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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
C-26-0435-08-18

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered on this 18 day of August, **2026**, by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioners Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**”, and **Scivle, PLLC**, hereinafter called the “**Engineer**”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **Owner** desires to contract with the **Engineer** to provide “Project Specific” professional engineering services for: “**TxDOT HSIP Projects**” located within **Hidalgo County** (“**Services**”);

WHEREAS, the **Owner** has determined that the services of a professional engineering firm are necessary to carry out the required **Services**;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254.002, (the “Texas Professional Services Procurement Act”), the **Owner** requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQ’s) from professional engineers to establish a yearly pool of qualified professional engineers to assist the **Owner** by providing professional engineering services. A copy of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet, including applicable requirements and specifications, is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**, and is incorporated herein for all purposes;

WHEREAS, the **Engineer** submitted a SOQ in response to **Owner’s** RFQ and was pre-qualified to be included in the **Owner’s** pool of professional engineers;

WHEREAS, the **Engineer** has been selected from the **Owner’s** pool of professional engineers to provide the **Services** as required by **Owner**; and

WHEREAS, the **Engineer** represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such **Services**;

NOW, THEREFORE, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained do mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Employment of Engineer. The **Owner** agrees to employ the **Engineer**, and the **Engineer** agrees to perform professional engineering services in connection with the **Services** as stated in the articles to follow and for having rendered such **Services**, the **Owner** agrees to pay the **Engineer** compensation as stated in the articles to follow.

ARTICLE 2. Character and Extent of Services. This Agreement will provide for the development of the **Services** with the following:

2.1 Scope of Work. The **Owner** will furnish items and provide those services for the development of the **services** and fulfillment of this Agreement, as identified in **EXHIBIT “B” *Services to be provided by the Owner***, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

2.2 Classification of Services For this Agreement, the professional services to be provided by the **Engineer**, are more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT “C” *Services to be provided by the Engineer***, attached hereto and made a part of this agreement (the “Services”).

2.3 Schedule of Work. The **Engineer** shall prepare a schedule of work (hereinafter referred to as “**Work Schedule**”) in accordance with the terms identified in **EXHIBIT “D” - *Work Schedule***, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

2.4 Non-Exclusive Services of Engineer Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3. Period of Service. Upon execution of this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof.

3.1 Termination Date. This Agreement shall be for a period of **two (2) year(s)**, commencing, **August 18, 2026**, expiring, **August 17, 2028** (hereinafter referred to as the (“**Termination Date**”), unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**, or otherwise terminated as provided in Article 3.4 herein and below. The **Owner** assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** prior to the date authorized by the **Owner** for the **Engineer** to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the **Termination Date**.

3.2 Extension of the Termination Date. The **Engineer** shall notify the **Owner** in writing as soon as possible if it is determined, or reasonably anticipated, that the work under this Agreement cannot be completed before the **Termination Date**, and the **Owner** may, at the **Owner’s** sole discretion, extend the **Termination Date** by written supplemental agreement as provided in Article 8 hereof. The **Engineer** shall allow adequate time for review and approval by the **Owner** of the written notice and request by the **Engineer** to extend the **Termination Date**.

3.3 Suspension of Work. Should the **Owner** desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the **Owner** shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to the **Engineer**, followed by written confirmation from the

Owner to the **Engineer** to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the **Owner** to the **Engineer**. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

If the **Owner** suspends the work, the **Termination Date** as identified above is not affected, and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified, unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**.

3.4 Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated before the stated **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 herein by any of the following conditions:

- (1) **Commitment of Current Revenues.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the **Owner** does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet to the obligations of this Agreement, the **Owner** may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**. The **Owner** 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 the **Owner** pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1995).
- (2) By mutual agreement and consent, in writing, of both the **Engineer** and the **Owner**.
- (3) By the **Owner**, upon failure of the **Engineer** to fulfill the **Engineer's** obligations set forth herein in a satisfactory manner as determined by the **Owner** and in sole opinion of the **Owner**, after the **Owner** provides written notice to the **Engineer** of such failure and the **Engineer** has not corrected such failure within (30) days of such written notice by the **Owner**.
- (4) By the **Engineer**, upon failure of the **Owner** to fulfill the **Owner's** obligations set forth herein, after the **Engineer** provides written notice to the **Owner** of such failure and the **Owner** has not corrected such failure within thirty (30) days of such written notice by the **Engineer**.
- (5) By the **Owner** without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to the **Engineer**.
- (6) By satisfactory completion of all services and obligations described herein.

Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement as herein provided, no fees other than fees due and payable at the time of termination shall thereafter be paid to the **Engineer** notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary. In determining the value of the work performed by the **Engineer** prior to termination, the **Owner** shall be the sole judge of the value of such work performed. Compensation for work at termination will be based on a percentage of the work completed at that time. Should the **Owner** terminate this Agreement under (5) of the paragraph above, the amount charged during the thirty (30) day notice period shall not exceed the amount charged during the preceding ninety (90) days.

If the termination of this Agreement is due to the failure of the **Engineer** to fulfill the **Engineer's** obligations under this Agreement, the **Owner** may take over the Project and prosecute the work to completion. In such case, the **Engineer** shall be liable to the Owner for any additional cost occasioned by the Owner.

If the **Engineer** defaults in the performance of this Agreement or if the **Owner** terminates this Agreement for fault on the part of the **Engineer**, the **Owner** will give consideration to payment of an amount in settlement to include: the actual costs incurred by the **Engineer** in performing the work to the date of default, the amount of work required which was satisfactorily completed to date of default, the value of the work which is usable to the **Owner**, the cost to the **Owner** of employing another consultant and/or firm to complete the work required and the time required to do so, and other factors which affect the value to the **Owner** of the work performed at the time of default. This Agreement shall not be considered as specifying the exclusive remedy for any default by the **Engineer**, but all remedies existing at law and in equity may be availed of by either party and shall be cumulative.

The termination of the Agreement and payment of an amount in settlement as prescribed above shall extinguish all rights, duties, and obligations of the **Owner** and the **Engineer** under this Agreement, except the obligations set forth in Articles 11.2, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18.3, 19, 22 and 26 hereto.

ARTICLE 4. Progress and Coordination. The **Engineer** shall, from time to time during the progress of the work, confer with the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall prepare and present such information as may be pertinent and necessary, or as may be requested by the **Owner**, in order to evaluate features of the **Engineer's** services and work.

At the request of the **Owner** or the **Engineer**, conferences shall be provided at the **Engineer's** office, the office of the **Owner**, or at other locations designated by the **Owner**. These conferences shall also include evaluation of the **Engineer's** services and work when requested by the **Owner**.

All applicable study reports shall be submitted in preliminary form for approval by the **Owner** before the final report is issued. The **Owner's** comments regarding the **Engineer's** preliminary report will be addressed by the **Engineer** in the final report.

If funds by other agencies or entities are to be used for the development of the project under this Agreement, the **Engineer's** services and work will be subject to periodic review and approval by other agencies or entities, including those of the city, county, state and/or federal agencies.

Should it be determined that the progress in the production of the **Engineer's** services and work does not satisfy the requirements of the approved **Work Schedule** as provided by **Exhibit "C"**, attached hereto, the **Owner** shall review the approved **Work Schedule** with the **Engineer** to determine the corrective action needed by either the **Owner** or the **Engineer**.

The **Engineer** shall promptly advise the **Owner** in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the progress of the **Engineer's** services and work and the approved **Work Schedule**, including:

- (1) problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain contract objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of **Project** deliverables by the **Engineer** within established time periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the **Engineer** of recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any **Owner** or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and
- (2) favorable developments or events which enable meeting the **Work Schedule** goals sooner than anticipated.

ARTICLE 5. Compensation and Fees. For and in consideration of the services to be rendered by the Engineer, the Owner shall compensate the Engineer as follows:

5.1 Services. For and in consideration of the **Services** to be rendered by the **Engineer**, as identified in Article 2 and more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto, the maximum amount payable by the **Owner** to the **Engineer** for **Services**, subject to adjustment in accordance with Article 6.1 herein, will be provided in each work authorization issued. An outline and breakdown of the **Services Fee** are more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "E"-Engineer Contract Rates**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. Payments to the **Engineer** for **Services** shall be made by the **Owner**, upon presentation by the **Engineer** of the monthly **Request for Payment**, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 6 herein.

5.2 Special Services. Those services that may be required to be provided by the

Engineer as *Special Services* are set forth below and more particularly described in **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto. For and in consideration of these *Special Services* rendered as required by the **Engineer**, the **Owner** shall pay the **Engineer** a negotiated lump sum fee (hereafter referred to as "**Special Services Fee**") at the hourly labor rates and non-labor rates (hereinafter referred to as "**Contract Rates**") specified in **EXHIBIT "E" - Contract Rates**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and as follows:

1. **RESIDENT OR SITE ENGINEER, INSPECTOR.** Actual performance of services of project site engineer, resident engineer and/or inspector, if required by **Owner**.
2. **DOCUMENT COPIES.** Actual performance and/or providing of additional copies (over 10) of report; additional copies (over 10) of plans (contract drawings), specifications and estimates (PS&E); additional copies (over 10) of bidding documents; additional copies (over 10) of as-built drawings.
3. **EXTRA TRAVEL.** Extra travel required of **Engineer** and authorized by **Owner** to points outside of Hidalgo County.
4. **EXPERT WITNESS.** Assistance to the **Owner** as expert witness in any litigation with third parties, arising from the development or construction of the **Project**.
5. **MISCELLANEOUS.** Investigations involving detailed consideration of operation, maintenance, and overhead expenses and (unless otherwise agreed) the preparation of rate schedules, earning and expense statements; preparation of feasibility studies; environmental document preparation; appraisals, valuations, and material audits; or inventories required for certification of force account construction performed by the **Owner**; preparation of change orders for extra work done by the **Contractor**.

ARTICLE 6. Method of Payment.

6.1 Requests for Payment. Payments to the **Engineer** for services rendered will be made while work is in progress as executed through a lump sum fee assigned to each work authorization (hereinafter referred to as "**Work Authorization**") in accordance with Article 7 herein. For each **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall prepare and submit to the **Owner** monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the work and in support of a request for payment (hereinafter referred to as "**Request for Payment**"). The progress report shall indicate the percent completion of the work accomplished by the **Engineer** during the billing period and to the date of the **Request for Payment**. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the performance of the services, the **Engineer** shall submit to the **Owner** for

approval a **Request for Payment**. Payment of the lump sum fee for each **Work Authorization** identified in the **Request for Payment** will be in proportion to the percent completion of the work tasks identified in such **Work Authorizations** together with a detailed breakdown of the amount and the sum of all prior payments. The **Owner** shall review each such **Request for Payment** and may make such exceptions as the **Owner** reasonably deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances then existing. About ten (10) working days after the Commissioners Court of the **Owner** meets approving such payment, the **Owner** shall make payment to the **Engineer** in the amount approved as aforesaid subject to Article 6.4 herein and below.

If the **Project**, or any portion(s) thereof, are deleted or otherwise not constructed, compensation to the Engineer by the **Owner** for the **Project** or such portions of the project shall be only the amounts paid the **Engineer** for actual work performed in accordance with the **Work Authorization(s)** approved by the **Owner**.

6.2 Final Payment. After final completion of the work and acceptance thereof by the **Owner**, the **Engineer** shall submit a final request for payment ("**Final Request for Payment**") which shall set forth all amounts due and remaining unpaid to the **Engineer** and upon approval thereof by the **Owner**, the **Owner** shall pay to the **Engineer** the amount due ("**Final Payment**") under such **Final Request for Payment** in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.1, hereof. The **Final Payment** shall not be made until the **Engineer** delivers to the **Owner** an affidavit that so far as the **Engineer** has knowledge or information any and all amounts due for materials and services over which the **Engineer** has control have been paid.

6.3 Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the **Owner** shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether payment under Article 6.1 hereof or **Final Payment**) to the **Engineer** hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedents exist:

- (1) The **Engineer** is in default of any of its obligations hereunder or otherwise, is in default under this Agreement or under any contract documents related to this Agreement;
- (2) Any part of such payment is attributable to the **Engineer's** services which are not performed in accordance with this Agreement; provided, however, such payment shall be made as to the part thereof attributable to the **Engineer's** services which were performed in accordance with this Agreement.
- (3) The **Engineer** has failed to make payments promptly to consultants or other third parties used in connection with the **Project** for which the **Owner** has made payment to the **Engineer**;

- (4) If the **Owner**, in good faith judgment, determines that the portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the **Engineer's** services in accordance with this Agreement, no additional payments will be due the **Engineer** hereunder unless and until the **Engineer**, at its sole cost, performs a sufficient portion of the **Engineer's** services so that such portion of the compensation then remaining unpaid is determined by the **Owner** to be sufficient to so complete the **Engineer's** services.

6.4 No partial payment made hereunder shall be or construed to be final acceptance or approval of that part of the **Engineer's** services to which such partial payment-related or relieves the **Engineer** of any of its obligations hereunder with respect thereto.

6.5 The **Engineer** shall promptly pay all bills for labor and material performed and furnished by others in connection with the performance of the **Engineer's** services.

6.6 Waiver. The making of the **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Owner** except those arising from (1) faulty or defective services of the **Engineer** appearing after completion of the **Project**. (2) failure of the **Engineer's** services to comply with the requirements of this Agreement or any contracts or agreements related to the **Project**, or (3) terms of any special warranties required by this Agreement or provided at law or in equity. The acceptance of **Final Payment** shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the **Engineer** except those previously made in writing and identified by the **Engineer** as unsettled at the time of the **Final Request for Payment**.

ARTICLE 7. Work Authorization. After execution of this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall proceed with the work outlined under Article 2 hereof, only as authorized by the **Owner** through an agreed **Work Authorization** document in the form identified in **EXHIBIT "F"- Work Authorization Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. The **Engineer** will identify, as approved by the **Owner**, the needed services for the **Project**, as required through the course of the development to the **Project**. The **Owner** shall authorize the **Engineer** to perform one or more of the agreed tasks identified in **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto, in the form of individual work authorizations. Upon authorization from the **Owner**, the **Engineer** will prepare a **Work Authorization** document, which will include a description of the work to be performed, including a description of the tasks and milestones, a work schedule, and an estimated cost proposal agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The estimated cost proposal shall set forth in detail the computation of the cost of each work task, at the hourly rates established and identified in **EXHIBIT "E"**, attached hereto. The **Work Authorizations** shall not waive the **Owner's** and the **Engineer's** responsibilities and obligations established in this Agreement.

The estimated cost proposal for each **Work Authorization**, developed by the **Engineer**

and approved by the **Owner** shall be used by the **Owner** to appropriate a purchase order for the **Work Authorization**. Each executed **Work Authorization** shall become a part of this **Agreement**. Upon satisfactory completion of the **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall submit the **Project's** deliverables as specified in the executed **Work Authorization** to the **Owner** for review and acceptance.

Work included in a **Work Authorization** shall not begin until the **Owner** and the **Engineer** have signed the **Work Authorization**. All work must be completed on or before the completion date specified in the **Work Authorization** unless extended by written agreement by the **Engineer** and the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** of any event that will affect completion of the **Work Authorization**. All **Work Authorizations** must be executed and completed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** within the period established for this Agreement as specified in Article 3 hereof.

The final acceptance by the **Owner** of each **Work Authorization** for the **Project** shall serve as evidence of completion, on the part of the **Engineer**, of all services under this Agreement insofar as they pertain to that portion of work on the **Project** identified in the applicable work authorization.

ARTICLE 8. Supplemental Agreements. The terms of this Agreement may be amended by supplemental agreement if the Owner determines that (1) there is a need to extend the **Termination Date** identified in Article 3.1 hereof, (2) there has been a significant change in the scope, complexity or character of the services to be performed by the **Engineer**, and/or (3) for any other reason agreeable to the **Owner** and the Engineer. All supplemental agreements will be developed in the form identified in **EXHIBIT "G" - Supplemental Agreement Form**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, and incorporated herein by reference as "**Supplemental Agreement**".

If determined appropriate by the **Owner**, additional compensation to the **Engineer** for (1), (2) and/or (3) above shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the **Contract Rates** specified in **EXHIBIT "E"**, attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the **Supplemental Agreement**.

Any **Supplemental Agreement** must be executed by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date** specified in Article 3 hereof.

It is distinctly understood and agreed that no claim by the **Engineer** for additional work, as identified in Article 9 hereof, or changes or revisions in work, as identified in Article 10 hereof, shall be made by the **Engineer** until full execution of the **Supplemental Agreement** and authorization to proceed is granted by the **Owner**. The **Owner** reserves the right to withhold

payment to the **Engineer** pending verification of satisfactory work performed by the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 9. Additional Work. If the **Engineer** is of the opinion that any work it has been directed to perform is beyond the scope of this Agreement and constitutes extra work, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner** in writing. In the event, the **Owner** finds that such work does constitute extra work, the **Owner** shall so advise the **Engineer** and a written supplemental agreement will be executed between the **Owner** and the **Engineer** as provided herein. The **Engineer** shall not perform any proposed additional work or incur any additional cost prior to the execution by both the **Engineer** and the **Owner** of a supplemental agreement. Additional compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** shall be paid as a negotiated lump sum fee at the Contract Rates specified in **EXHIBIT “E”** attached hereto. The negotiated lump sum fee shall be incorporated into the supplemental agreement as specified in Article 8 hereof. The **Owner** shall not be liable or under any obligation to compensate the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** relating to additional work not directly associated with the performance of the work authorized in this Agreement or as amended through supplemental agreement.

ARTICLE 10. Changes or Revisions in Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request changes to the work, and the changes are within the applications of sound engineering principles, the **Engineer** shall make such revisions if requested and directed by the **Owner**.

10.1 Preliminary Work. The **Engineer** will make, without expense to the **Owner**, such revisions of any preliminary reports or drawings as may be required to meet the needs of the **Owner** and the applications of sound engineering principles.

10.2 Previously Approved or Satisfactorily Completed Work. If the **Owner** finds it necessary to request the **Engineer** to make changes to work previously approved by the **Owner** or work satisfactorily completed for which the **Owner** approves or after a definite plan has been approved by the **Owner**, if a decision is subsequently made by the **Owner**, which for proper execution involves extra services and expenses for changes in or additions to the drawings specifications or other documents, this will be considered as additional work, and compensation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** will be in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.3 Project Delays. If the **Engineer** is required to perform additional work due to delays by the imposition of causes not within the **Engineer’s** control, such as by the re-advertisement of bids or by the delinquency or insolvency of contractors, such work associated with these delays shall be considered additional work, and the **Engineer** shall be compensated by the **Owner** for such extra services and expense in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

10.4 Reduction of Project Cost. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event it is necessary for the **Owner** to require changes in the final plan of the **Project** to

enable it to the reduce the construction cost of the **Project** to an amount within the sum estimated by the **Engineer**, the **Engineer** will be required to make such revisions or changes. These changes will only be considered additional work by the **Engineer**, if the **Engineer** previously provided these same changes as options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan for the Project, and the option or options were not selected or approved by the **Owner** to be incorporated into the final plan of the Project. Payment for this additional work will then be made to the **Engineer** in accordance with Article 9 hereof. If the **Engineer** failed to provide these changes as an option or options to the **Owner** at the stage of preliminary work or prior to the approval of the final plan of the **Project**, these changes will not be considered additional work and no additional compensation will be made to the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 11. Ownership and Release of Documents.

11.1 Ownership of Documents. Original drawings and specifications are the property of the **Engineer** however the **Project** is the property of the **Owner**, and the **Engineer** may not use the drawings and specifications thereof for any purpose not relating to the **Project** with the **Owner's** consent. The **Owner** shall be furnished with such reproductions of drawings and specifications as the **Owner** may reasonably require. Upon completion of the work or any earlier termination of this Agreement under Article 3.4 hereof, the **Engineer** will revise drawings to reflect changes made during construction and will promptly furnish the **Owner** with one complete set of reproducible record prints. Prints shall be furnished by the **Engineer**, as an additional service, at any other time requested by **Owner**. All such reproductions shall be the property of the **Owner** who may use them without the **Engineer's** permission for any proper purpose relating to the **Project**, including but not limited to additions to or completion of the **Project**. Any additions or revisions by the **Owner** to a drawing signed, sealed, and dated by a registered professional engineer, shall be made in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

All documents furnished to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** shall be delivered to the **Owner** upon completion or termination of this Agreement. The **Engineer**, at the **Engineer's** own expense, may retain copies of such documents or any other data under this Agreement.

11.2 Release of Documents or Information. Release of information to the public or others regarding the **Project** will be in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

ARTICLE 12. Discounts, Rebates, Refunds. In connection with procurement services rendered by the **Engineer**, if procurement services are required of the **Engineer** hereunder, all discounts, rebates, and refunds shall accrue to the **Owner**. For some purchases, the **Engineer** may deem that payment within the discount period is not safe; and/or inspection, guarantees, or other considerations may dictate delay. In such cases, the **Engineer** shall promptly notify the **Owner**

so that a course of action may be mutually agreed upon by the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

ARTICLE 13. Records, Accounting, Inspection. The **Engineer** shall keep full and detailed records and accounts in a manner approved by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall afford the **Owner's** authorized personnel and independent auditors, if any, full access to the work performed by the **Engineer** regarding the **Project** and to all of the **Engineer's** books, records, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, vouchers and other documents relating to such work under this Agreement and the **Engineer** shall preserve all such records for three (3) years after final payment. The **Engineer** shall deliver to the **Owner** upon completion of such work, a statement of the cost of such work detailed according to the accounting procedure and requirements of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 14. Subcontracting and Assignment. The **Engineer** shall not assign, subcontract or transfer the **Engineer's** interest in this Agreement, including goods and/or services, without the prior written consent of the **Owner** through a Work Authorization detailing the same. The **Engineer** shall bind every subconsultant by written subcontract to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontract relieves the **Engineer** of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

The **Engineer**, and the **Owner**, do hereby bind themselves, their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to each other party of this Agreement and the successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this contract.

ARTICLE 15. Patents. The **Engineer** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from all liability for alleged or actual infringement of any patent resulting from the use of apparatus or equipment furnished or designed by the **Engineer** or from the use of any process designed by the **Engineer** or effected by said apparatus or equipment, and the **Engineer** shall indemnify and save the **Owner** harmless from and against all costs, legal fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in or about any claim of or action for such infringement: provided, however, that the **Owner** shall promptly transmit to the **Engineer** all papers served on the **Owner** in any suit involving such claim of infringement, and provided further, that the **Owner** permits the **Engineer** to have entire charge and control of the defense of any such suit. If because of actual infringement the use of such apparatus, equipment, or process is enjoined, the **Engineer** shall refund the purchase price thereof in proportion to the length of service uncompleted, the life of such apparatus or equipment being assumed as five years. The **Engineer** hereby grants to the **Owner** a non-exclusive, royalty-free license under patents now or hereafter owned by the **Engineer** covering any machines, apparatus, processes, articles, or products included in the **Engineer's** work hereunder.

ARTICLE 16. Confidential Information, Inventions, and Other Restrictions.

16.1 Confidential Information. The **Engineer** shall not use in any way, commercial or otherwise, except to the extent required by the proper performance of this Agreement; and shall hold in confidence and not disclose to any person, for any reason or at any time, any information relating to the secret processes, products, compositions, machinery, apparatus or trade secrets of the **Owner**, or any other confidential information given to the **Engineer** by any of the **Owner's** commissioners, elected officials, employees, or representatives or acquired by the **Engineer** during the term of or as a result of this Agreement. Any information not generally available to the public shall be considered secret and confidential for the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that any technical information which was lawfully in the **Engineer's** possession prior to such disclosure to the **Engineer** by the **Owner** or which is or shall lawfully be published or become part of general knowledge from sources other than the **Engineer** or which otherwise shall lawfully become available to the **Engineer** from a source other than the **Owner**, shall not be subject to these provisions. All the foregoing stipulations shall apply to such information and work hereunder as well as to any information and ideas originated or developed by the **Engineer** in performing such work. Such information may, of course, be disclosed to the proper officials or employees of the **Owner** if necessary to perform the work hereunder. The **Engineer** shall, however, inform each of its employees who receive such information of these restrictions and the **Engineer** shall take all reasonable precautions and exert all reasonable efforts to assure conformance with such restrictions by all of its officers, employees, and agents, obtaining from them if necessary, agreements satisfactory to the **Owner**, effectuating the purposes of this Article.

16.2 Inventions. The **Engineer** shall communicate to the **Owner** at once, and require the **Engineer's** employees assigned to this **Project** to communicate to the **Owner** all inventions and improvements which any of the **Engineer's** employees, either alone or in conjunction with any of the **Owner's** employees may conceive, make or discover during the course of or as a result of work on this **Project** under this or any ensuing agreement with the **Owner** that relates to the processes, products, compositions, machinery or plants of the **Owner**, or relating in any way to any of the operations in which the **Owner** may be obligated to pay to the **Engineer** as compensation for services rendered by the **Engineer** under contract with the **Owner**. The **Engineer** shall require its employees to execute patent applications and assignments thereof to the **Owner** or its nominees, and powers of attorney relating thereto for any country the **Owner** may designate and shall take all other actions as the **Owner** may request to maintain and protect such inventions and improvements. The **Owner** shall pay all costs or charges incurred in protecting such inventions and improvements if the **Owner** desires to protect them. Before assigning any of the **Engineer's** employees to work under any contract with the **Owner** concerning this **Project**, the **Engineer** shall obtain from them agreements satisfactory to **Owner** complying in all respects with the terms and provisions of this Article.

16.3 The rights and obligations set forth in Article 16 shall survive the performance of this Agreement, or any termination, discharge or cancellation thereof.

ARTICLE 17. Engineer's Seal, Responsibility and Warranties.

17.1 Engineer's Seal. The **Engineer** shall assign a responsible engineer or engineers licensed to practice in the State of Texas, who shall sign, seal and date all appropriate engineering submissions to the **Owner** in accordance with the Texas Engineering Practice Act and the Rules of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

17.2 Engineer's Responsibility. The **Engineer** shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work for the **Project** and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**. No additional compensation will be made to the **Engineer** for any necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts by the **Engineer**.

The **Engineer's** responsibility for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions will be determined by the **Owner** or a designee appointed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** will not be relieved of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions or clarification of any ambiguities until after the construction phase of the **Project** has been completed.

17.3 Warranties.

(a) The **Engineer** warrants that engineering design work performed by the **Engineer** hereunder shall be in accordance with sound engineering design practices and in conformance with applicable code and standards established for such work.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree and acknowledge that the **Owner** is entering into this Agreement in reliance on the **Engineer's** experience and abilities with respect to performing the **Engineer's** services hereunder. The **Engineer** accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the **Owner** by this Agreement. The **Engineer** covenants with the **Owner** to use the **Engineer's** best efforts, skill, judgment and abilities to design the **Project** and to further the interests of the **Owner** in accordance with the **Owner's** requirements and procedures, in accordance with all professional standards, and in compliance with all applicable national, federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders and with those of any other body having jurisdiction. If the development of plans, specifications, and estimates (hereinafter referred to as "**PS&E**") are identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, prior to the commencement of construction, the **Engineer** shall certify in writing to the **Owner** that the **PS&E** for the **Project**, and the improvements when built in accordance therewith, conform to all

applicable governmental regulations, statutes, and ordinances then in effect. The **Engineer** represents covenants and agrees that there are no obligations, commitments or impediments of any kind that will limit or prevent performance of the **Engineer's** services.

(c) The **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that all of **Engineer's** services to be furnished by the **Engineer** under or pursuant to this Agreement from the inception of the Agreement until the **Project** has been fully completed, shall be of the standard and quality which prevail among engineers of similar experience, knowledge, skill, and ability engaged in engineering practice throughout Texas under the same or similar circumstances involving the design and construction of **Project**.

(d) The **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that the **Engineer's** special talent, training, and experience cause the **Engineer** to be the prime professional on the **Project**; that because of such talent and training, the **Engineer** envisions the construction of the **Project** in its entirety and possesses the special skills which enable the **Engineer** to recognize dangerous conditions that a reasonable, prudent engineer having such special skills could anticipate may arise from the proper use of the **Project** after acceptance by **Owner**; and that the **Engineer** recognizes that any commissioners, elected officials, employees and agents of the **Owner**, plus residents and owners of property within the area affected by the **Project** are within a class of foreseeable persons who will be relying on the project being designed in a professional and safe manner.

(e) If the development of **PS&E** is identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT "C"**, attached hereto, as part of the services to be provided by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, the **Engineer** represents, covenants and agrees that the **PS&E** of the **Project** will be accurate and free from any material errors. The **Engineer** additionally represents, covenants and agrees to the following: that the design of the **Project** will conform to its foreseeable use as a **Project** with all the amenities as set forth in any **PS&E** developed by the **Engineer** for the **Project**; that the result of such **PS&E**, if built in accordance therewith, will be suitable for purposes for which the **Project** is designed; and the **Project** will be inspected in a workmanlike, professional manner and will be suitable for the **Project's** intended purpose. The **Engineer's** responsibilities as set forth herein shall at no time be in any way diminished by reason of any approval by the **Owner** of any **PS&E** developed by the **Engineer** for the **Project**, nor shall the **Engineer** be released from any liability by reason of such approval by the **Owner**, it being understood that the **Owner** at all times is ultimately relying upon the **Engineer's** skill and knowledge in preparing such **PS&E**.

(f) In connection with the **Engineer's** performance of procurement services hereunder, if any, the **Engineer** uses its best efforts to obtain from all vendors of equipment and materials, fullest possible warranties against defective materials and workmanship for the benefit of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 18. Engineer's Resources. The **Engineer** shall furnish and maintain, at the **Engineer's** own expense, office space for the performance of all services, skilled and sufficient personnel, as well as adequate and sufficient equipment to perform the services as required under this Agreement.

18.1 Project Manager. The **Engineer** shall provide a manager (**Project Manager**) for the **Project** that is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas. The **Project** manager shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable that **Project Manager** during the course of the **Project** without prior consent of the **Owner**. If due to situations beyond the control of the **Engineer**, the **Engineer** must change the **Project Manager** prior to the completion and acceptance of the **Project**, the **Engineer** will submit a request to change the **Project Manager** to the **Owner** for approval.

18.2 Employees of the Engineer. All employees of the **Engineer** shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them and required for the services under this Agreement. Any employee of the **Engineer** who, in the opinion of the **Owner**, is incompetent, or whose conduct becomes detrimental to the work required under this Agreement, shall immediately be removed from association with the **Project** when so instructed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** certifies that the **Engineer** presently has employed sufficient and qualified personnel, and will maintain sufficient and qualified personnel for performance of the services under this Agreement.

18.3 Documents/Information Exchange The purpose of this Article is to define the required automated resources, format for graphics files, and information exchange pertaining to the **Project**. Taking into consideration that the **Owner** has a significant investment in the development of the **Project**, there is a need for the **Engineer** to provide consistency in document development for information exchange. Consistency in document development for information exchange and production will help facilitate an economically efficient **Project**. Therefore, the **Engineer** shall provide the **Owner** with documents and information in accordance with the special requirement outlined in **EXHIBIT "C"** attached hereto.

ARTICLE 19. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the **Engineer** and its agents, partners, subcontractors, and consultants (collectively "**Indemnitors**") shall and do agree to indemnify, and hold harmless the **Owner**, the **Owner's** respective directors, elected officials, employees and agents (collectively "**Indemnitors**") from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any nature, kind or description (collectively "**Liabilities**") of any person or entity whomsoever arising out of, caused by or resulting from the negligent performance of the **Engineer's** services through activities of the **Engineer**, its agents, partners, subcontractors and/or consultants performed under this Agreement, and

which are caused by or result from error, omission, or negligent act of the Engineer or of any person employed or contracted by the Engineer provided that any such Liabilities (1) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to the injury to or destruction of tangible personal property including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting therefrom and (2) are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Engineer, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Engineer or anyone for whose acts the Engineer may be legally liable. The Engineer shall also save harmless the Owner from any and all expense, including but not limited to, attorney fees which may be incurred by the Owner in litigation or otherwise resisting said claim or liabilities which may be imposed on the Owner as a result of such activities by the Engineer, its agents partners, subcontractors and/or consultants. In this connection, it is agreed and understood that the Engineer shall not be responsible for any portion of the liability proximately caused by the Owner's negligence.

ARTICLE 20. Joint and Several Liability. In the event more than one of the **Indemnitors** are connected with an accident or occurrence covered by the indemnification in Article 19 hereof, then each of such **Indemnitors** shall be jointly and severally responsible to the **Indemnitees** for indemnification and the ultimate responsibility among such **Indemnitors** for the loss and expense of any such indemnification shall be settled by separate proceedings and without jeopardy to any **Indemnitee**. The provisions of this Article shall not be construed to eliminate or reduce any other indemnification or right which the **Owner** or any of the **Indemnitees** has by law.

ARTICLE 21. Insurance. Consistent with its status as an independent contractor and at its sole expense, **Engineer** agrees that throughout the duration of the work under this contract and any extension thereof, it shall provide and maintain in full force and effect any and all insurances which may be necessary for providing Services or are otherwise required by law, and shall require of all its sub-consultants connected with providing services under this contract to provide insurance in full force and effect as well. Insurance policies shall cover, but are not limited to, **Engineer's** activities and all persons, vehicles, equipment, and property connected with providing Services, including but not limited to professional liability insurance covering **Engineer's** activities in providing the services to the **Owner**. Coverage shall be in the amounts specified by the **Owner** in the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") or as prescribed by law, but in no event shall any amount be less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, §100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. The **Engineer** shall furnish to the **Owner** certificate(s) of insurance and all renewals on an Acord form showing the said policy to be in full force and effect during the period of service, identified in Article 3 hereto, for this Agreement. The completed Hidalgo County Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be attached hereto and identified as **EXHIBIT "H"- Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance**. For each applicable policy, **Engineer** shall name the **Owner** as an additional insured. **Engineer** shall notify the **Owner** a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of cancellation of all or part of a policy. **Engineer** shall make any other

insurance documentation available to the **Owner** upon request. The **Engineer** will be considered in breach of contract should the **Engineer** fail to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above while performing services for and under this Agreement, and will be subject to default and termination of the Agreement as outlined in Article 3.4 hereto. Additionally, the **Engineer** covenants and agrees to use its best efforts to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability and requirements identified above until one year following the date of the acceptance of the **Project** by **Owner**.

ARTICLE 22. Compliance with Laws. The **Engineer** shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations and the orders and decrees of any court, or administrative bodies or tribunals in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement including, without limitation, workers compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary, and wage statutes and regulations and licensing laws and regulations. When required the **Engineer** shall furnish the **Owner** with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

ARTICLE 23. Non-Collusion. The **Engineer** warrants that the **Engineer** has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the **Engineer**, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that the **Engineer** has not paid or agreed to pay any company, engineer or any other person or entity any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or execution of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the **Owner** shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in the **Owner's** discretion, to deduct from the *Services Fee*, or otherwise recover, the full amount of each fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

ARTICLE 24. Gratuities. The **Owner** mandates that employees of the **Owner** shall not accept any benefits, gifts or favors from any person doing business or who reasonably speaking may do business with the **Owner** under this Agreement; the only exceptions allowed are ordinary business meals. Any person doing business with or who may reasonably seek to do business with the **Owner** under this Agreement may not make any offer of benefits, gifts or favors to **Owner** employees, except as mentioned hereinabove. Failure on the part of the **Engineer** to adhere to this provision may result in the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25. Payment of Franchise Tax. The **Engineer** hereby certifies that the **Engineer** is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the **Engineer** is exempt from, or not subject to, such as tax. A false statement concerning franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the **Owner**.

ARTICLE 26. Disputes. The **Engineer** shall be responsible for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of any procurement made by the **Engineer** in

support of the services under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27. Severability. In the event 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 hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

ARTICLE 28. Notices. Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests, or communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by a registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

If to County:	County of Hidalgo Attention: County Judge 100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor Edinburg, Texas 78539
CC:	Precinct No. 3 Attn: Pct. # 3 Commissioner Address: 724 N. Breyfogle Rd, Mission, TX 78574
If to Engineer:	Scivle, LLC Attention: Oscar Garza Address: 2416 Buddy Owens Blvd. McAllen, Tx 78504

Each notice, demand, request, or communication which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addresses or if mailed at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

ARTICLE 29. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(a) This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the **Engineer** and the **Owner** relating to the work herein described and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral contracts between the parties respecting the subject

matter defined herein. These are no previous or contemporary representations or warranties of the **Owner** or the **Engineer** not set forth herein.

(b) Except as specifically provided herein no modification, waiver, termination, rescission, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or any terms thereof shall be binding on the **Owner** unless in writing and executed by an officer or employee of the **Owner** specifically authorized to do so.

(c) No waiver of any provision of or default under this Agreement shall affect the right of the **Owner** thereafter to enforce said provision or to exercise any right or remedy in the event of any other default whether or not similar.

(d) No modification, waiver, termination, discharge or cancellation of this Agreement or any terms thereof shall impair the **Owner's** right with respect to any liabilities whether or not liquidated of the **Engineer** to the **Owner** theretofore accrued.

(e) All rights and remedies of the **Owner** specified in this Agreement are in addition to the **Owner's** other rights and remedies.

(f) The **Engineer** shall remain an independent contractor and shall have no power nor shall the **Engineer** represent that the **Engineer** has any power to bind the **Owner** or to assume or to create any obligation expressly or implied on behalf of the **Owner** except as specifically authorized in advance by the **Owner**.

(g) **Texas Law to Apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

(h) This Agreement may only be amended by a written document executed by the **Owner** and the **Engineer** as provided by Article 8 herein.

ARTICLE 30. Signatory Warranty The undersigned signatory or signatories for the **Engineer** hereby represent and warrant that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he or she has executed this Agreement and that he or she has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the **Engineer**. The above-stated representations and warranties are made for the purpose of inducing the **Owner** to enter into this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31. 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.

ARTICLE 32. Nondiscrimination. Engineer, including subcontractors, assignees, and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, or any other protected class under law, 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. Applicable nondiscrimination statements and provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, were provided as part of the initial procurement packet and are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

ARTICLE 33. Additional Documents. The **Engineer** and **Owner** 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.

ARTICLE 34. Required Contract Provision for Contracts Subject to Federal Award (if applicable). Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.237, a non-federal entity's contracts must contain the 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.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON AUGUST 18, 2026.

Agenda Item No. 104355

Executive Office: _____

VENDOR:

Scivle, PLLC

COUNTY:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Oscar Garza, President

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Office of the Hidalgo County
Criminal District Attorney,
Toribio "Terry" Palacios

ATTEST:

Robert Viña, III, Assistant District Attorney

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES:

EXHIBIT A – Requirements/County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Packet

EXHIBIT B – Scope of Services to be provided by Owner

EXHIBIT C – Scope of Services to be provided by Engineer

EXHIBIT D – Work Schedule

EXHIBIT E – Contract Rates

EXHIBIT F – Work Authorization Form

EXHIBIT G – Supplemental Agreement Form

EXHIBIT H – Certificates of Insurance



EXHIBIT A

REQUIREMENTS/COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION
RFQ No.: 26-0307-06-03-09
EXPANSION OF THE PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL

Acceptance Due Date: June 10, 2026 at 3:00 pm

Project Contact Information:

Jireh Lira Cabello, CTCD, CTCM, Contract Specialist III
(956) 318-2626 Ext: 4868
jireh.lcabello@co.hidalgo.tx.us

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION
Expansion of the Professional Engineering Services Pool

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Attachments:

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C - Insurance Requirements (Professional Services)

D - COI Questionnaire

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1. INVITATION LETTER

1.1. Summary

NOTE: If you are currently active and have been qualified on our current "Professional Engineering Services Pool," a new submission is not required. This "Expansion of the Professional Engineering Services Pool" is to allow other potential Firms that are not currently in our active "Pool" to submit their qualifications and participate. The current pool will remain in effect until March 25, 2029.

RELEASE DATE: Saturday, May 16, 2026

RE: HIDALGO COUNTY - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ NO.:26-0307-06-03-09 –Expansion of the Professional Engineering Services Pool

Dear Prospect Offeror:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your interest and participation. For your review and consideration, enclosed find the procurement packet for the aforementioned project. Modifications and new requirements have been added and implemented. Please ensure to carefully read and review all instructions, requirements and specifications. All times referenced in this procurement packet are Central Standard Time – CST.

If assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department at (956) 318-2626.

Sincerely,

Ignacio Amezcua, MBA, CTCM, CTCD

Hidalgo County Purchasing Director

1.2. Contact Information

Project Contact:

Hector Garcia

Division Manager II - Construction

2802 S. Business Highway 281

Edinburg, TX 78539

Email: hector.garcia1@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Phone: [\(956\) 318-2626](tel:(956)318-2626) Ext: 4857

Procurement Contact:

Jireh Lira Cabello, CTCD, CTCM

Contract Specialist III

2802 US-281 BUS

Edinburg, TX 78539

Email: jireh.lcabello@co.hidalgo.tx.us
Phone: [\(956\) 318-2626](tel:(956)318-2626) Ext: 4868

Department:
Hidalgo County

1.3. Timeline

Release Project Date	May 16, 2026
Question Submission Deadline	May 29, 2026, 5:00pm
Question Response Deadline	June 2, 2026, 5:00pm
Qualification Submission Deadline	June 10, 2026, 3:00pm (All times referenced in this procurement packet are Central Standard Time –CST) The proposal opening is open to the public. Proposal opening participants may attend the proposal opening in person at the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department (or designated location) or via a live stream (link below) or by calling in on the day of the event. Please be advised, public attendance at any in-person Proposal opening may be limited due to capacity and will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Live stream: https://hidalgocounty.zoom.us/j/86775896463?pwd=WC1qR8a6BraHHZavf9L2IJ7a3CfwAZ.1 Meeting ID: 867 7589 6463 Passcode: 165320 Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) To find your local number: https://hidalgocounty.zoom.us/u/kb7e7EHQ96 Join by SIP: 86775896463@zoomcrc.com

2. SUBMISSION DETAILS

2.1. SUBMISSION OPTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Respondents have two (2) options for submitting a response. Respondents shall submit their response using one (1) of the following methods (**DO NOT** duplicate submittals by submitting both an electronic and hard copy response. Respondents shall select one only (1) method to respond):

- A. Submit responses electronically via the PORTAL: <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/co-hidalgo-tx> on or before Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 3:00 pm. **OR;**
- B. Submit one (1) hard copy and two (2) USBs in original PDF format via personal hand-delivery or delivery service on or Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

Any Proposal received after this deadline will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the sender.

2.2. HAND DELIVERED SUBMISSION

When hand delivering the packet, Proposer should make sure that the package is stamped with the date and time received by the Hidalgo County Purchasing staff.

DELIVER TO:

US Postal Mail Address:

- Ignacio Amezcua, MBA, CTCM, CTCD, Purchasing Director
- ATTN: Jireh Lira Cabello, CTCD, CTCM, Contract Specialist III
- Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
- Administration Building
- 2812 S. Business Hwy 281
- Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:

- Ignacio Amezcua, MBA, CTCM, CTCD, Purchasing Director
- ATTN: Jireh Lira Cabello, CTCD, CTCM, Contract Specialist III
- Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
- Administration Building
- 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
- Edinburg, Texas 78539

FIRM INSTRUCTIONS

Responses to this procurement packet shall be formatted and organized in the following order for consistency and easy screening:

- All submissions must be typed, single-spaced, and printed one-sided on 8 ½” by 11” paper.
- One (1) hard copy, marked “ORIGINAL” and two (2) USBs in PDF format. The original document must be submitted with a Cover Page containing the information listed in the Submission Outline/Checklist, under the Submission Cover Page.
- The complete response must be sealed in an appropriately sized envelope or box for delivery to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, per instructions in the Procurement Packet Submission paragraph of the Legal Notice section contained within this procurement packet.
- All documents must be labeled with the firm’s name and the RFQ number. Responses that are not identified with the RFQ number on the outside, will be at risk of rejection.

SUBMISSION OUTLINE/CHECKLIST

To assist in ensuring all submissions received are complete, it is recommended for the Offeror to use this Submission Outline as a Checklist prior to submitting a response. All Responses must be submitted in the following order with the guidelines provided within this solicitation. **For the hand delivery option, the solicitation packet can be found under the [#ATTACHMENTS](#) section:**

- A. Table of Contents
- B. Required Confirmations/Documents
 - 1. Legal Notice Declaration - **(Confirmation)**
 - 2. Areas of Specialization - **(Document)**
 - 3. Insurance Requirements
 - a. Proof of Insurance - **(Document)**
 - b. Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment - **(Confirmation)**
 - c. Project Requirements Acknowledgment - **(Confirmation)**
 - 4. Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
 - a. CIQ Form - Copy of County Clerk File with fee receipt (when applicable) - **(Document)**
 - 5. Vendor Acknowledgment and HUB Declaration
 - a. Vendor Acknowledgment - **(Confirmation)**
 - b. HUB Declaration - **(Document)**
 - 6. Certification Regarding Debarment
 - a. Signed Certification - **(Document)**
 - b. SAM.gov Registration Acknowledgment - **(Document)**

- c. Form 1295 - **(Document)**
- 7. Title VI Appendices
 - a. Title VI Appendices [A -E] - **(Confirmation)**
- 8. Required Contract Clauses For Contracts Under Federal Award
 - a. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Contract Clause - **(Document)**
 - b. 2 CFR 200 Certification - **(Document)**
- 9. FHWA 1273
 - a. FHWA 1273 - **(Confirmation)**
- 10. Proposer's Affidavit
 - a. Proposer's Affidavit - **(Document)**
- 11. References - **(Document)**
- 12. Addenda (when applicable; see Addenda under Legal Notice) - **(Confirmation)**
- 13. Company/Firm Response - **(Document)**
 - a. Cover Sheet
 - i. Company Name, Company Address, Company Phone Number
 - ii. Project Name: Expansion of the Professional Engineering Services Pool
 - iii. Procurement Number: 26-0307-06-03-09
 - iv. Opening Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026
 - v. Opening Time: 3:00 pm
 - b. Section I: Understanding of The Project
 - c. Section II: Firm Information
 - i. Firm History
 - ii. Personnel and Staffing
 - iii. Proof of Licenses and Certifications
 - d. Section III: Firm Experience and Qualifications
 - i. Competency
 - ii. Experience and Recent Projects
 - iii. References
 - e. Section IV: Scope of Services

- i. List of Services
- ii. Narrative
- f. Section V: Miscellaneous

(Confirmation) = A confirmation is required for this section.

(Document) = A document submission is required for this section.

2.3. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will only accept electronic responses that are submitted via the PORTAL: <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/co-hidalgo-tx>. The COUNTY will NOT accept telegraphic, emailed, nor responses submitted via facsimile.

*When submitting a response electronically, the firm will be required to complete all the sections found in this solicitation in order for the submission to be valid.

3. PROCUREMENT OVERVIEW

THE RESPONDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND UNDERSTANDING ALL DOCUMENTS, FORMS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT. Follow all instructions; you are responsible for obtaining any information needed in order to respond to this solicitation. Further, the Respondent is responsible for providing any and all relevant information necessary to submit a response. Failure to do so will be at the Respondent's risk and may result in rejection of the response as non-conforming.

General Requirements apply to all advertised solicitations; however, these may be superseded, whole or in part, by OTHER DATA CONTAINED HEREIN. Review the Table of Contents. Be sure your proposal package is complete.

3.1. INTRODUCTION

Hidalgo County (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") is seeking qualified firms interested in providing comprehensive professional services as part of our Professional Services Pools throughout the identified term of the pool. Qualified Respondents may then be engaged from the pool to provide professional services on an "As Needed Basis" or on a "Project-Specific Basis". Sealed qualifications will be received for "Hidalgo County (including all funding sources, programs, and entities) Expansion of the Professional Engineering Services Pool, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as **"Requirements/Specifications"**. Inclusion into the specified Pool is based on qualifications and other factors as herein set forth. The qualifications should address all requirements. Respondent may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of COUNTY; however, a strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements. COUNTY reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualification.

Hidalgo County is requiring all submitted qualifications are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after the RFQ opening.

3.2. Pre-Bid Meeting

If there will be a Pre-Bid meeting the information will be included in Section 1 – Invitation Letter/Timeline.

3.3. AWARD

Hidalgo County anticipates accepting all qualified firms to our Pool. No award can be made until approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. This RFQ does not obligate Hidalgo County to the eventual purchase of any product and/or service described, implied or which may be proposed. Progress toward this end is solely at the discretion of Hidalgo County, and may be terminated at any time prior to execution of an agreement.

3.4. TERM OF POOL

This pool shall remain in effect until **March 25, 2029**. The information provided in this Request for Qualification (hereinafter referred to as "RFQ") is only to be used for the purpose of preparing a submission for the above-referenced pool.

3.5. SUBMISSION OPTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Respondents have two (2) options for submitting a response and shall select only one (1) method to respond. Please see Section 2 – Submission Details above for submission options, procedures, and requirements. Any Proposal received after the provided deadline will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the sender.

3.6. PROPOSAL OPENING STREAMING

Please find the proposal opening information included in Section 1 – Invitation Letter

3.7. HAND DELIVERED SUBMISSION

If Respondent chooses to hand deliver its submission, whether personally or via delivery service, it must follow the procedures and requirements set for in Section 2 – Submission Details above.

3.8. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

If Respondent chooses to submit its response electronically, it must follow the procedures and requirements set for in Section 2 – Submission Details above.

3.9. SIGNING OF SUBMISSION

In order to be considered, all submittals **must** be signed by an authorized representative of the firm. **For hardcopy submissions, please sign the original in blue ink and ensure the copy is clearly labeled. For electronic submissions, please ensure all appropriate certifications are marked.**

3.10. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions must be submitted via the PORTAL'S Question and Answer Tab (Q&A) no later than Friday, May 29, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Responses to properly submitted questions will be published in the PORTAL and emailed to all planholders who are listed as a Follower in the PORTAL. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

3.11. RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to review the procurement packet and to notify the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition or request clarification of any requirements that are ambiguous. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or proposal procedures must be received in writing via the PORTAL'S Q&A Tab by the deadline stated for Questions and Answers.

3.12. COST OF SUBMISSION

Hidalgo County will not be liable for any costs incurred by the vendor in preparing a response to this procurement packet. Each Proposer acknowledges it is submitting a response at their own risk and expense. Further, no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County. Hidalgo County makes no guarantee that any products or services will be purchased as a result of this

solicitation and reserves the right to reject any and all submissions received. All responses and accompanying documentation will become the property of Hidalgo County.

3.13. WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES

Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

3.14. NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION

All communications by a vendor to the county, its officials, and department heads regarding this procurement shall be done through the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. No vendor, its representative, agent, or employee shall engage in private communication with a member of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or county department heads regarding any procurement of goods or services by the County from the date that this procurement packet is released. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into. "Private Communication" means communication with any vendor outside of a posted meeting of the governing body, a regular meeting of a standing or appointed committee, or negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

4. LEGAL NOTICE

These General Provisions are considered standard language for an Offeror (hereinafter referred to as “Offeror”, “Vendor”, “Respondent”, or “Contractor”) submitting a response for a Request for Bids, Proposals, Qualifications or other solicitation (hereinafter referred to as “Procurement Packet”) made by the County of Hidalgo (hereinafter referred to as “Hidalgo County” and “County” or any other governing body/agency for which the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department has been authorized to perform procurement services. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department webpage may be found at <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/143/Purchasing-Department>.

It is the Offeror’s sole responsibility to be in compliance of all federal, state, and local laws, requirements, rules, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to their proposed goods and/or services. In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall procurement packet, Hidalgo County's interpretation shall govern.

The following is a link to all adopted Hidalgo County policies (<https://www.hidalgocounty.us/805/County-Administrative-Policies>), which for all purposes, when applicable and whether specified explicitly or not, are incorporated by reference as part of this procurement packet and any resulting agreement.

4.1. ACCEPTANCE OF SUBMISSION

Receipt of the submission shall under no circumstance obligate Hidalgo County to accept the response, or make an award. The Offeror is responsible for obtaining any information needed in order to respond and for all costs of submitting its response. An Offeror’s submitted response is to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after opening. Hidalgo County is not responsible for any missing, lost, or late submissions.

4.2. ACCESS TO RECORDS

In special circumstances, Vendor may be required to allow duly authorized representatives of Hidalgo County, or the state and federal government access to contracts, books, documents, and records necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services provided by Vendor. Vendor must keep records within Hidalgo County or note in their submission that records will be available within the boundaries of Hidalgo County to those representatives within one (1) business day of request by the County.

4.3. ACCOUNT CREATION FOR PAYMENT

Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Offeror shall cooperate with and submit any required information to the Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office in order to establish an account with the County for payment, including information requested on Hidalgo County **"Vendor Acknowledgment"** on this procurement packet. This information must be on file with the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department and the Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office. Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in payment and/or back-up withholding as required by the Internal Revenue Service.

4.4. ADDENDA

When specifications interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes are revised, the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will issue an Addendum addressing the nature of the change. All released

Addenda will be e-mailed to all point of contact(s) who are Following the solicitation in the PORTAL, and are listed as a “Follower” (planholder) in the PORTAL.

4.5. ASSIGNMENT

The successful Offeror shall not assign, sell, transfer, convey, or otherwise transfer its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County of Hidalgo County Commissioners Court (hereinafter referred to as “Commissioners Court”), or other applicable governing body.

4.6. AWARD

Hidalgo County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis determined on the Procurement Overview, and when applicable, listed on "**Company/Firm Response**", in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one Offeror, and to reject any or all submissions received. After Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court approves an award, and the awarded Contractor defaults in meeting the general requirements and/or specifications in complying with the contract agreement, Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the services of the next lowest bidder(s) and/or qualified Offeror(s). In such event, Hidalgo County shall charge the Awarded Vendor the difference for any additional cost of such item. Hidalgo County reserves the right to add or delete items during the term of the contract under the same rates and conditions.

4.7. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS

The County will search a database maintained by the Texas State Comptroller which contains relevant vendor information. A contract may not be entered into with an entity that is identified therein. Search results shall be incorporated for all purposes as part of any resulting agreement entered into by the parties. The Offeror shall follow all federal, state, and local laws, requirements, rules, codes, ordinances, regulations and Hidalgo County Policy & Procedures applicable to their proposed goods and/or services, including, but not limited to those addressed within this procurement packet, the resulting agreement and the following:

4.7.1 Attestation Terrorist Organizations - TEX. GOVT. CODE CH. 2252. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to Chapter’s 2252, 806 and 807, the Offeror warrants, represents, certifies and attests that, by submitting a response to this procurement packet and/or at the time of execution of this Contract, Agreement, or supplemental agreement thereafter, neither the Offeror, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

4.7.2 Breach of Ethics. Contracts awarded hereunder shall be in compliance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171: Regulation of Conflicts of Interest of Officers of Municipalities, Counties and Certain Other Local Governments.

It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give, or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of the County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former elected official, department head or employee of the County, to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in

any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or response to a request therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.

It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

4.7.3 Bonds. If this procurement packet requires submission of bid bond or proposal guarantee, and performance and payment bonds, an explanation of these requirements will be detailed on the "**Projects Requirements Acknowledgment**". Responses submitted without the required bond or cashier's checks may be deemed unresponsive, thus disqualified from participation.

4.7.4 Boycott Energy Companies Verification – TEX. GOVT. CODE 2274. In accordance with changes to the law from the 87th Legislature in 2021, a for-profit company, not including a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full-time employees, is required to verify in writing that it does not boycott energy companies, and it will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Contract, if it is a contract for goods or services that has a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental body. Written verification may be provided by signing the Legal Notice Declarations page. Please provide a written notification if your company is unable to provide the written verification referenced above.

As per Tex. Gov't. Code §809.001(1), "Boycott energy company" means "without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described by Paragraph (A)".

As per Ch. 2274(c), this verification requirement does not apply to the County if it determines that this requirement is inconsistent with the County's constitutional or statutory duties related to the issuance, incurrence, or management of debt obligations or the deposit, custody, management, borrowing, or investment of funds.

4.7.5 Boycott Israel Verification - TEX. GOVT. CODE 2270. In accordance with the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to Chapters 2270 and 808, a company, other than a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full time employees is required to certify in writing that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the Contract, if the Contract has a value of \$100,000 or more.

4.7.6 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion. The Offeror warrants and represents by execution of an award from their response to this procurement packet that it is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in any Federal programs, or state assistance, as described under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." The Offeror agrees to include this certification in all contracts between itself and any subcontractors in connection with the services performed under any subsequent Contract or Agreement arising from this award. The Offeror also acknowledges that it is their sole responsibility to immediately notify Hidalgo County, in writing, if they or a subcontractor is not in compliance with Executive Order 12549 during the term of this contract. Further, Offeror agrees to refund Hidalgo County for any payments made to the

contractor while ineligible. Pursuant to federal regulation 45 CFR Part 76, the Offeror is required to furnish a certification or acknowledgement stating that they are free from suspension and debarment through registration on System for Award Management at www.sam.gov with their response.

4.7.7 Davis-Bacon Act/Hidalgo County Adopted Prevailing Wage Rate. When applicable, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 2258, as well as any other applicable laws, any Contractor or Subcontractor performing contracts in excess of \$2,000, for the construction, alteration, or repair (including painting and decorating) of public buildings or public works must pay their laborers and mechanics employed under the contract no less than the locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits for corresponding work on similar projects in the area as per the Davis Bacon Act or the rates adopted by Hidalgo County.

The Offeror warrants and represents that it will pay all its workers all monies earned by its employees including, but not limited to regular wages, any overtime compensation, or any additional payments pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 207 9a(1), as amended; the Texas Pay Day Act; the Equal Pay Act; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e, et al., as amended; and/or any provisions of the Texas Labor Code Ann., as amended, without cost or expenses to the County.

Awarded Vendors, its officers, agents, and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of Hidalgo County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service system.

4.7.8 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest.

4.7.8.1 As an Offeror. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176, an Offeror must disclose an interest between the Offeror, the Offeror's employees and any Hidalgo County employees arising from relationships within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity. A financial interest arises if the County's elected official, department head, or employee, or a member of their family, received any gifts valued in excess of \$250 during the preceding twelve (12) month period, or employment of any County's elected official, department head, or employee, or the County official's family member.

The Offeror shall not use funds to directly or indirectly pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence any County employee or official in connection with the awarding of any contract or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any contract.

4.7.8.2 Certificate of Interested Parties (Form 1295). Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted, as Texas law, including, but not limited to Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2252, Title 1 Tex. Ethics Comm. Rules – Title 1, sec. 46 and the Tex. Admin. Code, requires all parties who enter into any contract with the County which must be approved by its governing body, to disclose all interested parties. Form 1295 must be completed in its entirety through the Texas Ethics Commission at the following website: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm prior to awarding the Contract. Failure to do so may result in delay of award, or deem your response unresponsive, thus disqualified from participation.

4.7.8.3 Collusion. The Offeror affirms that by responding to any solicitation made by Hidalgo County, it has not communicated directly or indirectly the response made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all responses may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the Offerors, and/or the County believes prices provided by the Offerors are inappropriately unbalanced. "**Proposer's Affidavit**" must be included in the response.

4.7.8.4 Consultants Excluded from Competition. An outside Consultant or Contractor is prohibited from submitting a response for goods or services requested on a Hidalgo County project of which the Consultant or Contractor was a designer or other previous contributor, assisted in developing or drafting specifications, requirements, statements of work, or requests for goods and/or services must be excluded from competing for such procurements. If such, a Consultant or Contractor submits a response, that response shall be prohibited, and disqualified on the basis of conflict of interest, no matter when the conflict is discovered by Hidalgo County.

4.7.8.5 Disclosure of Interested Parties (Form CIQ). Offeror must fully disclose the existence of any relationships as defined above in its response to this procurement packet. The "**Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ)**", attached hereto, must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk, located inside the Hidalgo County Courthouse no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. Hidalgo County Clerk contact information may be found at <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/161/County-Clerks-Office>. **Completion and submission of Form CIQ is the sole responsibility of the Offeror.** Additionally, the Offeror must immediately notify Hidalgo County if the information provided in its response changes at any time.

4.7.8.6 Disclosure to Report Lobbying. When applicable, pursuant to 31 U.S.C.A. §1352 (2003), if at any time during the contract term funding to Contractor exceeds \$100,000.00, Contractor shall file with the County the Federal Standard Form LLL titled "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" as detailed in "2 C.F.R. § 200".

4.7.9. Discrimination Against Firearm Entities or Trade Associations Verification - Tex. Gov't. Code Ch. 2274. In accordance with changes to the law from the 87th Legislature in 2021, a for-profit company, not including a sole proprietorship, with ten or more full-time employees, is required to verify in writing that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the Contract, if it is a contract for goods or services that has a value of at least \$100,000 that is paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental body. Written verification may be provided by signing the Legal Notice Declaration page. Please provide a written notification if your company is unable to provide the written verification referenced above.

As per Tex. Gov't. Code §2274.001(3), except as otherwise indicated, to "discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" means "with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association".

As per Ch. 2274, this verification requirement does not apply to the County if it contracts with a sole-source provider, does not receive any bids from a company that is able to provide the required written verification above, or the contract is exempt from compliance under Tex. Gov't. Code sec. 2274.003 relating to the issuance, sale or delivery of notes.

4.7.10 Disqualification of Offeror. By submitting a response to this request, an Offeror offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Hidalgo County certifies that the Offeror has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Texas Business and Commerce Code §15.01, et seq., as amended, or the federal antitrust laws. If multiple submissions are made by an Offeror and after they are

opened, the Offeror requests to withdraw one of the submissions is requested to be withdrawn, the result will be that all of the responses submitted by that Offeror will be withdrawn; however, nothing herein prohibits an Offeror from submitting multiple responses for different products or services.

4.7.11 Ethical Business Practices. Hidalgo County operates its business ethically and in compliance with the law. We ask that any Offeror, their representative, and/or employee doing business with Hidalgo County, who believes they have witnessed any suspected ethical violation or fraud immediately report the allegations to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director, 2802 S. BUS HWY 281, Edinburg, TX 78539, (956) 318-2626, ignacio.amezcua@co.hidalgo.tx.us.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will conduct a prompt and thorough investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will refer any suspected criminal activity to the Hidalgo County District Attorney or other appropriate law enforcement agency. Any Offeror who reports suspected ethical violations or fraud can do so without fear of retaliation. Retaliating against any offeror for reporting suspected ethical violations or fraud is strictly prohibited.

4.8. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS (CONTINUED)

4.8.1 Historically Underutilized Business/Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. The County is committed to ensuring that Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) such as small business enterprises (SBE), minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE) receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. The County encourages the use of these enterprises both as prime and subcontractors as listed in "**HUB Declaration**".

When federal funds are expended by the County, the County will take affirmative steps set forth in 2 CFR 200.321 to assure that small, minority, women-owned businesses and labor surplus area owned firms are used when possible. Pursuant to 2 CFR 321, the County requires that a prime contractor who uses sub-contractors take affirmative steps set forth in 2 CFR 200.321, including:

- A. Placing qualified small and minority business and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- B. Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- C. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- D. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
- E. Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.
- F. Nothing in this section is to be construed to require the County to award a contract other than as required by law and Hidalgo County policies and procedures.

When procurement is related to road construction projects with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), all respondents must submit their HUB/DBE plans as part of their submission to be qualified to participate.

4.8.2 Independent Contractor. 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 the County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Vendor, and that Vendor is an independent contractor under an award through this procurement packet.

4.8.3 Nondiscrimination. By submitting a response to this procurement packet, the Offeror certifies that it will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and related state and federal law.

Offeror, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or any other protected class under law (except as allowed in the case of bona fide occupational qualifications).

4.8.4 Texas Public Information Act. The Offeror understands and agrees that Hidalgo County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act (the "Act"). Hidalgo County must rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas relative to the disclosure of data or information. Submissions will be kept confidential in accordance with the Act and applicable law, and **submissions are subject to inclusion into the public record after award.** To the extent permitted by law, Offeror may request in writing non-disclosure of any information that it considers to be confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret in its submission. Such data shall accompany the submission, be readily separable from the response, and shall be CLEARLY MARKED "**CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY and/or TRADE SECRET**". Hidalgo County will make reasonable efforts to provide Offeror notice in accordance with the Act in the event the County receives a request for information under the Act for information that the Offeror has marked as indicated above. E-mail addresses provided by Offeror to the County as part of its response to this procurement packet are not confidential. Additionally, Offeror provides its affirmative consent to the disclosure of its e-mail addresses, including from its employees, officers, and agents acting on its behalf, that are provided to Hidalgo County. This consent shall survive termination of this agreement and apply to any e-mail address provided in any form for any reason whether related to this procurement packet or otherwise.

4.8.5 Title VI Notice. The County of Hidalgo, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. §§2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all respondents that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Further, "**Title VI**" has been broadened by related statutes, regulations and executive orders as found in **Appendices "A" through "E"** as attached hereto. Offeror agrees to comply with Title VI as may be required. The Hidalgo County Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan may be found at <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/2071/Title-VINondiscrimination-Plan>.

4.9. CONTRACT OBLIGATION

Before a contract becomes binding on Hidalgo County or the Offeror, it must be awarded by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, signed by the Hidalgo County Judge, funds for it must be certified by the

Hidalgo County Auditor, and an official Hidalgo County Purchase Order must be issued for it by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Elected officials, department heads, other County employees or representatives are NOT authorized to sign agreements for Hidalgo County, unless prior authorization is approved by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, or respective governing body. Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this procurement packet have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.

4.10. CONTRACT RENEWALS

Any extension or renewal of the agreement entered into by the parties are made at the County's sole discretion and under the same rates, terms and conditions as the initial agreement, or as amended.

4.11. CONTRACT TRANSITION (Grace Period)

In the event services end by either contract expiration or termination, it shall be required that the successful respondent continue services if requested by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, until new services can be completely operational. The successful respondent acknowledges its responsibility to cooperate fully with the replacement vendor and Hidalgo County to ensure a smooth and timely transition to the replacement vendor. Such transitional period shall not extend more than sixty (60) days beyond the expiration/termination date of the contract, or any extension thereof. The successful respondent shall be reimbursed for services during the transitional period at the rate in effect when the transitional period clause is invoked by Hidalgo County. During any transition period, all other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain in full force and effect as originally written and subsequently amended.

4.12. COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Discount payments will be considered when offered. If during the life of any contract, or response awarded, the successful respondent's net prices generally available to other customers for items awarded herein are reduced below the contracted price, it is understood and agreed that the benefits of such reduction shall be extended to Hidalgo County. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.

4.13. COUNTY APPROVED HOLIDAYS

The Offeror is advised that official County business will not be conducted on approved County holidays. The link of approved holidays can be found on: <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/115/County-Holidays>.

4.14. EVALUATION

Evaluation shall be used as a determinant as to which proposed items or services are the most efficient and/or most economical for the County, considering all factors which have a bearing on price and performance of the items in the user department's environment. All submissions, except for Requests for Bids, may be subject to evaluations and negotiations by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, or authorized Hidalgo County representative as approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, with recommendation to the appropriate governing body. Compliance with all requirements, delivery and needs of the user department are considerations in evaluating the responses received. **Pricing is NOT the only criteria for making a recommendation.** A preliminary evaluation by Hidalgo County will be held and appropriate responses will be subjected to the negotiating process and a request for a Best and Final Offer. Upon completion of the negotiations, Hidalgo County will make an award. All responses that have

been submitted shall be available and open for public record after the contract is awarded, except for trade secrets or confidential information contained in the responses and identified as such.

Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all submissions and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, or to the qualifications considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County. Additionally, Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept or eliminate any item(s) listed under this procurement packet that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary or operational requirements.

4.15. FISCAL FUNDING

Hidalgo County has the discretion to utilize grant funding or general funding, however, should grant funding be utilized “Grant Funding” rules will apply. The award of a contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year. Additionally, should funds not be appropriated by the applicable governing body to continue the lease or contract in their sole discretion, said lease or contract shall become null and void on the last day of the current appropriation of funds.

4.15.1 General Funding. A multi-year lease or lease/purchase arrangement, or any contract continuing as a result of an extension option, must include a fiscal funding out provision in the lease or contract. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. Hidalgo County, on an annual basis and at their discretion, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of Hidalgo County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment shall be removed by the Vendor from the user department without penalty of any kind or form to Hidalgo County. All charges and physical activity related to delivery, installation, removal and re-delivery shall be the responsibility of the Vendor.

4.15.2 Grant Funding. Any contract entered into by the County that is to be paid from grant funds shall be limited to payment from the grant funding, and the Offeror understands that the County has not set aside any County funds for the payment of obligations under a grant contract. If grant funding should become unavailable at any time for the continuation of services paid for by the grant, and further funding cannot be obtained for the contract, then the contract shall be null and void.

Additionally, County contracts subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), require inclusion of the contract terms found in “**2 C.F.R. § 200**”. It is the County’s intention to comply with FEMA requirements; therefore, any conflict in terms should be resolved as such.

4.16. FORCE MAJEURE

If by reason of Force Majeure either Party shall be rendered unable, wholly or in part, to carry out its responsibility under this contract by any occurrence by reason of Force Majeure, then the Party unable to carry out its responsibility shall give the other Party notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event, and such notice shall suspend the Party’s responsibility for the continuance of the Force Majeure claimed, but for no longer period. Force Majeure means acts of God, floods, hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, acts of a public enemy, acts of terrorism, sovereign conduct, riots, civil commotion, strikes or lockouts, and other causes that are not occasioned by either Party’s conduct which by the exercise of due diligence the Party is unable to overcome and which substantially interferes with operations.

4.17. GOVERNING LAW

This procurement packet is governed by the competitive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act, Texas Local Government Code, §262.021 et seq., as amended. Offerors shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. **Offeror is further advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and venue shall be performable in a federal or state court or competent jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.** Hidalgo County may request and rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the Hidalgo County District Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements. The County does not agree to binding arbitration and does not waive its right to a jury trial.

4.18. HIPAA COMPLIANCE

When applicable, the Offeror agrees to comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191 (codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164), as amended ("HIPAA"); privacy and security regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS"); Title XIII, Subtitle D of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5, as amended ("HITECH Act"); provisions regarding Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records (codified at 42 C.F.R. Part 2), as amended; and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ANN. §§81.046, as amended, 181.001 et seq., as amended, 241.151 et seq., as amended, and 611.001 et seq., as amended collectively referred to as "HIPAA", to the extent that the Offeror uses, discloses or has access to protected health information as defined by HIPAA. Offeror may be required to enter a Business Associate Agreement pursuant to HIPAA.

4.19. INDEMNIFICATION

The successful Offeror, shall indemnify, defend, save, and hold Hidalgo County, all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees harmless from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property directly or indirectly from contractor's performance on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful Offeror, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful Offeror shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against the County growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to Hidalgo County by counsel reasonably acceptable to the County. The Successful Offeror indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement and the like, arising out of the goods and services provided by successful Offeror.

4.20. INSPECTIONS & TESTING

Hidalgo County reserves the right to inspect any item(s) or service location for compliance with specifications and requirements and needs of the user department. If an Offeror cannot furnish a sample of a proposed item, where applicable, for review, or fails to satisfactorily show an ability to perform, the County can reject the response as inadequate.

The successful respondent shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material,

workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this procurement packet shall be subject to the County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by the successful Offeror within two (2) business days at no expense to the County. Items that are not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to the County and may be used or disposed of at the County's discretion, without waiver of any other rights of the County as to the items' nonconformity.

4.21. INSURANCE

Contractor shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this procurement packet, appropriate insurance coverage including, as a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover contractor's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this procurement packet. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County as part of this response. (See "**Insurance Requirements**"). Prior to award, Hidalgo County must be listed as a Certificate Holder to the policies.

4.22. LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Offeror should submit any agreement for products and/or services which may be required by their organization to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County. The awarded vendor will be required to execute an agreement with Hidalgo County which finalizes the terms and conditions set forth in their response, best and final offer, and any negotiations between the Offeror and Hidalgo County. The agreement is subject to review and amendment by the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office.

4.23. MAINTENANCE

Maintenance required for equipment proposed should be available in Hidalgo County by a manufacturer-authorized maintenance facility. Costs for this service shall be shown on "**Company/Firm Response**". If Hidalgo County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.

4.24. MARKET VOLATILITY AND UNIT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

When applicable, Hidalgo County recognizes that during periods of national crisis and unstable economic conditions, unforeseen price increase might affect costs for goods and services contracted on an annual basis. As such, upon written request of the Vendor to the County Purchasing Agent, the County may review evidence of prevailing industry-wide market conditions that may warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract. When applicable, the following procedure and conditions may be employed to mediate price volatility:

- A Vendor shall:
 - make its Market Volatility and Unit Price Adjustment request in writing to the County Purchasing Agent.
 - tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Such written request must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the Vendor of the price changes.

- put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publications so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership shall be at no cost to the County.
- notify the County at the time when the Vendor's costs for items, supplies, and or services reduce due to stabilization in the market at which time prices for items on this contract shall be reduced accordingly. Failure by the Vendor to notify the County of a decrease in costs for items and/or supplies for which the Vendor was granted a price adjustment, may result in immediate termination of this contract and the County shall not be obligated to pay the Vendor the difference between the contract price and the price adjustment.
- Price adjustment reviews may only be requested by the Vendor on a quarterly basis; however, the County may at its own discretion, conduct temporary price adjustment reviews at any time.
- The County Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interest of the County.
- The County may only grant a price increase if the evidence presented is deemed reliable.
- No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to in the supplier's notice.
- The total increase in contract price shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the original contract price during the contract term.
- Should the County allow a price increase, the approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the vendor or contractor after the effective date of such price change. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
- Price increases are only valid for the quarter in which they are requested and approved.
- Prices shall return to the original contract price at the beginning of the following quarter unless a Vendor notifies the County in writing within ten (10) days of expiration of the quarter in which the price increase is in effect, that it desires to have the price increase continue or that the Vendor is requesting a different price increase for the following quarter. Such request must be supplemented with sufficient justification to demonstrate that the price increase remains necessary. The County Purchasing Department shall have sole discretion whether to grant the price increase extension.
- The County Purchasing Agent and/or the County Auditor reserve the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.
- The County too, shall have discretion to unilaterally reduce, eliminate or extend a price adjustment to the Vendor at any time upon written notice from the County to the Vendor demonstrating justification for such reduction, elimination or extension of the price adjustment.

4.25. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

Under the "Hazardous Communication Act", commonly known as the "Texas Right to Know Act", an Offeror must provide to the County with each delivery, safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Failure of the Offeror to furnish the required documentation will be cause to reject any response applying thereto.

4.26. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RESPONSIBLE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENTS

With their submitted response, the Offeror must affirmatively demonstrate their responsibility as listed on **"Requirements/Specifications"**. A prospective respondent, by submitting a response, represents to County that it meets the requirements listed. Respondent is required to advise the County of any change to information provided in its submitted response.

4.27. NAME BRANDS

Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Hidalgo County to restrict or preclude competition in any way, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items. Offerors may offer items of equal stature and the burden of proof of such stature rests with Offerors. Hidalgo County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered.

4.28. NEW MILLENNIUM COMPLIANCE

All products and/or services furnished as part of this contract must be compliant for the present year and forward. This applies to all computers including hardware and software as well as all other commodities with date sensitive embedded chips.

4.29. PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT

If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men have been paid.

4.30. PERFORMANCE ENFORCEMENT

Hidalgo County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract, agreement, supplemental agreement, as amended, or participation in the professional services pool, in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Hidalgo County reserves the right to terminate the contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County immediately in the event of breach or default by a successful respondent, including, but not limited to failure to maintain qualifications, meet schedules, pay any required fees or taxes, or otherwise failing to perform in accordance with the requirements of this procurement packet.

4.31. POST-AWARD DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Title and Risk of Loss of Goods shall not pass to Hidalgo County until Hidalgo County actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery. Receiving times may vary with the user department. Generally, deliveries may be made between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through

Friday, except on County approved holidays. The Offeror is advised to consult the user department for instructions, and be given at least seventy-two (72) hours prior notice of delivery, if applicable, before delivery will be accepted. The place of delivery shall be identified in the "**Requirements/Specifications**" attached hereto to this procurement packet and/or on the Purchase Order as a "Deliver To:" address.

4.32. POST-AWARD INVOICES AND PAYMENTS

Offerors shall submit an original, itemized invoice on company letterhead with their company name and address, detailing the deliverable(s) of goods and/or services provided, the respective price, product code, item number, quantity, etc. per line item, the name of receiving/requesting department or elected office, the delivery address, the awarded vendor's contract number, and issued purchase order number. Any invoice, which cannot be verified by the contract price and/or is otherwise incorrect, will be returned to the Offeror for correction. Under term contracts, when multiple deliveries and/or services are required, the Offeror may invoice following each delivery and the County will pay on invoice. Contracts providing for a monthly charge will be billed and paid on a monthly basis only. All payments are subject to compliance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act.

Deliverables or services will be considered complete only upon written acceptance by Hidalgo County. No charges may be billed to Hidalgo County unless such costs are explicitly included in the agreement or contract. For billing and payment questions please contact the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office, 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539, (956) 318-2511.

4.33. PROCEDURES FOR VENDOR PROTEST

Any potential Offeror has the right to protest a solicitation packet or contract award. Details for these procedures can be found on our County website: <https://www.hidalgocounty.us/143/Purchasing-Department>. The Vendor also understands that an awarded contract may immediately become void if the County determines that a lack of compliance with applicable policies and/or statutes has occurred at any time, whether in the procurement process, or after award.

4.34. PROCUREMENT PACKET FORM COMPLETION

When submitting procurement packet response, Respondents must follow the procedures and requirements provided within the procurement packet, including, but not limited to those found in the Invitation Letter, Submission Details and Procurement Overview. An authorized representative of the Offeror should complete all necessary response documentation. **Failure to complete required forms or provide required information and/or to follow procedures and/or requirements may be cause to reject the entire response.**

4.35. PROCUREMENT PACKET SUBMISSION

4.35.1 Offeror must submit all completed responses in accordance with the provisions, procedures and requirements provided within the procurement packet, including, but not limited to those found in the Invitation Letter, Submission Details and Procurement Overview by the date and time indicated therein. **Failure to follow packet submission requirements may be cause to reject the entire response. Late submissions will not be accepted for any reason.**

4.35.2 Supplemental Materials. Offerors are responsible for including all pertinent product data in the submitted response to this procurement packet. Literature, brochures, data sheets, specification

information, completed forms requested as part of the procurement packet and any other facts which may affect the evaluation and subsequent contract award should be included. Materials such as legal documents and contractual agreements, which the Offeror wishes to include as a condition of the submission, must also be in the submitted response. Failure to include all necessary and proper supplemental materials may be cause to reject the entire response.

4.36. PROOF OF BUSINESS

Offeror must be in business under its current name and in its current form (e.g., proprietorship, Chapter S Corporation). Information to be included as part of the **"Vendor Acknowledgment"**.

4.37. PURCHASE ORDER AND DELIVERY

The successful Offeror shall not deliver products or provide services without a Hidalgo County Purchase Order, signed by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director, or an authorized agent of the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. When applicable, the fastest, most reasonable delivery time shall be indicated by the Offeror in the proper place on **"Company/Firm Response"**. Any special information concerning delivery should also be included, on a separate sheet, if necessary. All items shall be shipped **F.O.B. INSIDE DELIVERY** unless otherwise stated in the specifications. This shall be understood to include bringing merchandise to the appropriate room or place designated by the user department. Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of these requirements and the specifications including time, delivery and quality. Nonconformance shall constitute a breach which must be rectified prior to expiration of the time for performance. Failure to rectify within the performance period will be considered cause to reject future deliveries and cancellation of the contract by Hidalgo County, without prejudice to other remedies provided by law. **Where delivery times are critical, Hidalgo County reserves the right to award accordingly.**

Goods and/or Services must not be provided and **invoices will not be paid** without a purchase order signed by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Director.

4.38. QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFEROR

Offeror's failure to qualify or maintain qualifications throughout the term of this agreement shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the Offeror with regard to the services. In such an event, Hidalgo County may elect to engage another qualified firm or reject all submissions and re-advertise.

4.39. RECYCLED MATERIALS

Hidalgo County encourages the use of products made of recycled materials and shall give preference in purchasing to products made of recycled materials if the products meet applicable specifications as to quantity and quality. Hidalgo County will be the sole judge in determining product preference application.

4.40. REFERENCES

If applicable, unless otherwise indicated, Offeror must provide a total of four (4) references in each response to a solicitation requested by Hidalgo County. **One of the four references listed should be of a project that was canceled. If Offeror has not had a project cancelled, then please indicate so.** Offeror may provide this in form of Reference Letters from other individual(s)/entities or local government entities for whom the Offeror has provided similar services in the past twenty-four (24) months as

demonstration of their prior experience, or if Offeror prefers, may utilize the "**Reference Form**". Letters or reference sheet must include the following information

- Organization/Client Name/Government Entity (Include population of any local governmental entity – some procurements may require a specific population).
- Name of Contact Person
- Contact Telephone, Address and Email
- Name of Project
- Scope of Work
- Contract Period
- Budget Project Amount; Actual Project Amount
- Expected project timeframe; actual project timeframe
- Include contact information for one (1) client that services have been canceled, and a description of why the project was canceled. If Offeror has not had a project cancelled, then please indicate so.

4.41. SCANNED OR RE-TYPED RESPONSE

If in its response, Offeror either electronically scans, re-types, or in some way reproduces the County's published procurement packet, then in the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the County's published procurement packet, or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of the response made by the Offeror, the County's procurement packet **as published** shall control. Furthermore, if an alteration of any kind to the County's published procurement packet is only discovered after the contract is executed and is or is not being performed; the contract is subject to immediate cancellation.

Regardless of how an Offeror requested or received a copy of this procurement packet to prepare a response, **the response must be submitted according to the instructions contained within this procurement packet.**

4.42. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or the specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.

4.43. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS

The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used. All interpretations of specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement. The items furnished under this contract shall be new, unused of the latest product in production to commercial trade and shall be of the highest quality

as to materials used and workmanship. Manufacturer furnishing these items shall be experienced in design and construction of such items and shall be an established supplier of the item proposed.

4.44. SUBCONTRACTING

Vendor may not subcontract services to another firm without prior written request detailing goods and/or services that are to be subcontracted, and approval of said written request by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, or applicable governing body.

4.45. TAXES

Hidalgo County is exempt from all federal excise, state and local taxes unless, otherwise stated in this document. Hidalgo County claims exemption from all sales and/or use taxes under Texas Tax Code §151.309, as amended. Offerors are not to include tax in any cost figures (including in any supplemental project specific contracts applicable to pools). If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figure it will not be included in the tabulation of any supplemental project specific awards. Texas Limited Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon written request to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, and signed by the Agent, or authorized Purchasing Department representative.

4.46. TERM OF CONTRACTS

If the contract is intended to cover a specific time period, the term will be specified in the "**Procurement Overview**". Awarded contract will be in effect until (a) the term expires, or (b) participation is terminated by County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation with or without cause. Any supplemental project-specific contract award to a successful respondent will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by the County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation with or without cause, unless otherwise stated in the executed agreement.

4.47. TERMINATION

Hidalgo County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if Offeror breaches any of the terms therein, including warranties of Offeror or if the Offeror becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Hidalgo County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Hidalgo County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Hidalgo County may terminate the contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice, unless otherwise stated in the executed agreement.

4.48. TERMINATION FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Hidalgo County has the option to terminate this contract immediately without prior notice if Offeror fails to perform any of its obligations in this contract if the failure (a) created a potential threat to health or safety or (b) violated a law, ordinance, or regulation designed to protect health or safety.

4.49. USAGE REPORTS

Hidalgo County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost during the yearly contract period, a usage report detailing the services furnished to date under an agreement resulting from this procurement packet. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) business days after written

request and itemize all purchases to date by Hidalgo County department, description of each service purchased, quantity of each service purchased, per unit cost and total amount of all services purchased.

4.50. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION

Offeror and Offeror's insurance carrier waive any and all rights whatsoever with regard to subrogation against Hidalgo County as an indirect party to any suit arising out of personal or property damages resulting from Offeror's performance under any award resulting from award from this procurement packet.

4.51. WARRANTIES

Offerors shall furnish all data pertinent to warranties or guarantees which may apply to items in the response to this procurement packet. Offeror may not limit or exclude any implied warranties. Further, Offeror warrants that product sold to the County shall conform to the standards established by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In the event product does not conform to OSHA Standards, where applicable, Hidalgo County may return the product for correction or replacement at the Offeror's expense. If Offeror fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, Hidalgo County may correct at the Offeror's expense.

4.52. CIVIL WORKS, CONSTRUCTION & PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Provisions of Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2269 as amended by HB 2581 of the 87th Texas Legislature applicable to Civil Works and Construction Projects are hereby incorporated. Provisions of Texas Local Govt. Code Ch. 271, subchapter B applicable to competitive bidding on certain public works projects are hereby incorporated.

5. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

It is Hidalgo County's intent to comply with the requirements of Chapter 262 of the Texas Local Government Code and the Professional Services Procurement Act, Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code. It will select the most highly qualified provider of the professional service on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications and then attempt to negotiate with that provider a contract at a fair and reasonable price.

POOL ACCEPTANCE

It is Hidalgo County's intention that all responses that meet the requirements listed within this procurement packet will be accepted in the respective professional service pool.

AWARD PROTOCOL

After inclusion into the respective professional service pool, a firm can be selected from the approved Pool for 1) an On-Call Agreement, or 2) a Project Specific Agreement; regardless of the option, once a project has been identified and it is determined that the services specific to this procurement packet are required, approval to seek engagement for Professional Services is requested from the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized:

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, Elected Official, or User Department in need of the Professional Service will nominate, at the minimum, 3 firms. The firms selected must be able to complete the project requested, and if specializations are available, those specialized firms should be considered for nomination first.
2. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, Elected Official, or User Department will select the Evaluation Committee.
3. The Evaluation Committee will review, score and evaluate the Statement of Qualifications received in this response.
4. A Scoring Grid will be presented to Hidalgo County Commissioners Court for the purpose of Ranking and Approval for the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Award shall be made to the responsible firm whose proposal is determined to be the best-evaluated offer resulting from negotiations and taking into consideration all aspects of proposal impact items and the "Evaluation Criteria".

- Professional qualifications and experience of the firm and its staff with a minimum of predetermined number of years of relevant experience and demonstrated success in providing the services requested in this solicitation;
- Ability to commit resources and turnaround time for services requested;
- Pricing;
- Experience with other clients of similar size to Hidalgo County and government entities;

- Firm's professional reputation for integrity and compliance with state and federal law, including having the appropriate license to do business in Texas;
- Past performance history with Hidalgo County (if applicable);
- Experience based on references submitted with the firm's proposal; and
- Overall quality of the firm's proposal.

Submission of a proposal implies the firm's acceptance of the evaluation criteria and the firm's recognition that subjective judgments must be made by the Evaluation Committee. Pricing will be taken into consideration AFTER evaluation as part of the process in compliance with Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code.

EVALUATION PROCESS

All proposals will be examined by an Evaluation Committee consisting of various Hidalgo County personnel and Hidalgo County Purchasing on a 100-point system.

Proposals that do not conform to the instructions or which do not address all the services as specified may be eliminated from consideration; however, Hidalgo County reserves the right to accept such a proposal if it is determined to be in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

While Hidalgo County appreciates a brief, straightforward, concise reply, the proposer must fully understand that the evaluation is based on the information provided. Accuracy and completeness are essential. Omissions, ambiguous and equivocal statements may be construed against the proposer. The proposal response may be incorporated into any contract which results from this procurement packet, and firms are cautioned not to make claims or statements it is not prepared to commit to contractually. Failure of the firm to meet such claims will result in a requirement that the firm provides resources necessary to meet submitted claims, without extending an additional cost to Hidalgo County.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department may initiate discussions with selected firms; however, firms may not initiate discussions. Firms shall not contact any Hidalgo County personnel during the procurement process without the expressed permission from the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department may disqualify any firm that has made site visits, contacted Hidalgo County personnel, or distributed any literature without authorization from Hidalgo County Purchasing Department.

All correspondence relating to this procurement from the advertisement to the award shall be sent to Hidalgo County Purchasing Department. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department shall coordinate all presentations and/or meetings between Hidalgo County and the firm relating to this solicitation.

Selected firms may/will be expected to make a presentation/product demonstration to an evaluation committee. In addition to a presentation, visits by the Evaluation Committee to representative firm client sites may be conducted where the proposed solution can be demonstrated in a production environment. Proposals, firm presentations, and product/service evaluations may develop into negotiating sessions with the firm(s) as selected by the Evaluation Committee and approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.

6. ELECTRONIC FIRM SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

- Firms must complete the following sections.
- If the submission is electronic, please proceed with completing all sections. Required documentation will need to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded.
- If the submission is a hard copy, please print the entire packet and complete all sections manually. Required documentation will need to be printed, completed, and included as part of the submission.
- **Failure to submit a complete response may result in the rejection of the response as non-conforming.**

6.1. I confirm that I will be submitting my response electronically.*

Please confirm and proceed with the electronic submission requirements.

☐ Please confirm

*Response required

6.2. LEGAL NOTICE DECLARATION*

TO: Ignacio Amezcua, MBA, CTCM, CTCD, Purchasing Director

ATTN: Jireh Lira Cabello, CTCD, CTCM, Contract Specialist III

Hidalgo County Administration Building/Purchasing Department

2802 S. Business Hwy. 281

Edinburg, Texas 78539

RE: 26-0307-06-03-09 - Expansion of the Professional Engineering Services Pool

By providing a response to this solicitation, we acknowledge receipt of all of the pages of in this procurement packet. We understand that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

We acknowledge that we have examined this procurement packet in its entirety, and are familiar with the conditions to be met. In accordance with the Specifications, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States, State of Texas, and local laws, we propose and commit to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software, and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. We, the undersigned respondent, further agree, upon acceptance of its response to be a member of the Pools of Professional Services and further execute supplemental project-specific contracts with the County as needed. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful respondent fails to comply with any federal, state or local laws.

We acknowledge that we are providing the required certifications, attestations, verifications and/or acknowledgments as referenced within this procurement packet. We further acknowledge that any and all specifications, provisions, and attachments of this response are incorporated into and made a part of any resulting agreement.

We agree that this response shall be good, and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled bid opening time and date for receiving the requested solicitation, as contained in the Specifications.

Lastly, we understand that any questions regarding compliance should be directed to our firm's legal counsel. We acknowledge that the individual authorized to bind the company is signing this Acknowledgement Form. By signing this Acknowledgement Form we understand we are providing written verification and certification of the aforementioned, and the County cannot execute a contract for goods or services without this declaration.

☐ Please confirm

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6.3. REQUIREMENTS/SPECIFICATIONS*

Refer to "**Requirements/Specifications**" in the [#ATTACHMENTS](#) section. Confirm that you have read, understood, and agree with the "**Requirement/Specifications**".

☐ Please confirm

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6.4. AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION*

Refer to "**Areas of Specialization**" in the [#ATTACHMENTS](#) section. Please download the fillable documents, complete, and upload.

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6.5. PROOF OF INSURANCE*

Insurance Requirements

Professional Services

(i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers & Surveyors)

Professional liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, or limited to claims made, include at least a five (5) year extended reporting period.

2. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.

3. Automobile liability insurance policy with limits of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per person and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per occurrence. Coverage should include injury to or death of persons and property damage claims with limits up to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.

4. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;

5. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Bidder shall obtain and maintain any and all other insurances which may be necessary in providing the good/service applicable to this procurement or are otherwise required by law. Any and all insurance policies shall be in amounts prescribed by law or otherwise specified by the County, but in no event less than the minimum amounts prescribed by law.

Additional Insurance Requirements:

- A. Bidder shall furnish to County certificate(s) of insurance, and all renewals throughout the duration of the Project, issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.
- B. Certificates of insurance shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Bidder.
- C. **Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (below).**
- D. For each policy, except Workers' Compensation, Bidder shall name the County as an additional insured.
- E. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise.
- F. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence of adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.
- G. All insurance policies will be endorsed to provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County.
- H. County reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this section during the effective period of the contract and to require adjustment of insurance coverage and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by County based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or the claims history of the industry as well as the Bidder.
- I. Insurance policies shall be obtained at Bidder's sole expense. County does not maintain and will not obtain insurance of any type to protect Bidder against loss, damage or injury that may in any way result from Bidders performance of the services.
- J. In no event shall the County be liable for any loss, damage to or destruction of any property belonging to the Bidder.
- K. Bidder is responsible for ensuring all required insurance policies are valid for the duration of the contract.
- L. All insurance policies are to be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to County.
- M. Bidder shall make any other insurance documentation available to County upon request.

ACORD®		CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE		DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)			
THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).							
PRODUCER		CONTACT					
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		PHONE					
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		ADDRESS		ADDRESS			
		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #			
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		INSURER B:					
		INSURER C:					
		INSURER D:					
		INSURER E:					
		INSURER F:					
COVERAGES		CERTIFICATE NUMBER:		REVISION NUMBER:			
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID DEDUCTIBLES.							
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LTR		BUSL	WVD		(MM/DD/YYYY)	(MM/DD/YYYY)	
	GENERAL LIABILITY						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						CONTINGENT TO RENTED PREMISES (EA occurrence) \$
	CLAIMS-MADE						MED EXP (Any one person) \$
	OCUR						PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
							GENERAL AGGREGATE \$
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$
	POLICY						\$
	PROJECT						\$
	LOC						\$
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (EA accident) \$
	ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	ALL OWNED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	SCHEDULED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	HIRED AUTOS						\$
	NON-OWNED AUTOS						\$
	UMBRELLA LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	EXCESS LIAB						AGGREGATE \$
	OCUR						\$
	CLAIMS-MADE						\$
	DED						\$
	RETENTION \$						\$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY						WC STATUTORY LIMITS \$
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NE)						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)							
CERTIFICATE HOLDER				CANCELLATION			
HIDALGO COUNTY ATTN: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 2812 S. HIGHWAY BUS. 281 EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539				SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.			
				AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE			
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Please provide or upload your Certificate of Liability Insurance depending on your method of submission.

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6.6. INSURANCE REQUIREMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

I, an authorized representative for of my company, the company submitting this response, hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of the project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amount needed to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of the project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following:
 - Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions)
 - Automobile Liability
 - General Liability
- have already been met, see attached copy of certificate of insurance.

Notice to Bidder:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department in order to qualify for award of the project and to execute a contract between your Company and the County.

Failure to provide Certificates of Insurance to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers will cause the award of the project to be rescinded and then re-awarded to next qualified vendor. Certificates of Insurance will be monitored and verified on a **quarterly basis** to ensure coverage policy is in place. It is the Company's obligation to maintain the appropriate insurance coverage throughout the term of the contract.

☐ Please confirm

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6.7. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT*

This is to certify that I, an authorized representative of my company, possess all of the **APPLICABLE**:

1. Licenses
2. Bonds
3. Certificates
4. Permits
5. Other

necessary to carry out the required project. Furthermore, **I am providing copies of the required documentation** (upload copies here) so that, if my company is awarded this project, I may be eligible to enter into a contract with Hidalgo County and proceed to complete the project in a timely manner.

* Any licenses, bonds, certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your bid or response.

☐ Please confirm

*Response required

6.8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [COI_Questionnaire.pdf](#)

*Response required

6.9. VENDOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT*

Please read and acknowledge the required steps necessary to do business with Hidalgo County:

Step 1:

OpenGov will now serve as the primary source for all Hidalgo County solicitation postings, electronic bidding, and contract management. Any reliance on other information or sources not directly downloaded from OpenGov may result in a submission that is not in compliance.

Link can be found below:

-<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/co-hidalgo-tx>

Step 2:

ConsiderMe (Vendor Enrollment Solution) is an innovative tool that facilitates the needs of Hidalgo County to secure qualified vendors. Local, state, and national vendors can apply using the vendor registration form in the link below.

-<https://www.hidalgocounty.us/2912/Potential-Vendors-ConsiderMe>

*The Vendor Registration Form does not guarantee a contract or agreement, however, it does guarantee your service or goods will be added to the list of potential vendors available to Hidalgo County.

☐ Please confirm

*Response required

6.10. HUB DECLARATION*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [HUB_Declaration.pdf](#)

*Response required

6.11. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Certification Regarding Deb...](#)

*Response required

6.12. SAM.GOV REGISTRATION*

Please enter your company's Legal Name and/or dba Name

*Response required

6.13. FORM 1295*

Please provide a Form 1295.

- <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAReport.php>
- Reference Expansion of the Professional Engineering Services Pool (26-0307) on section 3 of the form.
- Be sure to complete section 6 of the form, in order to be valid.

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6.14. Title VI Appendices - (Please confirm that you have read, understood and agree)*

APPENDIX A

THE TITLE VI CONTRACTOR ASSURANCES

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

- 1. Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor will comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- 2. Nondiscrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income or Limited English Proficiency in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
- 3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

4. Information and Reports: The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the federal funding agency (FHWA or FTA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Funding Agency, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. Sanctions for Non-compliance: In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the Nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Funding Agency may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. withholding contract payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
- b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

6. Incorporation of Provisions: The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Federal Funding Agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

APPENDIX B

CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses will be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with (Name of Appropriate Legislative Authority), the Regulations for the Administration of (Naming of Appropriate Program), and the policies and procedures prescribed by the (Federal Highway Administration) of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(HABENDUM CLAUSE)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, its successors and assigns.

The **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and] * (2) that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended[, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction]. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX C

CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:

1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.

B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.*

C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns. *

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.

APPENDIX D

CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b)”

A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, “as a covenant running with the land”) that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the List of discrimination Acts And Authorities.

B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.*

C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns.*

(*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

TITLE VI LIST OF PERTINENT NONDISCRIMINATION ACTS AND AUTHORITIES

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);

- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 USC § 4601) (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794 et seq.), as amended (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 USC § 6101 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209) (broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 USC §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by U.S. Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Nondiscrimination statute (49 USC § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures nondiscrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 USC 1681 et seq.).

☐ Please confirm

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6.15. REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [2_CFR_200.pdf](#)

*Response required

6.16. [FHWA 1273*](#)

Refer to "***FHWA 1273***" in the [#ATTACHMENTS](#) section. Confirm that you have read, understood and agree with "***FHWA 1273***."

☐ Please confirm

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6.17. [PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION, NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING*](#)

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Proposer's Affidavit.pdf](#)

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6.18. [REFERENCE FORM*](#)

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Reference Form.pdf](#)

*Response required

6.19. [COMPANY/FIRM RESPONSE*](#)

Please upload your response to this RFQ as requested in ***Requirements/Specifications***

*Response required



EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF SERVICES BY OWNER

EXHIBIT “B”
Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the **OWNER** in the development of the Project.

The **OWNER** will provide to the **ENGINEER** the following:

- (1) Authorization to the **ENGINEER** to begin work in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.
- (2) Payment for work performed by the **ENGINEER** and accepted by the **OWNER** in accordance with Section 6 of the Agreement.
- (3) Assistance to the **ENGINEER**, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies that the **ENGINEER** cannot easily obtain.
- (4) Provide any available relevant data the **OWNER** may have on file concerning the project.
- (5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the **ENGINEER’S** request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the **ENGINEER** to maintain the agreed-upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Attachment “C” of this Agreement.
- (6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by the **ENGINEER**.
- (7) Assist the **ENGINEER** as required in the coordination with the USACE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and any other coordinating agency or entity (*when and if applicable*).
- (8) Review and approve the Project design criteria.
- (9) Review and approve change orders as required and prepared by the **ENGINEER**.



EXHIBIT C

PROJECT SPECIFIC SCOPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ENGINEER

EXHIBIT A

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ENGINEER

The Engineer shall provide engineering services required for the preparation of plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) and related documents, for HSIP projects within Hidalgo County. These services may include, but are not limited to, preparing roadway design, traffic design, utility coordination, environmental documentation, and construction phase services necessary to support the design process.

TASK DESCRIPTIONS AND FUNCTION CODES

The Engineer is responsible for designating and providing the services of the following individuals or entities:

1. **Utility Coordinator:** individual or entity performing Utility-related Services that are not required to be performed by a licensed engineer under Texas law.
2. **Utility Engineer:** individual or entity performing Utility-related Services that are required to be performed by a licensed engineer under Texas law.

The Engineer shall categorize each task performed to correspond with the Function Codes (FC) and Task Descriptions.

FUNCTION CODE 102(110) – FEASIBILITY STUDIES

ROUTE AND DESIGN STUDIES

110.1. Data Collection and Field Reconnaissance. The Engineer shall collect, review and evaluate data described below:

1. Data, if available, including “as-built plans”, existing schematics, right-of-way maps, Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) mapping, existing cross sections, existing planimetric mapping, environmental documents, existing channel and drainage easement data, existing traffic counts, accident data, Bridge Inspection records, Project Management Information system (PMIS) data, identified endangered species, identified hazardous material sites, current unit bid price information, current special provisions, special specifications, and standard drawings.
2. Documents for existing and proposed development along proposed route from local municipalities and local ordinances related to project development.
3. Utility plans and documents from appropriate municipalities and agencies.

4. Flood plain information and studies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), local municipalities, and other governmental agencies..
5. Conduct field reconnaissance and collect data including a photographic record of notable existing features.

110.2. Design Criteria. The Engineer shall develop the roadway design criteria based on the controlling factors specified by the State (*i.e.* 4R, 3R, 2R, or special facilities), by use of the funding categories, design speed, functional classification, roadway class and any other set criteria as set forth in *PS&E Preparation Manual*, *Roadway Design Manual*, *Bridge Design Manual*, *Hydraulic Design Manual*, and other deemed necessary State approved manuals.

110.3. Preliminary Cost Estimates. The Engineer shall develop a preliminary cost estimate using the Average Low Bid Unit Price. The Engineer shall estimate the total project cost including preliminary engineering, final engineering, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, environmental compliance and mitigation, construction, utility relocation, and construction engineering inspection (CEI).

FUNCTION CODE 120(120) - SOCIAL/ECON/ENVIRON STUDIES

Right-of-Entry (ROE)

ROE

The engineer shall draft the ROE letter and submit to the OWNER for review. Upon approval of the ROE letters by the OWNER, the Engineer shall then mail out the ROE request letter to required properties. The Engineer shall prepare ROE request letter for the OWNER, for parcels within the proposed ROW of each Alternative. The Engineer shall attempt a second round of ROE to non-responders.

When specified, seek ROE from public or private landowners to perform environmental services. ROE permission shall be written and signed by the landowner. Letter or other materials seeking ROE shall contain explicit reference to the kinds of activities for which ROE is requested and an indication of the impacts that would result from performance of environmental services.

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

1. Environmental Documentation.

Each environmental service provided by the Engineer shall have a deliverable.

Deliverables shall summarize the methods used for the environmental services and shall summarize the results achieved. The summary of results shall be sufficiently

detailed to provide satisfactory basis for thorough review by the State, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and (where applicable) agencies with regulatory oversight. All deliverables shall meet regulatory requirements for legal sufficiency and shall adhere to the requirements for reports enumerated in the State's NEPA MOU.

a. Quality Assurance/Quality Control Review

For each deliverable, the Engineer shall perform quality assurance quality control (QA/QC) reviews of environmental documents and on other supporting environmental documentation to determine whether documents conform with:

- Current Environmental Compliance Toolkit guidance published by the right-of-way's Environmental Affairs Division and in effect as of the date of receipt of the documents or documentation to be reviewed;
- Current state and federal laws, regulations, policies, guidance, agreements, and memoranda of understanding between the State and other state or federal agencies; and
- FHWA and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines contained in "Improving the Quality of Environmental Documents, A Report of the Joint AASHTO and American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Committee in Cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration" (May 2006) for:
 - Readability, and
 - Use of evidence and data in documents to support conclusions.

Upon request by the OWNER, the Engineer shall provide documentation that the QA/QC reviews were performed by qualified staff.

- a. Deliverables shall contain all data acquired during the environmental service. All deliverables shall be written to be understood by the public and must be in accordance with the State's Environmental Toolkit guidance, documentation standards, current guidelines, policies and procedures.

b. Electronic versions of each deliverable must be written in software which is compatible to the State and must be provided in a changeable format for future use by the State. The Engineer shall supplement all hard copy deliverables with electronic copies in searchable Adobe Acrobat™ (.pdf) format, unless another format is specified. Each deliverable shall be a single, searchable .pdf file that mirrors the layout and appearance of the physical deliverable. The Engineer shall deliver the electronic files on USB media, zip file, or BOX.

c. Submission of Deliverables

"The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014 and executed by FHWA and TxDOT."

e. The OWNER shall provide the State's and other agency comments on draft deliverables to the Engineer. The Engineer shall revise the deliverable:

- to include any commitments, findings, agreements, or determinations (e.g., wetlands, endangered species consultation, Section 106, or Section 4(f)), required for the Transportation Activity as specified by the State;
- to incorporate the results of public involvement and agency coordination;
- to reflect mitigation measures resulting from comments received or changes in the Transportation Activity; and
- include with the revised document a comment response form (matrix) in the format provided by the State.

f. All photographs shall be 3.5" x 5" color presentation printed on matte finish photographic paper or 3.5" x 5" color presentation printed on matte white, premium or photo quality laser or inkjet paper. All photographs shall be well focused and clearly depict details relevant to an evaluation of the project area. Provision of

photographs shall be one original print of each image or electronic presentations of comparable quality. Comparable quality electronic photograph presentations shall be at least 1200 x 1600 pixel resolution. Photographs shall be attached to separately labeled pages that clearly identify project name, project identification (ID) number, address or Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) of resource, description of the picture and direction of the photographic view. In addition to the hard-copy prints, an electronic version of each will be submitted with the same identification information as the hard-copy.

2. Technical Reports and Documentation

Assumptions:

- This project classification would fit under a Categorical Exclusion.
- Additional ROW needed will not exceed 30 acres (including for roadway, ditches, culvert, ponds, etc.)
- Air Quality Forms and/or Air Quality Technical Report will not be needed for this project.

Definition of technical report and documentation for environmental services: a report, checklist, form, or analysis detailing resource-specific studies identified during the process of gathering data to make an environmental decision.

Technical reports and documentation must be produced before a Categorical Exclusion Checklist is prepared in order to identify issues early in the process. The State will determine what technical reports and documentation will be necessary for any given project. Technical reports and documentation must be prepared for the State with sufficient detail and clarity to support environmental determination(s). All technical reports shall be compliant with TxDOT Environmental Compliance Toolkits. The environmental document will reference the technical reports.

Environmental technical reports and documentation must include appropriate National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) or federal regulatory language in addition to the purpose and methodology used in delivering the service. Technical reports and

forms must include sufficient information to determine the significance of impacts.

Some examples of environmental technical reports and documentation are listed below:

- Right of Entry Letters
- Species Analysis Form and Spreadsheet
- Archeological Background Study
- Archeological Survey Report
- Community Impacts Assessment
- Species Analysis Form
- Tier 1 Site Assessment Hazardous Materials ISA
- Historic Resources Report
- Stakeholder Meeting Summary Memos
- Surface Waters Analysis Form
- CE Checklist

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Minimum Deliverables: (Additional deliverables to be identified based on work assigned.)

- Draft Document
- Final Document

CE Evaluation Form

- The Engineer shall prepare a CE Evaluation Form.
- The CE Evaluation Form shall meet the requirements of 23 CFR §771.119 and TAC, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2.

4. Community Impacts

Community Impacts includes land use, environmental justice, limited English proficiency, and other issues as addressed in TxDOT Environmental guidance.

The Engineer shall perform Community Impact Assessments including relocations and Environmental Justice analysis (in accordance with Executive Order 12898) and Limited English Proficiency analysis (in accordance with Executive Order 13166).

- Compile analysis to meet requirements of TA 6640.8A. Analysis must conform to applicable current State and FHWA guidance.
- Process for Community Impact Assessment should follow guidance provided in TxDOT's Community Impacts Assessment Toolkit.

5. Historic Resource Identification, Evaluation and Documentation Services

The Engineer shall perform limited non-archeological historic-age resource studies related to compliance with Section 106 and Section 110 of the NHPA (36 CFR 800). Prior to conducting formal historic resource investigations, a Project Coordination Requests (PCR) would be prepared and approved to determine if further studies would be warranted.

The PCR shall comply with the TxDOT Environmental Compliance Toolkits provided by the State's Environmental Affairs Division in effect as of the date of the receipt of the documents.

- The Engineer shall revise the PCR to address comments by the State at no additional cost to the OWNER and may be required to integrate the findings into another environmental document. The State assumes responsibility for transmitting the findings to THC and for transmitting THC comments to the Engineer's Technical Expert. Engineer's Technical Expert is an institution, firm, individual, or team that provides professional scientific services, including but not limited to archeologists, biologists, geologists, historians, or other environmental professions that conduct environmental or cultural assessments required by state or federal law for transportation projects.
- The Engineer shall conduct tasks associated with public involvement as requested during the historic resources reporting phase and conforming to the methodology outlined in the TxDOT Environmental Compliance Toolkits.

The Engineer shall contact interested parties when applicable in order to determine local knowledge of historic resources in the project area. Interested parties include but are not limited to: Certified Local Governments, Historic Preservation Offices, County Historical Commissions, Historic Bridge Foundation and other consulting parties. If the State determines that a Historic Resources Survey is not necessary after the review of the PCR, the Engineer's Technical Expert will not be responsible for any additional historic resource deliverables.

If the State determines that a survey is required, the Engineer's Technical Expert shall complete a Reconnaissance-level Historic Resources Research Design and subsequent Reconnaissance-level Historic Resources Survey and Survey Report. The Research Design and Historic Resources Survey Report (HRSR) shall comply with the TxDOT Environmental Compliance Toolkits provided by the State's Environmental Affairs Division in effect as of the date of the receipt of the documents. The Engineer's Technical Expert shall revise the Research Design and HRSR to address the State's comments, if required. The State assumes responsibility for coordinating the Research Design and HRSR with consulting parties and the THC, if required.

It is not anticipated that any intensive-level survey work or mitigation for historic resources would be required. However, if TxDOT requests that an Intensive-level Historic Resources Research Design, Survey, and Survey Report be completed on one or more properties, or mitigation to resolve adverse effects under Section 106 of the NHPA, such tasks would be completed under a separate scope and fee.

3. Archeological Background Studies and Survey Report

- The Background Study shall be produced by a professional archeologist as defined in 13 TAC §26.4(2).

- The Archeological Background Study shall conform to the current Review Standard for Archeological Background Studies, available from the State.
- Unless the Engineer has previously completed an Archeological Background Study for the project, the Archeological Background Study must define and consider all alternatives selected for detailed study, including all existing right of way, all proposed new right of way, easements (temporary and permanent), and any other project-specific location designated by the State. The Archeological Background study shall consider the likely depth of impacts resulting from the proposed project. The location of all alternatives selected for detailed study shall be presented on a map or maps as part of the Archeological Background Study.
- For projects in which an Archeological Background Study has already been completed by the Engineer and the project has materially changed --affecting the project limits, proposed new right of way (if any), easements (if any), any other project-specific location designated by the State, and/or the depth of impacts -- the Archeological Background Study shall incorporate the previous study by reference and focus on the project changes.
- To conduct the Archeological Background Study, the professional archeologist shall undertake a review of existing data, including, but not limited to, the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas, geologic maps, soil maps, Potential Archeological Liability Map (PALM) of the project area (if applicable), aerial photographs, and historic maps. Based on this review, the Archeological Background Study shall identify and plot on a map the areas that require field investigation to evaluate the project's effects on archeological resources and cemeteries and shall identify the areas in which the proposed project would have no effect on archeological resources and cemeteries. The Archeological Background Study shall identify any areas proposed for field investigation where impacts are deep, extending beyond three feet in depth.
- If the State determines that an archeological survey is required, the professional archeologist shall prepare an antiquities permit application and archeological research design prior to any archeological survey work. Upon issuance of the antiquities permit and approval of the research design by the THC, the professional

archeologist shall conduct the archeological survey in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, Antiquities Code, and Section 711 [Cemeteries] of the Health and Safety Code. The professional archeologist shall prepare an archeological survey technical report in accordance with the State's Environmental Toolkit as a stand-alone technical report deliverable.

- The Technical Expert shall submit One Texas Antiquities Permit application and scope of work for approval by the State and the THC prior to conducting the archeological survey. Permit applications for conducting archeological intensive survey shall follow the current TxDOT On-Line Environmental Compliance Toolkit for Individual Antiquities Permit Applications, which is available from the State.
- The professional archeologist will conduct an intensive survey as defined in 13 TAC 26.3(37) and 13 TAC 26.15(6) to satisfy Section 106 of the NHPA and Antiquities Code requirements for determining whether archeological sites are present in the project area, and whether test excavations or a higher level of archeological work is needed.
- Following the field survey, the professional archeologist shall prepare one archeological survey report for coordination with the State and the THC. The content for the Archeological Intensive Survey report shall follow the current TxDOT On-Line Environmental Compliance Toolkit for Archeological Survey Reports, which is also available from the State, and will feature documentation of all conditions affecting the potential integrity of archeological deposits in accordance with regulations 36 CFR 60.4 governing eligibility for inclusion in the NRHP and regulations 13 TAC 26.8, governing evaluation of archeological sites for designation as State Antiquities Landmarks (SALs). The draft and final report shall also fulfill the reporting requirements for the Texas Antiquities Permit.
- Testing to determine the NRHP or SAL eligibility of any archeological sites found during the survey is not included in this scope of work but can be added as a supplemental scope item if it is determined to be necessary.

All project-related materials shall be curated in accordance with terms and conditions of the Texas Antiquities Permit. Items for curation must be prepared in accordance with the most current standards published. This effort shall be a non-

collection survey. The professional archeologist will contact ENV's Archeological Studies Section for a request for housing before sending items to the certified curation facility.

4. Water Quality Studies

The Engineer shall provide the following analyses based on request of the State:

- Surface Water Analysis Form, which can include analysis of:
 - Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
 - Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act
 - General Bridge Act/Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act
 - Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act
 - Section 401 of the Clean Water Act
 - Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands

All analysis must confirm to TxDOT's latest environmental guidance, toolkits, and templates. The Engineer must include as applicable the electronic shape files and meta data of geo-referenced GIS points of all relevant features.

Specifically, the Engineer shall:

- Address all water quality studies in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act as administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).
- Identify if the project is located within five miles of an impaired assessment unit and within the watershed of the impaired assessment unit.
- Identify whether the project drains to any impaired assessment unit.
- Provide the location of the project within the watershed of the impaired assessment unit.
- Identify the impaired assessment unit number, segment name, and segment number.
- Identify the pollutant(s) in the discharge for which the water body is listed, and the year of the 303(d) list used in the assessment

- If the impaired assessment unit has a Total Maximum Daily Load that has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, provide:
 - the name and date of the Total Maximum Daily Load,
 - the name and date of any corresponding Implementation Plan, and
 - a discussion of whether the project is consistent with the approved Total Maximum Daily Load and Implementation Plan.
- If unit does not have a Total Maximum Daily Load that has been the impaired assessment approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, indicate:
 - that the impaired assessment unit does not have a Total Maximum Daily Load that has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, and
 - if the project could discharge the pollutant identified in (d) above. If yes, discuss measures that will be taken to prevent or reduce the likelihood of such a discharge.
- Discuss the Best Management Practices that will be used-particularly at the discharge point to the water body to meet other water quality regulations, such as vegetative swales, silt fencing, compliance with the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES).

5. Threatened or Endangered Species

The Engineer shall perform biological services.

- a. Surveys for Protected Species or Habitat of Protected Species based on the most current State and TPWD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU Effective 2013.) The Engineer shall:
 - Perform surveys for habitat of protected species. This shall include:
 - All species listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as threatened or endangered or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered (50 CFR 17.11-12),
 - All species that are candidates for review for listing by USFWS as threatened or endangered (per most recently updated list in Federal Register),
 - Species listed as threatened or endangered species or species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) by the State of Texas Threatened and Endangered Species Listings, Texas Park and Wildlife Department (TPWD),

- Species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (50 CFR 10.13) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668c).
- For projects located within United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Karst Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4, a karst invertebrate habitat survey shall be performed, and must be signed and sealed by a Texas licensed Professional Geoscientist (P.G.)
- Examine existing data to determine the likelihood that rare species, protected species, their habitat, or designated critical habitat (per 50 CFR §17.94-95) could be impacted by the Transportation Activity. Existing data shall include the Element Occurrence Identification (EOID) records of the TPWD Natural Diversity Database, following the Guidelines set forth in the most current version of TPWD's Guidelines for TXNDD Data Analysis in TxDOT Environmental Documents.
- Perform an effect determination pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for all federally listed species. A determination of impact must be included for all state-listed species. The determination of effect and impact must be supported by evidence and may require a detailed assessment. Any technical reports used to support the determination(s) must be referenced and provided to the State.
- Determine whether critical habitat is present in the study area and whether the Transportation Activity will affect that critical habitat.
- Perform species-specific habitat surveys for protected species.
- Furnish the State with completed Species Analysis Form and Spreadsheet and Tier 1 Site Assessment.
- Coordinate between the State and USFWS or TPWD as directed by the State to verify proper rules, regulations and policies are followed for biological services. All coordination between the Engineer's Technical Expert and resource agencies shall be approved in advance by the State.

6. Initial Assessment of Hazardous Materials Impacts

The Engineer shall:

- The Engineer shall perform an Initial Site Assessment (ISA) for potential hazardous materials impacts for the limits of the study area. The Engineer is responsible acquiring the latest version of TxDOT's Hazardous Materials Initial Site Assessment (ISA) located in the Hazardous Materials Toolkit (<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/compliance-toolkits/haz-mat.html>).
- Note: The ISA shall determine the potential for encountering hazardous materials in the study area, including possible environmental liability, increased handling requirements (e.g. soil or groundwater), and potential construction worker health and safety issues.
 - Note: The Engineer is responsible for reviewing and being familiar with the State's guidance related to the development of the ISA and the Hazardous Material process. All guidance and information related to this can be found on the Hazardous Materials Toolkit.
- Produce and submit to the State a completed ISA using the State's ISA Environmental Compliance Toolkit guidance format.
- The Engineer's completed ISA shall include, when applicable, full copies of list search reports, including maps depicting locations, copies of agency file information, photographs, recommendations, and any other supporting information gathered by the Engineer to complete the ISA.
- Based on the ISA information, the Engineer shall provide the State a report discussing the known or potential hazardous materials impacts suitable for inclusion in the environmental document. The report of hazardous materials impacts shall include, when applicable:
 - A concise summary of relevant information gathered during the ISA, including sufficient information to show that the study area for the Transportation Activity was adequately investigated for known or potential hazardous material contamination.
 - A concise description of the scope of the hazardous materials ISA, disclosure of any limitations of the assessment, and a statement indicating who performed the assessment.
 - A concise summary of the findings of the assessment for each alternative considered, along with an opinion of the potential of an identified site to impact the project during construction.

- A discussion of any commitments recommended for performing further investigation of suspect areas, and justification for postponement of further investigation.
- A summary of efforts to be employed by the State to avoid or minimize involvement with known or suspected hazardous material contamination sites during construction, and justification for not avoiding contaminated sites within the preferred alternative or corridor alignment.
- Disclosure of known or suspected hazardous material contamination that is anticipated to be encountered during construction.
- A discussion of any required or recommended special considerations, contingencies or provisions to handle known or suspected hazardous material contamination during right-of-way negotiation and acquisition, property management, design and construction.
- A summary of any early coordination or consultation conducted with the regulatory agencies, local entities or property owners.
- A discussion of any further hazardous materials related coordination with, and approvals or permits required from, the regulatory agencies or other entities.
- Should the findings of the ISA conclude that additional investigation, special considerations, or other commitments from the State are required during future stages of project development, the Engineer shall review those findings and commitments with the State prior to completing the hazardous materials discussion for the environmental document.

7. Public Involvement (23 CFR §771.111)

The Engineer shall:

- Perform public involvement activities in accordance with TAC, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2 and 36 CFR 800.2.

8. Reference Documents

The Engineer shall adhere to the content of TxDOT's On-Line Environmental Compliance Toolkit guidance

FUNCTION CODE 160(150) – ROADWAY DESIGN

A. Design Surveys

Design Surveys and include performance of surveys associated with the gathering of survey data for topography, cross-sections, and other related work in order to design a project, or during layout and staking of projects for construction.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of a design survey is to provide field data in support of transportation systems design.

2. DEFINITIONS

A design survey is defined as the combined performance of research, field work, analysis, computation, and documentation necessary to provide detailed topographic (3-dimensional) mapping of a project site. A design survey may include, but need not be limited to locating existing right-of-way, cross-sections or data to create cross-sections and Digital Terrain Models (DTM), horizontal and vertical location of utilities and improvements, detailing of bridges and other structures, review of right-of-way maps, establishing control points, etc.

3. TASKS TO BE COMPLETED

3.1. Design Surveys

The State will request design surveys on an as needed basis. The Engineer's Surveyor shall perform tasks including, but not limited to the following:

- Obtain or collect data to create cross-sections and digital terrain models.
- Locate existing utilities.
- Locate topographical features and existing improvements.
- Provide details of existing bridge structures.
- Provide details of existing drainage features, (e.g., culverts, manholes, etc.).

- Locate wetlands.
- Establish additional and verify existing control points. Horizontal and Vertical control ties must be made and tabulated, to other control points in the vicinity, which were established by other sources such as, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and any other local entities as directed by the State.
- Locate existing rights-of-way.
- Review right-of-way maps.
- Perform hydrographic surveys.
- Update existing control data and prepare survey control data sheets, as directed by the State for inclusion into a construction plan set.

The Engineer's Surveyors shall also prepare a *Survey Control Index Sheet* and a *Horizontal and Vertical Control Sheet(s)*, signed, sealed and dated by the professional engineer in direct responsible charge of the surveying and the responsible RPLS for insertion into the plan set. The *Survey Control Index Sheet* shows an overall view of the project control and the relationship or primary monumentation and control used in the preparation of the project; whereas, the *Horizontal and Vertical Control sheet(s)* identifies the primary survey control and the survey control monumentation used in the preparation of the project. Both the *Survey Control Index Sheet* and the *Horizontal and Vertical Control Sheet(s)* must be used in conjunction with each other as a set. The State's forms for these sheets can be downloaded from the State's website.

The following information shall be shown on the *Survey Control Index Sheet*:

- Overall view of the project and primary control monuments set for control of the project
- Identification of the control points
- Baseline or centerline
- Graphic (Bar) Scale
- North Arrow
- Placement of note "*The survey control information has been accepted and incorporated into this PS&E*" which shall be signed, sealed and dated by a Texas Professional Engineer
- RPLS signature, seal, and date
- The State's title block containing District Name, County, Highway, and CSJ

The following information shall be shown on all *Horizontal and Vertical Control Sheets*:

- Location for each control point, showing baseline or centerline alignment and North arrow.
- Station and offset (with respect to the baseline or centerline alignments) of each identified control point.
- Basis of Datum for horizontal control (base control monument/benchmark name, number, datum).
- Basis of Datum for the vertical control (base control monument, benchmark name, number, datum).
- Date of current adjustment of the datum.
- Monumentation set for Control (Description, District name/number and Location ties).
- Surface Adjustment Factor and unit of measurement.
- Coordinates (State Plan Coordinates [SPC] Zone and surface or grid).
- Relevant metadata.
- Graphic (Bar) Scale.
- Placement of note *"The survey control information has been accepted and incorporated into this PS&E"* which shall be signed, sealed and dated by a Texas Professional Engineer.
- RPLS signature, seal and date.
- The State's title block containing District Name, County, Highway, and CSJ.

4. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. Design surveys and must be performed under the supervision of a RPLS currently registered with the TBPELS.
- 4.2. Horizontal ground control used for design surveys, furnished to the Engineer's Surveyor by the State or based on acceptable methods conducted by the Engineer's Surveyor, must meet the standards of accuracy required by the State.

Reference may be made to standards of accuracy for horizontal control traverses, as described in the TxDOT Survey Manual, latest edition, or the TSPS Manual of Practice for Land Surveying in the State of Texas, as may be applicable.

- 4.3. Vertical ground control used for design surveys, furnished to the Engineer's Surveyor by the State or based on acceptable methods

conducted by the Engineer's Surveyor, must meet the standards of accuracy required by the State.

Reference may be made to standards of accuracy for vertical control traverses, as described in the TxDOT Survey Manual, latest edition, or the TSPS Manual of Practice for Land Surveying in the State of Texas, as may be applicable.

- 4.4. Side shots or short traverse procedures used to determine horizontal and vertical locations must meet the following criteria:
- i. Side shots or short traverses must begin and end on horizontal and vertical ground control as described above.
 - ii. Standards, procedures, and equipment (may be GPS Equipment, LiDAR, Total Stations, etc.) used must be such that horizontal locations relative to the control may be reported within the following limits:
 - Bridges and other roadway structures: less than 0.1 of one foot.
 - Utilities and improvements: less than 0.2 of one foot.
 - Cross-sections and profiles: less than 1 foot.
 - Bore holes: less than 3 feet.
 - iii. Standards, procedures, and equipment (may be GPS Equipment, LiDAR, Total Stations, etc.) used must be such that vertical locations relative to the control may be reported within the following limits:
 - Bridges and other roadway structures: less than 0.02 of one foot.
 - Utilities and improvements: less than 0.1 of one foot.
 - Cross-sections and profiles: less than 0.2 of one foot.
 - Bore holes: less than 0.5 of one foot.

5. AUTOMATION REQUIREMENTS

- Planimetric design files (DGN) must be fully compatible with the State's *MicroStation V8i* graphics program without further modification or conversion.
- Electronically collected and processed field survey data files must be fully compatible with the State's computer systems without further

modification or conversion. All files must incorporate only those feature codes currently being used by the State.

- DTM must be fully compatible with the State's *OPENROADSDESIGNER* system without further modification or conversion. All DTM must be fully edited and rectified to provide a complete digital terrain model with all necessary break lines.

DELIVERABLES

The deliverables to be specified in individual work authorizations for design surveys and shall be any combination of the following:

- Digital Terrain Models (DTM) and the Triangular Irregular Network (TIN) files in a format acceptable by the State.
- Maps, plans, or sketches prepared by the Engineer's Surveyor showing the results of field surveys.
- Computer printouts or other tabulations summarizing the results of field surveys.
- Digital files or media acceptable by the State containing field survey data (ASCII Data files).
- Maps, plats, plans, sketches, or other documents acquired from utility companies, private corporations, or other public agencies, the contents of which are relevant to the survey.
- Field survey notes, as electronic and hard copies.
- An 8 ½ inch by 11 inch survey control data sheet for each control point which must include, but need not be limited to, a location sketch, a physical description of the point including a minimum of two reference ties, surface coordinates, a surface adjustment factor, elevation, and the horizontal and vertical datums used. A pre-formatted survey control data sheet form in Microsoft Office Word 2010 format will be provided by the State.
- A digital and hard copy of all computer printouts of horizontal and vertical conventional traverses, GPS analysis and results, and survey control data sheets.

- All OPENROADSDESIGNER.
- Survey reports in a format requested by the State.

FUNCTION CODE 145(145,164) - MANAGING CONTRACTED/DONATED PE
CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The ENGINEER shall:

- Perform all work in accordance with the OWNER and State's latest practices, criteria, specifications, policies, procedures, and Environmental Compliance Toolkits. All documents shall be sufficient to satisfy the current Environmental Compliance Toolkits available from the State.
- Act as an agent for the OWNER when specified in a work authorization.
- Produce a complete and acceptable deliverable for each environmental service performed for environmental documentation.
- Incorporate environmental data into identification of alternatives.
- Notify the OWNER of its schedule, in advance, for all field activities.
- When specified, seek right of entry from public or private landowners to perform environmental services. Right of entry permission shall be written and signed by the landowner. Develop letters or other materials for seeking right of entry. Letters or other materials seeking right of entry shall not be distributed without prior approval of the OWNER. Letters or other materials seeking right of entry shall contain explicit reference to the kinds of activities for which right of entry is requested and an indication of the impacts (if any) that will result from performance of environmental services.
- Notify the OWNER as soon as practical, by phone and in writing, if performance of environmental services discloses the presence or likely presence of significant impacts (in accord with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508). Inform the State of the basis for concluding there are significant impacts and the basis for concluding that the impacts may require mitigation.
- Notify the OWNER as soon as practical, by phone and in writing, if performance of environmental services results in identification of impacts or a level of controversy

that may elevate the Transportation Activity's status from a categorical exclusion or environmental assessment, and the State will reassess the appropriate level of documentation.

- The Engineer shall provide the following formal regular updates on project status:
 - Monthly Progress Reports to Responsible Person in Charge (RPIC)

FUNCTION CODE 160(160) - ROADWAY DESIGN

160.1. Roadway Design.

The Engineer shall use Bentley's OpenRoads 3D Design technology in the design and preparation of the roadway plan sheets.

The Engineer shall use the versions of MicroStation and GEOPAK that are implemented at TxDOT at the time the work authorization is executed. However, TxDOT may approve the use of other versions.

The Engineer shall provide drawings using CADD standards as required by the State. The drawings must consist of a planimetric file of existing features and files of the proposed improvements. The roadway base map must contain line work that depicts existing surface features obtained from the schematic drawing. Existing major subsurface and surface utilities must be shown if requested by the State. Existing and proposed right-of-way lines must be shown. Plan and Profile must be shown on separate or same sheets (this depends upon width of pavement) for main lanes, frontage roads, and direct connectors.

The plan view must contain the following design elements:

1. Calculated roadway centerlines for mainlanes, ramps, cross streets and frontage roads, as applicable. Horizontal control points must be shown. The alignments must be calculated using OpenRoads horizontal geometry tools..
2. Pavement edges for all improvements (mainlanes, direct connectors, ramps, cross streets, driveways and frontage roads, if applicable).
3. Lane and pavement width dimensions.
4. The geometrics of ramps, auxiliary and managed lanes.
5. Proposed structure locations, lengths, and widths.
6. Direction of traffic flow on all roadways. Lane lines and arrows indicating the number of lanes must also be shown.
7. Drawing scale shall be 1"=100'
8. Control of access line, ROW lines and easements.
9. Begin and end superelevation transitions and cross slope changes.
10. Limits of riprap, block sod, and seeding.
11. Existing utilities and structures.
12. Benchmark information.

13. Radii call outs, curb location, Concrete Traffic Barrier (CTB), guard fence, crash safety items and American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) compliance items.

The profile view must contain the following design elements:

1. Calculated profile grade for proposed mainlanes (cite direction), direct connectors, ramps, cross streets and frontage roads, if applicable. Vertical curve data, including "K" values must be shown. The profiles must be calculated using OpenRoads vertical geometry tools.
2. Existing and proposed profiles along the proposed centerline of the mainlanes, the outside shoulder line of ramps, and the outside gutter line of the designated (north, south, east or west) bound frontage roads.
3. Water surface elevations at major stream crossing for 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 year storms.
4. Calculated vertical clearances at grade separations and overpasses, taking into account the appropriate superelevation rate, superstructure depth and required clearance.
5. The location of interchanges, mainlanes, grade separations and ramps (shall include cross sections of any proposed or existing roadway, structure, or utility crossing).
6. Drawing vertical scale to be 1"=10'.

160.2. Typical Sections: The Engineer shall prepare typical sections for all proposed and existing roadways and structures. Typical sections must include width of travel lanes, shoulders, outer separations, border widths, curb offsets, managed lanes, and ROW. The typical section must also include Proposed Profile Grade Line (PGL), centerline, pavement design, longitudinal joints, side slopes, sodding or seeding limits, concrete traffic barriers and sidewalks, if required, station limits, common proposed and existing structures including retaining walls, existing pavement removal, riprap, limits of embankment and excavation, etc.

160.3. Pavement Design. If applicable, the Engineer shall incorporate the pavement design developed by the State for this project. If the pavement design is not available, the State may request the Engineer to perform pavement design and submit to State for review and approval.

FUNCTION CODE 160(162) - ROADWAY DESIGN

SIGNING, PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNALIZATION (PERMANENT)

162.1. Signing. The Engineer shall prepare drawings, specifications, and details for all signs. The Engineer shall coordinate with the State (and other Engineers as required) for overall temporary, interim and final signing strategies and placement of signs outside contract limits. The Engineer shall:

- Prepare sign detail sheets for large guide signs showing dimensions, lettering, shields, borders, corner radii, etc., and shall provide a summary of large and small signs to be removed, relocated, or replaced.
- Designate the shields to be attached to guide signs.
- Illustrate and number the proposed signs on plan sheets.
- Select each sign foundation from State Standards.

162.2. Pavement Marking. The Engineer shall detail both permanent and temporary pavement markings and channelization devices on plan sheets. The Engineer shall coordinate with the State (and other Engineers as required) for overall temporary, interim, and final pavement marking strategies. The Engineer shall select Pavement markings from the latest State standards.

The Engineer shall provide a 3D corridor model with the proposed pavement marking stenciled onto the model.

The Engineer shall provide the following information on sign and pavement marking layouts:

- Roadway layout.
- Center line with station numbering.
- Designation of arrow used on exit direction signs
- Culverts and other structures that present a hazard to traffic.
- Location of utilities.
- Existing signs to remain, to be removed, to be relocated or replaced.
- Proposed signs (illustrated, numbered and size).
- Proposed overhead sign bridges to remain, to be revised, removed, relocated, or replaced.
- Proposed overhead sign bridges, indicating location by plan.
- Proposed markings (illustrated and quantified) which include pavement markings, object markings and delineation.
- Quantities of existing pavement markings to be removed.
- Proposed delineators, object markers, and mailboxes.
- The location of interchanges, mainlanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps.
- The number of lanes in each section of proposed highway and the location of changes in numbers of lanes.
- Right-of-way limits.
- Direction of traffic flow on all roadways.

162.3. Traffic Signal Design. Based upon the results of the Traffic Warrant Studies, the Engineer shall identify and prepare Traffic Signal Plans for all warranted traffic signals. The Engineer shall confirm the power source for all signals and coordinate with the appropriate utility agency. Traffic Signal Plans must be signed and sealed

by a Texas Registered Professional Engineer. The Engineer shall develop all quantities, general notes, specifications and incorporate the appropriate agency standards required to complete construction. Traffic signal poles, fixtures, signs, and lighting must be designed per the Green Ribbon Report recommendations and standards.

The Engineer shall provide the following information in the Traffic Signal Plans:

1. Layout
 - a. Estimate and quantity sheet
 - (1) List of all bid items
 - (2) Bid item quantities
 - (3) Specification item number
 - (4) Paid item description and unit of measure
 - b. Basis of estimate sheet (list of materials)
 - c. General notes and specification data.
 - d. Condition diagram
 - (1) Highway and intersection design features
 - (2) Roadside development
 - (3) Traffic control including illumination
 - e. Plan sheet(s)
 - (1) Existing traffic control that will remain (signs and markings)
 - (2) Existing utilities
 - (3) Proposed highway improvements
 - (4) Proposed installation
 - (5) Proposed additional traffic controls
 - (6) Proposed illumination attached to signal poles.
 - (7) Proposed power pole source
 - f. Notes for plan layout
 - g. Phase sequence diagram(s)
 - (1) Signal locations
 - (2) Signal indications
 - (3) Phase diagram
 - (4) Signal sequence table
 - (5) Flashing operation (normal and emergency)
 - (6) Preemption operation (when applicable)
 - (7) Contact responsible Agency to obtain interval timing, cycle length and offset
 - h. Construction detail sheets(s)
 - (1) Poles (State standard sheets)
 - (2) Detectors
 - (3) Pull Box and conduit layout
 - (4) Controller Foundation standard sheet
 - (5) Electrical chart
 - i. Marking details (when applicable)

- j. Aerial or underground interconnect details (when applicable)
- 2. General Requirements
 - a. Contact local utility company
 - (1) Confirm power source
 - b. Prepare governing specifications and special provisions list
 - c. Prepare project estimate
 - d. Conduct traffic counts and prepare Traffic Signal Warrant Studies for all proposed and existing traffic signals at designated locations.
- 3. Summary of Quantities
 - a. Small signs tabulation
 - b. Large signs tabulation including all guide signs
- 4. Sign Detail Sheets
 - a. All signs except route markers
 - b. Design details for large guide signs
 - c. Dimensioning (letters, shields, borders, etc.)
 - d. Designation of shields attached to guide signs

FUNCTION CODE 160(163) - ROADWAY DESIGN

MISCELLANEOUS (ROADWAY)

The Engineer shall provide the following services:

163.1. Traffic Control Plan, Detours, Sequence of Construction. The Engineer shall prepare Traffic Control Plans (TCP) including TCP typical sections, for the project. The Engineer shall complete Form 2229-Significant Project Procedures along with Page 4 of Form 1002, specifically titled Accelerated Construction Procedures. A detailed TCP must be developed in accordance with the latest edition of the TMUTCD. The Engineer shall implement the current Barricade and Construction (BC) standards and TCP standards as applicable. The Engineer shall interface and coordinate phases of work, including the TCP, with adjacent Engineers. The Engineer shall:

- 1. Provide a written narrative of the construction sequencing and work activities per phase and determine the existing and proposed traffic control devices (regulatory signs, warning signs, guide signs, route markers, construction pavement markings, barricades, flag personnel, temporary traffic signals, etc.) to be used to handle traffic during each construction sequence. The Engineer shall show proposed traffic control devices at grade intersections during each construction phase (stop signs, flag person, signals, etc.). The Engineer shall show temporary roadways, ramps, structures (including railroad shoo-fly) and detours required to maintain lane continuity throughout the construction

- phasing. If temporary shoring is required, prepare layouts and show the limits on the applicable TCP.
2. Develop each TCP to provide continuous, safe access to each adjacent property during all phases of construction and to preserve existing access. The Engineer shall notify the State in the event existing access must be eliminated, and must receive approval from the State prior to any elimination of existing access.
 3. Prepare each TCP in coordination with the State. The TCP must include interim signing for every phase of construction. Interim signing must include regulatory, warning, construction, route, and guide signs. The Engineer shall interface and coordinate phases of work, including the TCP, with adjacent Engineers, which are responsible for the preparation of the PS&E for adjacent projects.
 4. Make every effort to prevent detours and utility relocations from extending beyond the proposed Right-of-way lines. If it is necessary to obtain additional permanent or temporary easements and Right-of-Entry, the Engineer shall notify the State in writing of the need and justification for such action. The Engineer shall identify and coordinate with all utility companies for relocations required.
 5. Describe the type of work to be performed for each phase of sequence of construction and any special instructions (e.g. storm drain, culverts, bridges, railing, illumination, signals, retaining walls, signing, paving surface sequencing or concrete placement, ROW restrictions, utilities, etc.) that the contractor should be made aware to include limits of construction, obliteration, and shifting or detouring of traffic prior to the proceeding phase.
 6. Include the work limits, the location of channelizing devices, positive barrier, location and direction of traffic, work area, stations, pavement markings, and other information deemed necessary for each phase of construction.

163.2. Illumination. The Engineer shall refer to TxDOT's *Highway Illumination Manual* and other deemed necessary State approved manuals for design of continuous lighting and safety lighting for all conventional, high-mast, ramps and underpass lighting. The Engineer shall include safety lighting as part of each design on each flashing beacon. The Engineer shall provide a preliminary layout for initial review and approval by the State. The Engineer shall prepare circuit wiring diagrams showing the number of luminaries on each circuit, electrical conductors, length of runs, service pole assemblies. Underpass lighting must be used on all structures within each project. The Engineer shall integrate existing illumination within the project limits into the proposed design.

163.3. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SW3P). The Engineer shall develop SW3P, on separate sheets from (but in conformance with) the TCP, to minimize potential impact to receiving waterways. The SW3P must include text describing

the plan, quantities, type, phase and locations of erosion control devices and any required permanent erosion control.

163.4. Compute and Tabulate Quantities. The Engineer shall provide the summaries and quantities within all formal submittals.

163.5. Miscellaneous Structural Details. The Engineer shall provide necessary details required to supplement standard details.

163.6. Estimate. The Engineer shall independently develop and report quantities necessary to construct the contract in standard State bid format at the specified milestones and Final PS&E submittals. The Engineer shall prepare each construction cost estimates using Estimator or any approved method. The estimate shall be provided at each milestone submittal or in TxDOT CONNECT format at the 95% and Final PS&E submittals per State's District requirement.

163.7. Contract time determination. The Engineer shall prepare a detailed contract time estimate to determine the approximate time required for construction of the project in calendar and working days (based on the State standard definitions of calendar and working days) at the 95% and Final PS&E milestone. The schedule must include tasks, subtasks, critical dates, milestones, deliverables, and review requirements in a format which depicts the interdependence of the various items and adjacent construction packages. The Engineer shall provide assistance to the State in interpreting the schedule.

163.8. Specifications and General Notes. The Engineer shall identify necessary standard specifications, special specifications, special provisions and the appropriate reference items. The Engineer shall prepare General Notes from the District's *Master List of General Notes*, Special Specifications and Special Provisions for inclusion in the plans and bidding documents. The Engineer shall provide General Notes, Special Specifications and Special Provisions in the required format.

163.9. Constructability Review. The Engineer shall provide Independent Quality Review of the constructability of the PS&E sets.

The Engineer shall perform constructability reviews at major project design milestones (e.g. 30%, 60%, 95%, and final plan) to identify potential constructability issues and options that would provide substantial time savings during construction. The constructability review must be performed for all roadway and structural elements such as Sequence of Work and Traffic Control, Drainage (Temporary and Permanent), Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SW3P), Environmental Permits, Issues and Commitments (EPIC) addressed, identify Utility conflicts; ensuring accuracy and appropriate use of Items, Quantities, General Notes, Standard and Special Specifications, Special Provisions, Contract Time/Schedule, Standards; and providing detailed

comments in an approved format. Reviews must be captured in a Constructability Log identifying areas of concern and potential conflict. The Engineer shall provide the results of all Constructability reviews and recommendations to the State at major project design milestone submittals.

Deliverables

Plans

The Engineer shall provide the following information at each submittal:

1. 30% Plans Submittal

- 1.1. Eight sets of 11" x 17" plan sheets for the State District Review.
- 1.2. Estimate of construction cost.
- 1.3. Engineer's internal QA and QC markup set.
- 1.4. Form 1002 and Design Exceptions with existing and proposed typical sections, location map and design exception exhibits.
- 1.5. A Preliminary 3D corridor model, in the most current format, created using Bentley's OpenRoads tools, and with detail to verify the design of the 30% plan sheets.

2. 60% Plans Submittal:

- 2.1. Eight sets of 11" x 17" plan sets for the State District review.
- 2.2. Estimate of construction cost.
- 2.3. Engineer's internal QA and QC marked up set.
- 2.4. A preliminary 3D corridor model, in the most current format, created using Bentley's OpenRoads tools, and with detail to verify the design of the 60% plan sheets. The level of detail of the surface and subsurface features will be at the direction of the State.

3. District Review Submittal (95%):

- 3.1. 12 sets of 11" x 17" plan sheets for the State district review
- 3.2. List of governing Specifications and Special Provisions in addition to those required.
- 3.3. Marked up general notes.
- 3.4. Plans estimate.
- 3.5. New Special Specifications and Special Provisions with Form 1814, if applicable.
- 3.6. Triple Zero Special Provisions.
- 3.7. Engineer sign, seal and date supplemental sheets (8 1/2" x 11").
- 3.8. Contract time determination summary.
- 3.9. Significant project procedures form.

- 3.10. Right-of-Way and utilities certification.
- 3.11. Temporary road closure letters.
- 3.12. Construction speed zone request.
- 3.13. Engineer's internal QA and QC marked-up set.
- 3.14. Other supporting documents.
- 3.15. A detailed 3D corridor model, in the most current format, created using Bentley's OpenRoads tools, and with detail to verify the design of the 95% plan sheets. The level of detail of the surface and subsurface features will be at the direction of the State.

4. Final submittal (100%).

- 4.1. 14 paper sets of 11" x 17"
- 4.2. Revised supporting documents from 95% review comments.
- 4.3. A final 3D corridor model, in the most current format created using Bentley's OpenRoadsCivil tools. The level of detail of the surface and subsurface features will be at the direction of the State.
- 4.4. A final 3D earthwork model in either .XML or .ICM format (as directed by the State) created using Bentley's OpenRoads tools. The level of detail of the surface and subsurface features will be at the direction of the State.

Electronic Copies

The Engineer shall furnish the State with a CD or DVD of the final plans in the format of current CADD system used by the State, .pdf format, and in the State's File Management System (FMS) format.

The Engineer shall also provide separate CD or DVD containing cross section information (in dgn, XLR, & ASCII formats) for the State contractor to use.

The Engineer shall provide an electronic copy of Primavera file or the latest scheduling program used by the State for construction time estimate.

With the approval of the State, and in lieu of the above, the Engineer may maintain the project files in the State's ProjectWise container. The handoff of the electronic files will be via email to the State, with a URN link to the project location in ProjectWise provided in the email.

Calculations

The Engineer shall provide the following:

Working copies of all spreadsheets and output from any programs utilized on a CD or DVD in a universally reliable format.

The Engineer may provide the calculations in .pdf format in lieu of the bound hard copies. The .pdf file should be submitted on a CD, DVD, or in ProjectWise (if applicable).



EXHIBIT D

WORK SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT “D”
Work Schedule

A detailed work schedule for each **Work Authorization**, identified and more particularly described in Article 7 of this Agreement, shall be prepared by the Engineer to be submitted and approved by the Owner in writing for each Work Authorization. The work schedule will provide specific work sequences and definite review times by the Owner and the Engineer of the work performed.

The Engineer will diligently pursue the completion of each Work Authorization as defined by the milestones and deliverable due dates outlined in each Work Authorization’s associated work schedule.

The Engineer will inform the Owner (in reasonable advance of the delay) should the Engineer encounter delays that would prevent the performance of all work in accordance with the established work schedule.

EXHIBIT “E”
Engineer’s Contract Rates

EXHIBIT E - CONTRACT RATES**LUMP SUM PAYMENT BASIS****PRIME PROVIDER NAME:** SCIVLE, PLLC**DIRECT LABOR**

LABOR/STAFF CLASSIFICATION	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE	HOURLY BASE RATE	HOURLY CONTRACT RATE
Project Manager	10 to 20	\$76.00	\$216.05
Quality Manager	10 to 20	\$65.00	\$184.78
Design Engineer	5 to 10	\$41.85	\$118.97
Engineer-In-Training	1 to 5	\$34.18	\$97.16
Senior Engineer Tech	15+	\$40.00	\$113.71
CADD Operator	5 to 15	\$28.29	\$80.42
OFFICE INDIRECT COST RATE:	158.43%		
PROFIT RATE:	10.0%		

Contract rates include labor, overhead, and profit.

All rates are negotiated rates and are not subject to change or adjustment.

DIRECT LABOR

LABOR/STAFF CLASSIFICATION	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE	HOURLY CONTRACT RATE
RPLS - Project Manager	10 to 20	\$163.77
RPLS - Task leader	5 TO 10	\$141.72
Senior Survey Tech	10 to 20	\$105.21

UNIT COST PAYMENT BASIS**RATES SHOWN APPLY TO PRIME PROVIDER AND ALL SUBPROVIDERS**

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED		UNIT	COST
2 - Person Survey Crew (GPS and Robotic Total Stations included in indirect cost rate. Mileage not included.)		hour	\$162.00

All unit costs are negotiated costs and are not subject to change or adjustment.

EXHIBIT “F”
HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services
Agreement # C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _____

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Professional Engineering Services Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX, incorporated herein by reference, for the “_____” made by and between HIDALGO COUNTY, action herein by and through the Commissioner’s Court, hereinafter called the “**Owner**,” and _____, hereinafter called “**Engineer**”.

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the **Engineer** to provide _____

The **Engineer** is to provide the scope of Services as required by the Agreement with Owner.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Engineer** is identified in **Attachment “A” – “Scope of Services to be provided by Engineer”** attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is \$ _____. This amount is based upon the costs outlined in the **Attachment “B” – “Fee Proposal”** attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

PART 3. PAYMENT

Compensation and payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with the **Professional Engineering Services Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX** between the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

PART 4. FUNDING

This Work Authorization No. _____ shall be funded through funding source:

Account No. _____

Requisition Number _____ **(MUST BE INCLUDED AFTER CC APPROVAL)**

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate **upon completion of the scopes of the Work Authorization, within the limits of Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX, provided in this Work Authorization; or on**

(_____ **DATE** _____). *If applicable:* Engineer shall conform to the approved “Work/Project Schedule”, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Attachment “C”**.

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties’ responsibilities and obligations provided under the **Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX**.

PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Acknowledgement and confirmation by **Hidalgo County Precinct _____**, **Commissioner _____**, as to content and detail of this **Work Authorization No. _____**.

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT No. _____

By: _____
_____, Commissioner

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court on _____ as indicated below and effective as of _____ day of _____, **20__**.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT ON MONTH, DAY, 2023.

Agenda Item No. _____

Executive Office: _____

ENGINEER:
_____ ENGINEERING.

COUNTY:
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

_____, _____

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment “A” – Scope of Services to be provided by Engineer

Attachment “B” – Fee Proposal

Attachment “C” – Approved Work/Project Schedule (If applicable)



EXHIBIT G

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FORM

EXHIBIT “G”
Supplemental Agreement Form

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. _____
TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
C-XX-XXX-XX-XX

THIS **SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT** is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Article 8 of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner’s Court**, hereinafter called the “**Owner**”, and _____, Professional Engineers of _____, Texas, hereinafter called the “**Engineer**”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** executed the **Agreement No. C-XX-XXXX-XX-XX** on the day of MONTH, 00, 2022 concerning Professional Engineering Services for Precinct No. ____;

WHEREAS, on the _____ day of _____ 20____, **Owner** authorized a Project Specific Work Authorization for _____ (hereinafter referred to as the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the Agreement to _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants provided below, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree that said Agreement is amended as follows:

I. Article ____ of the **Agreement**, (article/paragraph title), is revised to

II. All other provisions are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the _____ day of _____, 20__.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON MONTH, DAY, 2023.

Agenda Item No. _____

Executive Office: _____

ENGINEER:

_____, ENGINEERING .

COUNTY:

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

_____, _____

Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

ATTEST:

Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES:



EXHIBIT H

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE