

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
C-21-0946-12-28**

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered on this 28th day of December 2021, by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS (“County”)**, and **Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc. (“Engineer”)**.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the County is in need of **Professional Engineering Services** (the “**Services**”) for “**On-Call Engineering Services for Road & Bridge, Capital Improvement Project, and Other Projects in General in Precinct No. 4**”;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the services of a professional engineering company are necessary to carry out the required **Services**;

WHEREAS pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254 (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the County requested Statements of Qualifications from professional engineering firms to assist the County by providing the **Services**;

WHEREAS, the County solicited Requests for Qualifications (“**RFQ**”) for the development and establishment of a yearly pool for “**Professional Engineering Services**”;

WHEREAS, the Engineer was pre-qualified from the County’s pool of Professional Engineers and has been selected from the pool to provide Professional Engineering Services for “**On-Call Engineering Services for Road & Bridge, Capital Improvement Projects, and Other Projects in General**” in Hidalgo County Precinct. No. 4 (“**County**”), in accordance with the terms and provisions of **Exhibit “A”**, i.e., Requirements/County’s Request for Qualifications, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the County shall provide a “**Scope of Services to be provided by Owner**” detailed in **Exhibit “B”**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, and the selected

Engineer shall submit a “Project Specific Scope of Services to be provided by Engineer” detailed in **Exhibit “C”**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS in continuation of the procurement process and in response to the County’s request to negotiate for a fair and reasonable price pursuant to Chapter 2254 Texas Government Code, the Engineer has provided a fee schedule in **Exhibit “D”**, i.e., Contract Rates, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the services of a Professional Engineer are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, County and Engineer do mutually agree as follows:

1. County and Engineer hereby agree that this Agreement is entered into in order to provide the Services for Hidalgo County. This contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.

2. Scope of services to be provided by the Owner are detailed in the attached Exhibit “B”. The County will furnish Specifications to Engineer for the development of the project(s) and fulfillment of this Agreement. Engineer agrees to review the project as presented by the County and submit to the County within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Specifications, a proposal, and work authorization. The proposal shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) fee structure for the project; (2) services included in the basic fee; (3) amount of, or basis for, compensation for additional services (including additional services that may arise during the course of the project and cost of Engineer’s consultants); and (4) cost for reimbursable expenses (collectively the “Engineering Services Proposal”);

3. The County may enter into negotiations with the Engineer regarding the Engineering Services for the “**On-Call Engineering Services for Road & Bridge, Capital Improvement Projects, and Other Projects in General**”, and should the parties reach an agreement, then the Engineer will submit a “**Work Authorization**”, an example of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit “E”**, to the County for approval and execution. The Work Authorization will detail the Engineer’s duties and responsibilities with respect to the specific project. Project Specific services to be provided by the engineer are detailed

in the attached **Exhibit “C”**. However, if the parties are unsuccessful at coming to terms with the project, then the County may seek the services of other professional engineers.

4. Engineer 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.

5. Non-Exclusive Services of Engineer. Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from sources other than the Engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

6. Term. This Agreement is for a period of **one (1) year**, effective **January 1, 2022**, and will terminate **December 31, 2022**, or unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Engineer will not begin to work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the County with Project Specific **“Work Authorization”**.

7. Compensation and Work Authorizations. The maximum amount payable under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount for each **“Work Authorization”** unless an amendment is executed as provided hereinafter. The Engineer shall submit periodic requests for payment within (30) thirty days after completion of each **Work Authorization**. The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the County and shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and the amount due and payable as of the date of the current billing. Upon receipt of said request for payment, County shall submit a requisition for payment for said Services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Engineer agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Agreement and to keep accurate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures. All payments to the Engineer shall be mailed to the address shown in Paragraph No. 28, titled **“Notices”** herein.

8. Inspection of Work. The County has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Engineer, or of a subcontractor, the Engineer shall provide and require its subcontractor to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the inspectors in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay their work.

9. Amendments. If it becomes necessary at any time during this Agreement to change the scope of services, the Agreement period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this Agreement, then an amendment shall be executed within the agreement period by use of a “**Supplemental Agreement Form**”, more particularly described in **Exhibit “F”**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Engineer. Any such amendments shall be made in writing, agreed to by all parties hereto, and duly executed before the end of the Agreement as specified. If the County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Engineer, the County shall require the Engineer to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the Agreement. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Engineer, the County will reimburse the Engineer for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in **Exhibit “D”**, i.e., “Contract Rates”. If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable under this Agreement to be exhausted, an amendment shall be proposed in accordance with all state procurement laws.

10. Reporting. The Engineer shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the Agreement, including:

a. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to meet time schedules and goals, or preclude the attainment of project work units by established time periods. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken or contemplated if any by the County or if Federal Funds are involved, Federal assistance is needed to resolve the situation.

b. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting time schedules and goals to be met sooner than anticipated or which are producing more work units than originally projected.

11. Ownership of Documents. Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by the Engineer or furnished to the Engineer by the County shall be delivered to and become the property of the County. All sketches, photographs, calculations, and other data prepared under this Agreement shall be made available, upon request, to the County without restriction or limitation on their further use. The Engineer shall not be liable for the reuse or modification of its work product. The Engineer may, at its own expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished to the County under this Agreement.

12. Suspension of Work. Should the County desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the County shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to Engineer, followed by written confirmation from the County to Engineer to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the County and Engineer to that effect. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the County to the Engineer. The sixty-day notice may be waived if agreed in writing by both the County and Engineer. If the County suspends the work, the Termination Date as identified above is not affected and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified.

13. Progress and Coordination. The Engineer shall, from time to time during the progress of the work, confer with the County. The Engineer shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the County, in order to evaluate features of the Engineer's services and work.

At the request of the County or the Engineer, conferences shall be provided at the Engineer's office, the offices of the County, or at other locations designated by the County. These conferences shall also include evaluation of the Engineer's services and work when requested by the County.

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the County before the final report is issued. The County's comments regarding the Engineer's preliminary report will be addressed by the Engineer in the final report.

If funds by other agencies or entities are to be used for the development of any project awarded under this Agreement, the Engineer's Services and work will be subject to periodic review and approval by other agencies or entities, including those of the city, county, state and/or federal agencies.

Should it be determined that the progress in the production of the Engineer's Services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved **Work Authorization**, as provided by **Exhibit "E"**, the County shall review the approved **Work Authorization** with the Engineer to determine the corrective action needed by either the County or the Engineer.

The Engineer shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the Engineer's Services and work and the approved **Work Schedule**, including:

a. problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain Agreement objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of Project deliverables by the Engineer within established time periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the Engineer of recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any Owner or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and

b. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting the **Work Schedule** goals sooner than anticipated.

14. Independent Contractor. The engineer must comply with all applicable Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, orders, or ordinances applicable to the Services provided by the Engineer under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Engineer represents and maintains that it is an Independent Contractor and is not an employee of Hidalgo County, Texas or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that it does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. Engineer agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding, or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

15. Subcontracting and Assignment. The Engineer shall not assign, sub-contract, or transfer the Engineer's interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County. The Engineer shall bind every subcontractor by written contract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subcontractor. No subcontractor relieves the Engineer of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

16. Voluntary Termination. County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Engineer.

17. Insurance. Consistent with its status as an independent contractor and at its sole expense, Engineer agrees that throughout the duration of the work under this contract and any

extension thereof, it shall provide and maintain in full force and effect any and all insurances which may be necessary for providing Services or are otherwise required by law, and shall require of all its sub-consultants connected with providing services under this contract to provide insurance in full force and effect as well. Insurance policies shall cover, but are not limited to, Engineer's activities and all persons, vehicles, equipment, and property connected with providing Services, including but not limited to professional liability insurance covering Engineer's activities in providing the services to the County. Coverage shall be in the amounts specified by the County in the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") or as prescribed by law, but in no event shall any amount be less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. Engineer shall furnish to the County certificate(s) of insurance and all renewals throughout the duration of any assigned Project on an Accord form, issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect. **See attached Exhibit "G", i.e., Certificates of Insurance** attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. For each applicable policy, Engineer shall name the County as an additional insured. Engineer shall notify the County a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation of all or part of a policy. Engineer shall make any other insurance documentation available to the County upon request.

18. Licenses. As a condition of this Agreement, Engineer shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Agreement all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the required Services. If such license or permit is suspended or revoked, this Agreement shall automatically be terminated and the Engineer shall immediately notify the County.

19. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Engineer 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 Engineer 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. Engineer shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel, and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

20. Payment of Franchise Tax. The Engineer hereby certifies that the Engineer is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the Engineer is exempt from, or not subject

to, such tax. A false statement concerning the corporation's franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the County.

21. No Assignment. Except as otherwise provided herein, Engineer may not assign the obligations or rights under this Agreement to any person without the prior written consent of the County.

22. Conflict. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order, or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to Agreement, the latter shall prevail, but in such event, the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them to the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists. 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 hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

23. Termination by County. If Engineer fails to deliver quality Services, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies, and outputs required by County, or if Engineer fails to comply with any conditions in this Agreement, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon giving ten (10) days prior written notice to Engineer.

24. No Waiver. No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through an agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Engineer, and not otherwise.

26. Venue. This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in

Hidalgo County, Texas. The Engineer hereby consents to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

27. INDEMNIFICATION. ENGINEER SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, AND EXPENSES INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF ANY ACTION AGAINST COUNTY TO THE EXTENT ARISING OUT OF, RESULTING FROM, OR CONNECTED WITH THE NEGLIGENT PROVISION OF THE SERVICES BY ENGINEER UNDER THIS CONTRACT. SAID INDEMNITY SHALL COVER ANY INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, NEGLIGENT ACT, OR FAILURE TO ACT BY THE ENGINEER, ITS AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES. THIS INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE SHALL SURVIVE THIS AGREEMENT AND BE ENFORCEABLE AS A SEPARATE AGREEMENT IN THE EVENT ITS SURVIVAL AND ENFORCEMENT BECOME NECESSARY.

28. Notices. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests, or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by a registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

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

CC: Precinct No. 4
Attn: Commissioner Ellie Torres
1051 N. Doolittle Rd.
Edinburg, TX 78539

If to Engineer: Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc.
Attention: Dan Warth
505 E. Huntland Drive, Suite 100
Austin, TX 78752

Each notice, demand, request, or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it

is personally delivered to the addresses or if mailed at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

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

30. Binding Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.

31. Gender. All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

32. Authority. The execution and performance of this Agreement by County and Engineer have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions, or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligation of County and Engineer in accordance with its terms.

33. Professional Seal. All documents and data furnished by the Engineer to the County shall bear the Professional seal of a licensed engineer employed by the Engineer.

34. 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 thirty (30) days written notice to Engineer. 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 the 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 the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Engineer. 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. Loc. Govt. Code §271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1966).

35. Immunities. Nothing in this Agreement 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.

36. Nondiscrimination. Engineer, 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. 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.

37. Required Contract Provision for Contracts Subject to Federal Award (if applicable). Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.236, 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 as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ON: December 28, 2021.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: _____
Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

By: _____
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ENGINEER:
Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc.
By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____

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

By: _____
Amanda Austin - Assistant District Attorney

ATTACHMENTS:

- EXHIBIT A** -Requirements/County's Request for Qualifications
- EXHIBIT B** -Scope of Services to be provided by Owner
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EXHIBIT “A”

REQUIREMENTS/COUNTY’S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROCUREMENT PACKET



HIDALGO COUNTY PROCUREMENT PACKET

**Request for Qualifications
RFQ No. 2020-565-03-10-HGO**

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

**Acceptance Due Date:
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 3:00pm**

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Director
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

Project Contact Information:

Heidi G. Ortiz, Contract Specialist III
(956) 318-2626 Ext. 4877
heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us



2802 S. Bus. Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
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www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/purchasing

February 24, 2021

Company Name

Authorized Representative

Address

City

State, Zip Code

**HIDALGO COUNTY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS: RFQ NO. 2020-565-03-10-HGO
Professional Engineering Services Pool**

Dear Prospect Vendor:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in this project.

Enclosed please find the procurement packet for the aforementioned project. Modifications and new requirements have been added and implemented. Please ensure to carefully read and review all instructions, requirements and specifications.

The items listed on the Table of Contents shall be found in this procurement packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the listed items are not attached in their entirety, please contact the Contract Specialist listed on the cover page to advise of the missing documentation, and it will be emailed to you.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department.

Sincerely,

Heidi G. Ortiz
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Director
P.P. Heidi G. Ortiz
Contract Specialist III

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESPOND

In order for Hidalgo County to assess the potential interest in a solicitation, please check one of the statements below and submit to the Contract Specialist listed below, prior to the deadline of this solicitation. In the event that the Offeror chooses not to submit a response for this solicitation, the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department is interested in the reasons why Vendors have chosen not to participate in order to better serve the taxpayers of Hidalgo County.

Company Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____
Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

RE: RFQ No. 2020-565-03-10-HGO
Professional Engineering Services Pool

Please indicate your reason(s) by checking all applicable items and return this form to the address shown below.

- We intent to respond to this solicitation.
 - We decline to respond to this solicitation because:
 - Could not meet specifications.
 - Items or materials requested not manufactured by us.
 - Items or materials requested not available to our company.
 - Insurance requirements are too restricting.
 - Bond requirements are too restricting.
 - The scope of services are not clearly understood or applicable (too vague, too rigid, etc.).
 - The project is not suited to our organization.
 - Quantities are too small.
 - Insufficient time allowed for preparation of response.
 - Other (please specify): _____
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Please send your response to:

Via Postal Mail:
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
ATTN: Heidi G. Ortiz
2802 S. BUS HWY 281
Edinburg, TX 78539

Via e-mail:
TO: Heidi G. Ortiz, Contract Specialist III,
heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us
CC: Betsy Roque, Division Manager,
betsy.roque@co.hidalgo.tx.us

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This procurement packet includes the components marked below. If the item is not checked, it is not applicable to this solicitation. Offerors are asked to review the documentation to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the documentation is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately. Offeror should be thoroughly familiar with all of the following items applicable to this procurement packet before submitting a response.

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PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW

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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 RFQ. Further, the Respondent is responsible for providing any and all relevant information necessary to establish qualifications of the Firm. Failure to do so will be at the Respondent's risk, and may result in rejection of the qualification 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 proposal package is complete.

INTRODUCTION

Hidalgo County (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”) is seeking qualified firms interested in providing comprehensive professional services as part of our 2021 Professional Services Pools. Qualified Respondents may then be engaged from the pool to provide professional services on an “As Needed Basis” or on a “Project-Specific Basis”. Sealed qualifications will be received for “Hidalgo County (including all funding sources, programs, and entities) “Professional Engineering Services Pool”, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as **Appendix “A”**. Inclusion into the specified Pool is based on qualifications and other factors as herein set forth. The qualifications 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. COUNTY reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualification.

Hidalgo County is requiring all submitted qualifications are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after the RFQ opening.

AWARD

Hidalgo County anticipates accepting all qualified firms to our Pool. No award can be made until approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. This RFQ does not obligate Hidalgo County to the eventual purchase of any product 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 of an agreement.

TERM OF POOL

The term of this pool shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing on March 26, 2021 and end on March 25, 2022. The information provided in this Request for Qualification (hereinafter referred to as “RFQ”) is only to be used for the purpose of preparing a submission for the above referenced pool.

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, March 10, 2021 at 3:00pm. **Any submission received after this deadline will not be accepted and will be returned to sender.**

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/86543871112?pwd=UmlGREFPWXNpNlVFRS9pWjFlcUQwUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4387 1112

Passcode: 413036

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

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

Join by SIP: 86543871112@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: Heidi G. Ortiz
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Director
ATTN: Heidi G. Ortiz
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 heidi.ortiz@co.hidalgo.tx.us by **Wednesday, March 03, 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, March 05, 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 RFQ number. Any response received by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department that is not identified on the outside with the RFQ 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 Sections I-VII 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.

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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 2021 Pools of Professional Services
- Procurement Number: RFQ No. 2020-565-03-10-HGO – Engineering Services
- Opening Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021
- Opening Time: 3:00pm

_____ **Table of Contents**

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

- **Executive Summary** - The summary should include:
 - Company name and address; name, title, email, telephone and fax number of person(s) to be contacted for clarifications or additional information regarding proposal;
 - Name, title, email, telephone and fax number of person(s) authorized to contractually obligate vendor's company with proposal and any future negotiations; and
 - Understanding of the Project
- **Legal Notice Acknowledgement**
- **Appendix "B" – Areas of Specialization**
- **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)
 - Form 1295
- **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**
- **Addenda (when applicable; see Addenda under Legal Notice)**

_____ **Section II: Vendor Information**

_____ **Section III: Vendor Experience and Qualifications**

_____ **Section IV: Scope of Services and Narrative of Proposed Services**

_____ **Section V: Legal Documents**

_____ **Section VI: Miscellaneous**



LEGAL NOTICE

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These General Provisions are considered standard language for an Offeror (hereinafter referred to as “Offeror”, “Vendor”, “Respondent”, or “Contractor”) submitting a response for a Request for Bids, Proposals, Qualifications or other solicitation (hereinafter referred to as “Procurement Packet”) made by the County of Hidalgo (hereinafter referred to as “Hidalgo County” and “County”).

It is the Offeror’s sole responsibility to be in compliance of all federal, state, and local laws, requirements, rules, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to their proposed goods and/or services. It is the Offeror’s sole responsibility to be in compliance of all federal, state, and local laws, requirements, rules, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to their proposed goods and/or services. In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall procurement packet, Hidalgo County’s interpretation shall govern.

The following is a link to all adopted Hidalgo County policies (<https://www.hidalgocounty.us/805/County-Administrative-Policies>), which for all purposes, when applicable whether specified explicitly, is incorporated by reference as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.

- 1. ACCEPTANCE OF SUBMISSION.** Receipt of the submission shall under no circumstance obligate Hidalgo County to accept the response, or make an award. The Offeror is responsible for obtaining any information needed in order to respond and for all costs of submitting its response. An Offeror’s submitted response is to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after opening.
- 2. ACCESS TO RECORDS.** In special circumstances, Vendor may be required to allow duly authorized representatives of Hidalgo County, or the state and federal government access to contracts, books, documents, and records necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services provided by Vendor. Vendor must keep records within Hidalgo County or note in their submission that records will be available within the boundaries of Hidalgo County to those representatives within one (1) business day of request by the County.
- 3. ACCOUNT CREATION FOR PAYMENT.** Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Offeror shall cooperate with and submit any required information to the Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office in order to establish an account with the County for payment, including information requested on the Vendor Application, **Appendix “E”** on this procurement packet. This information must be on file with the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department and the Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office. Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in payment and/or back-up withholding as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 4. ADDENDA.** When specifications interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes are revised, the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will issue an Addendum addressing the nature of the change. All released Addenda will be e-mailed to all point of contact(s) who are known to have received or requested a copy of the procurement packet directly from the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Offeror must **sign in blue ink and include it in the returned submission package.**
- 5. ASSIGNMENT.** The successful Offeror shall not assign, sell, transfer, convey, or otherwise transfer its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County of Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or other applicable governing body.
- 6. AWARD.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis determined on the Procurement Overview, and when applicable, listed on **Appendix “B”**, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one Offeror, and to reject any or all submissions received. After Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court approves an award, and the awarded Contractor defaults in meeting the general requirements and/or specifications in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s) and/or qualified Offeror(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the Awarded Vendor the difference for any additional cost of such item. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete items during the term of the contract under the same rates and conditions.

In the event the lowest dollar Offeror meeting specifications is not awarded a contract, the Offeror may appear before the Commissioners Court, or other applicable governing body and present evidence concerning their responsibility after officially notifying in writing via email **and** certified mail to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director, 2802 S. BUS HWY 281, Edinburg, TX 78539, (956) 318-2626, martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us; “Carbon Copy:” and “Attention To:” the Contract Specialist listed on the cover page of this procurement packet of their intent to appear.

7. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS.** The County will search a database maintained by the Texas State Comptroller. A contract may not be entered into with an entity that is identified therein. Search results shall be incorporated for all purposes as part of any resulting agreement entered into by the parties. The Offeror shall follow all federal, state, and local laws, requirements, rules, codes, ordinances, regulations and Hidalgo County Policy & Procedures applicable to their proposed goods and/or services, including, but not limited to those addressed within this procurement packet, the resulting agreement and the following:

7.1 Attestation Terrorist Organizations - TEX. GOVT. CODE CH. 2252. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to Chapter’s 2252, 806 and 807, the Offeror warrants, represents, certifies and attests that, by submitting a response to this procurement packet and/or at the time of execution of this Contract, Agreement, or supplemental agreement thereafter, neither the Offeror, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

7.2 Breach of Ethics. Contracts awarded hereunder shall be in compliance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171: Regulation of Conflicts of Interest of Officers of Municipalities, Counties and Certain Other Local Governments.

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 response to a request 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.

7.3 Bonds. If this procurement packet requires submission of bid bond or proposal guarantee, and performance and payment bonds, an explanation of these requirements will be detailed on the Projects Requirements Acknowledgement listed in **Appendix “C”**. Responses submitted without the required bond or cashier's checks may be deemed unresponsive, thus disqualified from participation.

7.4 Boycott Israel Verification - TEX. GOVT. CODE 2270. In accordance with the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to Chapters 2270 and 808, a company, other than a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full time employees is required to certify in writing that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the Contract, if the Contract has a value of \$100,000 or more.

7.5 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion. The Offeror warrants and represents by execution of an award from their response to this procurement packet that it is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in any

Federal programs, or state assistance, as described under Executive Order 12549, “Debarment and Suspension.” The Offeror agrees to include this certification in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under any subsequent Contract or Agreement arising from this award. The Offeror also acknowledges that it is their sole responsibility to immediately notify Hidalgo County, in writing, if they or a subcontractor is not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 during the term of this contract. Further, Offeror agrees to refund Hidalgo County for any payments made to the contractor while ineligible. Pursuant to federal regulation 45 CFR Part 76, the Offeror is required to furnish a certification or acknowledgement stating that they are free from suspension and debarment through registration on System for Award Management at www.sam.gov with their response.

7.6 Davis-Bacon Act/Hidalgo County Adopted Prevailing Wage Rate. When applicable, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, as well as any other applicable laws, any Contractor or Subcontractor performing contracts in excess of \$2,000, for the construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) of public buildings or public works must pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the contract no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits for corresponding work on similar projects in the area as per the Davis Bacon Act or the rates adopted by Hidalgo County.

7.7 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.

7.7.1 As an Offeror. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176, an Offeror must disclose an interest between the Offeror, the Offeror’s employees and any Hidalgo County employees arising from relationships within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity. A financial interest arises if the County’s elected official, department head, or employee, or a member of their family, received any gifts valued in excess of \$250 during the preceding twelve (12) month period, or employment of any County’s elected official, department head, or employee, or the County official’s family member.

The Offeror shall not use funds to directly or indirectly pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence any County employee or official in connection with the awarding of any contract or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any contract.

7.7.2 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295). Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted, as Texas law, including, but not limited to Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2252, Title 1 Tex. Ethics Comm. Rules – Title 1, sec. 46 and the Tex. Admin. Code, requires all parties who enter into any contract with the County which must be approved by its governing body, (hereinafter referred to as “Commissioners Court”) to disclose all interested parties. Form 1295 must be completed in its entirety through the Texas Ethics Commission at the following website: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm prior to awarding the Contract. Failure to do so may result in delay of award, or deem your response unresponsive, thus disqualified from participation.

7.7.3 Collusion. The Offeror affirms that by responding to any solicitation made by Hidalgo County, it has not communicated directly or indirectly the response made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all responses may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the Offerors, and/or the County believes prices provided by the Offerors are inappropriately unbalanced. Respondent’s Affidavit (**Appendix “J”**) must be included in the response.

7.7.4 Consultants Excluded from Competition. An outside Consultant or Contractor is prohibited from submitting a response for goods or services requested on a Hidalgo County project of which the Consultant or Contractor was a designer or other previous contributor, assisted in developing or drafting specifications, requirements, statements of work, or requests for goods and/or services must be excluded from competing for such procurements. If such, a Consultant or Contractor submits a response, that response shall be prohibited, and disqualified on the basis of conflict of interest, no matter when the conflict is discovered by Hidalgo County.

7.7.5 Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form CIQ). Offeror must fully disclose the existence of any relationships as defined above in its response to this procurement packet. The Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ), attached hereto as **Appendix “D”**, must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk, located inside the Hidalgo County Courthouse, at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, TX 78539 no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. **Completion and submission of Form CIQ is the sole responsibility of the Offeror.** Additionally, the Offeror must immediately notify Hidalgo County if the information provided in its response changes at any time.

7.7.6 Disclosure to Report Lobbying. When applicable, pursuant to 31 U.S.C.A. §1352 (2003), if at any time during the contract term funding to Contractor exceeds \$100,000.00, Contractor shall file with the County the Federal Standard Form LLL titled “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying” as detailed in **Appendix “H”**.

7.8 Disqualification of Offeror. By submitting a response to this request, an Offeror offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Hidalgo County certifies that the Offeror has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Texas Business and Commerce Code §15.01, et seq., as amended, or the federal antitrust laws. If multiple submissions are made by an Offeror and after they are opened, the Offeror requests to withdraw one of the submissions is requested to be withdrawn, the result will be that all of the responses submitted by that Offeror will be withdrawn; however, nothing herein prohibits an Offeror from submitting multiple responses for different products or services.

7.9 Ethical Business Practices. Hidalgo County operates its business ethically and in compliance with the law. We ask that any Offeror, their representative, and/or employee doing business with Hidalgo County, who believes they have witnessed any suspected ethical violation or fraud immediately report the allegations to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director, 2802 S. BUS HWY 281, Edinburg, TX 78539, (956) 318-2626, martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will conduct a prompt and thorough investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will refer any suspected criminal activity to the Hidalgo County District Attorney or other appropriate law enforcement agency. Any Offeror who reports suspected ethical violations or fraud can do so without fear of retaliation. Retaliating against any offeror for reporting suspected ethical violations or fraud is strictly prohibited.

7.10 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 as listed in **Appendix “E”**.

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 subcontractors 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.
- f. 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.

When procurement is related to road construction projects with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), all respondents must submit their HUB/DBE plans as part of their submission to be qualified to participate.

7.11 Fair Wages. The Offeror warrants and represents that it will pay all its workers all monies earned by its employees including, but not limited to regular wages, any overtime compensation, or any additional payments pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 207 9a(1), as amended; the Texas Pay Day Act; the Equal Pay Act; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e, *et al.*, as amended; and/or any provisions of the Texas Labor Code Ann., as amended, without cost or expenses to the County.

Awarded Vendors, its officers, agents, and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of Hidalgo County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service system.

7.12 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 the County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Vendor, and that Vendor is an independent contractor under an award through this procurement packet.

7.13 Nondiscrimination. By submitting a response to this procurement packet, the Offeror certifies that it will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and related state and federal law.

Offeror, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or any other protected class under law (except as allowed in the case of bona fide occupational qualifications).

7.14 Texas Public Information Act. The Offeror understands and agrees that Hidalgo County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act (the "Act"). Hidalgo County must rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas relative to the disclosure of data or information. Submissions will be kept confidential in accordance with the Act and applicable law, and submissions are subject to inclusion into the public record after award. To the extent permitted by law, Offeror may request in writing non-disclosure of any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its submission. Such data shall accompany the submission, be readily separable from the response, and shall be CLEARLY MARKED "**CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY and/or TRADE SECRET**". Hidalgo County will make reasonable efforts to provide Offeror notice in accordance with the Act in the event the County receives a request for information under the Act for information that the Offeror has marked as indicated above. E-mail addresses provided by Offeror to the County as part of its response to this procurement packet are not confidential. Additionally, Offeror provides its affirmative consent to the disclosure of its e-mail addresses, including from its employees, officers, and agents acting on its behalf, that are provided to Hidalgo County. This consent shall survive termination of this agreement and apply to any e-mail address provided in any form for any reason whether related to this procurement packet or otherwise.

7.15 Title VI Notice. 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 respondents 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. Further, Title VI has been broadened by related statutes, regulations and executive orders as found in Appendices "A" through "E" as attached hereto as **Appendix "G"**. Offeror agrees to comply with Title VI as may be required.

8. **CONTRACT OBLIGATION.** Hidalgo County Commissioners Court must award the contract and the County Judge must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Hidalgo County or the Offeror. Elected officials, department heads, other County employees or representatives are NOT authorized to sign agreements for Hidalgo County, unless prior authorization is approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, or respective governing body. Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this procurement packet have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.
9. **CONTRACT RENEWALS.** Any extension or renewal of the agreement entered into by the parties are made at the County's sole discretion and under the same rates, terms and conditions as the initial agreement, or as amended.
10. **CONTRACT TRANSITION (Grace Period).** In the event services end by either contract expiration or termination, it shall be required that the successful respondent continue services if requested by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, until new services can be completely operational. The successful respondent acknowledges its responsibility to cooperate fully with the replacement vendor and Hidalgo County to ensure a smooth and timely transition to the replacement vendor. Such transitional period shall not extend more than sixty (60) days beyond the expiration/termination date of the contract, or any extension thereof. The successful respondent shall be reimbursed for services during the transitional period at the rate in effect when the transitional period clause is invoked by Hidalgo County. During any transition period, all other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain in full force and effect as originally written and subsequently amended.
11. **COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES.** Discount payments will be considered when offered. If during the life of any contract, or response awarded, the successful respondent's 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 Hidalgo County. 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.
12. **COUNTY APPROVED HOLIDAYS.** There are fourteen (14) County approved holidays. The Offeror is advised that official County business will not be conducted on the dates listed below:

New Year's Day	Friday, January 01, 2021
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18, 2021
President's Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 02, 2021
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021
Independence Day	Monday, July 05, 2021
Labor Day	Monday, September 06, 2021
Columbus' Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
Veterans' Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving	Thursday/Friday, November 25-26, 2021
Christmas	Thursday/Friday, December 23-24, 2021
New Year's Eve	Friday, December 31, 2021

13. **EVALUATION.** Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which proposed items or services are the most efficient and/or most economical for the County, considering all factors which have a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user department's environment. All submissions, except for Requests for Bids, may be subject to negotiations by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, or authorized Hidalgo County representative as approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, with recommendation to the appropriate governing body. Compliance with all requirements, delivery and needs of the user department are considerations in evaluating the responses received. **Pricing is NOT the only criteria for making a recommendation.** A preliminary evaluation by Hidalgo County will be held and appropriate responses will be subjected to the negotiating process and a request for a Best and Final Offer. Upon completion of the negotiations, Hidalgo County will make an award. All responses that have been submitted shall be available and open for public record after

the contract is awarded, except for trade secrets or confidential information contained in the responses and identified as such.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all submissions and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, or to the qualifications considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County. Additionally, Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept or eliminate any item(s) listed under this procurement packet that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary or operational requirements.

- 14. FISCAL FUNDING.** Hidalgo County has the discretion to utilize grant funding or general funding, however, should grant funding be utilized “Grant Funding” rules will apply. The award of a contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year. Additionally, should funds not be appropriated by the applicable governing body to continue the lease or contract in their sole discretion, said lease or contract shall become null and void on the last day of the current appropriation of funds.

14.1 General Funding. A multi-year lease or lease/purchase arrangement, or any contract continuing as a result of an extension option, must include a fiscal funding out provision in the lease or contract. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. Hidalgo County, on an annual basis and at their discretion, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of Hidalgo County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment shall be removed by the Vendor from the user department without penalty of any kind or form to Hidalgo County. All charges and physical activity related to delivery, installation, removal and re-delivery shall be the responsibility of the Vendor.

14.2 Grant Funding. Any contract entered into by the County that is to be paid from grant funds shall be limited to payment from the grant funding, and the Offeror understands that the County has not set aside any County funds for the payment of obligations under a grant contract. If grant funding should become unavailable at any time for the continuation of services paid for by the grant, and further funding cannot be obtained for the contract, then the contract shall be null and void.

Additionally, County contracts subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), require inclusion of the contract terms found in **Appendix “H”**. It is the County’s intention to comply with FEMA requirements; therefore, any conflict in terms should be resolved as such.

- 15. FORCE MAJEURE.** If by reason of Force Majeure either Party shall be rendered unable, wholly or in part, to carry out its responsibility under this contract by any occurrence by reason of Force Majeure, then the Party unable to carry out its responsibility shall give the other Party notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event, and such notice shall suspend the Party’s responsibility for the continuance of the Force Majeure claimed, but for no longer period. Force Majeure means acts of God, floods, hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, acts of a public enemy, acts of terrorism, sovereign conduct, riots, civil commotion, strikes or lockouts, and other causes that are not occasioned by either Party’s conduct which by the exercise of due diligence the Party is unable to overcome and which substantially interferes with operations.
- 16. GOVERNING LAW.** This procurement packet is governed by the competitive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act, Texas Local Government Code, §262.021 *et seq.*, as amended. Offerors shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Offeror is further advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and venue shall be performable in a federal or state court or competent jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas. Hidalgo County may request and rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the Hidalgo County District Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements. The County does not agree to binding arbitration and does not waive its right to a jury trial.
- 17. HIPAA COMPLIANCE.** When applicable, the Offeror agrees to comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191 (codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164), as amended (“HIPAA”); privacy and security regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”); Title XIII, Subtitle D of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5, as amended (“HITECH Act”); provisions regarding Confidentiality of Alcohol and

Drug Abuse Patient Records (codified at 42 C.F.R. Part 2), as amended; and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ANN. §§81.046, as amended, 181.001 et seq., as amended, 241.151 et seq., as amended, and 611.001 et seq., as amended collectively referred to as "HIPAA", to the extent that the Offeror uses, discloses or has access to protected health information as defined by HIPAA. Offeror may be required to enter a Business Associate Agreement pursuant to HIPAA.

- 18. INDEMNIFICATION.** The successful Offeror, shall indemnify, defend, save, and hold Hidalgo County, all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees harmless 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 directly or indirectly from contractor's performance on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful Offeror, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful Offeror shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against the County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to Hidalgo County by counsel reasonably acceptable to the County. The Successful Offeror 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 and services provided by successful Offeror.
- 19. INSPECTIONS & TESTING.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to inspect any item(s) or service location for compliance with specifications and requirements and needs of the user department. If an Offeror cannot furnish a sample of a proposed item, where applicable, for review, or fails to satisfactorily show an ability to perform, the County can reject the response as inadequate.

The 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 procurement packet shall be subject to the County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by the successful Offeror within two (2) business days at no expense to the County. Items that are not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to the County and may be used or disposed of at the County's discretion, without waiver of any other rights of the County as to the items' nonconformity.

- 20. INSURANCE.** Contractor shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this procurement packet, appropriate insurance coverage including, as a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover contractor's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this procurement packet. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County as part of this response. (See **Appendix "C": Insurance Requirements**). Prior to award, Hidalgo County must be listed as a Certificate Holder to the policies.
- 21. LEGAL DOCUMENTS.** Offeror should submit any agreement for products and/or services which may be required by their organization to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County. The awarded vendor will be required to execute an agreement with Hidalgo County which finalizes the terms and conditions set forth in their response, best and final offer, and any negotiations between the Offeror and Hidalgo County. The agreement is subject to review and amendment by the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office.
- 22. MAINTENANCE.** Maintenance required for equipment proposed should be available in Hidalgo County by a manufacturer-authorized maintenance facility. Costs for this service shall be shown on **Appendix "B"**. If Hidalgo County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.
- 23. MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.** When applicable, Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increase might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. The Price Adjustment procedure may be employed to mediate price volatility on a quarterly basis, on the quarter they're being requested for, then return

to the original contract price. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department has sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension with provided sufficient evidence of the request. The requested increase cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term. Lastly, Hidalgo County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time.

24. **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS.** Under the "Hazardous Communication Act", commonly known as the "Texas Right to Know Act", an Offeror must provide to the County with each delivery, material safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Failure of the Offeror to furnish the required documentation will be cause to reject any response applying thereto.
25. **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENTS.** With their submitted response, the Offeror must affirmatively demonstrate their responsibility as listed on **Appendix "A"**. A prospective respondent, by submitting a response, represents to County that it meets the requirements listed.
26. **NAME BRANDS.** Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Hidalgo County to restrict or preclude competition in any way, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items. Offerors may offer items of equal stature and the burden of proof of such stature rests with Offerors. Hidalgo County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered.
27. **NEW MILLENNIUM COMPLIANCE.** All products and/or services furnished as part of this contract must be compliant for the present year and forward. This applies to all computers including hardware and software as well as all other commodities with date sensitive embedded chips.
28. **PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT.** 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.
29. **PERFORMANCE ENFORCEMENT.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract, agreement, supplemental agreement, as amended, or participation in the professional services pool, in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Hidalgo County reserves the right to terminate the contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County immediately in the event of breach or default by a successful respondent, including, but not limited to failure to maintain qualifications, meet schedules, pay any required fees or taxes, or otherwise failing to perform in accordance with the requirements of this procurement packet.
30. **POST-AWARD DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS.** Title and Risk of Loss of goods shall not pass to Hidalgo County until Hidalgo County actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery. Receiving times may vary with the user department. Generally, deliveries may be made between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on County approved holidays. The Offeror is advised to consult the user department for instructions, and be given at least seventy-two (72) hours prior notice of delivery, if applicable, before delivery will be accepted. The place of delivery shall be identified in the Requirements/Specifications attached hereto as **Appendix "A"** of this procurement packet and/or on the Purchase Order as a "Deliver To:" address.
31. **POST-AWARD INVOICES AND PAYMENTS.** Offerors shall submit an original, itemized invoice on company letterhead with their company name and address, detailing the deliverable(s) of goods and/or services provided, the respective price, product code, item number, quantity, etc. per line item, the name of receiving/requesting department or elected office, the delivery address, the awarded vendor's contract number, and issued purchase order number. Any invoice, which cannot be verified by the contract price and/or is otherwise incorrect, will be returned to the Offeror for correction. Under term contracts, when multiple deliveries and/or services are required, the Offeror may invoice following each delivery and the County will pay on invoice. Contracts providing for a monthly charge will be billed and paid on a monthly basis only.

Deliverables or services will be considered complete only upon written acceptance by Hidalgo County. No charges may be billed to Hidalgo County unless such costs are explicitly included in the agreement or contract.

For billing and payment questions please contact the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539, (956) 318-2511.

32. PROCUREMENT PACKET FORM COMPLETION. Fill out and return to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department one (1) complete response in an appropriately sized envelope or box. **PACKAGE MUST SHOW THE COMPANY NAME, RETURN ADDRESS, THE RFB, RFP, RFQ, RFP/Q, etc., PROJECT DESCRIPTION, OPENING DATE AND TIME, AND BE MARKED "SEALED PROPOSAL"**. For Offeror's convenience, the shipping label on **Appendix "N"** can be used on the submission packet. An authorized representative of the Offeror should sign the Submission Cover Sheet. The contract will be binding only when signed by Hidalgo County, funds are certified by the Hidalgo County Auditor, and an official Hidalgo County Purchase Order is issued by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department.

33. PROCUREMENT PACKET SUBMISSION. Offeror must submit all completed responses to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department reception desk at 2802 S. BUS. HWY 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539 by the date and time listed under the Submission Deadline and Bid Opening section of the Procurement Overview. Late proposals will not be accepted for any reason.

33.1 Supplemental Materials. Offerors are responsible for including all pertinent product data in the submitted response to this procurement packet. Literature, brochures, data sheets, specification information, completed forms requested as part of the procurement packet and any other facts which may affect the evaluation and subsequent contract award should be included. Materials such as legal documents and contractual agreements, which the Offeror wishes to include as a condition of the submission, must also be in the submitted response. Failure to include all necessary and proper supplemental materials may be cause to reject the entire response.

34. PROOF OF BUSINESS. Offeror must have been in business under its current name and in its current form (e.g., proprietorship, Chapter S Corporation). Information to be included as part of the Vendor Application, **Appendix "D"**.

35. PURCHASE ORDER AND DELIVERY. The successful Offeror shall not deliver products or provide services without a Hidalgo County Purchase Order, signed by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director, or an authorized agent of the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. When applicable, the fastest, most reasonable delivery time shall be indicated by the Offeror in the proper place on **Appendix "B"**. Any special information concerning delivery should also be included, on a separate sheet, if necessary. All items shall be shipped **F.O.B. INSIDE DELIVERY** unless otherwise stated in the specifications. This shall be understood to include bringing merchandise to the appropriate room or place designated by the user department. Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of these requirements and the specifications including time, delivery and quality. Nonconformance shall constitute a breach which must be rectified prior to expiration of the time for performance. Failure to rectify within the performance period will be considered cause to reject future deliveries and cancellation of the contract by Hidalgo County, without prejudice to other remedies provided by law. **Where delivery times are critical, Hidalgo County reserves the right to award accordingly.**

Goods and/or Services must not be provided and **invoices will not be paid** without a purchase order signed by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director.

36. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR. Offeror's failure to qualify or maintain qualifications throughout the term of this agreement shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the Offeror with regard to the services. In such an event, Hidalgo County may elect to engage another qualified firm or reject all submissions and re-advertise.

37. RECYCLED MATERIALS. Hidalgo County encourages the use of products made of recycled materials and shall give preference in purchasing to products made of recycled materials if the products meet applicable specifications as to quantity and quality. Hidalgo County will be the sole judge in determining product preference application.

38. REFERENCES. Offeror will provide a minimum of four (4) letters of reference from other

individual(s)/entities or local government entities for whom the Offeror has provided similar services in the past twenty-four (24) months as demonstration of their prior experience. **One of the four references listed should be of a project that was canceled.** If Offeror prefers, Reference Form **Appendix "M"** may be used. Letters or reference sheet must include the following information:

- Organization/Client Name/Government Entity (Include population of any local governmental entity – some procurements may require a specific population).
- Name of Contact Person
- Contact Telephone, Address and Email
- Name of Project
- Scope of Work
- Contract Period
- Budget Project Amount; Actual Project Amount
- Expected project timeframe; actual project time frame
- Include contact information for one (1) client that services have been canceled, and a description of why the project was canceled.

39. SCANNED OR RE-TYPED RESPONSE. If in its response, Offeror either electronically scans, re-types, or in some way reproduces the County's published procurement packet, then in the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the County's published procurement packet, or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of the response made by the Offeror, the County's proposal package *as published* shall control. Furthermore, if an alteration of any kind to the County's published procurement packet is only discovered after the contract is executed and is or is not being performed; the contract is subject to immediate cancellation.

Regardless of how an Offeror requested or received a copy of this procurement packet to prepare a response, **the response must be submitted in hard copy** according to the instructions contained in this procurement packet.

40. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or the specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.

41. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS. The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used. All interpretations of specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement. The items furnished under this contract shall be new, unused of the latest product in production to commercial trade and shall be of the highest quality as to materials used and workmanship. Manufacturer furnishing these items shall be experienced in design and construction of such items and shall be an established supplier of the item proposed.

42. SUBCONTRACTING. Vendor may not subcontract services to another firm without prior written request detailing goods and/or services that are to be subcontracted, and approval of said written request by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, or applicable governing body.

43. TAXES. Hidalgo County is exempt from all federal excise, state and local taxes unless, otherwise stated in this document. Hidalgo County claims exemption from all sales and/or use taxes under Texas Tax Code §151.309, as amended. Offerors are not to include tax in any cost figures (including in any supplemental project specific contracts applicable to pools). If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figure it will not be included in the tabulation of any supplemental project specific awards. Texas Limited Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon written request to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, and signed by the Agent, or authorized Purchasing Department representative.

44. TERM OF CONTRACTS. If the contract is intended to cover a specific time period, the term will be p in the Requirements/Specifications. Participation in the Professional Services Pool will be in effect until (a) the term expires, or (b) participation is terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation with

or without cause. Any supplemental project-specific 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 the County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation with or without cause, unless otherwise stated in the executed agreement.

45. **TERMINATION.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if Offeror breaches any of the terms therein, including warranties of Offeror or if the Offeror becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Hidalgo County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Hidalgo County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Hidalgo County may terminate the contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice, unless otherwise stated in the executed agreement.
46. **TERMINATION FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS.** Hidalgo County has the option to terminate this contract immediately without prior notice if offeror fails to perform any of its obligations in this contract if the failure (a) created a potential threat to health or safety or (b) violated a law, ordinance, or regulation designed to protect health or safety.
47. **USAGE REPORTS.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost during the yearly contract period, a usage report detailing the services furnished to date under an agreement resulting from this procurement packet. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) business days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by Hidalgo County department, description of each service purchased, quantity of each service purchased, per unit cost and total amount of all services purchased.
48. **WAIVER OF SUBROGATION.** Offeror and Offeror's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Hidalgo County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from Offeror's performance under any award resulting from award from this procurement packet.
49. **WARRANTIES.** Offerors shall furnish all data pertinent to warranties or guarantees which may apply to items in the response to this procurement packet. Offeror may not limit or exclude any implied warranties. Further, Offeror warrants that product sold to the County shall conform to the standards established by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In the event product does not conform to OSHA Standards, where applicable, Hidalgo County may return the product for correction or replacement at the Offeror's expense. If Offeror fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, Hidalgo County may correct at the Offeror's expense.

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LEGAL NOTICE DECLARATION

TO: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Director
ATTN: Heidi G. Ortiz, Contract Specialist III
Hidalgo County Administration Building/Purchasing Department
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

RE: RFQ No. 2020-565-03-10-HGO

By providing a response to this solicitation, we acknowledge receipt of all of the pages of in this procurement packet. We understand that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

We acknowledge that we have examined this procurement packet in its entirety, and are familiar with the conditions to be met. In accordance with the Specifications, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States, State of Texas, and local laws, we propose and commit to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software, and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. We, the undersigned respondent, further agree, upon acceptance of its response to be a member of the Pools of Professional Services and further execute supplemental project-specific contracts with the County as needed. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful respondent fails to comply with any federal, state or local laws.

We acknowledge that we are providing the required certifications, attestations, verifications and/or acknowledgments as referenced within this procurement packet. We further acknowledge that any and all specifications, provisions, and attachments of this response are incorporated into and made a part of any resulting agreement.

We agree that this response shall be good, and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled bid opening time and date for receiving the requested solicitation, as contained in the Specifications.

Lastly, we understand that any questions regarding compliance should be directed to our firm's legal counsel. We acknowledge that the individual authorized to bind the company is signing this Acknowledgement Form. By signing this Acknowledgement Form we understand we are providing written verification and certification of the aforementioned, and the County cannot execute a contract for goods or services without this declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Appendix A

REQUIREMENTS/SPECIFICATIONS

REQUIREMENTS/SPECIFICATIONS

The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations may result in disqualification of the submitted response.

Section I: UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT (limited to 3 pages)

This section should demonstrate the respondent's understanding of the project needs, the work required, and any identify and local issues or concerns to demonstrate the firm's familiarity with the geographical area of County of Hidalgo.

Section II: VENDOR INFORMATION

- a. **Vendor History** - This section should include Vendor's history, the firm's background and identify the principal officers. It should include an organization chart, and a description of project team organization and names of team members. Additionally, it should state the firm's commitment and ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services, and a statement regarding their Affirmative Action Program.
- b. **Personnel and Staffing** - This section should identify all members on the organizational chart, and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. A biographic summary provided with history of engineering licensure from the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors for each proposed staff member (limited to one (1) page per team member), or any other licenses and certifications required by the State of Texas, and a one (1) page of a general list of projects with brief project summaries that respective proposed staff member was a part within the last 12 consecutive months, and identify their role in each project.

This section should also outline the firm's contingency plan for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

- c. **Proof of Licenses and Certifications** - This section will contain copies of any and all current state certifications and licenses with applicable seals, and any other applicable licenses and certifications as required by the State of Texas.

Section III: VENDOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS (limited to 10 pages)

- a. **Competency** - This section should demonstrate firm's competency and experience in, but not limited to the following areas: Roadway, Bridge and General Design and Construction, Federal, State, and County-funded construction projects, Solid Waste related projects, and Mechanical Engineering projects located within Hidalgo County, or in this general region of the state.
- b. **Experience and Recent Projects** - This section should include a description of the firm's most recent and varied projects (other local government projects preferred), and identify the personnel that were key in each project. Identify key challenges, and the firm's solution to overcome such challenges. For each project, a client contact name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. A list of ongoing projects similar in scope under TxDOT procurement basis shall be included.
- c. **References** - This section should list four (4) references, other than past or present employees of Hidalgo County, who can verify your performance as a Vendor within the past 24 months.

Performance includes, but not limited to, sales and/or services, delivery, invoicing, and other items as may be required for Hidalgo County to determine Respondent's ability to provide the intended goods and/or service of this procurement packet. Hidalgo County prefers references to be from Government customers. The name, address and phone number of the person(s) listed should be the one most closely associated with your company's performance on that specific project. References must be able to verify the quality of service Respondent's company provide and that the Respondent has completed a project of similar size and scope of work in this solicitation. Inaccurate, obsolete or negative responses from the listed references could result in rejection of your response. **One of the four references listed should be of a project that was canceled with a description of why the project was canceled.** Failure to supply the required references may deem your response as non-responsive and will not be considered for award.

Respondent's involvement with reference checks is not permitted. Only Hidalgo County Purchasing Department or authorized designees will conduct reference checks. Any deviation to this may result in rejection of your response. You may use your own format, or use the Reference Form included as **Appendix "M"**.

Section IV: SCOPE OF SERVICES

a. List of Services - The engineering services contract will encompass all project-related engineering services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

- Acoustical Design
- ADA Compliance
- Asbestos Abatement Monitoring
- Bridge Design
- Building Design
- Code Analysis
- Construction Contract Management
- Cost Estimating
- Dams and Cut or Filled Slopes
- Design for Alterations/Renovations
- Design for New Construction
- Drainage Design
- Energy Conservation
- Excavations and Trenches
- Facility Analysis and Master Planning
- Needs Assessment
- Parking Design
- Pavements
- Plans and Specifications
- Plans, Drawings, and Specifications
- Pre-Design
- Project Development Management
- Right of Way Maps and Data
- Roadway Design
- Roof Design
- Route and Design Studies
- Security Design
- Signing, Markings, and Signalization
- Site Planning and Analysis
- Social, Economic, Environmental Studies and Public Involvement
- Soil/Rock and Foundation Studies
- Solid Waste
- Surveying
- Traffic Control Plans
- Utility Adjustments
- Ventilation Design
- Water and Waste Retention/Disposal

b. Narrative - This section should include firm's philosophy, approach(s) and preferred methods for meeting requirements, deliverables, and the aforementioned services listed in the Scope of Services. Provide the greatest amount of meaning detail possible to describe the proposed products and/or services. Indicate if your firm can meet the specifications, or if the specifications can be met only

under certain conditions or circumstances. If your firm is not able to meet the specification, briefly explain why, noting any concerns or issues Hidalgo County should be aware. Provide a timeline indicating deliverables, vendor responsibilities and resources needed from Hidalgo County. Merely reiterating the specifications are strongly discouraged, as they do not provide insight into the firm's ability to meet the specifications.

Section V: LEGAL DOCUMENTS

If applicable, the Firm is to include any standard agreement(s) and/or contracts associated with their response.

Section VI: MISCELLANEOUS

State exemptions to any of the requirements in this procurement packet, if any. Any additional information the firm deems appropriate to the response may be included in this section.

Section VII: PRICING INFORMATION

PARTICIPATING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL: The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq. Once selected, the proposer is to provide a fee proposal based on the scope of work.

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Appendix B

EVALUATION PROCEDURE, AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, and EVALUATION FORM

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

POOL ACCEPTANCE

It is Hidalgo County's intention that all responses that met the requirements listed within this procurement packet will be accepted in the respective annual pool.

AWARD PROTOCOL

A firm can be selected from the approved Pool for 1) an On-Call Agreement, or 2) Project Specific; regardless of the option, once a project has been identified and it is determined that Engineering Services are required, approval to seek engagement for Professional Services is requested from the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized:

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, Elected Official, or User Department in need of the Professional Service will nominate, at the minimum, 3 firms. The firms selected must be able to complete the project requested, and if specializations are available, those specialized firms should be considered for nomination first.
2. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, Elected Official, or User Department will select the Evaluation Committee.
3. The Evaluation Committee will review, score and evaluate the Statement of Qualifications received in this response.
4. A Scoring Grid will be presented to Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for the purpose of Ranking and Approval for the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Award shall be made to the responsible vendor whose proposal is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiations and taking into consideration all aspects of proposal impact items and the Evaluation Criteria as stated in **Appendix "B"**.

- Professional qualifications and experience of vendor and its staff with a minimum of predetermined number of years of relevant experience and demonstrated success in providing the services requested in this solicitation;
- Ability to commit resources and turnaround time for services requested;
- Pricing;
- Experience with other clients of similar size to Hidalgo County and government entities;
- Vendor's professional reputation for integrity and compliance with state and federal law, including having the appropriate license to do business in Texas;
- Past performance history with Hidalgo County (if applicable);
- Experience based on references submitted with the vendor's proposal; and
- Overall quality of vendor's proposal.

Submission of a proposal implies the vendor's acceptance of the evaluation criteria and vendor's recognition that subjective judgments must be made by the Evaluation Committee.

EVALUATION PROCESS

All proposals will be examined by an Evaluation Committee consisting of various Hidalgo County personnel and Hidalgo County Purchasing on a 100-point system.

Proposals that do not conform to the instructions or which do not address all the services as specified may be eliminated from consideration; however, Hidalgo County reserves the right to accept such a proposal if it is determined to be in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

While Hidalgo County appreciates a brief, straightforward, concise reply, the proposer must fully understand that the evaluation is based on the information provided. Accuracy and completeness are essential. Omissions, ambiguous and equivocal statements may be construed against the proposer. The proposal response may be incorporated into any contract which results from this procurement packet, and vendors are cautioned not to make claims or statements it is not prepared to commit to contractually. Failure of the vendor to meet such claims will result in a requirement that the vendor provide resources necessary to meet submitted claims, without extending an additional cost to Hidalgo County.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department may initiate discussions with selected vendors; however, vendors may not initiate discussions. Vendors shall not contact any Hidalgo County personnel during the procurement process without the express permission from the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department may disqualify any vendor who has made site visits, contacted Hidalgo County personnel or distributed any literature without authorization from Hidalgo County Purchasing Department.

All correspondence relating to this procurement from the advertisement to the award shall be sent to Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department shall coordinate all presentations and/or meetings between Hidalgo County and the vendor relating to this solicitation.

Selected vendors may/will be expected to make a presentation/product demonstration to an evaluation committee. In addition to a presentation, visits by the Evaluation Committee to representative vendor client sites may be conducted where the proposed solution can be demonstrated in a production environment. Proposals, vendor presentations and product/service evaluations may develop into negotiating sessions with the vendor(s) as selected by the Evaluation Committee and approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.

NEGOTIATION PROCESS

The Purchasing Department will commence negotiations with the Number One (1) ranked firm, as approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court by asking the selected firm to submit a Scope of Service, including their fees. Hidalgo County expects to conduct negotiations with vendor's representatives authorized to contractually obligate the vendor with an offer. The negotiated contract include a Best and Final Offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court for consideration and approval of award of contract. If vendor is unable to agree to contract terms and conditions, Hidalgo County reserves the right to terminate contract negotiations with that vendor and initiate negotiations with another vendor.

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

RE: RFQ No. 2020-565-03-10-HGO
Professional Engineering Services Pool

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Principal(s):

_____	_____
Name	Title
_____	_____
Name	Title
_____	_____
Name	Title
_____	_____
Name	Title

Engineer's License No.: _____

IDENTIFY AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION (Mark all that apply).

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>_____ Acoustical Design</p> <p>_____ ADA Compliance</p> <p>_____ Asbestos Abatement Monitoring</p> <p>_____ Bridge Design</p> <p>_____ Building Design</p> <p>_____ Code Analysis</p> <p>_____ Construction Contract Management</p> <p>_____ Cost Estimating</p> <p>_____ Dams and Cut or Filled Slopes</p> <p>_____ Design for Alterations/Renovations</p> <p>_____ Design for New Construction</p> <p>_____ Drainage Design</p> <p>_____ Energy Conservation</p> <p>_____ Excavations and Trenches</p> <p>_____ Facility Analysis and Master Planning</p> <p>_____ Needs Assessment</p> <p>_____ Parking Design</p> <p>_____ Pavements</p> <p>_____ Plans and Specifications</p> <p>_____ Plans, Drawings, and Specifications</p> | <p>_____ Pre-Design</p> <p>_____ Project Development Management</p> <p>_____ Right of Way Maps and Data</p> <p>_____ Roadway Design</p> <p>_____ Roof Design</p> <p>_____ Route and Design Studies</p> <p>_____ Security Design</p> <p>_____ Signing, Markings, and Signalization</p> <p>_____ Site Planning and Analysis</p> <p>_____ Social, Economic, Environmental Studies
and Public Involvement</p> <p>_____ Soil/Rock and Foundation Studies</p> <p>_____ Solid Waste</p> <p>_____ Surveying</p> <p>_____ Traffic Control Plans</p> <p>_____ Utility Adjustments</p> <p>_____ Ventilation Design</p> <p>_____ Water and Waste Retention/Disposal</p> <p>_____ Other (please specify, and separate listed specialties
with a semicolon (;): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
|--|--|

EVALUATION FORM

RE: RFQ No. 2020-565-03-10-HGO
Professional Engineering Services

Evaluator: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Project Name: _____

Department: _____

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS	SCORE
1. RFQ RESPONSIVENESS (2 points)		
➤ Response is clear, concise, well-organized and followed the instructions listed in the Procurement Overview section of the procurement packet.	2	
Comments/Rationale for points:	Subtotal	
2. UNDERSTANDING THE PROJECT (22 points)		
➤ Firm demonstrates a thorough understanding of the project through their Scope of Services.	5	
➤ Firm addresses their understanding in a clear and concise narrative that outlines their knowledge in appropriate federal, state and local government regulations, codes, guidelines, professional standards, and other policies related to the specified project.	7	
➤ Firm identifies other successful projects of similar size and scope.	5	
➤ Firm has identified information to be gathered or obtained and proposed an approach to complete the Scope of Work.	5	
Comments/Rationale for points:	Subtotal	
3. FIRM'S QUALIFICATIONS (18 points)		
➤ Firm is registered and licensed to practice in the state of Texas, and has been verified through the Texas Board of Profession Engineers and Land Surveyors.	5	
➤ Firm includes an organization chart, and a description of the proposed project team organization dedicated to this project, identifies key technical staff, their names and titles.	10	
➤ Firm provides proof of all licenses and certifications for each proposed staff member.	10	
➤ Firm identifies their Affirmative Action Program.	3	
Comments/Rationale for points:	Subtotal	
4 EXPERIENCE AND RECENT PROJECTS (27 points)		
➤ Firm includes biographic summaries/resumes for each proposed staff member that highlight their relevant experience specific to the project within the last 12 consecutive months, and their role in each project.	10	
➤ Firm identifies at least one (1) Licensed Professional Engineer with an educational background and/or strong experience in the scope of the project that is part of the proposed team dedicated to this project who has previously led or been a part of at least two (2) projects of similar size and scope.	10	
➤ Firm identifies two (2) different technical staff members with a minimum of five (5) and ten (10) years' experience.	7	
Comments/Rationale for points:	Subtotal	
5. LEADERSHIP AND ABILITY(21 points)		
➤ Firm identifies their commitment and ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services.	3	
➤ Firm identifies proposed project composition, project leadership, and reporting responsibilities.	5	
➤ Firm has demonstrated competency and experience in the project specified.	3	
➤ Firm commits at least one Project Manager with experience in two (2) different areas of specialties, plus be 50% involved with the technical development of the project.	5	
➤ Firm commits at least one (1) Project Manager with experience in five (5) areas of specialties, plus be 85-100% involved with the technical development of the project.	5	
Comments/Rationale for points:	Subtotal	
TOTAL		



Appendix C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX C
Insurance Requirements
Professional Services
(i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers & Surveyors)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.
2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
3. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Bidder shall obtain and maintain any and all other insurances which may be necessary in providing the good/service applicable to this procurement or are otherwise required by law. Any and all insurance policies shall be in amounts prescribed by law or otherwise specified by the County, but in no event less than the minimum amounts prescribed by law.

Additional Insurance Requirements:

- a. Bidder shall furnish to County certificate(s) of insurance, and all renewals throughout the duration of the Project, issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.
- b. Certificates of insurance shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Bidder.
- c. **Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto).**
- d. For each policy, except Workers' Compensation, Bidder shall name the County as an additional insured.
- e. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty

- (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise.
- f. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence of adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.
 - g. All insurance policies will be endorsed to provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County.
 - h. County reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this section during the effective period of the contract and to require adjustment of insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by County based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the Bidder.
 - i. Insurance policies shall be obtained at Bidder's sole expense. County does not maintain and will not obtain insurance of any type to protect Bidder against loss, damage or injury that may in any way result from Bidders performance of the services.
 - j. In no event shall the County be liable for any loss, damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Bidder.
 - k. Bidder is responsible for ensuring all required insurance policies are valid for the duration of the contract.
 - l. All insurance policies are to be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to County.
 - m. Bidder shall make any other insurance documentation available to County upon request.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MMDD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C No. Ext):	FAX (A/C No.):
	E-MAIL:	
	ADDRESS:	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURED	INSURER A:	
	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXPI (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
	GENERAL LIABILITY						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$
	CLAIMS-MADE OCCUR						MED EXP (Any one person) \$
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
							GENERAL AGGREGATE \$
	GENL AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						PRODUCTS - COM/PROP AGG \$
	POLICY PROJECT LOC						\$
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	ALL OWNED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	HIRED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	SCHEDULED AUTOS						\$
	NON-OWNED AUTOS						\$
	UMBRELLA LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	EXCESS LIAB						AGGREGATE \$
	DED						\$
	RETENTION \$						\$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY						WC STATUTORY LIMITS OTHER \$
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION
HIDALGO COUNTY ATTN: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 2812 S, HIGHWAY BUS. 281 EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of the project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amount needed to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of the project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following:

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ _____
Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

- have already been met, see attached copy of certificate of insurance.

Authorized Representative

Date

Notice to Bidder:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department in order to qualify for award of the project and to execute a contract between your Company and the County.

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the award of the project to be rescinded and then re-awarded to next qualified vendor. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANY YOUR RESPONSE

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the **APPLICABLE**:

1. Licenses: _____

2. Bonds: _____

3. Certificates: _____

4. Permits: _____

5. Other: _____
necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, I am providing copies of the required documentation so that, if my company is awarded this project, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

*** Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid or response.**

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip



Appendix D

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE (CIQ)

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).

7

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.



Appendix E

VENDOR/BIDDER APPLICATION, HUB DECLARATION, and FORM W-9

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:

Form **W-9**
(Rev. October 2018)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	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 of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC		<input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____					
			Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.			
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) _____				
		<small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>				
5	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.		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 instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* 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 for Part II, later.

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. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

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, later.

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*, later, 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 Pub. 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 24% 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 instructions for Part II 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*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

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*, later, 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 (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a 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 on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on 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. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

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.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, 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 *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, 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. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

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 item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates 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), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), 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.

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) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. 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
15. 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.

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*, earlier.

*Note: The 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 Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic 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 report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft 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.



Appendix F

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

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.



Appendix G

TITLE VI APPENDICES “A”-“E”

APPENDIX A THE TITLE VI CONTRACTOR ASSURANCES

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 will comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the United States Department of Transportation 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, national origin, sex, age, disability, income or Limited English Proficiency 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 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 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 Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
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 funding agency (FHWA or FTA) 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 this information, the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Funding Agency, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Non-compliance:** In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Funding Agency may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding contract payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a 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 Funding Agency 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 (Name of Appropriate Legislative Authority), the Regulations for the Administration of (Naming of Appropriate Program), 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, Non-discrimination 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 A 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 non-discrimination 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]. *

(*Reverter 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, permittee, 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 Non-discrimination 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 Non-discrimination 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. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary 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 List of discrimination Acts And Authorities.
- 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.*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

TITLE VI LIST OF PERTINENT NONDISCRIMINATION ACTS AND AUTHORITIES

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 non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 USC § 4601) (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794 *et seq.*), as amended (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 USC § 6101 *et seq.*) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), 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 of 1990, 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 USC §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Nondiscrimination statute (49 USC § 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 nondiscrimination 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 USC 1681 *et seq.*).



Appendix H

REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARD

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 Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 (“District”) 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 District 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 District, the District 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.** District may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon ten (10) days written notice to the other party. District 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 District any and all Work Materials prepared for the District prior to the effective date of such termination, all of which shall become District's sole property. After receipt of the Work Materials, District will pay Contractor for the services which the District 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 District'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, District 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 District 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 District for all costs incurred by District in completing or procuring the completion of performance in excess of the contract price herein specified. The District'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 District 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 District 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.

(2) 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 District or required to complete the contract. The cost for any changes to the contract price, whether requested by the District 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 District, 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: _____



Appendix I

FHWA 1273

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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

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).

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.



Appendix J

RESPONDENT'S AFFIDAVIT

**EXHIBIT J
RESPONDENT'S AFFIDAVIT**

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION, NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND
ANTI-LOBBYING**

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 another 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 another reward will be hereinafter paid.
- (2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended nor suggested to Hidalgo County or any 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 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_____



Appendix M

REFERENCE FORM

REFERENCE FORM

Respondent's involvement with reference checks is not permitted. Only Hidalgo County Purchasing Department or authorized designees will conduct reference checks. Any deviation to this may result in rejection of your response.

Reference One

Client's Name: _____
Type of Organization: _____
Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Project Information:

Name of Project: _____

Scope of Work: _____

Contract Period: From _____ to _____
Cost: Projected \$ _____ Actual \$ _____
Timeframe (include unit measure) Projected _____ Actual _____
Status as of _____ (circle one): complete in progress canceled.
Date

Reference Two

Client's Name: _____
Type of Organization: _____
Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Project Information:

Name of Project: _____

Scope of Work: _____

Contract Period: From _____ to _____
Cost: Projected \$ _____ Actual \$ _____
Timeframe (include unit measure) Projected _____ Actual _____
Status as of _____ (circle one): complete in progress canceled.
Date

Reference Three

Client's Name: _____
Type of Organization: _____
Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Project Information:

Name of Project: _____

Scope of Work: _____

Contract Period: From _____ to _____
Cost: Projected \$ _____ Actual \$ _____
Timeframe (include unit measure) Projected _____ Actual _____
Status as of _____ (circle one): complete in progress canceled.
Date

Reference Four

Client's Name: _____
Type of Organization: _____
Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Project Information:

Name of Project: _____

Scope of Work: _____

Contract Period: From _____ to _____
Cost: Projected \$ _____ Actual \$ _____
Timeframe (include unit measure) Projected _____ Actual _____
Status as of _____ (circle one): complete in progress canceled.
Date



Appendix N

SHIPPING LABEL

SHIPPING LABEL

Below is a sample of how the response in an appropriate sized box or envelop should be submitted. Using this shipping label is optional, but preferred. Please cut out along the dotted line below, and affix to the outside of your response package on the lower right hand size. Ensure your company name and address is listed on the top left hand corner.

COMPANY NAME
COMPANY ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP



HIDALGO COUNTY

Sealed Submission for 2021 Pools of Professional Services

RFQ No.: 2020-565-03-10-HGO

Engineering Services

OPENING DATE: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

OPENING TIME: 3:00 PM

TO: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB

ATTN: **Heidi G. Ortiz**

Hidalgo County Administration Building

Purchasing Department

2802 S. BUS. HWY 281

Edinburg, TX 78539

EXHIBIT “B”

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY OWNER



EXHIBIT “B”
SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE OWNER

Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner hereinafter denoted as the **Project**.

GENERAL:

The **Owner** will provide to the **Engineer** the following:

- 1) Provide the authorization to proceed with services through coordination with the project consulting and design Engineer.
- 2) Payment for work performed by the **Engineer** and accepted by the **Owner** in accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement.
- 3) Assistance to the **Engineer**, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, state, and federal agencies the **Engineer** cannot easily obtain.
- 4) Provide any available relevant data the **Owner** may have on file concerning the **Project**.
- 5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the **Engineer’s** request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the **Engineer** to maintain the agreed-upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Attachment “C” attached to this Work Authorization (if applicable).
- 6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by **Engineer**.

EXHIBIT “C”

SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER



EXHIBIT “C”

Services to be provided by the Engineer

Through project award via Work Authorization, Engineer shall provide Professional Services required to design and specify – “Road & Bridge, Capital Improvement Projects, and Other Projects in General”. Type of services that may be included as dictated by the individual project requirements consist of;

- Surveying
- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical/Plumbing Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Structural Engineering

Upon identification by the Owner of specific projects that require the professional services of the Engineer, a detailed scope of work and identification of professional service disciplines required shall be established.

EXHIBIT “D”

STANDARD CONTRACT RATES



2022 Standard Rate Schedule

Senior Engineer V or Principal	\$314.00/HR
Senior Engineer IV or Project Manager V	\$292.00/HR
Senior Engineer III or Project Manager IV	\$254.00/HR
Senior Engineer II or Project Manager III	\$238.00/HR
Senior Engineer I or Project Manager II	\$211.00/HR
Engineer III or Project Manager I	\$184.00/HR
Engineer II	\$163.00/HR
Engineer I	\$135.00/HR
Graduate Engineer II.....	\$124.00/HR
Graduate Engineer.....	\$113.00/HR
Project Coordinator.....	\$103.00/HR
Senior Technician III (GIS, Telecom, Utility, CAD, Field).....	\$179.00/HR
Senior Technician II (GIS, Telecom, Utility, CAD, Field).....	\$156.00/HR
Senior Technician I (GIS, Telecom, Utility, CAD, Field).....	\$135.00/HR
Technician III (GIS, Telecom, Utility, CAD, Field).....	\$108.00/HR
Technician II (GIS, Telecom, Utility, CAD, Field).....	\$88.00/HR
Technician I (GIS, Telecom, Utility, CAD, Field).....	\$65.00/HR
Licensed State Land Surveyor	\$254.00/HR
Senior Registered Professional Land Surveyor.....	\$227.00/HR
Registered Professional Land Surveyor.....	\$184.00/HR
Project Surveyor.....	\$163.00/HR
Certified Photogrammetrist.....	\$215.00/HR
4 Person Survey Crew.....	\$206.00/HR
3 Person Survey Crew.....	\$184.00/HR
2 Person Survey Crew.....	\$156.00/HR
1 Person Survey Crew.....	\$113.00/HR
2 Person Hy-Drone Crew.....	\$368.00/HR
2 Person UAV Drone Crew.....	\$254.00/HR
Construction Manager III.....	\$302.00/HR
Construction Manager II.....	\$249.00/HR
Construction Manager I.....	\$201.00/HR
Construction Observer III.....	\$168.00/HR
Construction Observer II.....	\$141.00/HR
Construction Observer I.....	\$119.00/HR
Sr. Right-of-Way Agent III or ROW Project Manager III.....	\$263.00/HR
Sr. Right-of-Way Agent II or ROW Project Manager II.....	\$210.00/HR
Sr. Right-of-Way Agent I or ROW Project Manager I.....	\$189.00/HR
Right-of-Way Agent III or ROW Attorney.....	\$168.00/HR
Right-of-Way Agent II.....	\$147.00/HR
Right-of-Way Agent I.....	\$116.00/HR

(Continued)

Right-of-Way Technician.....	\$105.00/HR
Administrative	\$113.00/HR
Clerical.....	\$86.00/HR
Field Data Device	\$42.00/HR/unit

SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEERING

Two-Man Designating Crew (4-Hour Minimum)	\$184/HR
One-Man Designating Crew (4-Hour Minimum)	\$119/HR
Vacuum Excavation Truck with 2 Technicians (Vac 6000) (4-Hour Minimum).....	\$341/HR
Vacuum Excavation Truck with 2 Technicians (Vac 3000 & 4000) (4-Hour Minimum).....	\$319/HR
Ground Penetrating Radar with 1 Technician (4-Hour Minimum)	\$281/HR
Traffic Control Officer.....	@ Cost + 10%
Traffic Control (Lane Closures, etc.)	To Be Negotiated
Permits (Local, State, etc.).....	@ Cost + 10%
Designation, Location & Traffic Control Vehicles.....	\$6.50/Mile

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

Technology Fee (*)	\$3.75/HR
Consultant or Specialty Contractor (Outside Firm)	@ Cost + 10%
Courier, Special Equipment Rental	@ Cost + 10%
Reasonable Out of Town Travel Expenses (Air, Hotel, Rental, etc.)	@ Cost
Mileage (Standard Car or Truck).....	IRS Approved Rate
Per Diem for Out of Town Travel (Per Day/Person)	GSA Standard Rate/Day
Title Plant Charges	@ Cost + 10%
Other Misc. Expenses Related to the Project.....	@ Cost + 10%

In-House Reproduction:

- Copies (Up to 11" x 17")..... \$0.15/Each
- Color Prints (Up to 11" x 17")..... \$1.50/Each
- Color Prints (Larger than 11" x 17")
- Bluelines (All Sizes)..... \$1.00/Each
- Bond Prints (All Sizes)..... \$2.00/Each
- Mylar Prints
- Vellum Prints

(*) Technology charges added to each billable man-hour.

EXHIBIT “E”

**WORK
AUTHORIZATION**
(Sample)

EXHIBIT “E”
HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services for R&B, CIP, & Other Projects in General
Agreement # C-XX-XXX-XX-XX

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the **Professional Engineering Services Agreement** No. C-XX-XXX-XX-XX, incorporated herein by reference, for the “On-Call Engineer Services for Road & Bridge, Capital Improvement Projects, and Other Projects in General” made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, action herein by and through the **Commissioner’s Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**,” and **COMPANY**, hereinafter called “**Engineer**”.

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the Engineer to provide

The **Engineer** is to provide the scope of Services as required by the Agreement with the Owner.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Engineer** is identified in *Attachment “A” Scope of Services to be Provided by Engineer* attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is \$_____. This amount is based upon the costs outlined in *Attachment “B” – Contract Rates* attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

PART 3. PAYMENT

Compensation and payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with the **Professional Engineering Services Agreement** No. C-XX-XXX-XX-XX between the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

PART 4. FUNDING

This Work Authorization No. _____ shall be funded through funding source:

Account No. _____

Requisition Number _____ **(MUST BE INCLUDED AFTER CC APPROVAL)**

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate **upon completion of the scopes of the Work Authorization, within the limits of Agreement No. C-XX-XXX-XX-XX, provided in this Work Authorization; or on** (_____**DATE**_____**).** *If applicable:* Engineer shall conform to the approved “Work/Project Schedule”, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as *Attachment “C”*.

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under Agreement No. C-XX-XXX-XX-XX.

PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Acknowledgment and confirmation by Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 Commissioner Ellie Torres, as to content and detail of this Work Authorization No. _____.

**HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT No. 4:**

BY: _____

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on _____ (DATE) as indicated below and effective as of _____ day of _____, 20__.

**THE ENGINEER:
COMPANY**

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

By: _____

By: Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

By: Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment "A" – *Project Specific Scope of Services to be provided by Engineer*

Attachment "B" – *Contract Rates*

Attachment "C" – *Approved Work/Project Schedule (if applicable)*

EXHIBIT “F”

**SUPPLEMENTAL
AGREEMENT
*(Sample)***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the _____ day of MONTH, 20xx.

**THE ENGINEER:
COMPANY**

BY: _____

Address for Giving Notices:

1201 E. Interstate Highway 2
Mission, TX 78572

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

BY: _____
Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
(as required)

EXHIBIT “G”

**CERTIFICATE OF
INSURANCE**

DESCRIPTIONS (Continued from Page 1)

The General, Automobile, and Umbrella Liability policies contain a special endorsement with "Primary and Noncontributory" wording (GL: CNA74858XX 1/15; AL: CNA71527XX 10/12; UL: EU0001 7/16).

The General Liability, Automobile, Workers Compensation, and Professional Liability policies provide a Blanket Waiver of Subrogation when required by written contract (GL: CNA74858XX 1/15; AL: CA0444 10/13; WC: WC000313 04/84; BDP0417001).

The General Liability, Automobile, Workers Compensation, Umbrella Liability, and Professional Liability policies include an endorsement providing that 30 days notice of cancellation for reasons other than non-payment of premium and 10 days notice of cancellation for nonpayment of premium will be given to the Certificate Holder by the Insurance Carrier.

The Umbrella Liability policy contains Excess Follows Form (EU0001 7/16). The Umbrella policy sits over the General, Auto, and Employers Liability coverages.

Contractual Liability for Railroads permitting work within 50 is included (CNA74858XX 1/15).

RE: On-Call Professional Engineering Services, RFQ No. 2020-565-03-10-HGO.
Additional Insured Includes: County of Hidalgo County.



**Architects, Engineers and Surveyors General Liability
Extension Endorsement**

It is understood and agreed that this endorsement amends the **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART** as follows. If any other endorsement attached to this policy amends any provision also amended by this endorsement, then that other endorsement controls with respect to such provision, and the changes made by this endorsement with respect to such provision do not apply.

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Blanket Additional Insured - Owners, Lessees or Contractors - with Products-Completed Operations Coverage Endorsement

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

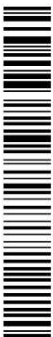
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

It is understood and agreed as follows:

- I. **WHO IS AN INSURED** is amended to include as an **Insured** any person or organization whom you are required by **written contract** to add as an additional insured on this **coverage part**, but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage** or **personal and advertising injury** caused in whole or in part by your acts or omissions, or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:
 - A. in the performance of your ongoing operations subject to such **written contract**; or
 - B. in the performance of **your work** subject to such **written contract**, but only with respect to **bodily injury** or **property damage** included in the **products-completed operations hazard**, and only if:
 - 1. the **written contract** requires you to provide the additional insured such coverage; and
 - 2. this **coverage part** provides such coverage.
- II. But if the **written contract** requires:
 - A. additional insured coverage under the 11-85 edition, 10-93 edition, or 10-01 edition of CG2010, or under the 10-01 edition of CG2037; or
 - B. additional insured coverage with "arising out of" language; or
 - C. additional insured coverage to the greatest extent permissible by law;then paragraph I. above is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

WHO IS AN INSURED is amended to include as an **Insured** any person or organization whom you are required by **written contract** to add as an additional insured on this **coverage part**, but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage** or **personal and advertising injury** arising out of **your work** that is subject to such **written contract**.
- III. Subject always to the terms and conditions of this policy, including the limits of insurance, the Insurer will not provide such additional insured with:
 - A. coverage broader than required by the **written contract**; or
 - B. a higher limit of insurance than required by the **written contract**.
- IV. The insurance granted by this endorsement to the additional insured does not apply to **bodily injury, property damage**, or **personal and advertising injury** arising out of:
 - A. the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering, or surveying services, including:
 - 1. the preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; and
 - 2. supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities; or
 - B. any premises or work for which the additional insured is specifically listed as an additional insured on another endorsement attached to this **coverage part**.
- V. Under **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS**, the Condition entitled **Other Insurance** is amended to add the following, which supersedes any provision to the contrary in this Condition or elsewhere in this **coverage part**:

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**Blanket Additional Insured - Owners, Lessees or Contractors - with Products-Completed Operations Coverage Endorsement****Primary and Noncontributory Insurance**

With respect to other insurance available to the additional insured under which the additional insured is a named insured, this insurance is primary to and will not seek contribution from such other insurance, provided that a **written contract** requires the insurance provided by this policy to be:

1. primary and non-contributing with other insurance available to the additional insured; or
2. primary and to not seek contribution from any other insurance available to the additional insured.

But except as specified above, this insurance will be excess of all other insurance available to the additional insured.

VI. Solely with respect to the insurance granted by this endorsement, the section entitled COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS is amended as follows:

The Condition entitled **Duties In The Event of Occurrence, Offense, Claim or Suit** is amended with the addition of the following:

Any additional insured pursuant to this endorsement will as soon as practicable:

1. give the Insurer written notice of any **claim**, or any **occurrence** or offense which may result in a **claim**;
2. send the Insurer copies of all legal papers received, and otherwise cooperate with the Insurer in the investigation, defense, or settlement of the **claim**; and
3. make available any other insurance, and tender the defense and indemnity of any **claim** to any other insurer or self-insurer, whose policy or program applies to a loss that the Insurer covers under this **coverage part**. However, if the **written contract** requires this insurance to be primary and non-contributory, this paragraph 3. does not apply to insurance on which the additional insured is a named insured.

The Insurer has no duty to defend or indemnify an additional insured under this endorsement until the Insurer receives written notice of a **claim** from the additional insured.

VII. Solely with respect to the insurance granted by this endorsement, the section entitled DEFINITIONS is amended to add the following definition:

Written contract means a written contract or written agreement that requires you to make a person or organization an additional insured on this **coverage part**, provided the contract or agreement:

- A. is currently in effect or becomes effective during the term of this policy; and
- B. was executed prior to:
 1. the **bodily injury** or **property damage**; or
 2. the offense that caused the **personal and advertising injury**;for which the additional insured seeks coverage.

Any coverage granted by this endorsement shall apply solely to the extent permissible by law.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the Policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the effective date of said Policy at the hour stated in said Policy, unless another effective date is shown below, and expires concurrently with said Policy.

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VALLEY FORGE INSURANCE COMPANY

Insured Name: COBB FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Policy No: 6072140890

Endorsement No: 10

Effective Date: 07/10/2021

**Architects, Engineers and Surveyors General Liability
Extension Endorsement****1. ADDITIONAL INSURED**

a. **WHO IS AN INSURED** is amended to include as an **Insured** any person or organization described in paragraphs **A. through I.** below whom a **Named Insured** is required to add as an additional insured on this **Coverage Part** under a written contract or written agreement, provided such contract or agreement:

(1) is currently in effect or becomes effective during the term of this **Coverage Part**; and

(2) was executed prior to:

(a) the **bodily injury** or **property damage**; or

(b) the offense that caused the **personal and advertising injury**,

for which such additional insured seeks coverage.

b. However, subject always to the terms and conditions of this policy, including the limits of insurance, the Insurer will not provide such additional insured with:

(1) a higher limit of insurance than required by such contract or agreement; or

(2) coverage broader than required by such contract or agreement, and in no event broader than that described by the applicable paragraph **A. through I.** below.

Any coverage granted by this endorsement shall apply only to the extent permissible by law.

A. Controlling Interest

Any person or organization with a controlling interest in a **Named Insured**, but only with respect to such person or organization's liability for **bodily injury, property damage** or **personal and advertising injury** arising out of:

1. such person or organization's financial control of a **Named Insured**; or

2. premises such person or organization owns, maintains or controls while a **Named Insured** leases or occupies such premises;

provided that the coverage granted by this paragraph does not apply to structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by, on behalf of, or for such additional insured.

B. Co-owner of Insured Premises

A co-owner of a premises co-owned by a **Named Insured** and covered under this insurance but only with respect to such co-owner's liability for **bodily injury, property damage** or **personal and advertising injury** as co-owner of such premises.

C. Engineers, Architects or Surveyors Engaged By You

An architect, engineer or surveyor engaged by the **Named Insured**, but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage** or **personal and advertising injury** caused in whole or in part by the **Named Insured's** acts or omissions, or the acts or omissions of those acting on the **Named Insured's** behalf:

a. in connection with the **Named Insured's** premises; or

b. in the performance of the **Named Insured's** ongoing operations.

But the coverage hereby granted to such additional insureds does not apply to **bodily injury, property damage** or **personal and advertising injury** arising out of the rendering of or failure to render any professional services by, on behalf of, or for the **Named Insured**, including but not limited to:



**Architects, Engineers and Surveyors General Liability
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1. the preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; or
2. supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

D. Lessor of Equipment

Any person or organization from whom a **Named Insured** leases equipment, but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** caused, in whole or in part, by the **Named Insured's** maintenance, operation or use of such equipment, provided that the **occurrence** giving rise to such **bodily injury, property damage** or the offense giving rise to such **personal and advertising injury** takes place prior to the termination of such lease.

E. Lessor of Land

Any person or organization from whom a **Named Insured** leases land but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of such land, provided that the **occurrence** giving rise to such **bodily injury, property damage** or the offense giving rise to such **personal and advertising injury** takes place prior to the termination of such lease. The coverage granted by this paragraph does not apply to structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by, on behalf of, or for such additional insured.

F. Lessor of Premises

An owner or lessor of premises leased to the **Named Insured**, or such owner or lessor's real estate manager, but only with respect to liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of such part of the premises leased to the **Named Insured**, and provided that the **occurrence** giving rise to such **bodily injury or property damage**, or the offense giving rise to such **personal and advertising injury**, takes place prior to the termination of such lease. The coverage granted by this paragraph does not apply to structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by, on behalf of, or for such additional insured.

G. Mortgagee, Assignee or Receiver

A mortgagee, assignee or receiver of premises but only with respect to such mortgagee, assignee or receiver's liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** arising out of the **Named Insured's** ownership, maintenance, or use of a premises by a **Named Insured**.

The coverage granted by this paragraph does not apply to structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by, on behalf of, or for such additional insured.

H. State or Governmental Agency or Subdivision or Political Subdivisions – Permits

A state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision that has issued a permit or authorization but only with respect to such state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision's liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** arising out of:

1. the following hazards in connection with premises a **Named Insured** owns, rents, or controls and to which this insurance applies:
 - a. the existence, maintenance, repair, construction, erection, or removal of advertising signs, awnings, canopies, cellar entrances, coal holes, driveways, manholes, marquees, hoistaway openings, sidewalk vaults, street banners, or decorations and similar exposures; or
 - b. the construction, erection, or removal of elevators; or
 - c. the ownership, maintenance or use of any elevators covered by this insurance; or

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2. the permitted or authorized operations performed by a **Named Insured** or on a **Named Insured's** behalf.

The coverage granted by this paragraph does not apply to:

- a. **Bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** arising out of operations performed for the state or governmental agency or subdivision or political subdivision; or
- b. **Bodily injury or property damage** included within the **products-completed operations hazard**.

With respect to this provision's requirement that additional insured status must be requested under a written contract or agreement, the Insurer will treat as a written contract any governmental permit that requires the **Named Insured** to add the governmental entity as an additional insured.

I. Trade Show Event Lessor

1. With respect to a **Named Insured's** participation in a trade show event as an exhibitor, presenter or displayer, any person or organization whom the **Named Insured** is required to include as an additional insured, but only with respect to such person or organization's liability for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** caused by:

- a. the **Named Insured's** acts or omissions; or
- b. the acts or omissions of those acting on the **Named Insured's** behalf,

in the performance of the **Named Insured's** ongoing operations at the trade show event premises during the trade show event.

2. The coverage granted by this paragraph does not apply to **bodily injury or property damage** included within the **products-completed operations hazard**.

2. ADDITIONAL INSURED - PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY TO ADDITIONAL INSURED'S INSURANCE

The **Other Insurance** Condition in the **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS** Section is amended to add the following paragraph:

If the **Named Insured** has agreed in writing in a contract or agreement that this insurance is primary and non-contributory relative to an additional insured's own insurance, then this insurance is primary, and the Insurer will not seek contribution from that other insurance. For the purpose of this Provision 2., the additional insured's own insurance means insurance on which the additional insured is a named insured. Otherwise, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Condition, the insurance provided to such person or organization is excess of any other insurance available to such person or organization.

3. ADDITIONAL INSURED – EXTENDED COVERAGE

When an additional insured is added by this or any other endorsement attached to this **Coverage Part, WHO IS AN INSURED** is amended to make the following natural persons **Insureds**.

If the additional insured is:

- a. An individual, then his or her **spouse** is an **Insured**;
- b. A partnership or joint venture, then its partners, members and their **spouses** are **Insureds**;
- c. A limited liability company, then its members and managers are **Insureds**; or
- d. An organization other than a partnership, joint venture or limited liability company, then its executive officers, directors and shareholders are **Insureds**;



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but only with respect to locations and operations covered by the additional insured endorsement's provisions, and only with respect to their respective roles within their organizations.

Please see the ESTATES, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND SPOUSES provision of this endorsement for additional coverage and restrictions applicable to spouses of natural person Insureds.

4. BOATS

Under COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability, the paragraph entitled Exclusions is amended to add the following additional exception to the exclusion entitled Aircraft, Auto or Watercraft:

This exclusion does not apply to:

Any watercraft owned by the Named Insured that is less than 30 feet long while being used in the course of the Named Insured's inspection or surveying work.

5. BODILY INJURY – EXPANDED DEFINITION

Under DEFINITIONS, the definition of bodily injury is deleted and replaced by the following:

Bodily injury means physical injury, sickness or disease sustained by a person, including death, humiliation, shock, mental anguish or mental injury sustained by that person at any time which results as a consequence of the physical injury, sickness or disease.

6. BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF OCCURRENCE/ NOTICE OF OCCURRENCE

Under CONDITIONS, the condition entitled Duties in The Event of Occurrence, Offense, Claim or Suit is amended to add the following provisions:

A. BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF OCCURRENCE

The Named Insured must give the Insurer or the Insurer's authorized representative notice of an occurrence, offense or claim only when the occurrence, offense or claim is known to a natural person Named Insured, to a partner, executive officer, manager or member of a Named Insured, or to an employee designated by any of the above to give such notice.

B. NOTICE OF OCCURRENCE

The Named Insured's rights under this Coverage Part will not be prejudiced if the Named Insured fails to give the Insurer notice of an occurrence, offense or claim and that failure is solely due to the Named Insured's reasonable belief that the bodily injury or property damage is not covered under this Coverage Part. However, the Named Insured shall give written notice of such occurrence, offense or claim to the Insurer as soon as the Named Insured is aware that this insurance may apply to such occurrence, offense or claim.

7. BROAD NAMED INSURED

WHO IS AN INSURED is amended to delete its Paragraph 3. in its entirety and replace it with the following:

- 3. Pursuant to the limitations described in Paragraph 4. below, any organization in which a Named Insured has management control:
a. on the effective date of this Coverage Part; or
b. by reason of a Named Insured creating or acquiring the organization during the policy period,
qualifies as a Named Insured, provided that there is no other similar liability insurance, whether primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise, which provides coverage to such organization, or which would have

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provided coverage but for the exhaustion of its limit, and without regard to whether its coverage is broader or narrower than that provided by this insurance.

But this **BROAD NAMED INSURED** provision does not apply to:

- (a) any partnership, limited liability company or joint venture; or
- (b) any organization for which coverage is excluded by another endorsement attached to this **Coverage Part**.

For the purpose of this provision, management control means:

- A. owning interests representing more than 50% of the voting, appointment or designation power for the selection of a majority of the Board of Directors of a corporation; or
 - B. having the right, pursuant to a written trust agreement, to protect, control the use of, encumber or transfer or sell property held by a trust.
4. With respect to organizations which qualify as **Named Insureds** by virtue of Paragraph 3. above, this insurance does not apply to:
- a. **bodily injury** or **property damage** that first occurred prior to the date of management control, or that first occurs after management control ceases; nor
 - b. **personal or advertising injury** caused by an offense that first occurred prior to the date of management control or that first occurs after management control ceases.
5. The insurance provided by this **Coverage Part** applies to **Named Insureds** when trading under their own names or under such other trading names or doing-business-as names (dba) as any **Named Insured** should choose to employ.

8. CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY – RAILROADS

With respect to operations performed within 50 feet of railroad property, the definition of **insured contract** is replaced by the following:

Insured Contract means:

- a. A contract for a lease of premises. However, that portion of the contract for a lease of premises that indemnifies any person or organization for damage by fire to premises while rented to a **Named Insured** or temporarily occupied by a **Named Insured** you with permission of the owner is not an **insured contract**;
- b. A sidetrack agreement;
- c. Any easement or license agreement;
- d. An obligation, as required by ordinance, to indemnify a municipality, except in connection with work for a municipality;
- e. An elevator maintenance agreement;
- f. That part of any other contract or agreement pertaining to the **Named Insured's** business (including an indemnification of a municipality in connection with work performed for a municipality) under which the **Named Insured** assumes the tort liability of another party to pay for **bodily injury** or **property damage** to a third person or organization. Tort liability means a liability that would be imposed by law in the absence of any contract or agreement.

Paragraph **f.** does not include that part of any contract or agreement:



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- (1) That indemnifies an architect, engineer or surveyor for injury or damage arising out of:
 - (a) Preparing, approving or failing to prepare or approve maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings and specifications; or
 - (b) Giving directions or instructions, or failing to give them, if that is the primary cause of the injury or damage;
- (2) Under which the **Insured**, if an architect, engineer or surveyor, assumes liability for an injury or damage arising out of the insured's rendering or failure to render professional services, including those listed in (1) above and supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

9. ESTATES, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND SPOUSES

The estates, executors, heirs, legal representatives, administrators, trustees, beneficiaries and **spouses** of any natural person **Insured** or living trust shall also be insured under this policy; provided, however, coverage is afforded to such estates, executors, heirs, legal representatives, administrators, trustees, beneficiaries and **spouses** only for **claims** arising solely out of their capacity or status as such and, in the case of a **spouse**, where such **claim** seeks **damages** from marital community property, jointly held property or property transferred from such natural person **Insured** to such **spouse**. No coverage is provided for any act, error or omission of an estate, heir, legal representative, or **spouse** outside the scope of such person's capacity or status as such, provided, however, that the **spouse** of a natural person **Named Insured**, and the **spouses** of members or partners of joint venture or partnership **Named Insureds** are **Insureds** with respect to such **spouses'** acts, errors or omissions in the conduct of the **Named Insured's** business.

10. EXPECTED OR INTENDED INJURY – EXCEPTION FOR REASONABLE FORCE

Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended to delete the exclusion entitled **Expected or Intended Injury** and replace it with the following:

This insurance does not apply to:

Expected or Intended Injury

Bodily injury or **property damage** expected or intended from the standpoint of the **Insured**. This exclusion does not apply to **bodily injury** or **property damage** resulting from the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property.

11. GENERAL AGGREGATE LIMITS OF INSURANCE - PER LOCATION

A. A separate Location General Aggregate Limit, equal to the amount of the General Aggregate Limit, is the most the Insurer will pay for the sum of:

- 1. All **damages** under **Coverage A**, except **damages** because of **bodily injury** or **property damage** included in the **products-completed operations hazard**; and
- 2. All medical expenses under **Coverage C**,

that arise from **occurrences** or accidents which can be attributed solely to ongoing operations at that location. Such payments shall not reduce the General Aggregate Limit shown in the Declarations, nor the Location General Aggregate Limit of any other location.

B. All:

- 1. **Damages** under **Coverage B**, regardless of the number of locations involved;

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2. **Damages** under **Coverage A**, caused by **occurrences** which cannot be attributed solely to ongoing operations at a single location, except **damages** because of **bodily injury** or **property damage** included in the **products-completed operations hazard**; and
3. Medical expenses under **Coverage C** caused by accidents which cannot be attributed solely to ongoing operations at a single location,

will reduce the General Aggregate Limit shown in the Declarations.

- C. For the purpose of this **GENERAL AGGREGATE LIMITS OF INSURANCE - PER LOCATION** Provision, "location" means:
1. a premises the **Named Insured** owns or rents; or
 2. a premises not owned or rented by any **Named Insured** at which the **Named Insured** is performing operations pursuant to a contract or written agreement. If operations at such a location have been discontinued and then restarted, or if the authorized parties deviate from plans, blueprints, designs, specifications or timetables, the location will still be deemed to be the same location.

For the purpose of determining the applicable aggregate limit of insurance, premises involving the same or connecting lots, or premises whose connection is interrupted only by a street, roadway, waterway or right-of-way of a railroad shall be considered a single location.

- D. The limits shown in the Declarations for Each Occurrence, for Damage To Premises Rented To You and for Medical Expense continue to apply, but will be subject to either the Location General Aggregate Limit or the General Aggregate Limit, depending on whether the **occurrence** can be attributed solely to ongoing operations at a particular location.
- E. When coverage for liability arising out of the **products-completed operations hazard** is provided, any payments for **damages** because of **bodily injury** or **property damage** included in the **products-completed operations hazard**, regardless of the number of locations involved, will reduce the Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit shown in the Declarations.
- F. The provisions of **LIMITS OF INSURANCE** not otherwise modified by this **GENERAL AGGREGATE LIMITS OF INSURANCE - PER LOCATION** Provision shall continue to apply as stipulated.

12. IN REM ACTIONS

A quasi in rem action against any vessel owned or operated by or for the **Named Insured**, or chartered by or for the **Named Insured**, will be treated in the same manner as though the action were in personam against the **Named Insured**.

13. INCIDENTAL HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE COVERAGE

Solely with respect to **bodily injury** that arises out of a **health care incident**:

- A. Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability**, the **Insuring Agreement** is amended to replace Paragraphs **1.b.(1)** and **1.b.(2)** with the following:
- b. This insurance applies to **bodily injury** provided that the professional health care services are incidental to the **Named Insured's** primary business purpose, and only if:
 - (1) such **bodily injury** is caused by an **occurrence** that takes place in the **coverage territory**.
 - (2) the **bodily injury** first occurs during the **policy period**. All **bodily injury** arising from an **occurrence** will be deemed to have occurred at the time of the first act, error, or omission that is part of the **occurrence**; and



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B. Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended to:

i. add the following to the **Employers Liability** exclusion:

This exclusion applies only if the **bodily injury** arising from a **health care incident** is covered by other liability insurance available to the **Insured** (or which would have been available but for exhaustion of its limits).

ii. delete the exclusion entitled **Contractual Liability** and replace it with the following:

This insurance does not apply to:

Contractual Liability

the **Insured's** actual or alleged liability under any oral or written contract or agreement, including but not limited to express warranties or guarantees.

iii. to add the following additional exclusions:

This insurance does not apply to:

Discrimination

any actual or alleged discrimination, humiliation or harassment, including but not be limited to **claims** based on an individual's race, creed, color, age, gender, national origin, religion, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.

Dishonesty or Crime

Any actual or alleged dishonest, criminal or malicious act, error or omission.

Medicare/Medicaid Fraud

any actual or alleged violation of law with respect to Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare or any similar federal, state or local governmental program.

Services Excluded by Endorsement

Any **health care incident** for which coverage is excluded by endorsement.

C. **DEFINITIONS** is amended to:

i. add the following definitions:

Health care incident means an act, error or omission by the **Named Insured's employees or volunteer workers** in the rendering of:

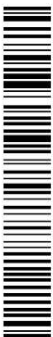
a. **professional health care services** on behalf of the **Named Insured** or

b. Good Samaritan services rendered in an emergency and for which no payment is demanded or received.

Professional health care services means any health care services or the related furnishing of food, beverages, medical supplies or appliances by the following providers in their capacity as such but solely to the extent they are duly licensed as required:

a. Physician;

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- b. Nurse;
- c. Nurse practitioner;
- d. Emergency medical technician;
- e. Paramedic;
- f. Dentist;
- g. Physical therapist;
- h. Psychologist;
- i. Speech therapist;
- j. Other allied health professional; or

Professional health care services does not include any services rendered in connection with human clinical trials or product testing.

- ii. delete the definition of **occurrence** and replace it with the following:

Occurrence means a **health care incident**. All acts, errors or omissions that are logically connected by any common fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event, advice or decision will be considered to constitute a single **occurrence**;

- iii. amend the definition of **Insured** to:

- a. add the following:

the **Named Insured's employees** are **Insureds** with respect to:

- (1) **bodily injury** to a **co-employee** while in the course of the **co-employee's** employment by the **Named Insured** or while performing duties related to the conduct of the **Named Insured's** business; and
- (2) **bodily injury** to a **volunteer worker** while performing duties related to the conduct of the **Named Insured's** business;

when such **bodily injury** arises out of a **health care incident**.

the **Named Insured's volunteer workers** are **Insureds** with respect to:

- (1) **bodily injury** to a **co-volunteer worker** while performing duties related to the conduct of the **Named Insured's** business; and
- (2) **bodily injury** to an **employee** while in the course of the **employee's** employment by the **Named Insured** or while performing duties related to the conduct of the **Named Insured's** business;

when such **bodily injury** arises out of a **health care incident**.

- b. delete Subparagraphs **(a), (b), (c) and (d)** of Paragraph **2.a.(1)** of **WHO IS AN INSURED**.

- D. The **Other Insurance** condition is amended to delete Paragraph **b.(1)** in its entirety and replace it with the following:

Other Insurance



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b. Excess Insurance

- (1) To the extent this insurance applies, it is excess over any other insurance, self insurance or risk transfer instrument, whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis, except for insurance purchased specifically by the Named Insured to be excess of this coverage.

14. JOINT VENTURES / PARTNERSHIP / LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

A. Past Joint Ventures, Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies

The following is added to WHO IS AN INSURED:

If the Named Insured was a joint venturer, partner, or member of a limited liability company and such joint venture, partnership or limited liability company terminated prior to or during the policy period, such Named Insured is an Insured with respect to its interest in such joint venture, partnership or limited liability company but only to the extent that:

- a. any offense giving rise to personal and advertising injury occurred prior to such termination date, and the personal and advertising injury arising out of such offense, first occurred after such termination date;
b. the bodily injury or property damage first occurred after such termination date; and
c. there is no other valid and collectible insurance purchased specifically to insure the partnership, joint venture or limited liability company.

If the joint venture, partnership or limited liability company is or was insured under a consolidated (wrap-up) insurance program, then such insurance will always be considered valid and collectible for the purpose of paragraph c. above. But this provision will not serve to exclude bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury that would otherwise be covered under the Architects, Engineers And Surveyors General Liability Extension Endorsement provision entitled WRAP-UP EXTENSION: OCIP, CCIP, OR CONSOLIDATED (WRAP-UP) INSURANCE PROGRAMS. Please see that provision for the definition of consolidated (wrap-up) insurance program.

B. Participation In Current Professional Joint Ventures

The following is added to WHO IS AN INSURED:

The Named Insured is also an Insured for participation in a current joint venture that is not named on the Declarations, but only if such joint venture meets all of the following criteria:

- a. Each and every one of the Named Insured's co-venturers are architectural, engineering or surveying firms only; and
b. There is no other valid and collectible insurance purchased specifically to insure the joint venture.

However, the Named Insured is an Insured only for the conduct of such Named Insured's business within such a joint venture. The Named Insured is not insured for liability arising out of the acts or omissions of other co-venturers, nor of their partners, members or employees.

C. WHO IS AN INSURED is amended to delete its last paragraph and replace it with the following:

Except as provided under this Architects, Engineers And Surveyors General Liability Extension Endorsement or by the attachment of another endorsement (if any), no person or organization is an Insured with respect to the conduct of any current or past partnership, joint venture or limited liability company that is not shown as a Named Insured in the Declarations.

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15. LEGAL LIABILITY – DAMAGE TO PREMISES / ALIENATED PREMISES / PROPERTY IN THE NAMED INSURED'S CARE, CUSTODY OR CONTROL

A. Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended to delete exclusion **j. Damage to Property** in its entirety and replace it with the following:

This insurance does not apply to:

j. Damage to Property

Property damage to:

- (1) Property the **Named Insured** owns, rents, or occupies, including any costs or expenses incurred by you, or any other person, organization or entity, for repair, replacement, enhancement, restoration or maintenance of such property for any reason, including prevention of injury to a person or damage to another's property;
- (2) Premises the **Named Insured** sells, gives away or abandons, if the **property damage** arises out of any part of those premises;
- (3) Property loaned to the **Named Insured**;
- (4) Personal property in the care, custody or control of the **Insured**;
- (5) That particular part of real property on which the **Named Insured** or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on the **Named Insured's** behalf are performing operations, if the **property damage** arises out of those operations; or
- (6) That particular part of any property that must be restored, repaired or replaced because **your work** was incorrectly performed on it.

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to **property damage** (other than damage by fire) to premises rented to the **Named Insured** or temporarily occupied by the **Named Insured** with the permission of the owner, nor to the contents of premises rented to the **Named Insured** for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days. A separate limit of insurance applies to Damage To Premises Rented To You as described in **LIMITS OF INSURANCE**.

Paragraph (2) of this exclusion does not apply if the premises are **your work**.

Paragraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this exclusion do not apply to liability assumed under a sidetrack agreement.

Paragraph (6) of this exclusion does not apply to **property damage** included in the **products-completed operations hazard**.

Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to **property damage to:**

- i. tools, or equipment the **Named Insured** borrows from others, nor
- ii. other personal property of others in the **Named Insured's** care, custody or control while being used in the **Named Insured's** operations away from any **Named Insured's** premises.

However, the coverage granted by this exception to Paragraphs (3) and (4) does not apply to:

- a. property at a job site awaiting or during such property's installation, fabrication, or erection;
- b. property that is **mobile equipment** leased by an **Insured**;



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- c. property that is an **auto**, aircraft or watercraft;
- d. property in transit; or
- e. any portion of **property damage** for which the **Insured** has available other valid and collectible insurance, or would have such insurance but for exhaustion of its limits, or but for application of one of its exclusions.

A separate limit of insurance and deductible apply to such property of others. See **LIMITS OF INSURANCE** as amended below.

- B.** Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended to delete its last paragraph and replace it with the following:

Exclusions **c.** through **n.** do not apply to damage by fire to premises while rented to a **Named Insured** or temporarily occupied by a **Named Insured** with permission of the owner, nor to damage to the contents of premises rented to a **Named Insured** for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days.

A separate limit of insurance applies to this coverage as described in **LIMITS OF INSURANCE**.

- C.** The following paragraph is added to **LIMITS OF INSURANCE**:

Subject to **5.** above, \$25,000 is the most the Insurer will pay under **Coverage A** for **damages** arising out of any one **occurrence** because of the sum of all **property damage** to borrowed tools or equipment, and to other personal property of others in the **Named Insured's** care, custody or control, while being used in the **Named Insured's** operations away from any **Named Insured's** premises. The Insurer's obligation to pay such **property damage** does not apply until the amount of such **property damage** exceeds \$1,000. The Insurer has the right but not the duty to pay any portion of this \$1,000 in order to effect settlement. If the Insurer exercises that right, the **Named Insured** will promptly reimburse the Insurer for any such amount.

- D.** Paragraph **6.**, Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit, of **LIMITS OF INSURANCE** is deleted and replaced by the following:

6. Subject to Paragraph **5.** above, (the Each Occurrence Limit), the Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit is the most the Insurer will pay under **Coverage A** for **damages** because of **property damage** to any one premises while rented to the **Named Insured** or temporarily occupied by the **Named Insured** with the permission of the owner, including contents of such premises rented to the **Named Insured** for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days. The Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit is the greater of:

- a. \$500,000; or
- b. The Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit shown in the Declarations.

- E.** Paragraph **4.b.(1)(a)(ii)** of the **Other Insurance** Condition is deleted and replaced by the following:

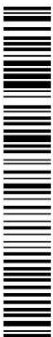
(ii) That is property insurance for premises rented to the **Named Insured**, for premises temporarily occupied by the **Named Insured** with the permission of the owner; or for personal property of others in the **Named Insured's** care, custody or control;

16. LIQUOR LIABILITY

Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended to delete the exclusion entitled **Liquor Liability**.

This **LIQUOR LIABILITY** Provision does not apply to any person or organization who otherwise qualifies as an additional insured on this **Coverage Part**.

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A. LIMITS OF INSURANCE is amended to delete Paragraph 7. (the Medical Expense Limit) and replace it with the following:

7. Subject to Paragraph 5. above (the Each Occurrence Limit), the Medical Expense Limit is the most the Insurer will pay under **Coverage C** for all medical expenses because of **bodily injury** sustained by any one person. The Medical Expense Limit is the greater of:

- (1) \$15,000 unless a different amount is shown here: \$N,NNN,NNN,NNN; or
- (2) the amount shown in the Declarations for Medical Expense Limit.

B. Under COVERAGES, the Insuring Agreement of Coverage C – Medical Payments is amended to replace Paragraph 1.a.(3)(b) with the following:

(b) The expenses are incurred and reported to the Insurer within three years of the date of the accident; and

18. NON-OWNED AIRCRAFT

Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended as follows:

The exclusion entitled **Aircraft, Auto or Watercraft** is amended to add the following:

This exclusion does not apply to an aircraft not owned by any **Named Insured**, provided that:

1. the pilot in command holds a currently effective certificate issued by the duly constituted authority of the United States of America or Canada, designating that person as a commercial or airline transport pilot;
2. the aircraft is rented with a trained, paid crew to the **Named Insured**; and
3. the aircraft is not being used to carry persons or property for a charge.

19. NON-OWNED WATERCRAFT

Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended to delete subparagraph (2) of the exclusion entitled **Aircraft, Auto or Watercraft**, and replace it with the following.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (2) a watercraft that is not owned by any **Named Insured**, provided the watercraft is:
 - (a) less than 75 feet long; and
 - (b) not being used to carry persons or property for a charge.

20. PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY –DISCRIMINATION OR HUMILIATION

A. Under DEFINITIONS, the definition of **personal and advertising injury** is amended to add the following tort:

Discrimination or humiliation that results in injury to the feelings or reputation of a natural person.

B. Under COVERAGES, Coverage B – Personal and Advertising Injury Liability, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended to:

1. delete the Exclusion entitled **Knowing Violation Of Rights Of Another** and replace it with the following:



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This insurance does not apply to:

Knowing Violation of Rights of Another

Personal and advertising injury caused by or at the direction of the Insured with the knowledge that the act would violate the rights of another and would inflict personal and advertising injury. This exclusion shall not apply to discrimination or humiliation that results in injury to the feelings or reputation of a natural person, but only if such discrimination or humiliation is not done intentionally by or at the direction of:

- (a) the Named Insured; or
(b) any executive officer, director, stockholder, partner, member or manager (if the Named Insured is a limited liability company) of the Named Insured.

2. add the following exclusions:

This insurance does not apply to:

Employment Related Discrimination

discrimination or humiliation directly or indirectly related to the employment, prospective employment, past employment or termination of employment of any person by any Insured.

Premises Related Discrimination

discrimination or humiliation arising out of the sale, rental, lease or sub-lease or prospective sale, rental, lease or sub-lease of any room, dwelling or premises by or at the direction of any Insured.

Notwithstanding the above, there is no coverage for fines or penalties levied or imposed by a governmental entity because of discrimination.

The coverage provided by this PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY -DISCRIMINATION OR HUMILIATION Provision does not apply to any person or organization whose status as an Insured derives solely from

- Provision 1. ADDITIONAL INSURED of this endorsement; or
attachment of an additional insured endorsement to this Coverage Part.

21. PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY - CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY

- A. Under COVERAGES, Coverage B -Personal and Advertising Injury Liability, the paragraph entitled Exclusions is amended to delete the exclusion entitled Contractual Liability.
B. Solely for the purpose of the coverage provided by this PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY - LIMITED CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY provision, the following changes are made to the section entitled SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS - COVERAGES A AND B:

- 1. Paragraph 2.d. is replaced by the following:
d. The allegations in the suit and the information the Insurer knows about the offense alleged in such suit are such that no conflict appears to exist between the interests of the Insured and the interests of the indemnitee;
2. The first unnumbered paragraph beneath Paragraph 2.f.(2)(b) is deleted and replaced by the following:

So long as the above conditions are met, attorney's fees incurred by the Insurer in the defense of that indemnitee, necessary litigation expenses incurred by the Insurer, and necessary litigation expenses incurred

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by the indemnitee at the Insurer's request will be paid as **defense costs**. Such payments will not be deemed to be **damages** for **personal and advertising injury** and will not reduce the limits of insurance.

- C. This **PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY - LIMITED CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY** Provision does not apply if **Coverage B – Personal and Advertising Injury Liability** is excluded by another endorsement attached to this **Coverage Part**.

This **PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY - CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY** Provision does not apply to any person or organization who otherwise qualifies as an additional insured on this **Coverage Part**.

22. PROPERTY DAMAGE – ELEVATORS

- A. Under **COVERAGES, Coverage A – Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability**, the paragraph entitled **Exclusions** is amended such that the **Damage to Your Product** Exclusion and subparagraphs (3), (4) and (6) of the **Damage to Property** Exclusion do not apply to **property damage** that results from the use of elevators.
- B. Solely for the purpose of the coverage provided by this **PROPERTY DAMAGE – ELEVATORS** Provision, the **Other Insurance** conditions is amended to add the following paragraph:

This insurance is excess over any of the other insurance, whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis that is Property insurance covering property of others damaged from the use of elevators.

23. RETIRED PARTNERS, MEMBERS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

WHO IS INSURED is amended to include as **Insureds** natural persons who are retired partners, members, directors or employees, but only for **bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury** that results from services performed for the **Named Insured** under the **Named Insured's** direct supervision. All limitations that apply to **employees** and **volunteer workers** also apply to anyone qualifying as an **Insured** under this Provision.

24. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

The section entitled **SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS – COVERAGES A AND B** is amended as follows:

- A. Paragraph **1.b.** is amended to delete the \$250 limit shown for the cost of bail bonds and replace it with a \$5,000. limit; and
- B. Paragraph **1.d.** is amended to delete the limit of \$250 shown for daily loss of earnings and replace it with a \$1,000. limit.

25. UNINTENTIONAL FAILURE TO DISCLOSE HAZARDS

If the **Named Insured** unintentionally fails to disclose all existing hazards at the inception date of the **Named Insured's Coverage Part**, the Insurer will not deny coverage under this **Coverage Part** because of such failure.

26. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION - BLANKET

Under **CONDITIONS**, the condition entitled **Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us** is amended to add the following:

The Insurer waives any right of recovery the Insurer may have against any person or organization because of payments the Insurer makes for injury or damage arising out of:

1. the **Named Insured's** ongoing operations; or
2. **your work** included in the **products-completed operations hazard**.

However, this waiver applies only when the **Named Insured** has agreed in writing to waive such rights of recovery in a written contract or written agreement, and only if such contract or agreement:



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- 1. is in effect or becomes effective during the term of this Coverage Part; and
- 2. was executed prior to the **bodily injury, property damage** or **personal and advertising injury** giving rise to the claim.

27. WRAP-UP EXTENSION: OCIP, CCIP, OR CONSOLIDATED (WRAP-UP) INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Note: The following provision does not apply to any public construction project in the state of Oklahoma, nor to any construction project in the state of Alaska, that is not permitted to be insured under a consolidated (wrap-up) insurance program by applicable state statute or regulation.

If the endorsement EXCLUSION – CONSTRUCTION WRAP-UP is attached to this policy, or another exclusionary endorsement pertaining to Owner Controlled Insurance Programs (O.C.I.P.) or Contractor Controlled Insurance Programs (C.C.I.P.) is attached, then the following changes apply:

A. The following wording is added to the above-referenced endorsement:

With respect to a consolidated (wrap-up) insurance program project in which the Named Insured is or was involved, this exclusion does not apply to those sums the Named Insured become legally obligated to pay as damages because of:

- 1. Bodily injury, property damage, or personal or advertising injury that occurs during the Named Insured's ongoing operations at the project, or during such operations of anyone acting on the Named Insured's behalf; nor
- 2. Bodily injury or property damage included within the products-completed operations hazard that arises out of those portions of the project that are not residential structures.

B. Condition 4. Other Insurance is amended to add the following subparagraph 4.b.(1)(c):

This insurance is excess over:

- (c) Any of the other insurance whether primary, excess, contingent or any other basis that is insurance available to the Named Insured as a result of the Named Insured being a participant in a consolidated (wrap-up) insurance program, but only as respects the Named Insured's involvement in that consolidated (wrap-up) insurance program.

C. DEFINITIONS is amended to add the following definitions:

Consolidated (wrap-up) insurance program means a construction, erection or demolition project for which the prime contractor/project manager or owner of the construction project has secured general liability insurance covering some or all of the contractors or subcontractors involved in the project, such as an Owner Controlled Insurance Program (O.C.I.P.) or Contractor Controlled Insurance Program (C.C.I.P.).

Residential structure means any structure where 30% or more of the square foot area is used or is intended to be used for human residency, including but not limited to:

- 1. single or multifamily housing, apartments, condominiums, townhouses, co-operatives or planned unit developments; and
- 2. the common areas and structures appurtenant to the structures in paragraph 1. (including pools, hot tubs, detached garages, guest houses or any similar structures).

However, when there is no individual ownership of units, residential structure does not include military housing, college/university housing or dormitories, long term care facilities, hotels or motels. Residential structure also does not include hospitals or prisons.

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This **WRAP-UP EXTENSION: OCIP, CCIP, OR CONSOLIDATED (WRAP-UP) INSURANCE PROGRAMS** Provision does not apply to any person or organization who otherwise qualifies as an additional insured on this **Coverage Part**.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the Policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the effective date of said Policy at the hour stated in said Policy, unless another effective date is shown below, and expires concurrently with said Policy.



Changes - Notice of Cancellation or Material Restriction Endorsement

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

- COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- OWNERS AND CONTRACTORS PROTECTIVE LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- RAILROAD PROTECTIVE LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- STOP GAP LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- TECHNOLOGY ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART
- SPECIAL PROTECTIVE AND HIGHWAY LIABILITY POLICY – NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SCHEDULE	
Number of days notice (other than for nonpayment of premium):	030
Number of days notice for nonpayment of premium:	10
Name of person or organization to whom notice will be sent:	PER SCHEDULE ON FILE
Address:	PER SCHEDULE ON FILE PER SCHEDULE ON FILE XX 00000

If no entry appears above, the number of days notice for nonpayment of premium will be 10 days.

It is understood and agreed that in the event of cancellation or any material restrictions in coverage during the **policy period**, the Insurer also agrees to mail prior written notice of cancellation or material restriction to the person or organization listed in the above Schedule. Such notice will be sent prior to such cancellation in the manner prescribed in the above Schedule.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the Policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the effective date of said Policy at the hour stated in said Policy, unless another effective date is shown below, and expires concurrently with said Policy.

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WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY
AGAINST OTHERS TO US (WAIVER OF SUBROGATION)

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

- AUTO DEALERS COVERAGE FORM
- BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM
- MOTOR CARRIER COVERAGE FORM

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the Coverage Form apply unless modified by the endorsement.

This endorsement changes the policy effective on the inception date of the policy unless another date is indicated below.

Named Insured: COBB FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Endorsement Effective Date: 07/10/2021

SCHEDULE

Name(s) Of Person(s) Or Organization(s):

ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION FOR WHOM OR WHICH YOU ARE REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN THIS WAIVER FROM US. YOU MUST AGREE TO THAT REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO LOSS.

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

The **Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us** condition does not apply to the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only to the extent that subrogation is waived prior to the "**accident**" or the "**loss**" under a contract with that person or organization.

Form No: CA 04 44 10 13

Endorsement Effective Date:

Endorsement Expiration Date:

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Underwriting Company: National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, 151 N Franklin St, Chicago, IL
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION TO CERTIFICATEHOLDERS

It is understood and agreed that:

If you have agreed under written contract to provide notice of cancellation to a party to whom the Agent of Record has issued a Certificate of Insurance, and if we cancel a policy term described on that Certificate of Insurance for any reason other than nonpayment of premium, then notice of cancellation will be provided to such Certificateholders at least 30 days in advance of the date cancellation is effective.

If notice is mailed, then proof of mailing to the last known mailing address of the Certificateholder on file with the Agent of Record will be sufficient to prove notice.

Any failure by us to notify such persons or organizations will not extend or invalidate such cancellation, or impose any liability or obligation upon us or the Agent of Record.

All other terms and conditions of the policy remain unchanged

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the Policy Effective date of said policy at the hour stated in said policy, unless another effective date (the Endorsement Effective Date) is shown below, and expires concurrently with said policy.

Form No: CNA68021XX (02-2013)

Endorsement Effective Date:

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Underwriting Company: National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, 151 N Franklin St, Chicago, IL
60606

Endorsement Expiration Date:

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ADDITIONAL INSURED - PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY

It is understood and agreed that this endorsement amends the **BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM** as follows:

SCHEDULE

Name of Additional Insured Person Or Organization

ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO NAME AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED.

1. In conformance with paragraph **A.1.c.** of **Who Is An Insured** of Section **II - LIABILITY COVERAGE**, the person or organization scheduled above is an insured under this policy.
2. The insurance afforded to the additional insured under this policy will apply on a primary and non-contributory basis if you have committed it to be so in a written contract or written agreement executed prior to the date of the "**accident**" for which the additional insured seeks coverage under this policy.

All other terms and conditions of the policy remain unchanged

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the Policy Effective date of said policy at the hour stated in said policy, unless another effective date (the Endorsement Effective Date) is shown below, and expires concurrently with said policy.

Form No: CNA71527XX (10-2012)

Endorsement Effective Date:

Endorsement Expiration Date:

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TEXAS WAIVER OF OUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM OTHERS ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement applies only to the insurance provided by the policy because Texas is shown in Item 3.A. of the Information Page.

We have the right to recover our payments from anyone liable for an injury covered by this policy. We will not enforce our right against the person or organization named in the Schedule, but this waiver applies only with respect to bodily injury arising out of the operations described in the Schedule where you are required by a written contract to obtain this waiver from us.

This endorsement shall not operate directly or indirectly to benefit anyone not named in the Schedule.

The premium for this endorsement is shown in the Schedule.

Schedule

1. Specific Waiver

Name of person or organization

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Any person or organization for whom the Named Insured has agreed by written contract to furnish this waiver.

2. Operations: All Texas Operations

3. Premium:

The premium charge for this endorsement shall be 2% percent of the premium developed on payroll in connection with work performed for the above person(s) or organization(s) arising out of the operations described.

4. Advance Premium: Refer to Schedule of Operations

All other terms and conditions of the policy remain unchanged.

This endorsement, which forms a part of and is for attachment to the policy issued by the designated Insurers, takes effect on the Policy Effective Date of said policy at the hour stated in said policy, unless another effective date (the Endorsement Effective Date) is shown below, and expires concurrently with said policy unless another expiration date is shown below.

Form No: WC 42 03 04 B (06-2014)

Endorsement Effective Date:

Endorsement Expiration Date:

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Underwriting Company: National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, 151 N Franklin St, Chicago, IL
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Policy No: WC 6 72140842

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Notice of Cancellation to Other Parties Endorsement

In consideration of the premium paid for this Policy, it is understood and agreed that Section VII, Conditions, H. Notice of Cancellation, is amended by adding the following provision:

In the event this Policy is to be cancelled by you or by us, we agree to give 30 days prior notice to the party(s) listed below. This provision does not apply if cancellation is due to nonpayment of premiums to us or to a finance company authorized to cancel this Policy.

Notice to:

Crown Castle USA

Attn: Risk Management/Contractor Insurance 2000 Corporate Drive Canonsburg, PA 15317

Whenever printed in this Endorsement, the boldface type terms shall have the same meanings as indicated in the Policy Form. All other provisions of the Policy remain unchanged.

Insured Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc.	Policy Number AEC-9045782-06
Effective Date of This Endorsement 07/10/2021	Authorized Representative

BERKLEY INSURANCE COMPANY

2. The each **Claim** limit shown in Item 3A of the Declarations is the most we will pay for the sum of all **Damages** and **Claim Expenses** arising out of any single **Claim**. Two or more **Claims** considered a single **Claim** shall collectively be subject to the each **Claim** limit of liability shown in Item 3A of the Declarations.
3. The each **Claim** limit is the most we will pay for the sum of all **Damages** and **Claim Expenses** arising out of any single **Claim** regardless of how many Insuring Agreements may apply to such **Claim**.
4. The **Policy Year** Aggregate limit shown in Item 3B of the Declarations is the most we will pay for the sum of all **Damages** and **Claim Expenses** for all **Claims** made and reported during each **Policy Year**.
5. The payment of **Damages** and **Claim Expenses** will reduce the each **Claim** limit.

F. Deductible

You must pay the Deductible for **Claim Expenses** and **Damages** covered by this Policy before we are obligated to make any payment under the each **Claim** limit. The Deductible must be paid from your own account, and payments by other parties or insurers on your behalf shall not satisfy the Deductible. We have the right to determine the reasonableness of **Claim Expenses** that qualify to satisfy the Deductible. The Deductible for each **Claim** is set forth in Item 4A of the Declarations. The **Policy Year** Aggregate Deductible shown in Item 4B of the Declarations is the most the Named **Insured** must pay as a Deductible for the sum of all **Claims** made and reported during each **Policy Year**.

G. Deductible Credits

1. **Mediation Credit:** Your Deductible obligation may be reduced by 50%, subject to a maximum reduction of \$15,000 if you agree with our decision to use **Mediation** and the **Claim** is fully and finally resolved by such **Mediation**.
2. **Risk Management Credit:** Your Deductible obligation may be reduced by 50%, subject to a maximum reduction of \$25,000 if prior to the report date of a **Claim**, there is a signed, written and enforceable agreement for the **Professional Services** involved in the **Claim**, and it includes a clause limiting your liability to \$250,000 or less.
3. **First Claim Deductible Credit:** If the first **Claim** you ever report to us is made against you:
 - a. Greater than 24 months after the **Knowledge Date** shown on the Policy Declarations, then your Deductible obligation for that **Claim** may be reduced by 25%, subject to a maximum reduction of \$40,000; or
 - b. Greater than 36 months after the **Knowledge Date** shown on the Policy Declarations, then your Deductible obligation for that **Claim** may be reduced by 50%, subject to a maximum reduction of \$40,000.

If more than one Deductible Credit applies, your Deductible obligation will be reduced by 50%, subject to a maximum reduction of \$50,000.

H. Notice of Cancellation and Nonrenewal

This Policy may be canceled by the Named **Insured** identified in the Declarations, by surrender of the Policy to us or our authorized representative or by giving us written notice stating when, thereafter, such cancellation shall be effective. We will not cancel this Policy except for nonpayment of premium, fraud or material misrepresentation in procuring this insurance or in relation to any **Claim**, or changes in law affecting this Policy. If we cancel this Policy, we will mail or deliver to the first Named **Insured**, on behalf of all **Insureds**, written notice of cancellation. We will provide you at least ten (10) days-notice before the effective date of cancellation if we cancel for nonpayment of premium. If we cancel for any other reason, we will provide at least sixty (60) days-notice before the effective date of cancellation.

If this Policy is canceled, we will send the first Named **Insured** any premium refund due. The refund will be pro rata. The cancellation will be effective even if we have not made or offered a refund.

We will give you written notice sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of this Policy if we do not intend to renew this insurance subject to any state requirements. The notice will include our reason for nonrenewal. Proof of mailing will be sufficient proof of notice.

I. Other Insurance

If there is other collectible insurance, including but not limited to other professional liability insurance or project specific insurance, that applies to a **Claim** covered by this Policy, the other insurance shall be primary and this Policy shall be excess over the other insurance, unless the other insurance is written specifically excess of this Policy. This Policy will then apply to the amount of the **Claim** that exceeds the available limits of liability and any deductibles or retention amounts of the other insurance, as well as the Deductible under this Policy. If such other insurance has a duty to defend a **Claim** or assumes the defense of a **Claim**, this Policy shall not be obligated to defend that **Claim**.

J. Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Policy, we shall be subrogated to all of your rights of recovery against any person or organization. You must do everything reasonably necessary to secure such rights and must do nothing after a **Claim** is made to jeopardize them. We hereby waive our subrogation rights against a client of yours to the extent that you had, prior to a **Claim** or **Circumstance**, entered into a written agreement to waive such rights. Any recovery shall first be paid to us up to the extent of any **Damages** or **Claim Expenses** paid by us and the balance shall be paid to you.

K. First Named Insured as Sole Agent

The first Named **Insured** in Item 1 of the Declarations will be the sole agent and will act on behalf of all **Insureds** for the payment or return of premium, receipt and acceptance of any endorsements, notices or provisions of this Policy, giving or receiving notice of cancellation or nonrenewal, the payment of any Deductibles, and to exercise the rights provided in Section Q Extended Reporting Period Option.

L. Alteration and Assignment