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## AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

### Commissioners Court – December 22, 2020

**AI Number: 78847**

**Project Number: 2020-186**

**Information:** Requesting authority to accept the revised proposal from Herrcon, in the amount of \$91,351.70 for the Remodel and Repair of a county-owned Modular Building.

**Description of AI:** Requesting authority to utilize CARES Act Fund; (B) Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to TxLGC 262.024 (a)(1)(2); (C) Requesting approval to accept proposal from Herrcon LLC.

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

**Acct. #** 0-1287-441-42-115-096-0-452

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**Department:** Health & Human Svcs

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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.

As such, these repair and remodel services are county owned modular building that was donated to Hidalgo County by Mission Regional Medical Center approved by Commissioners Court on 12/18/2018, through AI-68139.

Hidalgo County is projected to exceed 1M in population in the 2020 census, and it is estimated that the County will need to vaccinate several hundred thousand constituents as part of the County's efforts to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. In order to meet the needs of our community, Hidalgo County Health Department needs additional laboratory space to assist with COVID-19 identification, testing, and surveillance of the virus, intervention and treatment referral; mitigation and response to identify the residential impact in our community. This includes the housing of individuals hired and/or engaged to conduct contact tracing as well a

additional epidemiological staffing, as necessary. With these additional resources, Hidalgo County Health Department will be able to better our medical community in any medical intervention such as collection and storage of specimens, administration of vaccinations, vaccination distribution, and ongoing testing to immediately identify any current and subsequent COVID-19 type of viral outbreak. At this time, it is necessary to expand our current infrastructure to effectively and efficiently respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Discretionary exemptions are authorized by the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a) states “a contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by the section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption.” This request is being made under LGC 262.024 (a) (2), an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county, and LGC 262.024 (a) (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens; comply with 2 CFR 200 requirements.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The Remodel and Renovation of the Modular Building, is a reasonable and necessary expenditures related to the County’s COVID-19 Public Health Response. .

## **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 [Remodel and Repair of county-owned Modular Building], in order to assist with 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;(3) Requesting approval to accept proposal from Herrcon.

C. Requesting authority to rescind action taken on 10/06/2020 under AI-77683 for the Remodel and Repair of a county-owned Modular Building since additional scope of work was requested by engineer.

D. Requesting approval to accept the revised proposal from Herrcon in the amount of \$91,351.70 through our membership participation with Buyboard contract 581-19 for the Remodel and Repair of a county-owned Modular Building in connection with the repair services for the Hidalgo County Health Department and subject to complete review and verification of all the items and pricing prior to requisition and purchase order protocol.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval of the item will allow Hidalgo County proceed with the current public health directive emphasizing the importance of preventing and mitigating the spread of COVID19. As previously stated, the Remodel and Renovation of the Modular Building, is a reasonable and necessary expenditures related to the County’s COVID-19 Public Health Response. Expenditures will be

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

Attachments:

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