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AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
C-14-266-06-17

THIS AGREEMENT is made, by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the **"Owner"**, and Javier Hinojosa Engineering. Professional Engineers of **McAllen, Texas**, hereinafter called the **"Engineer".**

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **Owner** desires to contract with the **Engineer** to provide professional engineering services related to **"Road & Bridge Projects, Drainage Improvements Projects and All Other Projects for Precinct No. 3,"** hereinafter referred to as the **"Project"**.

WHEREAS, the **Owner** has determined that the services of a professional engineering firm is 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 proposals from a professional engineer to assist the **Owner** by providing the Services;

WHEREAS, **Owner** has selected the **Engineer** to provide the Services within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3, in accordance to Exhibit "A-1" Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet.

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 **Project** 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 **Project** with the following:

2.1 Scope of Work. The **Owner** will furnish items and provide those services for the development of the **Project** and fulfillment of this Agreement, as identified in **EXHIBIT "A"** *Services to be Provided by the Owner*, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement as identified in **EXHIBIT "B"-** *Services to Provided by the Engineer*, 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**, as more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "B"**, attached hereto.

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 "C"** - ***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 will terminate on December 25, 2013 (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 is 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 ***Basic 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 "B"**, 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. 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 provided by the **Engineer** as ***Special Services*** are set forth below and more particularly described in **EXHIBIT "B"**, 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 "D"** - ***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 Request 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 a payment under Article 6.1 hereof or **Final Payment**) to the **Engineer** hereunder if any one or more of the following conditions precedent 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 "E"-** ***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 "B",** 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 "D",** 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 "F"** - ***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 "D"**, 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 "D"** 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** funds 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 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 without the prior written consent of the **Owner.** 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 to 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 Stare 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 for 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, judgement 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 "B"**, 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 form 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 entirely 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 "B"**, 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** use 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 form 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 is 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 "B"** 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 **"Indemnitees"**) 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 there from 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. The **Engineer** shall obtain and maintain insurance in the limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified as follows.

(1) **Workers' Compensation**, endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner** in accordance with the statutory obligations imposed by Worker's Compensation or Occupational Disease laws under the Texas Workers' Compensation Law **("Statutory Texas")**

(2) **Commercial General Liability**, endorsed with the **Owner** as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner** ***all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Engineer under Article 19 and Article 20*** herein, in limits of liability not less than one million dollars (**$1,000,000**) combined single limit each occurrence and in the aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.

(3) **Texas Business Automobile Policy**, endorsed with the **Owner** as an additional insured and endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the **Owner** *all to the extent of the liabilities assumed by the Engineer under Article 19 and Article 20 herein*, in limits of liability not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (**$250,000**) each person for bodily injury, five hundred thousand dollars (**$500,000**)

each occurrence for bodily injury, and one hundred thousand dollars (**$100,000**) each occurrence for property damage.

(4) **Professional Liability** in limits of **$1,000,000** each claim and aggregate.

The **Engineer** covenants and agrees to maintain an insurance policy in the minimum limits of liability for each of the types of insurance coverage identified above. The **Engineer** shall furnish the **Owner** with a certificate of insurance (***Hidalgo County* Certificate of Insurance**) 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 of Insurance shall be attached hereto and identified as **EXHIBIT "G"**- *Hidalgo County Certificate of Insurance*. 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, worker's 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 seeking 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 herein above. 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 corporation's 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 thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein .

ARTICLE 28. Notices. All notices to either party by the other required under this Agreement shall be personally delivered or mailed to such party at the following respective addresses:

OWNER: **Hidalgo County** **ENGINEER**: **Javier Hinojosa Engineering**

100 E. Cano, 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

416 E. Dove Avenue
McAllen, Texas 78504

The Address may be changed by either party by written notice and notice sol mailed shall be effective upon mailing.

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 of 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 a 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 of 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 express or implied on behalf of the **Owner** except as specifically authorized in advance by the **Owner.**

(g) The Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas and is performable 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.

WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Engineer** and the **Owner** have caused this **Agreement for Professional Services** to be effective as of the _____ day of _____, 2012.

ENGINEER:
Javier Hinojosa Engineering

BY: _____
Javier Hinojosa, P.E. President

OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

_____
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

Approved by Commissioners' Court
on 6/17/14 RO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

By: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

EXHIBIT A	-Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner
EXHIBIT B	-Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer
EXHIBIT C	-Work Schedule
EXHIBIT D	-Engineer's Rates
EXHIBIT E	-Work Authorization Form
EXHIBIT F	-Supplemental Agreement Form
EXHIBIT G	-Certificate of Insurance (*Hidalgo County)*

Exhibit A-1
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
New Administration Building
2812 S. Business Highway 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2626/ Fax: (956) 318-2629

November 18, 2013

Participant's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY** (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)-"***Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing Pool***"
RFQ No.: 2014-004-12-11-SMA

Dear Respondent:

Enclosed please find a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for you review and consideration. Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the RFQ process.

We have updated out RFQ packet. Carefully read and review all instructions, requirements, specification and/or scope of work included in this packet

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

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/sma

Enclosures

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 S. Business Highway 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2626/ Fax: (956) 318-2629

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

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The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, advise of missing documentation, and Purchasing will forward information either through facsimile or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

November 18 , 2013
Date

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"Professional Engineering Services- Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing Pool"

RFQ NO: 2014-004-12-11-SMA

Acceptance Due Date: **December 11, 2013**

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

Project Buyer Contact Information:

Sandra Montalvo, Buyer II
(956) 292-7000 Ext. 4865
sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us

1. Sealed qualifications will be received for "HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing Pool", in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Qualifications should address all requirements set forth. Respondents may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualifications.

2. **One (1) original, seven (7) copies** of all qualifications and **two (2) CDs in PDF Format** are required with the respondent's name and address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package, ***RFQ–2014-004-12-11-SMA-"HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials &Geo Technical Testing Pool"***, and in County's Purchasing Department, Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 New Administration Building , Edinburg, Texas, **ON OR BEFORE 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2013.**

   NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY QUALIFICATION RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE IN REFERENCE TO QUALIFICATION.

   Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all qualifications and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the proposal considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this qualification that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification for approval. Receipt of any qualification shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar qualification. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose qualification is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.

4. Failure of the delivered item to perform as specified or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible respondent, or to reject all qualifications and re-advertise.

5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each respondent shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the qualification and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Respondent should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the qualification.

6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, respondents are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with

their qualification including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.

7. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced qualification opening.

8. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications.

9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this qualification document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Qualifications. Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their qualification.

10. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.

11. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. Do Not include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figures it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

12. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a qualification or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.

13. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- No deliveries accepted after 3:00 P.M., Monday-Friday.
- At least seventy two (72) hours prior notice of delivery must be given to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent before delivery will be accepted.
- If you need additional information call the office listed below:

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
(956) 318-2626

14. **BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Invoices must include:
  a) Name and address of successful respondent
  b) Name and address of receiving department or official
  c) Purchase Order Number and Contract number (if any)
  d) Notation- **HIDALGO COUNTY** (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) ***Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials & Geotechnical Testing Pool"***,
  e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.

- Discount payments will be considered when offered.

- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE
Postal/Mailing 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2511

15. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Qualification Opening, 9:30 A.M.	**December 11 , 2013**
Award of Contract:	2013
Commence Work or Deliver Products:	2013

16. HIDALGO COUNTY HOLIDAYS:

2014 YEAR	
New Year's Day	**01/01/14**
Martin Luther King Day	**01/20/14**
President's Day	**02/17/14**
Good Friday	**04/18/14**
Easter	**04/21/14**
Memorial Day	**05/26/14**
Independence Day	**07/04/14**
Labor Day	**09/01/14**
Veteran's Day	**11/11/14**
Thanksgiving Day	**11/27/14 and 11/28/14**
Christmas Day	**12/25/14 and 12/26/14**
New Year's Eve	**12/31/14**

17. ~~BID OR PERFORMANCE BOND~~ AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION; ~~PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT~~:

- ~~If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and services exceeding $100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas~~. All respondents are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.

- ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a qualification, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the respondent shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds $50,000.~~

- ~~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 materialmen have been paid.~~

- ~~If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor *shall* provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.~~

- ~~For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.~~

18. ETHICAL STANDARDS:

- 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 qualification 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.

- No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

- **NOTICE:**
  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 the bid, RFP, or RFQ 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. Members of the commissioners court are required to make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding potential procurements and have a duty to inquire of vendors, their representatives or employees, the nature of any private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication. "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 a negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

19. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- **Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor, person, consultant or contractor considering doing business with Hidalgo County ("the County") to disclose in the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (the "CIQ") attached as Exhibit D, the vendor, person, consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful respondent fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.**

Please submit completed CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539CHidalgo County Courthouse.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENT.

20. If, during the life of any contract or qualification 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 County.

21. Qualifications, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.

22. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Respondents: A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent's responsibility. A prospective respondent, by submitting a

qualification, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the qualification;
- Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- Have a satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

23. Successful respondent will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful respondent's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.

24. Any 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 County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.

25. County reserves the right to enforce performance of any contract awarded hereunder in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the County in the event of breach or default by successful respondent; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful respondent fails to:

A. Meet schedules;
B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.

26. Successful respondent shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees 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 on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful respondent, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from qualification award. Successful respondent indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful respondent shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against county growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful respondent's 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 or services provided by successful respondent.

27. Successful respondent shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with 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 Request for Qualifications shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful respondent within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights of County as to the item's nonconformity.

28. This document and any disputes arising hereunder shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas, and will be performable exclusively in Hidalgo County, Texas.

29. The successful respondent shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.

30. Respondents shall provide with the qualification response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.

31. Respondents must provide **all** documentation requested with this Qualification in their response. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the qualification as none conforming.

Request for Qualifications
for
HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
Professional Engineering Services
"Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing Pool"

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
New Administration Building
Edinburg, Texas 78539

In accordance with the Requirements, and subject to all laws and regulations of the United States and state and local laws, the undersigned respondent proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned further agrees, upon acceptance of its qualification, to execute a contract and/or Purchase Order issued by Hidalgo County for performing and completing the work described in the Requirements within the time stated and for the prices proposed in the documents attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Respondent acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Request for Qualification Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Respondent understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification.

Respondent agrees that this qualification shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving qualifications, as contained in the Requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Firm: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT A
REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing Pool"

RFQ NO: 2014-004-12-11-SMA

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas Professional Independent Testing Laboratories in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories on an "As Needed Basis" per project by all County Departments and/or applicable Programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories will be for a period starting **February 9, 2014 and ending March 15, 2015**. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statements of Qualifications for the provision of ***"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICE-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL" RFQ NO: 2014-004-12-11-SMA*** *Request* For Qualifications" as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, December 11, 2013. ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

The following outlines the Request for Qualifications:

SECTION- I

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RFQ DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS/DELIVERY:

A total of One (1) original, seven (7) copies, and two (2) CD's in PDF Format of RFQs should be submitted as part of your response.

Respondents must complete and include in their response, all documentation requested in this RFQ. Refer to enclosed RFQ Check List form for documents to be included with your response.

Hidalgo County is requesting that statements of qualifications responses be sealed, clearly marked and/or labeled with the Company's name, RFQ No. , Project Name, Opening Date and be delivered to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

US Postal Mail Address:
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope when dropping RFQ off.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (rfq's, bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the respondent and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:
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Please submit complete CIQ forms to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, Edinburg, TX 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse. **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER.**

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:
Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit E) certainly that the submission is (1) not the result of Collusion as described in the Proposer's Affidavit, (2) that the Respondent does not have a Conflict of Interest as described in the Proposer's Affidavit, or that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer's Affidavit.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:
Respondents, during the performance of this contract, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:
Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RFQ's:
Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:
Submitters must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the vendor's ability.

RESPONDENT DEFAULT:
Hidalgo County reserves the right, in case of respondent default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting respondent responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:
It is the responsibility of the respondent to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to notify in writing the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Any protest(s) or question(s) regarding the requirements or request for qualifications procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department **via facsimile to (956)292-7612 or via e-mail to sandra.montalvo@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 04, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Friday, December 06, 2013. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SIGNING OF QUALIFICATIONS:

In order to be considered, all submittals **must** be signed. **Please sign the original in *blue ink*.**

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:

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

SUBCONTRACTING:

The successful respondent may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF POOL:

The pool term is for a period of one (1) year, or upon completion of project(s) unless project specific for more than one (1) year.

DAVIS BACON ACT (if applicable):

All selected and awarded firms are required; if applicable adhere to the Davis-Bacon Act.

SECTION II
RFQ REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:
The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will may result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:
This section should demonstrate the respondent understands of the project needs, the work required, and any local issues or concerns. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to 3 pages in length.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:
The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent independent material testing laboratory, registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway Material Production and Construction Inspection Testing
- Inspection of Hot Mix and Concrete Plants
- Drilling and Logging of Soil Borings
- Acquisition and Testing of Samples of Existing Soils for the Planning, Design and Construction of Transporting Facilities
- Roadway Construction Project located in Hidalgo County
- TxDot Certification

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent similar projects. **A list of ongoing projects similar in scope under TxDOT procurement basis shall be included in a appendix.** For each project, a client contract name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided. This project list is limited to five (5) pages.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:
The firm should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:
This section will contain any current licenses and/or certifications as required by STATE OF TEXAS.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The construction materials testing services contract will encompass all project-related testing services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

Hidalgo County is inviting qualifications from qualified Independent Testing Laboratories to provide construction materials testing services for the "Projects". **Name additional testing services that are sublet to other consulting firms.**

Minimum Qualifications for Independent Testing Laboratories include, but may not be limited to the following:

a) Ability to perform Geotechnical Testing/ Investigation/ Drilling
b) Ability to perform Environmental Services
c) Ability to perform Soil Density Testing
d) Ability to perform Surveying and Sampling Soils
e) Ability to perform Materials Testing (Asphaltic and Concrete)
f) Ability to perform Material Testing and Laboratory Analysis
g) Ability to perform Hot Mix Plant Inspections and Testing
h) Ability to perform Transportation Foundation Studies
i) Ability to perform Building Foundation Studies
j) Ability to perform Professional Liability Insurance for $1 Million Dollars without limiting liability to Professional Fees
k) Average response time from your office to the job site

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq.

SECTION -III

SELECTION / EVALUATION

SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system.

1. **STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM**

   The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects hall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Varied experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix. **Indicate the number of engineers on your staff.**

2. **EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES**

   The provider shall designate experienced independent testing laboratory staff to completely and efficiently perform the work. The designated individuals (Project Manager and Key Personnel) may not be replaced during the project unless approved by the County. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership and reporting responsibilities and address how sub providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Resumes of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience. Also, in this selection, outline the firm's contingency plans for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

3. **METHODOLOGY**

   The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

   - Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services
   - Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County.

4. **UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS**

   The statement of qualifications shall include the following:

   - demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
   - address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
   - identify information to be gathered or obtained

   ➢ Responsiveness to RFQ:
   - Response is Clear
   - Response is Well Organized
   - Easy to Evaluate
   - Appropriate to this RFQ.

Minimum Qualifications
The RFQ must address knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, such as counties, cities, etc.

Preferred Qualifications
The RFQ must address the proposed approach to complete the scope and identify information to be gathered or obtained and how it will be used in addition to the minimum qualifications.

5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required)

Minimum Qualifications
The RFQ must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards and policies.

Preferred Qualifications
Suitable examples of previous projects completed in the area by the Project Manager, in addition to the minimum qualifications.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL:

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Construction Materials Testing Services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court , Elected Official and/or the User Department in need of Construction Materials Testing Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firms, thereafter, will review, score, and evaluate the statement of qualifications received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications.

2. A grid of the scores will be presented to Commissioners' Court for the purpose of **ranking and approval** for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm;

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firms will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) Attachment "A" including fees;

2. The negotiated contract including best and final offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.

3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm;

ATTACHMENT "A"

Engineering Laboratories-Schedule of Services and Related Fees
RFQ NO: 2014-004-12-11-SMA

This form is merely to be used as a guide for the used post ranking by commissioners' court only
Refer back to requirements page 8, negotiations process

NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
	PERSONNEL RATES	
01	Soils and Aggregate Technician	$ / Hour
02	Surveying and Sampling Soils for Highways	$ / Hour
03	Soils Technician- Density Testing, Radiation Safety Certified	$ /Hour
04	HMA Level 1-A Certified Technician	$ / Hour
05	HMA Level 1-B Certified Technician	$ / Hour
06	ACI Certified Field Grade I Technician A. Includes necessary concrete slump cone, rod, air meter, thermometer	$ / Hour
07	ACI Certified Field Grade II Technician	$ / Hour
08	Geotechnical Engineer, P.E.	$ / Hour
09	Geotechnical Engineer, E.I.T.	$ / Hour
10	Secretarial, Report Preparation and Reporting	$ / Hour
11	Logger (In Conjunction with Engineer)	$ / Hour
	TRAVEL EXPENSE	
12	Vehicle Fee Mileage (Applicable for all Trips)	$ / Mile
13	Mobilization for Truck Mounted Rig, Drill Crew & Support	$ / Mile
14	Mobilization non standard equipment (4x4 All Terrain Rig)	Cost + %
15	Barge Mobilization and Rental	Cost + %
	GEOTECHNICAL DRILLING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES	
16	Borings in Soil	$ / Foot
17	Borings in Soft Rock	$ / Foot
18	Rock Coring	$ / Foot
19	Standby Time (Drill Rig and Crew)	$ / Foot
20	Grout/ Bentonite Backfill	$ / Foot
21	Dozer/ Clearing Cost	Cost + %
22	Concrete/Asphalt Patch	$
23	Traffic Control/ Signs, Barricades, etc.	Cost + %
24	All Other Outside Expenses	Cost + %
NO.	**DESCRIPTION**	**UNIT COST**
	EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	
25	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	$ /Day
26	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	$ /Wk

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ATTACHMENT "A"

Engineering Laboratories-Schedule of Services and Related Fees
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27	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	$ /Mo.
28	Concrete Beam Breaker	$ /Day
29	Concrete Beam Breaker	$ /Wk
30	Concrete Beam Breaker	$ /Mo.
31	Vacuum Extractor	$ /Mo.
32	Asphalt Thermometer (Provided w/ Technician)	NC
33	Miscellaneous Expenses	Cost + %
TEX METHOD	**TEST DESCRIPTION**	**UNIT COST**
	SOILS SECTION	
Tex-100-E	Surveying and Sampling Soils for Highways	$ Hr
Tex-103-E	Determination of Moisture Content is Soil Material	$ Ea
Tex-104-E	Determination of Liquid Limit of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-105-E	Determination of Plastic Limit of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-106-E	Methods of Calculating the Plasticity Index of Soils w/ 104-E and 105-E	$ Ea
Tex-107-E	Determination of Bar Linear Shrinkage of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-108-E	Determination of Specific Gravity of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-110-E	Part I Sieves thru 40	$ Ea
	Part II Sieves thru 200	$ Ea
	Additional Sieves	$ Ea
Tex-111-E	Minus 200 Sieve Analysis	$ Ea
Tex-113-E	Laboratory Compaction Characteristics and Moisture Density Relationship of Base Materials and Cohesionless Sand	$ Ea
Tex-116-E	Ball Mill Method for Determination of the Disintegration of Flexible Base Material	$ Ea
Tex-117-E	TRIAXIAL COMPRESSIVE TEST FOR Disturbed Soils and Base materials (Part I Standard Method)	$ Ea
	Disturbed Soils and Base Materials (Part II)	$ Ea
Tex-118-E	Triaxial Compression Test for Undisturbed Samples	$ Ea
Tex-128-E	Determination of Soil pH	$ Ea
Tex-129-E	Method of Test for the Resistivity of Soils Material	$ Ea
	HOT MIX SECTION	
Tex-200-F	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates (Dry)	$ Ea
	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates (Wet)	$ Ea.
Tex-201-F	Bulk Specific Gravity and Water Absorption of Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-202-F	Apparent Specific Gravity of material Finer than 180m (No. 80) Sieve	$ Ea
Tex-203-F	Sand Equivalent Test	$ Ea.

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Tex-205-F	Laboratory Method of Mixing Bituminous Mixtures	$ Ea
TEX METHOD	TEST DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
Tex-206-F	Method of Compacting Test Specimens of Bituminous Mixtures	$ Set
Tex-207-F	Determination of Density of Compacted Bituminous Mixtures	$ Ea
Tex-208-F	Test for Stabilometer Value of Bituminous Mixtures	$ Set
Tex-210-F	Determination of Asphalt Content of Bituminous Mixtures by Extraction	$ Ea
Tex-212-F	Determination of Moisture Content of Bituminous Mixtures Part II	$ Ea
Tex-217-F	Determination of Deleterious Material and Decantation	$ Ea
	Test for Coarse Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-224-F	Determination of Falkiness index	$ Ea
Tex-227-F	Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity of Bituminous Mixtures	$ Ea
	CONCRETE SECTION	
Tex-401-A	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregate (Dry)	$ Ea
	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregate (Wet)	$ Ea
Tex-402-A	Fineness Modulus of Fine Aggregate (In Conjunction with 401-A)	$ Ea
Tex-403-A	Saturated Surface Dry Specific Gravity and Absorption of Aggregates	$ Ea
Tex-404-A	Determination of Unit Mass (Weight) of Aggregates	$ Ea
Tex-405-A	Determination of Percent Solids and Voids in Concrete Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-406-A	Material Finer than 75um (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates (Decantation Test for Concrete Aggregates)	$ Ea
Tex-407-A	Method For Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete (included in hourly technician rate)	$ Ea
Tex-408-A	Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate for Concrete	$ Ea
Tex-409-A	Free Moisture and Water Absorption in Aggregate for Concrete	$ Ea
Tex-413-A	Determination of Deleterious Materials in Mineral Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-415-A	Slump of Portland Cement Concrete (Included in hourly technician rate)	N/C
Tex-416-A	Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method (Included in hourly technician rate)	N/C
Tex-420-A	Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Simple Beam Center Point Loading)	$ Ea
Tex-447-A	Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens (Technician time to make cylinders will be charged at approved hourly rates)	$ Ea
Tex-448-A	Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Sample Beam Third Point Loading)	$ Ea

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Tex-460-A	Determination of Crushed Face Particle Count	$ Ea
TEX METHOD	**TEST DESCRIPTION**	**UNIT COST**
ASPHALT SECTION		
Tex-530-C	Effect of Water on Bituminous Paving Mixtures	$ Ea
Tex-531-C	Prediction of Moisture Induced Damage to Bituminous Paving Materials Using Molded Specimens	$ Ea
other section	Insert any other services provided and unit price category (i.e. Each, Set, Hour, Etc.)	

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EXHIBIT "B"

Evaluation Criteria and Form

Hidalgo County

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"Professional Engineering Services- Construction Materials Geo Technical Testing Pool"

RFQ NO: 2014-004-12-11-SMA

The respondent's RFQ will be evaluated based on the criteria presented below. These criteria will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFQ Evaluation Form."

1. STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM-- (25) points

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects hall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Varied experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix. **Indicate the number of engineers on your staff.**

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3. METHODOLOGY (20 points)

The RFQ should provide a description of the firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project.

- Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services
- Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County.

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25 points)

The statement of qualifications shall include the following:

- demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- identify information to be gathered or obtained

➢ Responsiveness to RFQ:

- Response is Clear
- Response is Well Organized
- Easy to Evaluate
- Appropriate to this RFQ

Minimum Qualifications - The RFQ must address knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, such as counties, cities, etc..

Preferred Qualifications - The RFQ must address the proposed approach to complete the scope and identify information to be gathered or obtained and how it will be used in addition to the minimum qualifications.

5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS (10 points)

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required)

Minimum Qualifications - The RFQ must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards and policies.

Preferred Qualifications - Suitable examples of previous projects completed in the area by the Project Manager, in addition to the minimum qualifications.

EXHIBIT "B"

Evaluation Criteria and Form

Hidalgo County

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"Professional Engineering Services- Construction Materials Geo Technical Testing Pool"

RFQ NO: 2014-004-12-11-SMA

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS	SCORE
1) STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM -- (25 points maximum)		
➢ Provide information on their proposed professional team members	10	
➢ Experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities or other clients as stated	10	
➢ A list of various projects for comparative purposes	5	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
2) EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES (20 points maximum)		
➢ Designate experienced engineering staff to efficiently perform the work.	10	
➢ Identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities etc.	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
3) METHODOLOGY (20 points maximum)		
➢ Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services	10	
➢ Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
4) UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25) points maximum)		
➢ Demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services	10	
➢ Address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies. Knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, counties, cities, etc.	5	
➢ Identify information to be gathered or obtained/proposed approach to complete the scope	5	
➢ RFQ responsiveness. Response is clear, well organized, easy to evaluate and appropriate to this RFQ	5	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
5) FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES and REGULATIONS (10 points maximum))		
➢ Indicate passed experience of the proposed Firm knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies	5	
➢ Must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standard and polices	**5**	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
	TOTAL SCORE:	

EXHIBIT C

Insurance Requirements
Professional Services
(i.e...Engineers, Architects, Appraisers, Surveyors & Other Professional Services)

The proposer awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the proposer in at least the following limits, to be in place prior to providing any services under this Contract and to continue at all times in force in effect during the term of this Contract:

1. 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.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto). Certificates of insurance naming County as an additional insured shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. 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. 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 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.

ACORD

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER	THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.
	INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE
INSURED	INSURER A:
	INSURER B:
	INSURER C:
	INSURER D:
	INSURER E:

COVERAGES

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 THER TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS	
A	**GENERAL LIABILITY** ☐ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐☐ CLAIMS MADE OCCUR ☐ OWNER'S & CONT PROT ☐ OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY PROJECT ☐ LOC				EACH OCCURRENCE	$
					FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire)	$
					MED (Any one person)	$
					PERS & ADV INJURY	$
					AL AGGREGATE	$
					DUCTS – COMP/OP AGG	$
B	**AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY** ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ ALL OWNED AUTOS ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	$
					BODILY INJURY (Per person)	$
					BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	$
					PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$
	GARAGE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT	$
					OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY EA ACC AGG	$
						$
C	**EXCESS LIABILITY** ☐ OCCUR ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☐ DEDUCTIBLE RETENTION $				EACH OCCURENCE	$
					AGGREGATE	$
						$
						$
						$
D	**WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY**				WC STATU-TORY LIMITS ☐ OTHER	
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE	$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT	$
	OTHER					

SAMPLE

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER: _____ CANCELLATION
Hidalgo County **Attn: Purchasing Department** **2812 S Highway Bus. 281** **Edinburg, Texas 78539**	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BY CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL ***30*** DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, _____, authorized representative for _____,
Company/Vendor

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 project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;

☐ will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of 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 insurance certificate.

_____ _____
Authorized Representative Date

Notice to Proposer:

A certificate of insurance for the required insurance limits shall be provided to the Purchasing Department's Contract Managers in order to qualify for award 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 to be rescinded and 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.

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR PACKET

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, _____, 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 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 packet in order to expedite the evaluation process. Failure to provide said documentation will result in the disqualification of your proposal/qualification.**

_____ _____

Authorized Signature Date

_____

Company

_____

Address

_____

City, State, Zip

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. *See* Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 **Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

2 ☐ **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.**

(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 **Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.**

_____

Name of Officer

This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

☐ Yes ☐ No

D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.

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_____ _____

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity Date

Adopted 06/29/2007

EXHIBIT "E"
PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION
NON-CONFILICT OF INTERST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

(1) Affiant does hereby state neither the Proposer nor any of the Proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.

(2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or nay of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.

(3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

(4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the Proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

Signature/Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public_____

My commission expires:_____, 20_____.

HIDALGO COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
Bidder/Vendor Application

Complete in print or type. Please return this application to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department thru Facsimile: (956) 318-2629 or (956) 292-7612 in person or regular mail to: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 , Edinburg, Texas 78539 or e-mail: purchasing@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Company Name: **Telephone No. ( )**
dba Name:
Legal Name:
Mailing Address : **Fax No. ( )**
Physical Address:
City, State, Zip **Tax I.D. No.**
Remit to Address : **City, State, Zip**
E-Mail Address:
Representative(s) Name(s) & Title(s)
Type of Organization (check one): _____ Individual _____ Partnership _____ Corporation _____Non-Profit _____ LLC _____ Sole Proprietor _____ Other, Specify **State Identification No._____ (Please attached completed W-9 form with this application)** **Federal Identification No. or (if individual) SS No.**
State of Incorporation: _____ Date:_____ Other:
Type of Business (check one): _____ Manufacturer _____ Wholesaler _____ Retailer _____ Broker _____ Distributor _____ Service Organization _____ Other, Specify
Name & Title of Person(s) Authorized to Sign Bids, Proposals, and/or Contracts:
Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Information (check application criteria) **Small Business:_____Disadvantaged Business (At Least 51% Ownership)** ☐ Less than 125,000 annual gross receipt ☐ Black American ☐ Native American ☐ Less than 250,000 annual gross receipt ☐ Hispanic American ☐ Women ☐ Less than 499,000 annual gross receipt ☐ Asian Pacific American ☐ Other ☐ More than 500,000 annual gross receipt **Have you been certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?:** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Indicate Certification No.(s):_____ or are Certificate(s) attached?:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
What type of product(s) is/are solicited by your company?: **Would you like to be provided with specifications for procurements of such products?:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
To Be Completed by the County: Rec'd by (Purchasing):_____ Date Rec'd by (Purchasing): **Date Forwarded Information to Auditor's Office:_____Entry Date: _____ Vendor No.:**

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

The primary objective of the Hidalgo County HUB Program is to ensure Historically Underutilized Businesses receive a fair and equal opportunity for participation in the County's procurement process. This fact holds true for Services (Professional & Non-Professional), Commodities, and Construction contracts and any subcontracts thereto. The program strongly encourages Prime Contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities to Certified Hub Contractors/Vendors. Our goal for HUB contractor/vendor participation, as well as HUB subcontractor participation is 30%. To be considered as a "Certified HUB Contractor/Vendor" the contractor/vendor must have been certified by, and hold a current and valid certification with any of the three agencies listed below.

Have you been Certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?: ☐Yes ☐ No

If yes, by whom?: ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission ☐ Other_____

Indicate Certification No(s).:_____ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

What percentage of the Bid, RFP,or RFQ is to be subcontracted with Certified HUB sources?: _____%
(List HUB Subcontractor information below).

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:_____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission ☐Other_____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ( )_____

Subcontract Amount: $_____ Description of Work to be Performed:_____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:_____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission ☐Other_____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ( )_____

Subcontract Amount: $_____ Description of Work to be Performed:_____

HUB Subcontractor Name: _____ HUB Status:_____

Certifying Agency (Check all applicable): ☐ Texas Building & Procurement Commission ☐Other_____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip:_____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____ Phone No.: ( )_____

Subcontract Amount: $_____ Description of Work to be Performed:_____

Form **W-9**
(Rev. January 2011)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type See **Specific Instructions** on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): ☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

☐ Exempt payee

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

Requester's name and address (optional)

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

			–			–				

Employer identification number

		–						

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here **Signature of U.S. person** ▶ **Date** ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.

2. The treaty article addressing the income.

3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.

4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.

5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,

2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of $50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a $500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/ disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/ disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),

2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,

3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,

4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or

5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:

6. A corporation,

7. A foreign central bank of issue,

8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,

9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,

10. A real estate investment trust,

11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,

12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),

13. A financial institution,

14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or

15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over $600 required to be reported and direct sales over $5,000 [1]	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 [2]

[1] See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

[2] However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at *www.ssa.gov*. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at *www.irs.gov/businesses* and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: *A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.*

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account [1]
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor [2]
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee [1]
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner [1]
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner [3]
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	**Give name and EIN of:**
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity [4]
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

[1] List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

[2] Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

[3] You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

[4] List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to *phishing@irs.gov*. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: *spam@uce.gov* or contact them at *www.ftc.gov/idtheft* or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;

b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and

d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature:_____
Print Name:_____
Title:_____
Telephone Number:_____
Date:_____

If the bidder is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such bidder should attach an explanation to this proposal.

HIDALGO COUNTY

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing Pool"

RFQ NO: 2014-004-12-11-SMA

RFQ SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

All forms listed below must be included in the RFQ response. .

Indicate with a check mark (✓) the Forms completed and included in this response:

_____ Page 9 of Legal Notice

_____ Attachment "A" –Procurement Form –Areas of Specialization

_____ Exhibit "C" -Acknowledgement forms (pages 3 and 4)

_____ Exhibit "D" -CIQ Form -Copy of County Clerk File Recording fee receipt.

_____ Exhibit "E" –Proposers Affidavit

_____ Vendor Bidder Application and IRS form W-9

_____ Certification Regarding Debarment

_____ One (1) original, seven (7) copies and two (2) CD's in PDF format containing a complete copy of Response.

_____ _____

Signature Date

EXHIBIT A
Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner

EXHIBIT "A"

Services to be Provided by the District

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

General

The **Owner** will provide to the **Engineer** the following:

(1) Payment for work performed by the **Engineer** and accepted by the **Owner** in accordance with Article 8 of this Agreement.

(2) 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.

(3) Provide any available relevant data the **Owner** may have on file concerning the project.

(4) 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 **EXHIBIT "C"** attached to this Agreement.

(5) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by the **Engineer**.

EXHIBIT B
Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

EXHIBIT "B"

Services to be provided by the Engineer

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

The ENGINEER will evaluate and design the Paving and Drainage Improvements as follows:

- Review existing conditions to develop the design criteria;
- Conduct field surveys to obtain information on existing conditions and topography on proposed roadways;
- Identify alignments and right of ways of proposed roadways;
- Develop typical cross sections for proposed roadway and drainage improvements;
- Prepare plans and specifications for the improvements;
- Assist in bidding of the improvements;
- Provide construction staking and periodic inspection services during the construction phase of the improvements.

EXHIBIT C
Work Schedule

EXHIBIT "C"
Work Schedule

For this Agreement, the **Engineer** shall prepare a work schedule for the work identified in EXHIBIT "B" in accordance with each Work Authorization in compliance with the following:

- Review existing conditions
- Conduct field surveys to obtain information for preparation of final design plans.
- Prepare plans and specifications for each project
- Assist owner with bidding of each project if required.
- Provide periodic inspections during construction.

The **Engineer** will diligently pursue the completion of each authorization as defined by the milestones and deliverable due dates outlined in the approved 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 D
Engineer's Rates

EXHIBIT "D"

JAVIER HINOJOSA ENGINEERING
CONTRACT RATES

LABOR CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY CONTRACT RATES:
Principal	$225.00/Hr.
Project Manager/Engineer	$150.00/Hr.
Engineering Assistant	$ 95.00/Hr.
R.P.L.S.	$145.00/Hr.
G.P.S. Survey Crew	$150.00/Hr.
3 Man Survey Crew	$110.00/Hr.
Project Inspector	$ 70.00/Hr.
CADD Operator/Designer	$ 70.00/Hr.
Admin./Clerical	$ 30.00/Hr.

EXHIBIT E
Work Authorization Form

EXHIBIT "E"
HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services
Contract
Work Authorization Form

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. ___

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section I.A. of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, action herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**," and, **JAVIER HINOJOSA ENGINEERING,** Professional Engineers of **McALLEN** Texas, hereinafter called "**Engineer**".

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK
The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the **Engineer** to provide_____.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Owner** is identified in ***EXHIBIT "A" – Scope of Services to be Provided by the Owner*** attached hereto.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Engineer** is identified in ***EXHIBIT "B" – Scope of Services to be Provided by the Engineer*** attached hereto.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST
The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is _____.This amount is based upon the costs outlined in the Estimated **Cost Proposal** attached hereto as **EXHIBIT "D".**

PART 3. PAYMENT
Compensation and payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with Article/Part/Section _____ of the Agreement.

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 scopes of the work authorization or (DATE).

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS
This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the **Agreement**.

PART 7. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION**
Acknowledgement and confirmation by **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3 Commissioner Joe M. Flores** as to content and detail of this Work Authorization No. # ___.

HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3:

BY:_____

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL
This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on ____(DATE)___ as indicated below and effective as of _____ day of _____, 20____.

THE ENGINEER:
JAVIER HINOJOSA ENGINEERING

_____
By: Javier Hinojosa, P.E., Owner

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

_____
By: Ramon Garcia, County Judge or Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

_____
by: Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT "A" - Service to be Provided by the Owner
ATTACHMENT "B" - Services to be Provided by the Engineer
ATTACHMENT "C" - Work Schedule
ATTACHMENT "D" - Cost Proposal

EXHIBIT F
Supplemental Agreement Form

EXHIBIT "F"

Supplemental Agreement Form

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. ___

TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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** on the ___ ____day of _____ 20___ concerning engineering for _____ _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "**Project**"); and,

WHEREAS, Article ___ of the **Agreement**, (article title), establishes _____; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the contract to _____ _____

A. AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree that said **Agreement** is amended as follows:

I. Article ___ of the **Agreement**, (article title), is revised to

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

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__.

THE ENGINEER:
ENGINEER

BY:_____

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY:_____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(as required)

EXHIBIT G
Certificate of Insurance

Policy Number:

Date Entered: 06/05/2014

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
6/5/2014

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 Davis Insurance Agency 2030 E. Griffin Parkway Mission, Texas 78572	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (956) 581-9838 FAX (A/C, No): (956) 519-1524 E-MAIL ADDRESS: davisinsuranceagency@yahoo.com
INSURED JAVIER HINOJOSA ENGINEERING 416 E DOVE MCALLEN, TX 78504	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE — NAIC # INSURER A: MID-CENTURY INSURANCE COMPANY INSURER B: FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE INSURER C: FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE INSURER D: FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE INSURER E: Arognaut Insurance Company 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 CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSR	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
A	GENERAL LIABILITY [X] COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY [ ] CLAIMS-MADE [X] OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: [X] POLICY [ ] PRO-JECT [ ] LOC	X	X	605021032	6/28/2014	6/28/2015	EACH OCCURRENCE DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) MED EXP (Any one person) PERSONAL & ADV INJURY GENERAL AGGREGATE PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	$1,000,000 $100,000 $5,000 $EXCL $1,000,000 $EXCL
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY [ ] ANY AUTO [ ] ALL OWNED AUTOS [X] HIRED AUTOS [X] SCHEDULED AUTOS [X] NON-OWNED AUTOS	X	X	069398805	3/29/2014	03/29/2015	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) BODILY INJURY (Per person) BODILY INJURY (Per accident) PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$1,000,000 $ $ $
C	[ ] UMBRELLA LIAB [ ] OCCUR [ ] EXCESS LIAB [ ] CLAIMS-MADE [ ] DED [ ] RETENTION $	X	X	605489034	06/28/2014	06/28/2015	EACH OCCURRENCE AGGREGATE	$1,000,000 $1,000,000
D	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? Y/N [ ] (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A	X	N0707-71-94	12/1/2013	12/1/2014	[X] WC STATU-TORY LIMITS [ ] OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	$1,000,000 $1,000,000 $1,000,000
E	PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY			IAE12530-0	12/4/2013	12/4/2014	PER CLAIM	$1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

COUNTY OF HIDALGO SHALL BE NAMED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED ON ALL COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY POLICIES.

Scheduled autos: vehicle 1-2008 Chevrolet Silverado PU Vin#-1GCHK23698F130618
vehicle 2-2009 Chevrolet Silverado PU Vin#-3GCEK33249G191168

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

HIDALGO COUNTY
ATTN: PURCHASING DEPT
2812 S HIGHWAY BUSINESS 281
EDINBURG, TX 78539

CANCELLATION

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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TEXAS BUSINESS AUTO RENEWAL CERTIFICATE

FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE
MEMBERS OF FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP OF COMPANIES
HOME OFFICE: 4680 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90010
SERVICE CENTER: 15700 LONG VISTA DRIVE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78728

Valuable - Attach this Certificate to your policy

ITEM ONE

NAMED INSURED . HINOJOSA, JAVIER
. JAVIER HINOJOSA ENGINEERING
MAILING ADDRESS . 416 E DOVE AVE
. MCALLEN TX 78504-2240

Account Number
19-42-303 (Agent) 06939-88-05 (Policy Number)

Form of Business: [X] Individual [ ] Partnership [ ] Corporation [ ] Other

RENEWS NO:

Policy Period from 03/29/14 to 03/29/15 12:01 AM Standard Time at your mailing address shown above.

In consideration of the payment of the premium stated, this policy is renewed from the inception date to the expiration date stated. Insurance is provided only with respect to coverage for which an **auto** symbol, limits of insurance and premium charge is stated, subject to all of the terms of this policy, including any attached forms and endorsements.

ITEM TWO
SCHEDULE OF COVERAGES AND COVERED AUTOS

This policy provides only those coverages where a charge is shown in the premium column below. Each of these coverages will apply only to those autos shown as covered autos. Autos are shown as covered autos for a particular coverage by the entry of one or more of the symbols from the COVERED AUTO Section of the Business Auto Coverage Form next to the name of the coverage.

COVERAGES	COVERED AUTOS (Entry of one or more of the symbols from the COVERED AUTOS Section of the Business Auto Coverage Form shows which **autos** are covered **autos**)	LIMIT THE MOST WE WILL PAY FOR ANY ONE ACCIDENT OR LOSS (LIMITS SHOWN IN THOUSANDS)	PREMIUM
LIABILITY Bodily Injury Property Damage Combined Liability	7 8 9	$ each person/$ $ each accident $ each accident $ 1000 each accident	2,227.00
PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION	SEE END.	$ SEE SCHEDULE	72.00
AUTO MEDICAL PAYMENTS		$	
UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS Bodily Injury Property Damage Combined Liability	SEE END.	$ each person/$ $ each accident $ each accident $ 1000 each accident	351.00
PHYSICAL DAMAGE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE	7	STATED AMOUNT $ Actual Cash Value or Cost of Repair, whichever is less minus $ SEE SCHEDULE Ded. for Each Covered **Auto**. But no Deductible Applies to Loss Caused by Fire or Lightning. See Item Four for hired or borrowed **autos**.	879.00
PHYSICAL DAMAGE SPECIFIED CAUSES OF LOSS COVERAGE		STATED AMOUNT $ Actual Cash Value or Cost of Repair, whichever is Less Minus $25 Ded. for Each Covered **Auto** for **loss** Caused by Mischief or Vandalism. See Item Four for hired or borrowed **Autos**.	
PHYSICAL DAMAGE COLLISION COVERAGE	7	STATED AMOUNT $ Actual Cash Value or Cost of Repair whichever is less minus $ SEE SCHEDULE Ded. for Each Covered **Auto**. See item four for hired or borrowed **Autos**.	1,051.00
PHYSICAL DAMAGE TOWING AND LABOR	7	$ SEE SCHEDULE for each disablement of a covered auto.	25.00
		PREMIUM FOR ENDORSEMENTS	182.00
		ESTIMATED TOTAL PREMIUM	4,787.00

Premium Shown is payable $ _____ at inception.

FARMERS INSURANCE

06939-88-05
POLICY NUMBER

TEXAS BUSINESS AUTO RENEWAL CERTIFICATE (CONTINUED)

ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED TO THIS POLICY: IL 00 21-Broad Form Nuclear Exclusion

CA00010310	CA01960312	CA02430301	CA21090513	CA22640708	CA23840106	CA23940306
CA99230310	CA99880306	CA99951201	E2013-ED1	E2015-ED2	IL00171198	J6738-ED1
S1929-ED2	S1966-ED1	25-3065	56-5223ED5			

COUNTERSIGNED _____ By _____
(Date) (Authorized Representative)

ITEM THREE
SCHEDULE OF COVERED AUTOS YOU OWN

Covered Auto No.	DESCRIPTION: Year, Model, Trade Name, Body Type, Serial Number (S) Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	PURCHASED: Original Cost New	PURCHASED: Actual Cost & New (N) USED (U)	TERRITORY: Town & State where Covered Auto will be principally garaged
7	09 CHEVROLET CW SILVERADO 3GCEK33249G191168	40075		MCALLEN TX 208
8	12 FORD F150 1FTFW1EF0CFD06015	34660		MCALLEN TX 208

Covered Auto No.	CLASSIFICATION: Radius of Operation	Business use s - service r - retail c - commercial	Size GVW, GCW or Veh. Seating Capacity	Age Group	Primary Rating Factor: Liab.	Primary Rating Factor: Phy. Dam.	Secondary Rating Factor	Code	Except for towing, all physical damages loss is payable to you and the loss payee named below as interest may appear at the time of the loss.
7	50		10000	6					
8	50		10000	3					

COVERAGES-PREMIUMS, LIMITS AND DEDUCTIBLES (Absence of a deductible or limit entry in any column below means that the limit or deductible entry in the corresponding **ITEM TWO** column applies instead)

Covered Auto No.	LIABILITY: *Limit	LIABILITY: Premium	PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION: Limit	PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION: Premium	AUTO MED PAY: *Limit	AUTO MED PAY: Premium
7	1000	1,059.00	5000	72.00		
8	1000	1,059.00	5000			
Total Premium		2,118.00		72.00		

COVERAGES-PREMIUMS, LIMITS AND DEDUCTIBLES (Absence of a deductible or limit entry in any column below means that the limit or deductible entry in the corresponding **ITEM TWO** column applies instead)

Covered Auto No.	UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS: *Limit	UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS: Premium	COMPREHENSIVE: Limit stated in **ITEM TWO** minus ded. shown below	COMPREHENSIVE: Premium
7	1000	176.00	250	492.00
8	1000	175.00	250	387.00
Total Premium		351.00		879.00

COVERAGES-PREMIUMS, LIMITS AND DEDUCTIBLES (Absence of a deductible or limit entry in any column below means that the limit or deductible entry in the corresponding **ITEM TWO** column applies instead)

Covered Auto No.	SPECIFIED CAUSES OF LOSS: Limit stated in **ITEM TWO**	SPECIFIED CAUSES OF LOSS: **Premium**	COLLISION: Limit stated in **ITEM TWO** minus ded. shown below	COLLISION: **Premium**	TOWING AND LABOR: Limit Per Disablement	TOWING AND LABOR: Premium
7			500	576.00	500	25.00
8			500	475.00		
Total Premium				1,051.00		25.00

*(LIMITS SHOWN IN THOUSANDS)

06939-88-05
POLICY NUMBER

TEXAS BUSINESS AUTO RENEWAL CERTIFICATE (CONTINUED)
ITEM FOUR
SCHEDULE OF HIRED OR BORROWED COVERED AUTO COVERAGE AND PREMIUMS
LIABILITY COVERAGE RATING BASIS, COST OF HIRE

STATE	ESTIMATED COST OF HIRE FOR EACH STATE	RATE PER EACH $100 COST OF HIRE	FACTOR (If Liab. Cov. is Primary)	PREMIUM
TX				62.00
			TOTAL PREMIUM	62.00

Cost of hire means the total amount you incur for the hire of autos you don't own (not including autos you borrow or rent from your employees or their family members). Cost of hire does not include charges for services performed by motor carriers of property or passengers.

PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE

COVERAGES	LIMIT OF INSURANCE THE MOST WE WILL PAY DEDUCTIBLE	RATE	PREMIUM
COMPREHENSIVE	ACTUAL CASH VALUE, COST OF REPAIRS OR $ WHICHEVER IS LESS MINUS $ DED. FOR EACH COVERED **AUTO**. BUT NO DEDUCTIBLE APPLIES TO **LOSS** CAUSED BY FIRE OR LIGHTNING.		
SPECIFIED CAUSES OF LOSS	ACTUAL CASH VALUE, COST OF REPAIRS OR $ WHICHEVER IS LESS MINUS $25 DED. FOR EACH COVERED **AUTO** FOR **LOSS** CAUSED BY MISCHIEF OR VANDALISM.		
COLLISION	ACTUAL CASH VALUE, COST OF REPAIRS OR $ WHICHEVER IS LESS MINUS $ DED. FOR EACH COVERED **AUTO**		
		TOTAL PREMIUM	

PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE for covered autos you hire or borrow is excess unless indicated below by "[X]"

☐ If this box is checked, PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE applies on a direct primary basis and for purposes of the condition entitled OTHER INSURANCE, any covered auto you hire or borrow is deemed to be a covered auto you own.

ITEM FIVE
SCHEDULE FOR NON-OWNERSHIP LIABILITY

NAMED INSURED'S BUSINESS	RATING BASIS	NUMBER	PREMIUM
Other than a Social Service Agency	Number of Employees	4	$ 47.00
	Number of Partners		$
Social Service Agency	Number of Employees		$
	Number of Volunteers		$

ITEM SIX
SCHEDULE FOR GROSS RECEIPTS OR MILEAGE BASIS - LIABILITY COVERAGE - PUBLIC AUTO OR LEASING RENTAL CONCERNS

Estimated Yearly ☐ Gross Receipts ☐ Mileage	RATES ☐ Per $100 of Gross Receipts ☐ Per Mile			PREMIUMS		
	LIABILITY	AUTO MEDICAL	P.I.P.	LIABILITY COVERAGE	AUTO MEDICAL	P.I.P.
		TOTAL PREMIUMS				
		MINIMUM PREMIUMS				

TEXAS BUSINESS AUTO RENEWAL CERTIFICATE (CONTINUED)

When used as a premium basis:

FOR PUBLIC AUTOS

Gross Receipts means the total amount to which you are entitled for transporting passengers, mail or merchandise during the policy period regardless of whether you or any other carrier originate the transportation. Gross Receipts does not include:

A. Amounts you pay to railroads, steam shiplines, airlines and other motor carriers operating under their own ICC or PUC permits.

B. Advertising Revenue.

C. Taxes which you collect as a separate item and remit directly to a governmental division.

D. C.O.D. collections for cost of mail or merchandise including collection fees.

Mileage means the total live and dead mileage of all revenue producing units operated during the policy period.

FOR RENTAL OR LEASING CONCERNS

Gross Receipts means the total amount to which you are entitled for the leasing or rental of **autos** during the policy period and includes taxes except those taxes which you collect as a separate item and remit directly to a governmental division.

Mileage means the total of all live and dead mileage developed by all the **autos** you leased or rented to others during the policy period.

AGENDA
CC REGULAR
HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
June 17, 2014
9:30 A.M.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held at the Edinburg Council Chambers 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas. Discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Garcia led the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer

Virginia Townsend led the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

The Court moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

5. Open Forum

The Court proceeded to Item 15.A.

6. County Judge's Office:

A. AI-44993 Recognition of the Hidalgo County WIC Program being selected as one of 25 community agencies and medical facilities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, India and Brazil to receive the 2014 Community Care Award from the International Board of Certified Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLCE) and International Lactation Consultant Association (IBLCA)

The WIC Program was recognized for their Baby Café, located at Woman's Hospital at Renaissance, which provides breastfeeding help and support, from both skilled health professionals and other moms, in a friendly, non-clinical, café-style environment. Baby Café provides breastfeeding help and support from both skilled health professionals and other moms, in a friendly, non-clinical, café-style environment.

B. AI-45055 Approval of Proclamation in support of Region One ESC My Brother's Keeper - Building Ladders of Opportunity Initiative.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR. , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

C. AI-45061 1. Presentation by contracted architect, ERO Architects for acceptance and approval by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court of the Schematic Design for the New Hidalgo County Courthouse

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the next steps for the New Hidalgo County Courthouse

NO ACTION taken on this Item.

7. Executive Officer - Valde Guerra:

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

C. **Pct. 2**

1. **AI-44933** Approval of the following requisitions listed for operating expenditures exceeding $7,500:

Program	Requisition No.	Vendor	Amount	Item
Pct 2 Whalen Rd Project	258204	Rio Valley Pipe	$10,978.80	Culverts for Road Project
Pct 2 Whalen Rd Project	258217	Martin Marietta Materials	$12,474.00	Caliche for Road Project
Pct 2 Moore Rd Project	257971	Frontera Materials	$27,956.00	Asphalt for Road Project
Pct 2 Whalen Rd Project	258267	Frontera Materials	$112,868.00	Asphalt for Road Project

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, HECTOR PALACIOS , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

2. **AI-44896** Approval of the following invoices listed for previously approved purchase orders for operating expenditures exceeding $7,500.00:

Invoice No	**Vendor**	**Amount**
B394831-IN	Arguindegui Oil CO II LTD	$ 8,200.41
B395981-IN	Arguindegui Oil CO II LTD	$ 9,060.43

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR. , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

3. **AI-44943** A. Requesting "waiver" of provision #1 of Hidalgo County's Exiting Elected Officials Expenditure Policy in connection with requisitions exceeding the limit of $7,500.00 as the delay would have caused the inability to commence a scheduled road construction project and thus leaving County staff and resources idle;

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT.2, HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote : 4 - 0 - Unanimously

B. Ratification of Purchase Order #s 710131 & 710141 in connection with expedited purchase of road construction materials for Whalen Road Project.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT.2, HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote : 4 - 0 - Unanimously

D. **Pct. 3**

1. **AI-44891** Acceptance & approval of the following invoices submitted by contracted/project engineer, L & G Consulting Engineers, Inc.:
1. Invoice No. 11324840- $56,828.97 for "Mile 2-Moorfield Rd West to SH364"
2. Invoice No. 11324842- $5,499.13 for "Mile 2-North-Inspiration to Moorefield Rd"
3. Invoice No. 11324844- $52,510.00 for "Liberty Road Project";
4. Invoice No. 11324845- $42,853.86 for "FM 494-Shary Road Project"; 5. Invoice No. 11324846- $64,849.14 for "Mile 3";

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval of items 1 - 5.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

2. **AI-44925** Approval of a professional engineering services contract/agreement for the provision of general engineering services for, "Road & Bridge Projects, Drainage Improvements Projects and All Other Projects for Precinct No. 3," with Javier Hinojosa Engineering as authorized & approved for negotiations by CC on 05/27/14.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, HECTOR PALACIOS , the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously