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## AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

**Commissioners Court – November 17, 2020**

**AI Number:** 78260

**Project Number:** Req#00423870

**Information:** [Requesting approval for the purchase of Turnkey Services (hardware, accessories and installation) for the Countywide Automatic Doors Project headed by Hidalgo County Facilities Management Department *in order to assist with County functions related to medical and public health measures.*]

**Description of AI:** (A) Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost of purchase); (B) Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1)&(2); (C) Requesting approval for the purchase of Turnkey Services.

**Funding Source:** CARES Act Relief Fund (TBD)

**Acct. #** 0-1287-441-42-115-096-0-430

**Requested by:** Oscar Villarreal, Fac. Mgmt. Director

**Department:** Facilities Management

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**Department:** Purchasing Department

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### BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to the authority under Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to the imminent threat arising from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 22, 2020, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster.

Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department (HCHHSD) in response to the COVID pandemic public health emergency and in accordance to the National Preparedness Goal under the Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD- 8) which directs us to aim in the establishment of ' secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk,' and in order to comply with the directive of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD- 5)

## COMPLIANCE

Under the Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-8: National Preparedness, “it is aimed at strengthening the security and resilience of the United States through systematic preparation for the threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the nation, including acts of terrorism, cyber-attacks, pandemics, and catastrophic natural disasters,” and in compliance with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability 9 (Medical Materiel Management and Distribution), and pursuant to the Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster, we request the courts approval for the purchase of Turnkey Services (hardware, accessories and installation services) for the Countywide Automatic Doors Project headed by Hidalgo County Facilities Management Department to continue the further needed response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## ADMINISTRATION

The Hidalgo County Facilities Management Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency has identified an immediate need to replace main and secondary door entrances countywide to automatic doors to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in public areas, while providing the most hygienic possible solution. Public safety has become a priority from shared items that require constant decontamination the automatic doors will avoid transmission of COVID-19 and other harmful viruses

## AGENDA ITEM CAPTION

- A. Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation, for the purchase of Turnkey Services (hardware, accessories and installation services) for the Countywide Automatic Doors Project headed by Hidalgo County Facilities Management Department, in order to assist with County Public Health expenses addressing the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, herein finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use.
- B. Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.
- C. Requesting approval for the purchase of Turnkey Services (hardware, accessories and installation) for the Countywide Automatic Doors Project through ProSound, Inc. dba Mood in the total amount of \$799,900.00.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval for the purchase of Turnkey Services (hardware, accessories and installation) for the Countywide Automatic Doors Project will allow the Hidalgo County Facilities Management Department to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in public areas, while providing the most hygienic possible solution. Public safety has become a priority from shared items that require constant decontamination, the automatic doors will help prevent possible contamination of COVID-19 and other harmful viruses at all County Facilities. Recommending that Commissioners Court authorize the approval of this purchase. Expenditures will be charged to

the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Relief Grant Fund and/or other grant assistance available to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Attachments:

- 1295 Form
- Tex. Loc. Gov. Code
- Agenda Item Briefing
- Sam.Gov