



JUMPSTART INITIATIVE HIDALGO COUNTY LITERACY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County (the “County”) is authorized pursuant to Section §381.004 of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop and administer state and local economic development programs for the purpose of stimulating business and commercial activity in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court has created the “Hidalgo County Literacy Program” on March 03, 2015, under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code §381.004(b)(6), focused on assisting economically disadvantaged, underemployed & unemployed residents gain employment through skills development training for demand occupations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 381.004(b)(6), the County is authorized to spend public funds and provide personnel and services of the county to develop such programs, and to contract with another entity for the administration of such an economic development program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the County does hereby resolves and agree as follows:

1. The Commissioners Court shall hereby assist in developing the Hidalgo County “*Jumpstart*” Initiative, a Workforce Development Opportunity in Hidalgo County administered through the McAllen Chamber of Commerce (“Jumpstart”), herein after referred to as the (“Initiative”), aimed to attain the objectives established by the Hidalgo County Literacy Program.
2. The Initiative is designed to develop a comprehensive literacy program for the benefit of county residents, focusing on skills development training for demand occupations with an emphasis on serving residents with barriers to employment in an effort to help them achieve long-term self-sufficiency.
3. The Initiative’s primary focus shall be on providing job seekers tools for meaningful employment opportunities and addresses workforce challenges by connecting industries with job seekers. The initiative seeks to bridge labor market gaps, enhance workforce readiness, stimulate economic development, and develop the quality of the workforce. It will empower the disadvantaged, underemployed & unemployed residents with the technical and academic tools to become qualified candidates for job opportunities identified in the region.
4. The Initiative shall recognizing the prospective growth and demand in various prospective industries; coupled with fostering a trained workforce, serves to stimulate local economic development, encouraging business location, and promoting commercial activity in the county. The result of which shall be to increase employment among eligible residents of the Hidalgo County in jobs

that pay a high wage with benefits and upward mobility.

5. The County may seek to collaborate with a qualified organization(s) or company(s), herein after referred to the “Contractor(s)”, in assisting with the administration of the Initiative by providing comprehensive literacy services to include job-training; attracting, retaining, and developing workforce talent; furthering the goals and objectives of meeting the needs of current industry, and supporting the development of future business location in the area.

Services may also include:

- (a) Strengthening skills development and career advancement;
 - (b) Developing higher skill and higher wage jobs; and,
5. As applicable, the Contractor shall be registered and licensed (if applicable) for the services being requested in the State of Texas, and shall demonstrate experience in, but not limited to:
 - (a) The field related to skills development programs, career counseling, training, and job placement support working closely with job seekers on their efforts of continuing education and commitment needed for success.
 - (b) Established relationships working with community and private industry leaders at identifying, addressing and linking employers’ needs and education programs to develop a skilled workforce within the region.
 6. As applicable, the Contractor shall be responsible for outreach, recruitment, intake and acceptance of a sufficient numbers of eligible residents for any proposed program.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Hon. RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

Hon. DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Hon. EDUARDO CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Hon. EVERARDO VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Hon. ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: Hon. ARTURO GUAJARDO
Hidalgo County Clerk