THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§ CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

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LETICIA CANTU, JR., COUNTY CLERK
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
BY DEPUTY

This Contract is entered into by and between the HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR, Yvonne Ramón, hereinafter referred to as "ADMINISTRATOR", on behalf of Hidalgo County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and the **CITY OF EDCOUCH**, hereinafter referred to as the "ENTITY", pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 31.092.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the ENTITY, by appropriate action of its governing body acting in accordance with all applicable laws, has called an election to be held on **November 3, 2015**.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.092(a) of the Texas Election Code, the County Election Officer may contract with the governing body of a political subdivision situated wholly or partly in the county served by the officer to perform election services in any one or more elections ordered by an authority of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31.091(1) of the Texas Election Code, the County Election Officer means the Elections Administrator for Hidalgo County; and

WHEREAS, the ENTITY is a political subdivision in Hidalgo County that desires the County to conduct and supervise the **November 3, 2015**, election of the ENTITY (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the ENTITY and the COUNTY, through the ADMINISTRATOR, desire to enter into a contract setting out the respective responsibilities of the parties; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY agrees to perform election services for the ENTITY; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 271.002(a) of the Texas Election Code that authorizes two or more political subdivisions to enter into an agreement to hold elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 271.003 (a) (b) the location of a common polling place may be used in a joint election, where the voters of a particular precinct or political subdivision may be served in a joint election by common polling places located outside the boundary of the precinct or political subdivision if the location can adequately and conveniently serve the affected voters and if it will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election.

WHEREAS, ADMINISTRATOR has provided costs for election services to be rendered by ADMINISTRATOR'S office pursuant to the terms of this Contract, which costs are set out in Article VI hereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the COUNTY, through the ADMINISTRATOR, and the ENTITY for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby agree to hold contract, covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

1.01. The parties hereto have entered into this Contract for election services described in Article II to be provided to the ENTITY for its election to be held on **November 3, 2015**, and any Runoff, if applicable.

ARTICLE II
SERVICES

2.01. The COUNTY, through the ADMINISTRATOR, agrees to provide to the ENTITY the following:

(A) Procure, provide, prepare, code and distribute Direct Recording Electronic (DREs) voting systems and necessary election equipment, as well as an ADA voting system, and transport equipment to and from the polling locations, including early voting substations, for the ENTITY;

(B) Prepare and provide Direct Recording Electronic device training for election workers;

(C) Prepare and provide Logic and Accuracy testing on ENTITY's election ballot for every iVotronic voting machine to be utilized by ENTITY during early voting and election day;

(D) Procure, provide, prepare and code Electronic Poll Book(s) per polling location with the Voter Registration Database. To include laptop(s), training for poll book , insurance, and delivery fee, as well as supplies such as, but not limited to labels and printer;

(E) Provide and prepare all mail-in ballot supplies, including applications, paper ballots, envelopes and postage;

(F) Provide training for Judges/Clerks;

(G) Procure, provide, prepare, and distribute all necessary election supplies, including:
1) Ballots (preparation and distribution only);
2) Election kits and election paperwork;
3) Ballot boxes and voting booths

(H) Provide cages and covers, cage kit, to include, but not limited to surge protectors, tape, printer, headphones and scanner as well as supplies such as bags, aprons, clipboards, pens, pencils, rulers, magnifiers, inkpads, screen cloths, sanitizers and badges;

(I) Procure early voting polling places and election day polling places, as ordered;

(J) Prepare Writ of Election to election officers and notice of appointment to Presiding and Alternate judges, as required by law;

(K) Prepare, distribute, and publicize notice of election (Texas Election Code Section 4.003.a1) and early voting and election day schedules in newspaper;

(L) Notify the election judges of the date, time and place of the election;

(M)Procure and pay election judges and clerks for early voting and election day voting;

(N) Provide the general overall supervision of the Election and provide the advisory services in connection with the decisions to be made and the actions to be taken by the ENTITY;

(O) Procure and pay Ballot Board members ;

(P) Provide information for election officers;

(Q) Provide such incidental related services as may be necessary to conduct the election;

(R) Serve as the Early Voting Clerk;

(S) Establish a Central Counting Station for the purpose of tabulating ballots; and

(T) Tabulate election results in preparation for ENTITY's canvassing.

(U) Preserve locked ballot boxes containing voted ballots securely in a locked room for 60 days as required by Texas Election Code Section 66.058; after this period, the records will be returned to the ENTITY for the remainder of the preservation period.

2.02 The ENTITY shall be responsible for performing the following:

(A) Payment of all necessary election supplies as required by the COUNTY, including but not limited to ballots, election kits, mail-in ballot supplies, laptop rental, labels and combination forms;

(B) Pay the cost of judges and election workers for hourly pay submitted by the County Elections Administrator at the rate of $12.00 per hour for Election Judges and $10.10 per hour for Alternate Judges and Early Voting Clerks for both Early Voting and General Election and pay the cost for training of Judges and Clerks at the rate of $10.10 per hour per person.

(C) Reimburse the COUNTY for the cost for liability insurance coverage for election workers employed for both Early Voting and General Election;

(D) Canvass the Election results for the ENTITY'S governing body;

(E) Prepare and submit to the Secretary of State the Precinct by Precinct reports;

(F) As stated in Section 31.096 of the Texas Election Code, this Contract may not change: (1) the authority with whom applications of candidates for a place on a ballot are filed; (2) the authority with whom documents are filed under Title 15; or (3) the authority to serve as custodian of voted ballots or other election records, except that the contract may provide that the County Election Officer will be the custodian of voted ballots. Under this Contract, the Hidalgo County Elections Administrator shall be the custodian of voted ballots for 60 days as required by Texas Election Code Section 66.058;

(G) Reimburse the COUNTY for supplies required to transfer election records to the ENTITY after 60 days to be kept for the remainder of the preservation period;

(H) The ADMINISTRATOR shall be the agent of the ENTITY for the purposes of contracting with third parties with respect to the election expenses within the scope of the County Elections Administrator's duties;

(I) The COUNTY shall file copies of this Contract with the County Treasurer and the County Auditor; and

(J) Reimburse the COUNTY for any and all costs associated with recounts and/or election contests associated with the election;

(K) In accordance with Section 31.100(b) of the Texas Election Code, only actual expenses directly attributable to this Contract may be paid. The ADMINISTRATOR shall submit the actual costs for items contracted pursuant to the Contract with the ENTITY as soon as all invoices from third party vendors are received;

(L) Confirm and/or correct the boundaries of the political subdivision holding the election on a map provided by the County. Once confirmed and/or corrected, Entity certifies the veracity of the boundaries and geographical area that represents the Entity and the area subject to the election.

ARTICLE III
SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

3.01. Specific services to be provided related to the general services identified in Article II shall be performed in accordance with the time requirements set out in the Texas Election Code.

ARTICLE IV
SERVICES NOT PROVIDED BY COUNTY

4.01. ADMINISTRATOR shall have no responsibility for insuring the passage of the appropriate Election Order by the ENTITY, publishing and (or) posting the Election Order as required by the Texas Election Code Section 3.004(3), or Texas Election Code 67.002(2) which is canvassing election results.

ARTICLE V
TERM

5.01. Except as hereinafter set out, the term of this Contract shall be from the time of execution until all items with respect to this Contract and the election held hereunder have been completed.

ARTICLE VI
COST OF SERVICE AND BILLING

In consideration for the services provided hereunder by ADMINISTRATOR, the ENTITY agrees to pay ADMINISTRATOR for the following costs of services:

6.01 iVotronic Voting Machines:

A. One base charge of $150.00 for Coding iVotronic ballot for voting machines, a $25 additional charge per additional ballot styles and a minimum of a $10 charge for Request Changes on Coded Ballot;
B. Base charge for Audio Setup of $300 for English/Spanish;
C. A $10.00 recording fee for Audio Files for each Contest and/or Office;
D. A $10.00 recording fee for Audio Files for each Proposition/Amendment/Charter/Instructions;
E. A $10.00 recording fee for Audio Files for each Candidate and/or Responses;
F. Cost of creating election media, such as, but not limited to Personal Electronic Ballot cartridges (PEB), compact flash cards, labels, bags, keys, etc.;
G. The amount of $150.00 leasing fee for <u>each</u> iVotronic and $150.00 leasing fee for each ADA iVotronic;

H. Cost of delivery and pick-up of iVotronics for Early Voting and Election Day to include fuel charge and mileage at COUNTY's cost;

I. The above described fees for each machine and coding fee shall be additionally charged for any Runoff Election.

6.02 Electronic Poll Book:

A. Database access at $100.00 per day;

B. Laptop rental, magnetic card swipes, bar code scanner, Dymo printers, insurance and delivery fee of $150.00 per location;

C. Printer label fee of $.03 per label (price subject to change);

D. Creation of separate Username and password for each polling location at $20.00 per location;

6.03 Fee for Early Voting and General Election Combination forms, maps and election kits. One-hundred sample ballots at no charge with additional sample ballots at twenty cents per copy; No charge for provisional bags, table tops if necessary, ballot box(es), custom signs and flags;

6.04 Reimbursement of ballot supplies, including applications, paper ballots, correspondence, envelopes and postage at COUNTY's cost;

6.05 Reimbursement fee for publications of all notices and newspaper advertisements, (if applicable);

6.06 Reimbursement of rental fees incurred for early voting polling places and Election Day polling places, as ordered;

6.07 Cost of judges and election workers for time worked to be submitted to the ENTITY by the ADMINISTRATOR. The ENTITY shall reimburse the COUNTY for the cost of payroll for election workers at $12.00 per hour for Election Judge, $10.10 per hour for Alternate Judge and Clerk(s); includes cost of payroll for training of Election Judge, Alternate Judge and Clerk(s) at $10.10 per hour per person;

6.08 Pay for the cost of the Ballot Board judge at $12.00 per hour and Ballot Board clerks at $10.10 per hour;

6.09 One copy of canvass report provided to ENTITY at no charge; each additional canvass report requested to be reimbursed by the ENTITY at COUNTY's cost;

6.10 Reimbursement to the COUNTY for the cost of liability insurance coverage as set by the County for all election workers employed for the elections;

6.11 Reimbursement to the COUNTY for the cost of the use of wireless cell phones at polling locations with the rate set by the wireless vendor at the time of usage which includes an additional per minute fee as charged by the vendor, a service charge of $10.00 per phone line and a Verizon base fee of $3.99 per phone line;

6.12 Billing:

A. The form of the invoice to be used in the billing by the COUNTY, including a good faith estimate of costs, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

B. After the Election and as soon as practicable, and only after receiving final invoiced from 3rd party vendors, the ADMINISTRATOR shall prepare and send an itemized invoice with the actual costs of the Election to the ENTITY.

C. Full payment of the entire balance shall be made by the ENTITY within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice.

D. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Hidalgo County Elections Department.

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

Yvonne Ramón
Hidalgo County Elections Administrator
PO Box 659
Edinburg, Texas 78540

Mr. Noe H. Cavazos
City Manager
City of Edcouch
P.O. Box 548
Edcouch, TX 78538

F. Any balances, if any remain after the payment of all costs of election bills, shall be the property of the ENTITY and returned to it.

ARTICLE VII

7.01 IF ANY OF THE ELECTION EQUIPMENT IS LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED, OR DAMAGED, THE CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR ENTITY WHO LEASED THE EQUIPMENT IS LIABLE FOR THE DAMAGE AND AGREES TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATOR THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF THE ELECTION EQUIPMENT SO LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

ARTICLE VIII
GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.01. This Contract shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

8.02. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract 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 Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

8.03. This Contract constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement between the parties respecting the written subject matter.

8.04. No amendment, modification, or alteration of the term hereof shall be binding unless the same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereof and duly executed by the parties hereto.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 2015

APPROVAL COUNTY OF HIDALGO:

BY: _____
RAMON GARCIA
COUNTY JUDGE

APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ON: 10/27/15

ATTEST:

BY: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
COUNTY CLERK

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

BY: _____
YVONNE RAMÓN

CITY OF EDCOUCH
ENTITY

BY: _____

PRINT: NOE H. CAVAZOS

TITLE: CITY MANAGER

ATTEST

BY: _____

PRINT: PETE DE LA CRUZ

TITLE: Finance/Grants Administrator

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

HIDALGO COUNTY
ASSISTANT CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: _____
JOSEPHINE RAMIREZ SOLIS

2015 Hidalgo County Elections
Contract Estimate Calculator

EXHIBIT A

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TOOL IS FOR ESTIMATION PURPOSES ONLY.
PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DETERMINED BY FINAL INVOICE.

ELECTION: City of Edcouch
Mayor, Alderman Place 3 & 4

DATE: November 3, 2015

6.01	**Coding Services for iVotronic**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
A	Base Charge: Ballot Coding		**$150.00**	1	$150.00
A	Additional Ballot Style(s)		**$25.00**	0	$0.00
A	Request Change on Coding Ballot		**$10.00**	0	$0.00
B	Audio Files Set up Charge English/ Spanish		**$300.00**	1	$300.00
C	Audio Files (Per Contest/Office)		**$10.00**	3	$30.00
D	Audio Files (Per Propositions/ Amendments/ Charters/ Instructions)		**$10.00**	0	$0.00
E	Audio Files (Per Candidate/ Responses)		**$10.00**	12	$120.00
F	Election Media per Polling Location(s)		**$100.00**	2	$200.00
G	iVotronic Voting Machine(s)		**$150.00**	8	$1,200.00
G	ADA iVotronic Voting Machine(s)		**$150.00**	2	$300.00
H	Delivery/ Pick-up Fee (includes Mileage)		**$550.00**	1	$550.00
				Total iVotronic Coding Charges	**$2,850.00**
6.02	**Electronic Poll Book (VoteSafe)**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
A	Voter Registration Database Access (Per Day)		**$100.00**	13	$1,300.00
B	Laptop Rental (includes Bar Code Scanner/ Brother Printer)		**$150.00**	1	$150.00
C	Printer Labels (per vote)		**$0.03**	5086	$152.58
D	Username/Password - Per Polling Location		**$20.00**	2	$40.00
				Total Electronic Poll Book Charges	**$1,642.58**
6.03	**Supplies**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
	Early Voting Combination Forms		**$0.55**	60	$33.00
	Election Day Combination Forms		**$0.55**	60	$33.00
	Election Judge Kit for Early Voting		**$35.00**	1	$35.00
	Election Judge Kit for Election Day		**$35.00**	1	$35.00
	Polling Location Map(s)		**$17.00**	2	$34.00
	100 Sample ballots provided. Additional Copies of Sample Ballots @ $0.20 each.		**$0.20**	250	$50.00
				Total Supplies Charges	**$220.00**
6.04	**Mail & Ballot Service**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
	Mail-in-Ballot Applications		**$0.25**	300	$75.00
	Paper Ballots for Mail-in-Ballots and Provisionals		**$0.40**	200	$80.00
	Mail-in-Ballots Kit(s) per request		**$2.00**	150	$300.00
	Postage Mail-in-Ballots (per request)		**$0.61**	150	$91.50
	Correspondence Postage		**$0.49**	1	0.49
				Total Mail & Ballot Service Charges	**$546.99**
6.05	**Advertisements/Notices**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
	The Monitor newspaper		**$1,800.00**	1	$1,800.00
	Local newspaper			0	$0.00
				Total Advertisement/Notice Charges	**$1,800.00**
6.06	**Polling Location Rental Fees**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
				0	$0.00
				Total Polling Location Rental Charges	**$0.00**
6.07	***Payroll for Training and Election Poll Workers**		**Price**		**Total**
	Payroll for Early Voting Employees		**$6,941.80**		$3,470.90
	Payroll for Election Day Employees		**$811.00**		$405.50
				Total Payroll Charges	**$3,876.40**
6.08	**Payroll for Ballot Board**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
	Ballot Board		**$250.00**	1	$250.00
				Total Ballot Board Charges	**$250.00**
6.09	**Canvass Reports**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
	Canvass Report (One Certified Copy Included)		**$0.00**	1	$0.00
	Additional Canvass Reports		**TBD**	0	$0.00
				Total Canvass Report Charges	**$0.00**
6.10	**Insurance**	**Hourly rate**	**Workers**	**Hours wrk**	**Total**
	Liability insurance for Early Voting Supervisors	**$ 12.00**	1	132	$3.17
	(hourly rate X workers X hrs worked X 0.002)				
	Liability insurance for Early Voting Clerks	**$ 10.10**	4	528	$42.66
	(hourly rate X workers X hrs worked X 0.002)				
	Liability insurance for Election Day Presiding Judges	**$ 12.00**	1	15	$0.36
	(hourly rate X workers X hrs worked X 0.002)				
	Liability insurance for Election Day Alternate/Clerks	**$ 10.10**	4	60	$4.85
	(hourly rate X workers X hrs worked X 0.002)				
				Total Insurance Charges	**$51.04**
6.11	**Cell Phones**		**Price**	**Quantity**	**Total**
	Verizon Wireless phone (subject to change with out notice)		**$45.00**	1	$45.00
				Total Cell Phone Charges	**$45.00**
6.12				**Subtotal**	**$11,282.01**
				Administrative Fees (10%)	**$1,128.20**
	*Shared cost with County			**ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL**	**$12,410.21**