



**Office of the Governor
Public Safety Office –CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form**

Entity Name: Hidalgo County	Date: 02/05/2024
Agency/Department Name: Constable Pct. 1	
Name of Chief Executive Officer: County Judge Richard Cortez	
Name of Head of Law Enforcement Agency: Constable Celestino Avila Jr.	

Certification Required by CEO and Head of Law Enforcement Agency

In our respective capacities as chief executive officer of County Judge Richard Cortez (“Grantee”) and as head of Constable Celestino Avila Jr. (“Agency”), we hereby each certify that Grantee and Agency participate fully, and will continue to participate fully from the date of this certification until the later of August 31, 2025 or the end of the grant project period, in all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS.

We further certify that Grantee and Agency do not have, and will continue not to have until the later of August 31, 2025 or the end of the grant project period, any policy, procedure, or agreement (written or unwritten) that in any way limits or impedes Agency’s receipt or DHS’s issuance of detainer requests, or in any way limits or restricts Grantee’s and Agency’s full participation in all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by DHS to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS.

Additionally, we certify that neither Grantee nor Agency have in effect, purport to have in effect, or are subject to or bound by any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3).

Lastly, we certify that Grantee and Agency will comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

We acknowledge that failure to comply with this certification may result in OOG, in its sole discretion, terminating any grant made by OOG to Grantee, and that Grantee must return all funds received from OOG for any grant terminated under this certification. We further acknowledge that Grantee will remain ineligible for OOG funding until it provides satisfactory evidence that the jurisdiction has complied with this certification for at least one year.

Signature
Chief Executive Officer for Grantee

Signature
Head of Agency