside the scope of this contract unless specifically directed by Hidalgo County. Collection of municipal solid waste (MSW) is outside the scope of this contract. All debris handled by the CONTRACTOR shall become the property of the CONTRACTOR upon collection,

4.27.2 It is recognized that C&D debris might contain small amounts of asbestos, lead-based paints, treated wood, or similar materials, The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may issue orders for the classification and disposition of all disaster debris. Based on the mandates of TCEQ and other applicable State and Federal reimbursement agencies, the character and disposal of waste streams will be determined. The CONTRACTOR and Hidalgo County will establish a final disposal plan based on these mandates.

4.28 Hidalgo County Responsibilities

Hidalgo County, at a minimum, will be responsible for the following:

- a. Coordinating collection activities with the CONTRACTOR
- b. Completing the service request form**
- c. Identifying suitable DMS activities
- d. Promoting debris management activities
- e. Providing educational materials
- f. Submitting post-collection DMS(s) data reports to TCEQ
- g. Recruiting and coordinating volunteers
- h. Coordinating with local police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and other appropriate agencies
- i. Providing emergency contact information
- j. Executing the contract with selected CONTRACTOR(S)
- k. Issuing a written Notice to Proceed at the appropriate time

EXHIBIT B

SELECTION/EVALUATION CRITERIA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For
HIDALGO COUNTY

**“Disaster Debris Clearance, removal & Other Miscellaneous
Services”**

RFP NO: 2019-XXX-XX-XX-YSS

SELECTION/EVALUATION CRITERIA

Hidalgo County will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of all Proposals received in response to this RFP. Hidalgo County will establish a “Selection Committee” comprised of staff members to perform such evaluation. Each RFP received will be analyzed to determine overall responsiveness and qualifications under the RFP; further, the “Selection Committee” may select proposing organizations for “in person” presentation. Criteria to be evaluated, not necessarily in order of priority, may include the items listed below. Final approval of a selected PROPOSER is subject to the action of Hidalgo County’s Commissioners Court.

Hidalgo County will review all proposals for completeness. Those proposals found to be incomplete, or which fail to address the needs of the County as stated herein, will not be evaluated. Only those proposals furnished complete, with all required documentation, will be evaluated. Proposers are urged to initially submit their best offer.

During the evaluation process, Hidalgo County may request Proposer’s representative to answer questions regarding the proposal. Failure of the Proposer to demonstrate that the claims made in its proposal are true may be sufficient cause for deeming a proposal non-responsive.

1. **Experience, References, Reputation, and Compliance** **20 Points**
 - Experience and reputation in managing debris removal and disposal projects within State and Federal regulations and guidelines
 - Personnel experience and training
 - Financial stability

2. **Debris Management Services** **20 Points**
 - Degree of Hidalgo County liability in proposed debris management methods
 - Breadth of service and number of contracts Contractor can handle
 - Debris management methods and commitment to Hidalgo County debris management preferences
 - Availability of preferred disposal methods (for example, types of materials planned for reuse and recycling)
 - Ability to ensure debris is collected, sorted transported safely, and reduced appropriately
 - Ability to serve a wide range of project types (for example, permanent facility, one-day event, and mobile collection unit) community types (for example, rural, urban, and suburban)

3. **Responsiveness of Proposal** **20 Points**
 - Demonstrated understanding of Hidalgo County’s needs
 - Demonstrated understanding of requirements of the RFP and Contract
 - Quality of proposal and impression of response as it related to project

4. **Support and Training** **20 Points**
 - Demonstrated experience and ability to assist/train Hidalgo County prepare before event
 - Demonstrated experience and ability to support and train Hidalgo County during event
 - Demonstrated experience and ability to support and follow through with Hidalgo County after event

5. **Pricing** **20 Points**
 - Based on Hidalgo County’s most recent active contracts and pricing

Total Points: 100 Points

**EXHIBIT B
EVALUATION FORM**

Hidalgo County

“Disaster Debris Clearance, Removal & Other Miscellaneous Services”

RFP NO: 2019-XXX-XX-XX-YSS

SELECTION CRITERIA		POINTS	SCORE
1) Experience, References, Reputation, and Compliance		(maximum points 20)	
• Experience and reputation in managing debris removal and disposal projects within State and Federal regulations and guidelines	0-20		
• Personnel experience and training	0-20		
• Proof of financial stability	0-20		
Comments/Rationale for points:	TOTAL		
2) Debris Management Services		(maximum points 20)	
• Degree of Hidalgo County liability in proposed debris management methods	0-20		
• Breadth of service and number of contracts Contractor can handle	0-20		
• Debris management methods and commitment to Hidalgo County debris management preferences	0-20		
• Availability of preferred disposal methods (for example, types of materials planned for reuse and recycling)	0-20		
• Ability to ensure debris is collected, sorted transported safely, and reduced appropriately	0-20		
• Ability to serve a wide range of project types (for example, permanent facility, one-day event, and mobile collection unit) community types (for example, rural, urban, and suburban)	0-20		
Comments/Rationale for points:	TOTAL:		
3) Responsiveness of Proposal		(maximum points 20)	
• Demonstrated understanding of Hidalgo County’s needs	0-20		
• Demonstrated understanding of requirements of the RFP and Contract	0-20		
• Quality of proposal and impression of response as it related to project	0-20		
Comments/Rationale for points:	TOTAL:		
4) Support and Training		(maximum points 20)	
• Demonstrated experience and ability to assist/train Hidalgo County prepare before event	0-20		
• Demonstrated experience and ability to support and train Hidalgo County during event	0-20		
• Demonstrated experience and ability to support and follow through with Hidalgo County after event	0-20		
Comments/Rationale for points:	TOTAL:		
5) Pricing		(maximum points 20)	
• Based on Hidalgo County’s most recent active contracts and pricing	0-20		
Comments/Rationale for points:	TOTAL:		
TOTAL SCORE			

Firm Name: _____ Date: _____

Evaluator: _____ Dept: _____

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).

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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.

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT
Exhibit "E"

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 nay 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____

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:

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above		
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code		
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
or									
Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.
Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

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"
TITLE VI
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”

(If Applicable)

2 C.F.R. § 200.326 & 2 C.F.R. Part 200,
Appendix II

Required Contract Clauses for Non-Federal
Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

&

Required Contract Clauses for Non-Federal
Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards with
the Federal Emergency Management Agency
(FEMA)

2 C.F.R. § 200.326 & 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, Required Contract Clauses for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

The United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued in 2 C.F.R. 200: *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Subpart D: Post Federal Award Requirements: 2 CFR §§200.317-200.326 of the Uniform Guidance contain provisions applicable to procurements made with federal grant funding.

As a non-Federal entity, the County of Hidalgo's ("County") contracts must contain the applicable contract clauses described in Appendix II to the Uniform Guidance (Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards), which are set forth below. 2 C.F.R. §200.326. If applicable, the following clauses shall supersede any existing, similar clauses stated within the bid document, contract, and/or Terms and Conditions. *The term "Contractor" used herein refers to the proposer, bidder or other entity/individual responding to the applicable procurement packet.*

If applicable, the regulations in 2 CFR, Part 200 and Appendix II to the Uniform Guidance, as it may be amended from time to time, and the contract clauses below, are incorporated by reference as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.

To procure goods and services using funds under a federal grant or contract, specific federal laws, regulations, and requirements may apply in addition to those under state law. The following provisions are required and apply when federal funds are expended by the County of Hidalgo for any contract resulting from this procurement process.

1. **Remedies.**

- a. **Applicability.** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Standard.** Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ A.
- c. **Statement.** Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when federal funds are expended by the County, the County reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State of Texas, and local laws, rules, and regulations and shall obtain all applicable licenses and permits for the conduct of its business and the performance of the services, and any provision of equipment and material ("Applicable Law"). All transactions related to any of the Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and trial of any action brought in connection with the bid or the Contract Documents shall be held exclusively in a state court in the County of Hidalgo, Texas.

2. Termination for Cause and Convenience.

- a. Applicability. This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. Standard. All contracts in excess of \$10,000 shall address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement as follows. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ B.
- c. Statement. Termination. County may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon ten (10) days written notice to the other party. County may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice if Contractor breaches this Agreement. In the event of any termination, Contractor shall promptly deliver to the County any and all Work Materials prepared for the County prior to the effective date of such termination, all of which shall become County's sole property. After receipt of the Work Materials, County will pay Contractor for the services which the County determines were satisfactorily performed as of the effective date of the termination.

Excuses for Non-Performance. Either party shall be absolved from its obligations under this contract when and to the extent that performance is delayed or prevented (and in the County of Hidalgo's case when and to the extent that its need for the articles, materials or work to be supplied hereunder is reduced or eliminated) by reason of acts of God, fire explosion, war riots, strikes, labor disputes, or governmental laws, orders or regulations.

Default. If Contractor or Subcontractor shall breach any provision hereof or shall become insolvent, enter voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or receivership proceedings or make an assignment to the benefit of creditors, County of Hidalgo shall have the right (without limiting any other rights or remedies which it may have hereunder or by operation of law) to terminate this contract by written notice to Contractor whereupon County shall be relieved of all further obligation hereunder except the obligation to pay the reasonable value of Contractor's prior performance (at not exceeding the contract rate), and Contractor shall be liable to County for all costs incurred by County in completing or procuring the completion of performance in excess of the contract price herein specified. The County's right to require strict performance of any obligation hereunder shall not be affected by any previous waiver, forbearance of course of dealing. Time is of the essence thereof.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity.

- a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. Standard. Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60- 1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, *Equal Employment Opportunity* (30 Fed. Reg. 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, *Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity*, and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60 (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ C.

c. Key Definitions:

- (1) *Federally Assisted Construction Contract.* The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines a “federally assisted construction contract” as any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any Federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.
- (2) *Construction Work.* The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines “construction work” as the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction

- d. Statement: Contractor will comply with the Nondiscrimination Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and all Federal regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs. The regulation at 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.4(b) requires the insertion of the following contract clause:

“During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the

administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.”

4. **Davis Bacon Act and Copeland Anti-Kickback Act.**

- a. **Applicability of Davis-Bacon Act.** The Davis-Bacon Act only applies to the emergency Management Preparedness Grant Program, Homeland Security Grant Program, Nonprofit Security Grant Program, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program, Port Security Grant Program, and Transit Security Grant Program. **It does not apply to other Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs, including the Public Assistance Program.**
- b. **Standard.** All prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5 (Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction)). **See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ D.**

In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week.

The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding City.

In contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, the contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by

Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 3 (Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States). The Copeland Anti-Kickback Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to FEMA or applicable Federal entity.

- c. Statement. The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) does provide the required contract clause that applies to compliance with both the Davis-Bacon and Copeland Acts. However, as discussed in the previous subsection, the Davis-Bacon Act does not apply to Public Assistance recipients and subrecipients. In situations where the Davis-Bacon Act does not apply, neither does the Copeland “Anti-Kickback Act.” However, for purposes of grant programs where both clauses do apply, FEMA or applicable Federal entity requires the following contract clause:

“Compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act.

(1) *Contractor.* The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

(2) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as Federal requirements may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

(3) *Breach.* A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.”

5. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.**

- a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. Standard. Where applicable (see 40 U.S.C. § 3701), all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ E.

Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of

supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

The regulation at 29 C.F.R. § 5.5(b) provides the required contract clause concerning compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

c. Statement.

“Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

(1) *Overtime requirements.* No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) *Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.* The County of Hidalgo shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.”

6. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.

- a. Applicability: Stafford Act Disaster Grants. This requirement **does not apply to the Public Assistance**, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Grant Program, Disaster Case Management Grant

Program, and Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households – Other Needs Assistance Grant Program, as FEMA or Federal awards under these programs do not meet the definition of “funding agreement.”

- b. Standard. If the FEMA or Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the non-Federal entity wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the non-Federal entity must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Part 401 (Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements), and any implementing regulations issued by FEMA or applicable awarding agency. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ F.
- c. Key Definition: The regulation at 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) currently defines “funding agreement” as any contract, grant, or cooperative agreement entered into between any Federal agency, other than the Tennessee Valley Authority, and any contractor for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded in whole or in part by the Federal government. This term also includes any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract of any type entered into for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under a funding agreement as defined in the first sentence of this paragraph.

7. **Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.**

- a. Applicability and Standard: Contracts of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the contractor to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ G.
- b. Statement: Included in contracts as provided in section “7a” above.
 - (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
 - (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Federal awarding agency (e.g. Federal Emergency Management Agency-FEMA) and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. Contractor understands and agrees that each violation reported to the County of Hidalgo will, in turn, be reported as required to assure notification to the Federal awarding agency and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
 - (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the applicable Federal awarding agency (e.g. FEMA).

8. **Debarment and Suspension.**

- a. Applicability: This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.

- b. Standard. Non-Federal entities and contractors are subject to the debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, *Debarment and Suspension* (1986) and Executive Order 12689, *Debarment and Suspension* (1989) at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and the Department of Homeland Security's regulations at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000 (Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension).

These regulations restrict awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ H; and Chapter IV, ¶ 6.d and Appendix C, ¶ 2. A contract award must not be made to parties listed in the SAM Exclusions. SAM Exclusions is the list maintained by the General Services Administration that contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. SAM exclusions can be accessed at www.sam.gov. See 2 C.F.R. § 180.530; Chapter IV, ¶ 6.d and Appendix C, ¶ 2.

In general, an "excluded" party cannot receive a Federal grant award or a contract within the meaning of a "covered transaction," to include subawards and subcontracts. This includes parties that receive Federal funding indirectly, such as contractors to recipients and subrecipients. The key to the exclusion is whether there is a "covered transaction," which is any nonprocurement transaction (unless excepted) at either a "primary" or "secondary" tier. Although "covered transactions" do not include contracts awarded by the Federal Government for purposes of the nonprocurement common rule and DHS's implementing regulations, it does include some contracts awarded by recipients and subrecipient.

Specifically, a covered transaction includes the following contracts for goods or services:

- (1) The contract is awarded by a recipient or subrecipient in the amount of at least \$25,000.
- (2) The contract requires the approval of FEMA or applicable Federal entity, regardless of amount.
- (3) The contract is for Federally-required audit services.
- (4) A subcontract is also a covered transaction if it is awarded by the contractor of a recipient or subrecipient and requires either the approval of FEMA or applicable Federal entity or is in excess of \$25,000.

- c. Statement. The following provides a debarment and suspension clause. It incorporates a method of verifying that contractors are not excluded or disqualified:

For maximum protection, provide a print or electronic document for every prime and subcontractor, from www.sam.gov in order to ensure that they are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities.

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by (insert name of subrecipient). If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to (name of state agency serving as recipient and name of subrecipient), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

9. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.**

- a. **Applicability:** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Standard.** Contractors that apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more must file the required certification. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ I; 44 C.F.R. Part 18; Chapter IV, 6.c; Appendix C, ¶ 4. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any City, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. See Chapter IV, ¶ 6.c and Appendix C, ¶ 4.
- c. **Statement.** The following statement in bold provides a Byrd Anti-Lobbying contract clause:

(IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE FILL IN BLANKS AND SIGN)

“Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.”

APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned Contractor, _____
certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date"

10. **Procurement of Recovered Materials.**

- a. **Applicability:** This requirement applies to all Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs.
- b. **Standard.** A non-Federal entity that is a **state agency or agency of a political subdivision** of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at 42 U.S.C. § 6962). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ J; 2 C.F.R. § 200.322; *PDAT Supplement*, Chapter V, ¶ 7.

The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the EPA at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired by the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

- c. **Statement.** The following provides the clause that a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors can include in contracts meeting the above contract thresholds:

“(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (iii) At a reasonable price.

- (3) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.”

Additional Required Contract Clauses for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Additional FEMA or applicable Federal Requirements. In addition to the requirements above, non-Federal entity contracts under Federal award subject to financial assistance from FEMA are required to contain the following additional contract clauses. The Uniform Guidance authorizes FEMA to require additional provisions for non-Federal entity contracts. FEMA, pursuant to this authority, requires or recommends the following:

These clauses are incorporated by reference as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.

11. Changes.

- a. Standard. To be eligible for FEMA assistance under the non-Federal entity's Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the cost of the change, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope. FEMA or applicable Federal entity recommends, therefore, that a non-Federal entity include a changes clause in its contract that describes how, if at all, changes can be made by either party to alter the method, price, or schedule of the work without breaching the contract. The language of the clause may differ depending on the nature of the contract and the end-item procured.
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding access to records:

“The contractor shall secure written authorization before proceeding with any additional work, whether requested by the County or required to complete the contract. The cost for any changes to the contract price, whether requested by the County or the Contractor will be approved only after submitting the contractor's true costs for the work and related equipment costs and site expenses.”

12. Access to Records.

- a. Standard. All non-Federal entities must place into their contracts a provision that all contractors and their successors, transferees, assignees, and subcontractors acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing Department and FEMA or applicable Federal entity access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, v 3.0, ¶ XXVI (2013).
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding access to records:

“Access to Records. The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

(1) The contractor agrees to provide the County of Hidalgo, the FEMA or applicable Federal Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The contractor agrees to provide the FEMA or applicable Federal Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.”

13. DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags.

- a. Standard. All non-Federal entities must place in their contracts a provision that a contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS City

officials without specific FEMA or applicable Federal entity pre-approval. See DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, v3.0, ¶ XXV (2013).

- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags:

“The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS City officials without specific FEMA or applicable Federal entity pre-approval.”

14. Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders.

- a. Standard. All non-Federal entities must place into their contracts an acknowledgement that FEMA or applicable Federal financial assistance will be used to fund the contract along with the requirement that the contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, and FEMA or applicable Federal policies, procedures, and directives.
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations and Executive Orders:

“This is an acknowledgement that Federal financial assistance will be used to fund the contract only. The contractor will comply will all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA or applicable Federal policies, procedures, and directives.”

15. No Obligation by Federal Government.

- a. Standard. The non-Federal entity must include a provision in its contract that states that the Federal Government is not a party to the contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding no obligation by the Federal Government:

“The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.”

16. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.

- a. Standard. The non-Federal entity must include a provision in its contract that the contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to its actions pertaining to the contract.
- b. Statement. The following provides a contract clause regarding Fraud and False or Fraudulent Related Acts:

“The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor’s actions pertaining to this contract.”

Contractor agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, as applicable. It is further acknowledged that the Contractor read and understands all provisions, laws, acts, regulations, etc. as specifically noted above and certifies compliance with the same.

Vendor's Name/Company Name: _____

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit “I”

EHWA 1273

**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS
FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Nonsegregated Facilities
- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
- V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
- VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
- VII. Safety: Accident Prevention
- VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- X. Compliance with Governmentwide Suspension and Debarment Requirements
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230 are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

I. GENERAL

1. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under Title 23 (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services).

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR 60, 29 CFR 1625-1627, Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR 60, and 29 CFR 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with Title 23 USC Section 140, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in bid proposal or request for proposal documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract).

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR 230, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity: Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630, 29 CFR 1625-1627, 41 CFR 60 and 49 CFR 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under

this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract.

b. The contractor will accept as its operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. EEO Officer: The contractor will designate and make known to the contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active EEO program and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. Dissemination of Policy: All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minorities and women.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. Recruitment: When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minorities and women. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

c. The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are

applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs, i.e., apprenticeship, and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance. In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of employees who are minorities and women and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. Unions: If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The contractor will use good faith efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minorities and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the contracting agency and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities: The contractor must be familiar

with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established there under. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

9. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

10. Assurance Required by 49 CFR 26.13(b):

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's U.S. DOT-approved DBE program are incorporated by reference.

b. The contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the contracting agency deems appropriate.

11. Records and Reports: The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number and work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women;

b. The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project, indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor

will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.

The contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location, under the contractor's control, where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size). The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. Contracting agencies may elect to apply these requirements to other projects.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

1. Minimum wages

a. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions

of paragraph 1.d. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b.(1) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(ii) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(3) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. The Wage and Hour Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or

will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

c. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

d. If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program. Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2. Withholding

The contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. Payrolls and basic records

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-

Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b.(1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency..

(2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under §5.5 (a)(3)(ii) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, the appropriate information is being maintained under §5.5 (a)(3)(i) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 5, and that such information is correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations, 29 CFR part 3;

(iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

(4) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of title 18 and section 231 of title 31 of the United States Code.

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. Apprentices and trainees

a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly

rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

d. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

7. Contract termination; debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. Disputes concerning labor standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of eligibility.

a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

The following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or 29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchmen and guards.

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1.) of this section.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The FHWA or the contracting agency shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2.) of this section.

4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1.) through (4.) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1.) through (4.) of this section.

VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System.

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term "perform work with its own organization" refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;
- (2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;
- (3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and
- (4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract.

2. The contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. The contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is

evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract.

5. The 30% self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements.

VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C.3704).

VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 1, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract, or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any person who is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract is not prohibited from receiving an award due to a violation of Section 508 of the Clean Water Act or Section 306 of the Clean Air Act.

2. That the contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Section X in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more – as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this

covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (f) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal 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;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which

this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a grantee or subgrantee of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the Excluded Parties List System website (<https://www.epls.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the

department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 (49 CFR 20).

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS
PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT
HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS
ROAD CONTRACTS**

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.

b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.

c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 23 CFR 633.207(e) allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SERVICE CONTRACT

C-XX-XXX-XX-XX

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this **XXth** day of **Month, 20XX** by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS** ("County"), and **Vendor, Inc.** ("Company").

WHEREAS, Company has proposed and agreed to provide Emergency Debris Management Services (the "Services") in accordance with the following:

- a. Hidalgo County's Request for Proposals # XXX-XXX-XX-XX-YSS,
- b. Contractor Pricing Worksheet ("Worksheet");

Whereas the Proposal, Form, and Worksheet (sometimes collectively the "Proposal Package" are incorporated and attached as Exhibits A and B respectively;

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Proposal Packet, the Commissioners Court of County awarded the contract 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. 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 as a Primary provider of the Services in accordance with the Proposal Package within **Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by the Department Head 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. The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date written above through December 31, 20XX and may be extended on the same terms and conditions at the **option** and **sole discretion** of the County for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first.

County will award debris management services contracts to a "Primary", "Secondary" and "Tertiary" vendor for services to be rendered through effective period of this Contract.

Company agrees in situations when the "Primary" Service Provider does not and/or not adequately perform in accordance with comply with the specifications, requirements, terms, conditions, obligations contained within this Contract, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the Services from the "Secondary" Service Provider. In such event, County shall charge the "Primary" Service Provider the difference for any additional cost of Services.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this Contract for an additional sixty (60) Days Grace Period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.

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 trucks or 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 employ of Company who operate such trucks or 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 trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. As consideration for rendering the Service provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay Company the amounts specified in Exhibit "D" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Company in accordance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act. Tex. Govt.CodeCh.2251.

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 coverage and in the amounts described herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

Workers Compensation	Statutory
Employer's Liability	U.S. \$1,000,000
Commercial General Liability	U.S. \$1,000,000 per occurrence

	U.S. \$1,000,000 aggregate
Comprehensive General Automobile	U.S. \$1,000,000 combined single limit
Professional Liability	U.S. \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate
Environmental Impairment Liability and/or Pollution Liability	U.S. \$3,000,000 per occurrence
	U.S. \$3,000,000 per aggregate
Excess Liability	U.S. \$3,000,000 per occurrence
	U.S. \$3,000,000 per aggregate

Additionally, the certificates must state that the County will be given at least thirty (30) days notice, by certified mail, of cancellation, material change in the coverages or intent not to renew any of the policies. The County must be named as an Additional Insured. The County must be given copies of all insurance policies within fifteen (15) days of the County's written request.

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:

If to County: The County of Hidalgo
 Attn: County Judge
 100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company: Vendor Name (Primary/Secondary/Tertiary)
 Attn: Name, Title
 Address & Street
 City, State ZIP##

13. In case 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.

14. County may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice at any time for any reason or no reason at all.

15. This Agreement 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 Agreement.

16. This Agreement 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 Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement 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 Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of County. **Agreements for the acquisition, including lease of real or personal property under Tex.Local.Govt.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioner's Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party, County agrees, however, to use a best efforts attempt to obtain and appropriate funds for payment of the Agreement. The parties intend this provision, if applicable, to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of County in accordance with Tex.Local.Govt.Code §271.903.

18. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement 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 representation or agreement in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by the parties hereto, and not otherwise.

19. **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.

20. **Nondiscrimination.** Company, including subcontractors, assignees and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, or any other protected class under law, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this contract/agreement. Applicable nondiscrimination statements and provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, were provided as part of the initial procurement packet and are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

21. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute each such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this contract/agreement.

22. **Required Contract Provision for Contracts Subject to Federal Award (if applicable).** Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.326, a non-federal entity's contracts must contain the Service Contract (C-I 9-057-00-00: Hidalgo County & .) Page 5 of 10 applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts

under Federal Awards. Additionally, County contracts under Federal award which are subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are also required to contain additional contract clauses. The applicable required contract clauses were provided as part of the initial procurement packet and are incorporated herem and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this ____ day of _____,
20_____.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

COMPANY:

Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

By: _____
Victor M. Garza, Assistant District Attorney

- Exhibit A: Hidalgo County's RFP-Disaster Debris Clearance and Removal
- Exhibit B: Contractor Pricing Worksheet
- Exhibit C: Insurance

EXHIBIT "A"

HIDALGO COUNTY'S RFP DISASTER DEBRIS CLEARANCE AND REMOVAL SERVICES

EXHIBIT "B"
CONTRACTOR PRICING WORKSHEET

EXHIBIT "C"
PROOF OF INSURANCE

DISASTER DEBRIS CLEARANCE AND REMOVAL SERVICES STANDARD SERVICES REQUESTED CHECKLIST

Please see below contact information and the services we wish the debris hauler to including in pricing.

End User: County of Hidalgo

Contact Ricardo Saldana or Mario Betancourt

person:

Phone: 956-318-2615

Email: ricardo.saldana@co.hidalgo.tx.us (or) mario.betancourt@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Service	Yes or No
Emergency road clearance	Y
Right of way (ROW) vegetative debris removal	Y
ROW construction and demolition debris (C&D) removal	Y
Demolition, removal, and transport of structures	Y
Debris management site (DMS) management and operations	Y
Grinding (reduction of storm generated debris)	Y
Incineration (reduction of storm generated debris)	Y
Haul-out of reduced debris to final disposal site	Y
Removal of hazardous leaning trees and hanging limbs	Y
Removal of hazardous stumps	Y
Household hazardous waste removal, transport, and disposal	Y
Used electronics removal	Y
Abandoned vessel and vehicle removal	N
Animal carcass removal and disposal	Y
ROW white goods debris removal	Y
Freon removal	Y
Asbestos removal	Y
Other:	
Ancillary services:	
Emergency ice and water delivery	Y
Emergency power generation	Y
Satellite phones	Y
Temporary office space	Y
Emergency fuel supplies	N
Emergency quarters and hygiene facilities	Y
Other: PORTABLE PUMPS (WITH HOSES) 6" , 8" , 10" and 12"	Y

Exhibit A

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY STUMP CONVERSION TABLE

Stump Conversion Table

Diameter to Volume Capacity

The quantification of the cubic yards of debris for each size of stump in the following table was derived from FEMA field studies conducted throughout the State of Florida during the debris removal operations following Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. The following formula is used to derive cubic yards:

$$\frac{[(\text{Stump Diameter}^2 \times 0.7854) \times \text{Stump Length}] + [(\text{Root Ball Diameter}^2 \times 0.7854) \times \text{Root Ball Height}]}{46656}$$

0.7854 is one-fourth Pi and is a constant.

46656 is used to convert cubic inches to cubic yards and is a constant

The formula used to calculate the cubic yardage used the following factors, based upon findings in the field:

- Stump diameter measured two feet up from ground
- Stump diameter to root ball diameter ratio of 1:3.6
- Root ball height of 31"

Stump Diameter (Inches)	Debris Volume (Cubic Yards)	Stump Diameter (Inches)	Debris Volume (Cubic Yards)
6	0.3	46	15.2
7	0.4	47	15.8
8	0.5	48	16.5
9	0.6	49	17.2
10	0.7	50	17.9
11	0.9	51	18.6
12	1	52	19.4
13	1.2	53	20.1
14	1.4	54	20.9
15	1.6	55	21.7
16	1.8	56	22.5
17	2.1	57	23.3
18	2.3	58	24.1
19	2.6	59	24.9
20	2.9	60	25.8
21	3.2	61	26.7
22	3.5	62	27.6
23	3.8	63	28.4
24	4.1	64	29.4
25	4.5	65	30.3
26	4.8	66	31.2
27	5.2	67	32.2
28	5.6	68	33.1
29	6	69	34.1
30	6.5	70	35.1
31	6.9	71	36.1
32	7.3	72	37.2
33	7.8	73	38.2
34	8.3	74	39.2
35	8.8	75	40.3
36	9.3	76	41.4
37	9.8	77	42.5
38	10.3	78	43.6
39	10.9	79	44.7
40	11.5	80	45.9
41	12	81	47
42	12.6	82	48.2
43	13.3	83	49.4
44	13.9	84	50.6
45	14.5		

*Source - FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy 9523.11

End User Worksheet - Disaster Debris

Households	256,745	estimate for the jurisdiction by 3 to estimate the number of households.
Storm Category	3	Please choose Hurricane Category 1-5
Vegetative Cover	Medium	Please refer to the End User Survey for this value.
Commercial/Industrial Density	Heavy	Please refer to the End User Survey for this value.
Storm Precipitation Characteristic	Medium	For a "worst case scenario" estimate, please choose "heavy"

Demolition of non-RACM Structures	100	Please enter values in multiples of 100
Demolition of RACM Structures	100	Please enter values in multiples of 100
White Goods	100	Please enter values in multiples of 100
Used Electronics	50	Please enter values in multiples of 50
HHW	100	Please enter values in multiples of 100
Vehicle and Vessel Removals	50	Please enter values in multiples of 50
Animal Carcasses	100	Please enter values in multiples of 100

Enter very conservative estimates for the items listed above. If a listed item is not relevant for the end user enter 0. For example, if the end user does not have a high concentration of water vessels then enter 0. All estimates entered above should be based on the applicability to the end user. If the end user determines that the multiples referenced above are not applicable to the end user then enter a conservative estimate.



Standard Pricing Worksheet

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SCHEDULE 1 - UNIT RATE PRICE SCHEDULE			
	To be Completed By Vendor ▼	To be Completed By End User ▼	
2 ROW Vegetative Debris Removal (Collect & Haul) Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the collection and transportation of eligible vegetative debris on the ROW to an approved DMS or other designated disposal facility.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		10,155,000	\$0.00
3 ROW C&D Debris Removal (Collect & Haul) Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the collection and transportation of eligible C&D debris on the ROW to an approved disposal facility.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		3,385,000	\$0.00
4 Demolition, Removal, Transport, and Demolition of Eligible Non-RACM Structures Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary to demolish, remove, transport, and dispose of eligible non-RACM structures on private property.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		100	\$0.00
5 Demolition, Removal, Transport, and Demolition of Eligible RACM Structures Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary to demolish, remove, transport, and dispose of eligible RACM structures on private property.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		100	\$0.00
6 DMS Management and Operations Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the management and operation of DMS for acceptance, management, segregation, and staging of disaster related debris.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		13,540,000	\$0.00
7 Reduction of Debris Through Grinding Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to reduce disaster generated debris through grinding.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		10,155,000	\$0.00
8 Reduction of Debris Through Air Curtain Incineration Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and miscellaneous costs necessary to reduce disaster generated debris through air curtain incineration.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		3,385,000	\$0.00
9 Haul-out of Reduced Debris to Final Disposal Site Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for loading and transporting reduced debris at an approved DMS to a final disposal facility.	\$ Per Cubic Yard	Estimated CY	Total
		2,640,300	\$0.00

Notes:

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SCHEDULE 1 - UNIT RATE PRICE SCHEDULE (Continued)			
		To be Completed By Vendor ▼	To be Completed By End User ▼
10	Removal of Eligible Hazardous Leaning Trees and Hanging Limbs Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the removal of eligible hazardous leaning or hanging limbs and placement of them on the ROW for haul-off.	\$ Per Tree	Estimated Trees
			Total
	6 inch to 12 inch diameter		752
	13 inch to 24 inch diameter		1,344
	25 inch to 36 inch diameter		668
	37 inch to 48 inch diameter		96
	49 inch and larger diameter		16
	Hanger Removal (2" or greater at the break and price per Tree)		108,936
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
11	Removal of Eligible Hazardous Stumps Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the removal of eligible hazardous stumps and transportation to an approved DMS or other designated disposal facility.	\$ Per Stump	Estimated Stumps
			Total
	24.1 inch to 36 inch diameter		334
	37 inch to 48 inch diameter		48
	49 inch and larger diameter		8
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
12	Removal of Eligible White Goods Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the collection of eligible white goods, removal of refrigerants, transportation to an approved DMS, decontamination, and transportation to an approved final disposal facility.	\$ Per Unit	Estimated Units
			Total
			100
			\$0.00
13	Removal of Eligible Used Electronics Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the collection of eligible used electronics and transportation to an approved final disposal facility.	\$ Per Unit	Estimated Units
			Total
			50
			\$0.00
14	Removal of HHW Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the removal of eligible HHW and transportation to an approved final disposal facility.	\$ Per Pound	Estimated Units
			Total
			100
			\$0.00
45	Abandoned Eligible Vessel and Vehicle Removal Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the removal of eligible abandoned vessels and vehicles and transportation to an approved staging area.	\$ Per Unit	Estimated Units
			Total
			50
			\$0.00
16	Eligible Animal Carcass Removal and Disposal Work consists of all labor, equipment, fuel, and associated costs necessary for the removal of eligible animal carcasses and transportation to an approved final disposal facility.	\$ Per Unit	Estimated Units
			Total
			100
			\$0.00
Total Estimated Contract Price			\$ -
<i>(Total Price in words: and No Cents)</i>		<i>Enter Firm Name)</i>	

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Notes:

Ancillary services: Cost + ##%
Emergency ice and water delivery
Emergency power generation
Satellite phones
Temporary office space
Emergency quarters and hygiene facilities
Other: PORTABLE PUMPS 6", 8", 10" and 12"