




MEMORANDUM

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

FROM: Ignacio Amezcua MBA, CTCM, CTCD 

DATE: May 7, 2024

RE: Sole Source Declaration for Spectrum, a subsidiary of Charter Communications Operating, LLC for "**PRI Service and Installation**"

The Hidalgo County IT Department seeks to procure the purchase of PRI (Primary Rate Interface) Service and Installation from Spectrum.

Spectrum Enterprise is a national provider of scalable, flexible fiber-based technology that enables enterprises to integrate powerful solutions for fiber Internet, video, voice, cloud and managed network services.

Their Primary Rate Interface solution connects a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) or key system to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN), and provides a suite of features for easier management, robust reporting and business continuity and is compatible with existing Hidalgo County PRI equipment, reducing upfront costs and training requirements.

In Accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(A)(C)(D),

(a) A contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption:

(7) Any item that can be obtained from only one source, including:

(A) Items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;

(C) Electric power, gas, water, and other utility services;

(D) Captive replacement parts or components for equipment.

Therefore, for the reason stated herein, we humbly request that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court declare a Sole Source Vendor, for the purpose of procuring the purchase with Spectrum, a subsidiary of Charter Communications Operating, LLC. This sole source declaration will remain in effect through the life term of the contract, unless otherwise revoked by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.