

Jan. 27, 2024

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



Dear Judge Cortez,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Susan M. Redford  
Executive Director

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County Judge



**Texas Association of Counties**

Phone: (800) 456-5974

Fax: (512) 477-1324

# INVOICE

248174/1080

January 01, 2024

Invoice # 89019

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

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual County Membership Dues	2,440.00
<b>Total Due</b>	<b>2,440.00</b>

This invoice is for your county's membership to the Texas Association of Counties effective 1/1/24 thru 12/31/24. Your support is greatly appreciated and enables us to represent all Texas Counties.

**PLEASE REMIT WITH PAYMENT**

Make checks payable to TAC DUES

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Hon. Richard F. Cortez  
Hidalgo County

**Statement Date: 01/01/2024**

**Invoice # 89019**

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

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2023 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES REPORT

# HIDALGO COUNTY

## TAC Trainings

TAC provides training for the County Investment Academy, Leadership 254, the Texas Judicial Academy and many others. Visit [county.org](http://county.org) for a list of conferences and dates.



22

Trainings attended out of 56 available



61

Total number of county employees attending



463.25

Total training hours

## TAC-Sponsored Trainings

TAC provides association and conference management services to our founding affiliate members. Visit [county.org](http://county.org) for a list of conferences and dates.



9

Trainings attended out of 24 available



59

Total number of county employees attending



949.1

Total training hours

## 2023 Grant Opportunities

100+

grant opportunities identified and published on [county.org](http://county.org)



## County Relations Officers

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In 2023, TAC's County Relations Officers (CROs) traveled 102,577 miles to visit Texas county officials and staff in their home counties. CROs are here to answer your questions and connect you with resources. Find your county's CRO and schedule a visit to your county at:

[county.org/county-information-map](http://county.org/county-information-map)

## Legal Utilization

TAC Legal Services is here to support your county in multiple ways. Your county did use legal services in 2023.



On-demand Continuing Ed



Legal Helpline



Monthly Newsletter



Legal Handbooks

## Cybersecurity Training

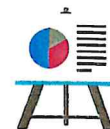


TAC is again offering state-certified cybersecurity training for the **August 2024** reporting deadline. To learn more, email [SecurityTraining@county.org](mailto:SecurityTraining@county.org), or call (800) 456-5974.

## 2024 Planned Continuing Education Opportunities\*

62+

scheduled programs



600+

available CE hours

\* As of Nov. 1, 2023, with more programs and continuing education hours to be scheduled throughout 2024. Total includes TAC-sponsored and TAC-supported events.

The mission of the Texas Association of Counties is to unite counties to achieve better solutions.



## Founding Affiliate Members

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) was created by Texas counties to improve and promote the value of county government statewide. Together, we:

- Keep counties informed and connected
- Meet educational and training needs
- Represent counties at the state and federal level
- Provide legislative services and legal resources
- Offer risk management solutions and health care benefits

**We are led by counties for counties.  
We are 254 strong.**

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THE COUNTY PULSE



### Survey Results

In 2023, TAC sought member feedback about a selection of TAC services in the County Pulse survey. Scan the QR or see the results here:

[imis.county.org/iMIS/TACMember/County\\_Pulse\\_Survey\\_Results.aspx](https://imis.county.org/iMIS/TACMember/County_Pulse_Survey_Results.aspx)

