



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Manuel "Manny" Cruz

MEMORANDUM

TO: LRGVDC General Membership

CC: Crystal Balboa, Finance Director

FROM: Manuel Cruz, Executive Director 

SUBJ: Membership Dues

DATE: January 27, 2021

Thank you for your continued membership in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), the Regional Council of Governments for Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.

Active membership in LRGVDC's association of local governments supports regional collaborative efforts and qualifies your entity for projects, plans and programs from the estimated 99% of state and federal funding received for continued development and prosperity across our area.

Additionally, members shall have access to LRGVDC meeting room facilities (when available), project technical assistance and LRGVDC's governing body support of initiatives and efforts in alignment with the current 2020-2024 Lower Rio Grande Valley Strategic Plan.

Membership fees are based on population for general governments (county, city, etc.) or an annually approved fixed fee for special purpose units: educational institutions, school districts, water districts, etc.)

To retain membership status and voting privileges, dues must be paid by **May 1, 2021**.

As we reflect on 2020, we can all agree that it's been a difficult year. However, the LRGVDC continued to be resourceful and we anticipate a great and productive 2021. We hold you in high regard as an active LRGVDC member.

In advance, thank you for your participation in this great organization and for your support. If you have any questions or if there is anything LRGVDC can be doing to assist you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Date: January 27, 2021

LRGVDC

2021 STATEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

LRGVDC Member

Hidalgo County

Amount:

\$45,982.00

Please make check payable to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and mail to 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, TX 78596-5104

(Please return lower portion of this statement with your remittance.)

INVOICE RECEIVED BY:

GOODS/SERVICES RECEIVED BY:

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[Handwritten signatures and dates: "1/28/21" and "January 2021"]

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**TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES
TO ASSOCIATIONS OTHER THAN THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

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FOR STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS ONLY

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SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: 2/9/21

TITLE: County Judge

Before me Monica Salinas, a Notary Public, appeared Richard F. Cortez and on his/her oath deposed and stated that the facts as set forth in the above affidavit to be true and correct in every respect.

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS

AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN AFFIDAVIT: LGC § 113.064(b)
AUTHORITY TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES: GC § 305.026

COUNTY AUDITOR'S FORM: RE-CA-041B
REVISED: 12-2012



Texas Association of Counties

Phone: (800) 456-5974

Fax: (512) 477-1324

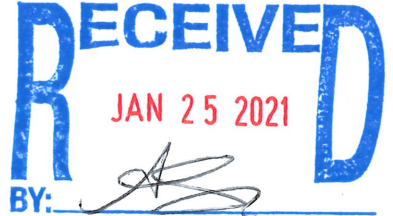
INVOICE

248174/1080

January 01, 2021

Invoice # 71001

To: Hon. Richard F. Cortez
Judge
Hidalgo County
100 E Cano Fl 2
Edinburg, TX 78539



DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual County Membership Dues	2,440.00
Total Due	2,440.00

This invoice is for your county's membership to the Texas Association of Counties effective 1/1/21 thru 12/31/21. Your support is greatly appreciated and enables us to represent all Texas Counties.

INVOICE RECEIVED BY:

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PLEASE REMIT WITH PAYMENT

Make checks payable to TAC

248174/1080
Hon. Richard F. Cortez
Hidalgo County

Statement Date: 01/01/2021

Invoice # 71001

Amount Due: 2,440.00

Texas Association of Counties
Attn: Membership Services
P. O. Box 2711
San Antonio, TX 78298-2711

024400060248174203110192DHIDA

Jan. 19, 2021

Hidalgo County
Honorable Richard F. Cortez
100 E Cano Fl 2
Edinburg, TX 78539



Dear Judge Cortez,

Payment of the enclosed invoice for your county's membership in the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) entitles your officials and staff to receive a wealth of services and resources, including:

- Toll-free TAC Helpline at (888) ASK-TAC4 or (888) 275-8224, available anytime during business hours, for help with legal and other issues related to county operations;
- Training and continuing education for county officials and staff;
- Certified cybersecurity awareness training to fulfill state-mandated requirements;
- High-quality or custom printing catered to counties;
- County official listservs that facilitate communication, collaboration and networking;
- Communications on county news, issues and best practices online and in *County* magazine;
- Regular legislative updates via *County Issues* e-newsletter and timely alerts during session;
- Website resources, including county-specific data, publications and legislative issue briefs;
- County government legal handbooks, updated and mailed to county officials every two years;
- Respected representation at both the state and federal levels of government;
- Access to cost-effective, comprehensive risk management services and health and benefits services targeted to the unique needs of counties;
- Toll-free Judicial Hotline at (888) CoJudge or (844) 265-8343;
- Access to cost-effective email and website hosting services;
- The association management services listed in Attachment 1, for all county official associations;
- A forum to identify and resolve county issues; and
- The County Elections Database with timely access to county election results across the state.

The common thread in these services is that they are efforts to help you *make county government better* for the residents and taxpayers of Texas. Since its creation in 1969, TAC has worked to bring county officials together to seek collaborative answers to common problems. That effort supports the organization's overall purpose: to serve counties.

Your support enables us to represent all Texas counties. The attached invoice reflects your county's dues. Please note that the amount has not changed from last year.

If you have questions about TAC's services, do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 456-5974. If you have an invoice question, please call Courtney Gibb, TAC Finance Services Department, at the same number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Redford".

Susan M. Redford
Executive Director

**TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
AFFIDAVIT FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES
TO THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

I, Richard F. Cortez, do hereby state that membership in the TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES on behalf of Hidalgo County and dues to be paid to the association by Hidalgo County are necessary for the performance of official county business. I further state to the best of my knowledge and belief the following:

1. Membership in the association is for the betterment of county government and the benefit of all county officials;
2. The association is not affiliated with a labor organization;
3. Membership dues are not used by either the association or an employee of the association to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature, except that the association or an employee of the association may provide information for a member of the legislature or appear before a legislative committee at the request of the committee or member of the legislature; and
4. Neither the association nor an employee of the association directly or indirectly contributes any money, services, or other valuable thing to a political campaign or endorses a candidate or group of candidates for public office.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: ~~1/29/2020~~ 2/9/21

TITLE: COUNTY JUDGE

Before me _____, a Notary Public, appeared _____, and on his/her oath deposed and stated that the facts as set forth in the above affidavit to be true and correct in every respect.

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AUTHORITY TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES: LGC § 89.002

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Renewal



Bill To:

Hidalgo County
1051 N. Doolittle Road
Edinburg, TX 78542

www.thebta.org

Phone # | 202-302-6225

Invoice #: 2021-119

Invoice Date: 1/25/2021

Due Date: 2/24/2021

Description	Amount
Silver Patron Membership	10,000.00
<p>Please remit payment to: Border Trade Alliance ID# 2145 PO BOX 659506 San Antonio, TX 78265-9506</p>	
<p>INVOICE RECEIVED BY: <i>MM</i> on <i>1/25/21</i> GOODS/SERVICES RECEIVED BY: <i>[Signature]</i> <i>Jan-Dec 2021</i></p>	
<p><i>1-1100-413-30-125-004-0-810</i></p>	
Total	\$10,000.00



Monica Salinas <monica.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Fwd: Invoice 2021-119 from The Border Trade Alliance

1 message

Josefina Gonzalez <josefina.gonzalez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 12:13 PM

To: Monica Salinas <monica.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good morning,

Please see the attached invoice.

Blessings,
Josie Gonzalez

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Britton Mullen** <brittonclarke@clarke.consulting>

Date: Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 12:02 PM

Subject: Invoice 2021-119 from The Border Trade Alliance

To: rfcortezcpa@gmail.com <rfcortezcpa@gmail.com>Cc: Amanda Roberts <amandaroberts@clarke.consulting>, Josefina.gonzalez@co.hidalgo.tx.us
<Josefina.gonzalez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

The Border Trade Alliance

Invoice *Due:02/24/2021*
2021-119Amount Due: **\$10,000.00**

Dear Richard,

We welcome 2021 with the promise of brighter days ahead, thanks to unprecedented medical ingenuity and the hope that public health will be restored along with cross-border trade and commerce.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Border Trade Alliance. Please find attached your 2021 membership invoice.

The BTA continues to build on its now 35-year record as a steadfast champion for the prosperity and economic competitiveness that results from free trade. We're already working with the new Administration to shape public policy that strengthens USMCA, increases trade volumes, and lowers barriers between trade partners, manufacturers, growers, and consumers. We are also working

with federal agencies and local stakeholders in the public and private sectors to resume cross-border travel and tourism safely and responsibly.

Thank you again for your commitment and support of the BTA. I look forward to continuing to work with you and win together.

Best, Britton
Britton Mullen
President, The Border Trade Alliance

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