
PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW

THE RESPONDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND UNDERSTANDING ALL DOCUMENTS, FORMS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT. Follow all instructions; you are responsible for obtaining any information needed in order to respond to this RFB. Further, the Respondent is responsible for providing any and all relevant information necessary for this bid. Failure to do so will be at the Respondent's risk, and may result in rejection of the Bid as non-conforming.

General Requirements apply to all advertised solicitations; however, these may be superseded, whole or in part, by OTHER DATA CONTAINED HEREIN. Review the Table of Contents. Be sure your bid package is complete.

INTRODUCTION

Hidalgo County (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") is seeking sealed bids from qualified respondents interested in providing the services of **Hauling Services for all Road Materials for H.C. Precinct 2** in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Appendix "A". The Bid should address all requirements. Respondent may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of COUNTY; however, a strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements to be included on the Deficiencies and Deviations form "**Appendix L**". The County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualifications

AWARD

Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the bid to a qualified respondent or qualified respondents submitting the lowest and best bid if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so. No award can be made until approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. This RFB does not obligate Hidalgo County to the eventual purchase of any good and /or service described, implied or which may be proposed. Progress toward this end is solely at the discretion of Hidalgo County, and may be terminated at any time prior to execution. Any Contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until the contract expires, delivery and acceptance of product, performance of services ordered, or terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation.

TERM

It is intended that the initial contract term will be for one (1) year with the County's option to renew/extend for an additional one (1) year terms, under the same rates, terms, and conditions. Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of the next contract.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

One (1) original and two (2) USBs in original PDF format. Further instructions listed below under **VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS**. For convenience, the Offeror may utilize the Shipping Label provided in **Appendix "N"**.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND BID OPENING

All submissions must be received on or before Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 9:30am. **Any submission received after this deadline will not be accepted and will be returned to sender, at the sender's expense.**

BID OPENING STREAMING

Due to the ongoing pandemic, and in order to abide with social distancing protocols and/or any applicable order(s), the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department is limiting the number of participants allowed in our office during bid openings to authorized personnel only; however, this is a public bid opening and it can be accessed via a live stream or by calling in the day of the event.

Live stream:

<https://hidalgocounty.zoom.us/j/96464676754?pwd=K1hiY3YxN0xPem5pd2xZazYzWHF4UT09>

Meeting ID: 964 6467 6754

Passcode: 545411

Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

To find your local number: <https://hidalgocounty.zoom.us/u/abObUBYixl>

Join by SIP: 96464676754@zoomcrc.com

HAND DELIVERED BIDS

Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering bids, to make sure that it is stamped with date and time by the Hidalgo County Purchasing staff.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUBMISSION

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

DELIVER TO:

US Postal Mail Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Director
ATTN: Yolanda Velasquez
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Director
ATTN: Yolanda Velasquez
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

SIGNING OF SUBMISSION

In order to be considered, all submittals **must** be signed by an authorized representative of the firm. **Please sign the original in [blue](#) ink and ensure the copy is clearly labeled.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions must be submitted via email to yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us by **Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.** Responses to submitted questions will be emailed to all participants who obtained their procurement packet directly from Hidalgo County Purchasing Department by **Friday, October 22, 2021.** Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the procurement packet and to notify the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition, or clarification on any requirements that are ambiguous. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or bidders procedures must be received in writing via email by the deadline stated for Questions and Answers.

COST OF SUBMISSION

Hidalgo County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the vendor in preparing a response to this procurement packet. Each Offeror acknowledges it is submitting a response at their own risk and expense. Further, no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County makes no guarantee that any products or services will be purchased as a result of this solicitation, and reserves the right to reject any and all submissions received. All responses and accompanying documentation will become the property of Hidalgo County. All responses are open to negotiation.

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

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 this procurement packet 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 "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.

VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS

Responses to this procurement packet shall be formatted and organized in the following order for consistency and easy screening:

- All submissions must be typed, single spaced, and printed single-sided on 8 ½" by 11" paper.
- One (1) original, **clearly marked "ORIGINAL"** and two (2) USBs in PDF format. Original document must be submitted in a three-ring, loose-leaf binder with a Cover Page containing the information listed in the Submission Outline/Checklist, under Submission Cover Page. One (1) USB containing the complete response in PDF, Word, and/or Excel format must be provided and placed in the ORIGINAL response. The PDF document must also be signed. A self-adhesive packet may be used to secure the USB. The USB must also be properly labeled.
- The complete response must be sealed in an appropriately sized envelope or box for delivery to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, per instructions in the Procurement Packet Submission paragraph of the Legal Notice section contained within this procurement packet.
- All documents must be labeled with the vendor's name and the RFB number. Any response received by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department that is not identified on the outside with the RFB number will be at risk for rejection.
- Each section of the vendor's response should start on a new page. A tabbed divider page marked with the section number should be used to separate each section.
- Prepare a Table of Contents for the response being submitted and place it after the Submission Cover Sheet and before Section I. The Table of Contents must list all Sections and the contents of each section as listed in **Appendix "A"**.
- The binder must be in the order listed in the Submission Outline/Checklist below.

SUBMISSION OUTLINE/CHECKLIST

To assist in ensuring all submissions received are complete, it is recommended for the Offeror to use this Submission Outline as a Checklist prior to submitting a response. All Responses must be submitted in the following order with the guidelines provided in Vendor Instructions within this section of this solicitation:

Submission Cover Sheet - Must include the following:

- Company Name, Company Address, Company Phone Number
- Project Name: Sealed Submission for Type D Hot Mix Asphalt Gravel (ONLY)
- Procurement Number: RFB No. 21-079-09-08-ABV
- Opening Date: Wednesday, September 08, 2021
- Opening Time: 9:30am

Table of Contents

Section I: Executive Summary and Required Documents (signed and filled)

- Executive Summary
 - Company name and address; name, title, email, telephone and fax number of person(s) to be contacted for clarifications or additional information regarding Bid;
 - Name, title, email, telephone and fax number of person(s) authorized to contractually obligate vendor's company with bid and any future negotiations
- Required Documents
- **Legal Notice Acknowledgement**
- **Appendix "A"- Requirements/Specifications**
- **Appendix "B" – Bid Page**
- **Appendix "C" – Insurance Requirements**
 - Proof of Insurance
 - Insurance Requirement Acknowledgement
 - Project Requirements Acknowledgement
- **Appendix "D" – Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**
 - CIQ Form – Copy of County Clerk File with fee receipt (when applicable)
- **Appendix "E" – Vendor Forms**
 - Vendor Application
 - HUB Declaration
 - W-9
- **Appendix "F" – Certification Regarding Debarment**
 - Signed Certification
 - SAM.gov Registration Acknowledgement
- **Appendix "H" – Contracts Under Federal Award 2 – CFR 200**
 - Byrd Anti-Lobbying Contract Clause
 - 2 CFR 200 Certification
- **Appendix "J" – Respondent's Affidavit**
- **Appendix "L"- Deficiencies and Deviations form(If Applicable)**
- **Appendix "M"- References**
- **Addenda (when applicable; see Addenda under Legal Notice)**

SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

SCOPE OF WORK:

It is intended that all hauling of road materials will be within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 area and will be awarded on a **per ton basis**. Hauling services will be requested on an “**as needed basis**” by the Precinct.

Road materials (i.e. crushed caliche, pit run caliche, caliche gravel, hot mix, and cold mix) will be hauled from vendor pits that are currently holding the contract for material bids. Vendors stated are presently on Contract for the materials; however, vendors may change due to contract expiration during the term of this bid. Awarded hauler(s) will be advised.

Location of current pits and plants are as follows:

Material	Pit	Location
Cold Mix	Texas Cordia Construction, LLC	6301 S. Valley View Rd., Donna, Texas
Type D Hot Mix - Gravel	Valley Caliche Products, Inc.	Beck Pit-3656 Farm Rd., Mission, Texas
Type D Hot Mix - Limestone	Frontera Materials	2987 Gonzalez Rd., Progreso, Texas
	Upper Valley Materials	South Gonzalez Rd., Progreso, Texas Tom Gill & 3 Mile Line, Peñitas, Texas
Crushed Caliche	Frontera Material, Inc. - 490 Pit	4 Miles West of US 281 on FM 490
	Frontera Material, Inc. - Reavis Pitt	2 mi. N of US 83 on FM 2221

SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

1. Bid price must be on a **per ton basis**.
2. Hauling services for Precinct No. 2 will be conducted primarily by Precinct No. 2 forces along with awarded vendor, when required.
3. Hidalgo County is requesting the minimum of **ten (10) vendor owned hauling trucks and six (6) vendor owned tandem trucks (end dump) for the delivery of Hot mix material. (Proof of ownership (title) shall be furnished with your bid)**; and to be available on an “as needed basis” with a minimum of twenty-two tons per load. Please note the make, year, model, vehicle identification number, license plates and capacity of your hauling trucks on Exhibit “E”, page 1 of 2.
4. Bidders will be required to submit the Driver’s Information Sheet, listing all drivers as detailed in Exhibit “E” page 2 of 2, upon the request of the Buyer.
5. The bidder(s) awarded the contract **cannot** engage the services of a **subcontractor without prior written consent of Hidalgo County** for the retention of a subcontractor to perform services hereunder. The successful bidder(s) must present evidence that the proposed subcontractor possess all the necessary licenses and permits to perform the services and the subcontractor has obtained the required insurance which names the contractor as an additional insured. Requesting authorization for subcontracting does not constitute compliance with the primary specification contained herein which state the minimum number vendor owned vehicles required.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The bid price will be for the duration of one (1) year with the County's sole discretion to extend for an additional one (1) year term under the same rates and conditions.
2. Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay in award of new bid for next contract term.
3. Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until;
 - a) The contract expires
 - b) Delivery acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or
 - c) Terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to be cancellation.
4. Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
5. **Bid Award:** Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the lowest qualified bid on a lump sum basis to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in the best interest to do so.
6. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all formalities, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantageous to the County, giving due consideration to the location of the pit from the area of the precinct where the "Hauling Services" is to be transported.
7. After bid is awarded and successful awarded contractor defaults in meeting the general instructions to bidder(s) and/ or in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the successful bidder the difference for any additional cost to the County.
8. Insurance Certificates (Exhibit "C") must be submitted to the Purchasing Department for approval prior to any services being performed by the awarded bidder.
9. County will seek purchases from State Awarded vendors whenever it is, its best interest to do so.
10. Hidalgo County reserves the right to change, add, or delete during the term of the contract under the same rates and conditions.
11. Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the bid to MULTIPLE bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.

MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS:

Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increases might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The following procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility:

1. **Requesting Price Adjustment:** Upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract.

- A Vendor must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the vendor of the price changes.
 - The Vendor must put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
 - The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
 - No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
 - The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable. Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
2. **Price Reduction:** Vendor shall notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items and/or supplies reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
3. **Timeframe for Adjusted Price Increases:** Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved. Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension. The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.
4. **Allowable Review Periods:** Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis. However, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time. The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
5. **Dollar Limit to Price Changes:** The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.

BID PAGE
 "HAULING SERVICES FOR ALL ROAD MATERIALS"
 Commodity Code: 962-39

PART- I

Award will be based on the *lowest bid per ton* meeting all required specifications.

** SAMPLE: →		\$ 3.00	25%	.75
Location of Plant Listed vendors are subject to be changed upon contract expiration:	NAME OF PIT	Total Cost Per Ton	Fuel Costs Percentage Per Ton	Current / Base Fuel Cost
COLD MIX	6301 S. Valley View Rd. Donna, TX 7			
Texas Cordia Construction, LLC				
TYPE D HOT MIX - Gravel	Beck Pit 3656 Iowa Rd, Mission TX			
Valley Caliche Products, Inc.				
TYPE D HOT MIX - Limestone	2987 Gonzalez Rd. Progreso, TX			
Frontera Materials, Inc.				
Upper Valley Materials				
	S. Gonzalez Rd, Progreso, TX			
	Tom Gill & 3 Mile Line, Peñitas, TX			
CRUSHED CALICHE	490 Pit 4.5 mi. West of US 281 on FM 490			
Frontera Materials, Inc.	Reavis Pit 2 mi. N of US 83 on FM 2221			

PART- II

BID PRICE ADJUSTMENT BY HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2

At the time of bid opening South Texas is experiencing historic high fuel prices. Therefore, Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 is requesting pricing adjustments based on the following:

A Fuel Cost Base Bid Price for project will be based on the OPIS Fuel Index for **October 11, 2021**. For each 10% increase in the OPIS Index of **October 11, 2021** during the contract term, the fuel cost(s) portion of the awarded bid price(s) will be adjusted accordingly. (As per above samples, a 10% increase is reflected as follows: \$1.00=\$1.10 and \$ 1.10=\$1.21; a 10% decrease is reflected as follows: \$1.00=\$0.90 and \$1.10=\$0.99)

In the event you submit an invoice reflecting a price change under this provision, the Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 will only honor the change if a copy of the OPIS report on which the change is based accompanies the invoice. Additionally, the Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 reserves the right to independently verify changes in OPIS pricing and to modify an invoice amount based on a 10% change in the OPIS Index.

In determining whether price changes are permitted hereunder. The appropriate OPIS Index is the index issued of the date of the invoice.

The undersigned certifies that he has fully read and understands this "Request for Bid" and has full knowledge of the scope, quantity, and quality of the services and materials to be furnished and intends to adhere to the provisions described herein. The undersigned also affirms that they are duly authorized to submit this Bid, that this Bid has not been prepared in collusion with any other Vendor, and that the contents of this Bid have not been communicated to any other Vendor prior to the official opening of this Bid.

BIDDER'S INFORMATION:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am a duly authorized official of the company and have the authority to sign on behalf of the company and assure that all statements made in the bid are true. I agree to furnish and deliver the specified items/services at the prices stated herein, and have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions contained herein and on all of the attachments.

COMPANY NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

PHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER:

CELL NUMBER:

CONTACT PERSON:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

TITLE:

DATE:

in violation of any terms or conditions of said contract.

3. **Term.** This Contract shall be for a period of **one (1) year**, commencing on **Month 00, 2021** and expiring on **Month, 2022**, and may be extended at the sole discretion of the County for an additional **one (1) year** term under the same rates, terms and conditions unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to continue this bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay of award for the next term and under the same rates, terms and conditions.

4. **Licenses.** 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. If such license or permit is suspended or revoked, this Agreement shall automatically be terminated and Company shall immediately notify the County.

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

6. 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.

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

8. **Insurance:** Consistent with its status as an independent contractor and at its sole expense, Company agrees that throughout the duration of the work under this contract and any extension hereof, it shall provide and maintain any and all insurances and abide by any requirements which are specified in the Procurement Packet/Specifications and/or which may be necessary in providing Services or are otherwise required by law. Insurance policies shall cover, but are not limited to, Bidder's activities and all persons, vehicles, equipment and property connected with providing Services, to include theft or loss. The amount of insurance required shall be in accordance with amounts specified by the County or as prescribed by law, but in no event shall any amount be less than the minimum amounts prescribed by law, including, but not limited to the

Texas Tort Claims Act. These requirements do not establish limits of Company's liability. Any and all applicable insurance requirements and amounts are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Company is responsible for ensuring all required insurance policies are valid for the duration of the contract. All insurance policies are to be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to County. Company shall cause all subcontractors utilized by Company to also comply with these specifications. Company shall furnish to County certificate(s) of coverage, and all renewals throughout the duration of the Project, issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect. (See Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes). For each applicable policy, Company shall name the County as an additional insured. Company shall notify County a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation of all or part of a policy. Company shall make any other insurance documentation available to County upon request.

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

11. Independent Contractor. 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. Notice. 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: _____

14. **Provisions.** 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.

15. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by County without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

16. **Successors.** 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.

17. **Governing Law.** 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.

18. **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. Loc. Govt. Code §271.903:* 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 Company, 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 at the expiration of each budget period of County in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code §271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

19. **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.

20. **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.

21. **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 a part of this agreement for all purposes.

22. **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.

23. **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 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 herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

EXECUTED and effective as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

COMPANY

SIGNATURE/TITLE

Approved By Commissioners Court On: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the Criminal District Attorney
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

, Assistant District Attorney

EXHIBIT “A”
Request for Bid (RFB)
Procurement Packet

EXHIBIT B

BID PAGE

EXHIBIT "C"

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS