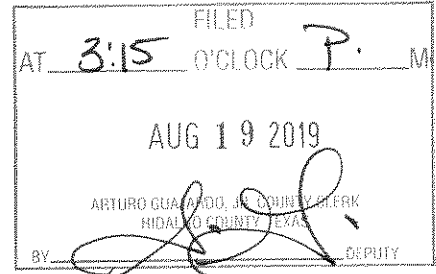


THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
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COUNTY OF HIDALGO     §

**SERVICE CONTRACT**  
**C-19-073-08-13**



**THIS CONTRACT** is made and entered into this **13<sup>th</sup>** day of **August 2019** by and between the **County of Hidalgo, Texas** ("County") and **South Texas Communications** ("Company").

**WHEREAS,** Company responded to notices for Request for Sealed Bids (RFB) for "**Repair, Removal and Installation and/or Purchase of Radios, Computers and Other Miscellaneous Emergency Equipment**" (**on an as-needed basis**) (the "Services"); and

**WHEREAS,** Company submitted a sealed quote to provide services in accordance with Exhibit "A" Request for Sealed Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet attached hereto respectively, and incorporated herein for all purposes (the "RFB"); and;

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to perform the Services in accordance with Specifications within Exhibit "A" Request for Sealed Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet, the Commissioners Court of County awarded the sealed bid to Company.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Company hereby agree that this Contract is entered into in order to provide the Services to **Hidalgo County**. This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.
2. Company hereby promises and agrees to render and provide, during the term of this Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the services in accordance with the specifications contained in Exhibit "A" Request for Sealed Bids (RFB) Procurement Packet within

**Hidalgo County** following a request for Services by user departments of **Hidalgo County**. Company 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. Further, Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the successful vendor and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of said contract.

3. This Contract shall be for a period of **one (1) year (on an as-needed basis)**, commencing on **August 13 2019** and expiring on August **12, 2020** and may be extended at the sole discretion of the County for an additional three (3) one (1) year terms under the same rates, terms and conditions. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to continue this sealed bid for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the contract term for unforeseen delay of award for the next term and contingent upon cost remaining unchanged.

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services.

5. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

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

7. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with the coverages and in the amounts described in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

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

9. Company shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses including attorney's fees for the defense of any action against County arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the provision of the Service by Company under this Contract. Said indemnity shall cover any act or failure to act by the Company, its agents or employees.

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

11. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

12. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

If to County: County of Hidalgo  
Attn: County Judge  
302 West University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company: South Texas Communications  
709 E. Pecan Blvd  
McAllen TX. 78501

13. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

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

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

16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

17. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Company. County agrees, however, to use reasonable efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of County. **Agreements for the acquisition, including**

**lease of real or personal property under Tex.Local.Govt.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioner's Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party, 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.Local.Govt.Code §271.903.

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

19. **Immunities.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to and County does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses County enjoys by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to County as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against County.

20. **Nondiscrimination:** Company, including subcontractors, assignees, and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion (where the primary objective of the financial assistance is to provide employment per 42 U.S.C. §2000d-3), color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or

be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this contract/agreement.

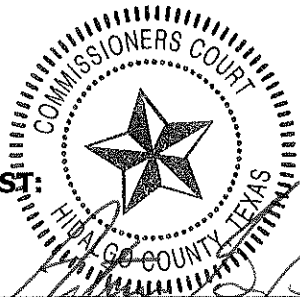
21. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute each such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this contract/agreement.

22. **Required Contract Provision for Contracts Subject to Federal Award (if applicable).** Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.326, a non-federal entity's contracts must contain the Service Contract (C-I9-073-08-13: Hidalgo County & South Texas Communications) Page 5 of 10 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.

**WITNESS** our hands in duplicate originals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Approved by Commissioner's Court: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**ATTEST:**  
By: [Signature]  
Afturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk



**COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

By: [Signature]  
Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ON: 8/13/19 [Signature]

**COMPANY: South Texas Communications**

By: [Signature]  
Printed Name: James L. Ewing  
Title: V.P.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office  
Richard Rodriguez, Jr.

By: [Signature]  
Victor M. Garza, Assistant District Attorney