

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. The Engineer shall furnish the services for the development of the Project and fulfillment of the agreement as identified in **EXHIBIT "B"- Services to provide 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 shall be for a period of **one (1) year**, commencing, **September 6, 2016**, expiring, **September 5, 2017** (hereinafter referred to as the

("Termination Date"), unless extended by written supplemental agreement, as provided in Article 8 hereof, duly executed by the **Engineer** and the **Owner** prior to the **Termination Date**, or otherwise terminated as provided in Article 3.4 herein and below.. The **Owner** assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the **Engineer** for work performed or costs incurred by the **Engineer** prior to the date authorized by the **Owner** for the **Engineer** to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the **Termination Date**.

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

3.3 Suspension of Work. Should the **Owner** desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the **Owner** shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to the **Engineer**, followed by written confirmation from the **Owner** to the **Engineer** to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the **Owner** to the **Engineer**. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the **Owner** and the **Engineer**.

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

3.4 Termination of Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated before the stated

Termination Date identified in Article 3.1 herein by any of the following conditions:

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

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

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

cost occasioned by the Owner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.1 Services. For and in consideration of the **Services** to be rendered by the **Engineer**, as identified in Article 2 and more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "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. An outline and breakdown of the **Services Fee** is more particularly identified in **EXHIBIT "D"-Engineer Contract Rates**, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. Payments to the **Engineer** for **Services** shall be made by the **Owner**, upon presentation by the **Engineer** of the monthly **Request for Payment**, in accordance with the terms and provisions of Article 6 herein.

5.2 Special Services. Those services that may be required to be provided by the
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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 Requests for Payment. Payments to the **Engineer** for services rendered will be made while work is in progress as executed through a lump sum fee assigned to each work authorization (hereinafter referred to as "**Work Authorization**") in accordance with Article 7 herein.

For each **Work Authorization**, the **Engineer** shall prepare and submit to the **Owner** monthly progress reports in sufficient detail to support the progress of the work and in support of a request for payment (hereinafter referred to as "**Request for Payment**"). The progress report shall indicate the percent completion of the work accomplished by the **Engineer** during the billing period and to the date of the **Request for Payment**. On or before noon of the first Monday of each month during the

performance of the services, the **Engineer** shall submit to the **Owner** for approval a **Request for**

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

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

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

6.3 Qualification on Obligations to Pay. Any provision hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, the **Owner** shall not be obligated to make any payment (whether 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** finds it necessary to request the **Engineer** to make changes to work previously approved by the **Owner** or work satisfactorily completed for which the **Owner** approves or, after a definite plan has been approved by the **Owner**, if a decision is subsequently made by the **Owner**, which for proper execution involves extra services and expenses for changes in or additions to the drawings specifications or other documents, this will be considered as additional work, and compensation from the **Owner** to the Engineer will be in accordance with Article 9 hereof.

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

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

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

The **Engineer's** responsibility for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions will be determined by the **Owner** or a designee appointed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** will not be relieved of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions or 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, judgment and abilities to design the **Project** and to further the interests of the **Owner** in accordance with the **Owner's** requirements and procedures, in accordance with all professional standards, and in compliance with all applicable national, federal, state, county and municipal laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders and with those of any other body having jurisdiction. If the development of plans, specifications and estimates (hereinafter referred to as "**PS&E**") are identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT "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 from the inception of the Agreement until the **Project** has been fully completed, shall be of the standard and quality which prevail among engineers of similar experience, knowledge, skill and ability engaged in engineering practice throughout Texas under the same or similar circumstances involving the design and construction of **Project**.

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

(e) If the development of **PS&E** is identified in this Agreement under Article 2 hereof or **EXHIBIT "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 from association with the **Project** when so instructed by the **Owner**. The **Engineer** certifies that the **Engineer** presently has employed sufficient and qualified personnel,

and will maintain sufficient and qualified personnel for performance of the services under this Agreement.

18.3 Documents/Information Exchange The purpose of this Article is to define the required automated resources, format for graphics files, and information exchange pertaining to the **Project**. Taking into consideration that the **Owner** has a significant investment in the development of the **Project**, there is a need for the **Engineer** to provide consistency in document development for information exchange. Consistency in document development for information exchange and production will help facilitate an economically efficient **Project**. Therefore, the **Engineer** shall provide the **Owner** with documents and information in accordance with the special requirement outlined in **EXHIBIT "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 "**Indemnitors**") from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses, including attorney fees, of any nature, kind or description (collectively "**Liabilities**") of any person or entity whomsoever arising out of, caused by or resulting from the negligent performance of the **Engineer's** services through activities of the **Engineer**, its agents, partners, subcontractors and/or consultants performed under this Agreement, and which are caused by or result from error, omission, or negligent act of the **Engineer** or of any person employed or contracted by the **Engineer** provided that any such **Liabilities** (1) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to the injury to or destruction of tangible personal property including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting therefrom and (2) are caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the **Engineer**, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the **Engineer** or anyone for whose acts the **Engineer** may be legally liable. The **Engineer** shall also save harmless the **Owner** from any and all expense, including but not limited to, attorney fees which may be incurred by the **Owner** in litigation or

otherwise resisting said claim or liabilities which may be imposed on the **Owner** as a result of such activities by the **Engineer**, its agents partners, subcontractors and/or consultants. In this connection, it is agreed and understood that the **Engineer** shall not be responsible for any portion of the liability proximately caused by the **Owner's** negligence.

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

ARTICLE 21. Insurance. 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 Workers 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, workers compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations and licensing laws and regulations. When required the **Engineer** shall furnish the **Owner** with satisfactory proof of its compliance therewith.

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

ARTICLE 24. Gratuities. The **Owner** mandates that employees of the **Owner** shall not accept any benefits, gifts or favors from any person doing business or who reasonably speaking may do

business with the **Owner** under this Agreement; the only exceptions allowed are ordinary business meals. Any person doing business with or who may reasonably 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 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
100 E. Cano, 2nd, Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

ENGINEER:
B2Z Engineering, LLC
P.O. Box 2724
McAllen, Texas 78502

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

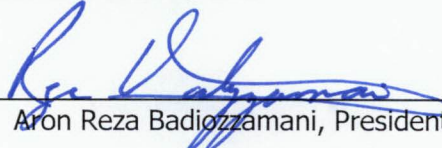
Engineer hereby represent and warrant that the signatory is an officer of the organization for which he or she has executed this Agreement and that he or she has full and complete authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the **Engineer**. The above-stated representations and warranties are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

ARTICLE 31. Texas Law to Apply. This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

ARTICLE 32. Immunities. Nothing in this agreement is intended to and County does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses County enjoys by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to County as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against County.

WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Engineer** and the **Owner** have caused this **Agreement for Professional Services** to be effective as of the 6th day of September, 2016.

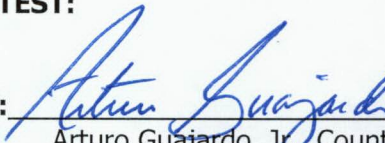
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B2Z ENGINEERING, LLC

BY: 
Aron Reza Badiozzamani, President

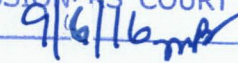
OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY: 
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:


BY: 
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk



APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT
ON: 9/6/16 

Approved by Commissioner's Court on September 6, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, LLP

BY: 
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

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
2812 S. Business Highway 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Tel: (956) 318-2626 Fax(956) 318-2629

February 01, 2016

Participant's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**
Request for Qualifications - **"Professional Engineering Services Pool-Hidalgo County"**
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
RFQ No: 2016-002-02-17-YZV

Dear Respondents:

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

We have updated our RFQ packet. Carefully read and review all instructions, requirements, specifications 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/yzv

Enclosures



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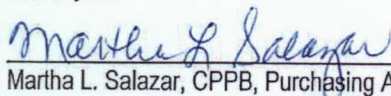
HIDALGO COUNTY
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The above mentioned items shall be found in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the items are not attached in its entirety please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626, 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

February 01, 2016
Date



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

HIDALGO COUNTY

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

“Professional Engineering Services Pool”

RFQ NO: 2016-002-02-17-YZV

Acceptance Due Date: **FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

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

Project Buyer Contact Information:

Yolanda Velasquez, Buyer III
(956) 292-7000 Ext. 4881
yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us

1. Sealed qualifications will be received for "HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES 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, three (3) copies of all qualifications and eight (8) 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 No.: 2016-002-02-17-YZV- "HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES 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, FEBRUARY 17, 2016.**

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 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:

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, 2016, 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-1, 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 that 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 details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Completed Form CIQ must be submitted to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Clossner, Edinburg, Texas 78539 - Hidalgo County Courthouse.

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIQ IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENT. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL.

20. CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (FORM HB1295)

As of January 1, 2016, to comply with Texas Government Code Section §2252.908, and the rules issued by the Texas Ethics Commission found in Title 1, Section 46.1, 46.3 and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code, we have updated and revised our RFQ packet. In accordance with these requirements, business must submit a completed Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 to the County before the County may enter into a contract with the business entity. In box 3 of Form 1295, you will provide the RFQ No. as shown on the packet. Once completed and filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Form 1295 must be printed and signed in the presence of a notary and submitted to our office either by facsimile transmission to (956) 292-7612 or via email to: yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted. Therefore, failure to timely submit Form 1295 signed and notarized may result in delay of award. Full instructions for completion and submittal of Form 1295 may be found on the Texas Ethics Commission website:

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/tec/1295-Info.htm>

THE AWARDED VENDOR WILL HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS TO SUBMIT THE SIGNED NOTARIZED FORM 1295. HIDALGO COUNTY CANNOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT UNTIL FORM 1295 IS SUBMITTED.

FORM CIS (LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT) will be included in packet as Exhibit "D-2".

COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM CIS IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROSPECTIVE RESPONDENT. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL.

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.

28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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 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

“PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL”

2016-002-02-17-YZV

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas registered Professional Engineering firms in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Engineers 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 Engineers will be for a period starting **March 16, 2016 and ending March 15, 2017**. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statements of Qualifications for the provision of "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL"-HIDALGO COUNTY (including all funding sources, Programs, and Entities as specified herein. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**. **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, three (3) copies and eight (8) CD's in PDF format** of the RFQ shall 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 Number, Project Title, and 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 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.

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:

Respondents to this RFQ must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in Exhibit E) certifying 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 (3) 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:

Respondents 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:

Respondents 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 yolanda.velasquez@co.hidalgo.tx.us NO LATER THAN Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.** Responses will be sent to all applicants by **Friday, February 12, 2016** **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 submitter 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 to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing project specifications.

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 result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:

This section should demonstrate the respondent's understanding 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 engineering firm(s), registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway, Bridge and General Design and Construction
- Federal, State and County-funded construction projects
- Solid Waste related projects
- Mechanical Engineering Projects

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent (and varied) projects. For each project, a client contact 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 5 pages and should include the following;

- 1) Area firm specializes in
- 2) Minimum years of experience
- 3) Project(s)

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.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

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

A.

- Route and Design Studies
- Social, Economic, Environmental Studies and Public Involvement
- Right of Way Maps and Data
- Utility Adjustments
- Surveying
- Pre-Design

B.

- Roadway Design
- Drainage Design
- Solid Waste
- Signing, Markings and Signalization
- Traffic Control Plans
- Bridge Design
- Plans and Specifications
- Bid Preparation

C.

- Building Design
- Plans, Drawings and Specifications
- Bid Package Preparation

D.

- Construction Contract Management
- Conduct Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Services
- Design for New Construction
- Design for Alterations/Renovations
- Needs Assessment

- ADA Compliance
- Code Analysis
- Cost Estimating

E.

- Soil/Rock and Foundation Studies
- Excavations and Trenches
- Dams and Cut or Filled Slopes
- Pavements
- Water and Waste Retention/Disposal
- Specialized Testing and Instrumentation

Other Engineering Services include:

Project Development Management, Facility Analysis & Master Planning, Site Planning & Analysis, Roof Design, Parking Design, Security Design, Energy Conservation, Ventilation Design, Acoustical Design, Asbestos Abatement Monitoring, etc.

Additionally, this section should include, but not restricted to the following information:

- A. Firm name, address, phone number and person(s) to contact regarding the Statement of Qualifications.
- B. Qualifications and recent experience of the firm and key personnel relative to the performance of similar services for public entities. This should also include the following information:
 - 1. Copy of current license certification with state seal
 - 2. History of engineering certification from the State of Texas.
 - 3. List of projects related to the subject areas within the past year.
- C. List of in-State references including the name, address and phone number of the person most closely associated with the firm's prior project performance.
- D. Ability to commence services immediately after successfully negotiating a contract for services.
- E. Statement regarding an Affirmative Action Program.

PARTICIPATING 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.

PART III – SELECTION / EVALUATION

SELECTION PROCEDURES/EVALUATION PROCESS:

The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system.

1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF PROJECT TEAM (20)

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 shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities, irrigation districts, TX DOT or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix.

2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES (25)

In addition to the Project Manager and the Professional Team Member(s), the provider shall designate experienced engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work, either through their own personnel, sub-providers or commitment to hire additional staff. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Résumés 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.

3. METHODOLOGY (20)

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

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25)

The proposal 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

The firms should provide as much background information as to it's experience in providing similar services to State, City, County or any other governmental agencies. Reference information should be as current as possible, especially contact persons and telephone numbers.

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

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).

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL:

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Engineering 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 Engineering Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firm, 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. Firm(s) will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) a "scope of service" 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.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ No. 2016-002-02-17-YZV**

EXHIBIT "B"

Selection Criteria	Points	Score
1. Professional Qualifications of Project Team (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Registered and licenses to practice in the State of Texas (i.e. certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract)	10	
➤ Provides information on proposed professional Team qualifications to perform various types of contracts	5	
➤ Team members identified in the organizational chart.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
2. Experience of Project Team/Ability to Commit Resources (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Designate engineering staff members in an appendix form	5	
➤ Identifying the project composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities	10	
➤ Experience of engineering staff to completely and efficiently perform the work.	10	
➤		
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
3. Methodology/Experience/Availability of Project Manager (20 pts maximum)		
➤ Firm's approach to the methodology and management to the scope of services for the project(s).	5	
➤ Must be a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Texas and must be included in Appendix	5	
➤ Project Manager must have five (5) types of projects plus be 85-100 % involvement with technical development of project	10	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
4. Understanding of Project/Similar Projects (25 pts maximum)		
➤ Demonstrate and understanding of the scope of services	5	
➤ 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	
➤ Reference Information including contact persons and telephone numbers.	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
5. Familiarity with Applicable Rules and Regulations (10 pts 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, guideline, standards, and policies	5	
Comments/Rationale For Points:		TOTAL
Total Score		

Firm/Participant's Name: _____

Evaluator: _____ Department: _____

Project Name: _____ Date: _____

**PROCUREMENT FORM
ATTACHMENT "B"
HIDALGO COUNTY-PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL
RFQ NO: 2016-002-02-17-YZV**

Name and Address of Firm:	_____ _____ _____		
Principals of Firm and Titles:	_____ _____ _____		
Firm's Registration No.:	_____		
Area of Specialization:			
	Civil Engineering		Electrical Engineering
	Structural Engineering		Highway Engineering
	MEP Engineering (Mech/Elec/Plumb)		
	Mechanical Engineering		
	Environmental Engineering		
Local References (Rio Grande Valley) List Four (4) Only:			
Reference #1: _____			
Reference #2: _____			
Reference #3: _____			
Reference #4: _____			
Recent Projects (Within Two [2] Years) List Four (4) Only:			
Project #1: _____			
Project #2: _____			
Project #3: _____			
Project #4: _____			

Submitted By: _____

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

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 THEIR 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				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR				MEDICAL (Any one person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT. PROT				PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY				ANNUAL AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGGREGATE \$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	GARAGE LIABILITY				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN EA ACC AUTO ONLY AGG \$
					\$
C	EXCESS LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE				AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE				\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				\$
D	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY				WC STATU- <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER TORY LIMITS
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE \$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$
	OTHER				

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

EXHIBIT D-1

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor 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 vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor 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 on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

EXHIBIT D-2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

FORM CIS

(Instructions for completing and filing this form are provided on the next page.)

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This is the notice to the appropriate local governmental entity that the following local government officer has become aware of facts that require the officer to file this statement in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of Local Government Officer

2 Office Held

3 Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code

4 Description of the nature and extent of each employment or other business relationship and each family relationship with vendor named in item 3.

5 List gifts accepted by the local government officer and any family member, if aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100 during the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).

Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____

Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____

Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____

(attach additional forms as necessary)

6 AFFIDAVIT

I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code.

Signature of Local Government Officer

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath

Printed name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Section 176.003 of the Local Government Code requires certain local government officers to file this form. A "local government officer" is defined as a member of the governing body of a local governmental entity; a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of a local governmental entity; or an agent of a local governmental entity who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting of a vendor. This form is required to be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of this statement.

A local government officer commits an offense if the officer knowingly violates Section 176.003, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

Refer to chapter 176 of the Local Government Code for detailed information regarding the requirement to file this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

The following numbers correspond to the numbered boxes on the other side.

- 1. Name of Local Government Officer.** Enter the name of the local government officer filing this statement.
- 2. Office Held.** Enter the name of the office held by the local government officer filing this statement.
- 3. Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code.** Enter the name of the vendor described by Section 176.001(7), Local Government Code, if the vendor: a) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code; b) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code; or c) has a family relationship with the local government officer as defined by Section 176.001(2-a), Local Government Code.
- 4. Description of the nature and extent of each employment or other business relationship and each family relationship with vendor named in item 3.** Describe the nature and extent of the employment or other business relationship the vendor has with the local government officer or a family member of the officer as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code, and each family relationship the vendor has with the local government officer as defined by Section 176.001(2-a), Local Government Code.
- 5. List gifts accepted, if the aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100.** List gifts accepted during the 12-month period (described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code) by the local government officer or family member of the officer from the vendor named in item 3 that in the aggregate exceed \$100 in value.
- 6. Affidavit.** Signature of local government officer.

Local Government Code § 176.001(2-a): "Family relationship" means a relationship between a person and another person within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as those terms are defined by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT
Exhibit "E"

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING
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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 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__.

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

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:

(THIS PAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL)

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): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
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 <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="10" style="text-align: center;">Social security number</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td><td style="width: 30px;"> </td> </tr> </table>	Social security number																			
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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 ▶
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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 Ineligibility**

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, in 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, theory, 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 of cause or default.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

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



HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES POOL

RFQ No.: 2016-002-02-17-YZV

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 "B" –Procurement Form –Areas of Specialization
- _____ Exhibit "C" -Acknowledgement forms (pages 3 and 4)
- _____ Exhibit "D-1" -CIQ Form -Copy of County Clerk File Recording fee receipt.
- _____ Exhibit "D-2"-CIS Form
- _____ Exhibit "E" –Proposers Affidavit
- _____ Vendor Bidder Application and IRS form W-9
- _____ Certification Regarding Debarment
- _____ One Original, 3 Copies, and 8 CD's containing a complete copy of Response.

EXHIBIT A

-Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner

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

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

- (1) Authorization to the **ENGINEER** to begin work in accordance with Section 3 of this Agreement.
- (2) Payment for work performed by the **ENGINEER** and accepted by the **OWNER** in accordance with Section 6 of the Agreement.
- (3) Assistance to the **ENGINEER**, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies that the **ENGINEER** cannot easily obtain.
- (4) Provide any available relevant data the **OWNER** may have on file concerning the project.
- (5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the **ENGINEER'S** request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the **ENGINEER** to maintain the agreed-upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Attachment "C" of this Agreement.
- (6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by the **ENGINEER**.
- (7) Assist the **ENGINEER** in the preparation of the project mailing list; provide representation, a site and stenographer for all public meetings; additionally:
 - Public Meetings*
 - (a) Approve agenda and all exhibits prior to public meeting.
 - (b) Approve date and location of the meeting.
 - (c) Review/approve Public Meeting Report.
- (8) Attend the Preliminary Concept Conference coordinated and conducted by the **ENGINEER** and more particularly identified in Attachment "B" of the Agreement.
- (9) Assist the **ENGINEER** as required in the coordination with the USACE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and any other coordinating agency or entity.
- (10) Review and approve the Project design criteria.
- (11) Review and approve change orders as required and prepared by the **ENGINEER**.

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

SECTION I - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The services designated herein as “Services provided by the ENGINEER” shall include the performance of all engineering services for the following described facility:

COUNTY/CITY: HIDALGO COUNTY

PROJECT/DESCRIPTION: On-Call Services for “Road and Bridge, C.I.P. and Other Projects in General”

ENGINEER shall mean B2Z Engineering.

STATE shall mean Texas Department of Transportation.

COUNTY shall mean Hidalgo County.

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

SECTION 2 – FEASIBILITY STUDIES

(Function Code 102)

Preliminary Design Values

The ENGINEER will work with the Owner to establish basic design concepts, project controls and general scope of Projects.

Preliminary Route Locations on Uncontrolled Mapping

The ENGINEER will evaluate various alternatives (route locations, alignment shifts, geometry) for the Projects.

Uncontrolled Mapping (w/Contours & GIS Info)

The ENGINEER will investigate the existing routes and coordinate with the Owner on establishing the best-fit alignments and mapping proposed geometry for Projects. Preliminary Location Exhibit will be developed.

Preliminary Traffic Evaluations & Trends

The ENGINEER will investigate existing traffic models and trends for the proposed Projects and adjacent roadways tying into the proposed Projects.

Preliminary Hydrologic Map

The ENGINEER will develop a Hydrologic Map for the Projects. Hydrologic Maps will be based on LIDAR and GIS information.

Preliminary ROW Requirements

The ENGINEER will research and identify affected property owners on the Projects utilizing the latest appraisal district file information from Hidalgo County Appraisal District and information from Carson Maps.

Preliminary Cost Estimates

The ENGINEER will calculate preliminary construction cost estimates for the location and geometry of the Projects.

Preliminary Environmental Analysis (for fatal flaws)

The ENGINEER will perform Preliminary Environmental Constraint Mapping to determine if any fatal flaws exist along the proposed alignment.

Project Fact Sheet with Est. Local Cost vs. Total Project Cost

The ENGINEER will produce a Project Fact Sheet providing summaries of all pertinent items in this scope of services (as required) and providing estimated local costs vs. total project costs for the Projects.

Meetings, Coordination & Support for Project Development

The ENGINEER shall provide coordination services and shall assist in meetings and workshops with TxDOT, Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 and Hidalgo County Irrigation Districts, and all other affected parties. The ENGINEER shall serve as representative for the Owner in coordination items. The ENGINEER shall coordinate with the Owner's staff on all Project related items.

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

SECTION 3 - ROUTE AND DESIGN STUDIES

(Function Code 110)

1. Route Location Studies*
2. Level of Service Analysis
3. Traffic Evaluations and Projections
4. Develop Roadway Design Criteria
5. Preliminary Cost Estimates
6. Design Schematic
(See Section 7, page 7-1 for schematic layout requirements)
7. Preliminary Right-of-Way Requirements
8. Design Concept Conference

* The Phase I or better survey for hazardous material should be included as a determining factor of route selection. Projects which do not require additional right of way should be considered separately from an expansion or new location.

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

SECTION 4

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

(Function Code 120)

1. Environmental Reports

All Environmental Reports shall be in accordance with 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 2.40-2.51, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 771 and Highway Design Operations and Procedures Manual, Part II-B.

a. Environmental Assessments

- (1) An Environmental Assessment shall be prepared, anticipating a Categorical Exclusion.
- (2) An Environmental Assessment shall be prepared, anticipating a Finding of No Significant Impact.
- (3) An Environmental Assessment shall be prepared, anticipating the need for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

b. Environmental Impact Statement

- (1) A Draft Environmental Impact Statement shall be prepared. After appropriate interagency and public reviews within time limits prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 771 and 43 Texas Administrative Code 2.40-2.51, a Final Environmental Impact Statement shall be prepared.
- (2) A Section 4(f) Statement (Department of Transportation Act) shall be provided by the ENGINEER. The format and content of the statement is found in FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A.

2. Public Involvement

All public involvement procedures shall be in accordance with 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 2.40-2.51, Code of Federal Regulations Title 23, Part 771 and Highway Design Operations and Procedures Manual, Part II-B.

- a. A public involvement meeting(s)/hearing(s) shall be scheduled, coordinated and conducted.*
- b. Technical assistance, meeting(s)/hearing(s) preparation, maintenance of contracts lists, minutes of meeting(s), exhibit preparation, and other tasks outlined by the COUNTY, shall be provided.

3. Cultural Resources

Formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be conducted by the COUNTY.

a. Historic Structure Studies

A records search and reconnaissance survey shall be performed, and documentation prepared regarding identification efforts, National Register eligibility and potential impacts to historic properties in accordance with the state's historic structure requirements.

b. Archeological Studies

- (1) Files searches shall be conducted to determine if known archeological sites are present; to identify whether these sites have been listed or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or have been designated State Archeological Landmarks; and to identify the need (if any) to perform additional archeological investigations.
- (2) Archeological reconnaissance will be performed under a Texas Antiquities Permit (13 TAC 26) signed for the Sponsor by a professional archeologist with the STATE.
- (3) Archeological survey shall be performed under a Texas Antiquities Permit (13 TAC 26) signed for the Sponsor by a professional archeologist with the STATE.

4. Noise and Air Quality Analyses

a. Noise Analysis

A noise analysis shall be prepared, including predicted noise levels and the consideration and evaluation of noise mitigation, in accordance with the STATE'S Noise Guidelines. The noise analysis or a summary of the noise analysis shall be provided as a Technical Report and results included in the administratively complete document.

b. Air Quality Analysis

An air quality analysis shall be prepared in accordance with the STATE'S Air Quality Guidelines. The air quality analysis or a summary of the air quality shall be provided as a Technical Report and results included in the administratively complete document for the project.

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5. Hazardous Materials

The consultant shall perform an Initial Site Assessment (ISA) for hazardous materials impact in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) 1528.93 (Transaction Screen Process).

6. General Guidelines for Preparation of Environmental Documents

- a. The Biological Impact Evaluation Report will be prepared which will include water resources, threatened and endangered species, etc. and submitted electronically to TxDOT.
- b. All cultural resource reports (i.e. Archeological and Historical Project Coordination Requests (PCRs), background and reconnaissance surveys) will be submitted electronically to TxDOT.
- c. The draft administratively complete document will be submitted to TxDOT electronically through their FTP site.
- d. The administratively complete document will be prepared in accordance with the content and format of FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A and the TxDOT Administrative Code 43 TAC §2.44.
- e. The administratively complete document will be submitted to TxDOT electronically through their FTP site.
- f. Upon completion and approval of the administratively and technically complete document, the ENGINEER will provide one (1) hard copy to the Client, one (1) hardcopy to the district, and (3) hardcopies to TxDOT ENV.
- g. Exhibits in the environmental document shall be color copies and text shall be black and white.

EXHIBIT B

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SECTION 7 - ROADWAY DESIGN CONTROLS

(Function Code 160)

1. Geometric Design
 - a. Horizontal and Vertical Alignment
 - b. Schematic Layout
 - (1) The location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps.
 - (2) Develop vertical and horizontal alignment of main lanes, ramps and cross roads at proposed interchanges or grade separations. Frontage road alignment data need not be shown on the schematic; however, it should be developed in sufficient detail to determine ROW needs. The degree of horizontal curves and vertical curve data, including "K" values, shall also be shown for ease of checking.
 - (3) For freeways, show the location and text of the proposed main lane guide signs. Lane lines and/or arrows indicating the number of lanes shall also be shown.
 - (4) A complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, if proposed, including the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps.
 - (5) The tentative ROW limits.
 - (a) Provide a roadway Design System (RDS) or (GEOPAK) computer tape of the preliminary earthwork to verify ROW requirements.
 - (b) Provide a graphics file containing the approved schematic.
 - (6) The geometric (pavement cross slopes, lane and shoulder widths, slope rates for fills and cuts) of the typical sections of proposed highway main lanes, ramps, frontage roads, and cross roads.
 - (7) The current and projected traffic volumes as provided by the TxDOT (20 year traffic projection, unless otherwise determined by the District Engineer).
 - (8) The control of access lines if Interstate or designated under House Bill 179.
 - (9) Direction of traffic flow on all roadways.
 - (10) Location and width of median openings for highway without access control.
 - (11) The geometric of speed change (acceleration, deceleration, climbing) lanes.
2. General Guidelines for Project Development
 - a. Prior to preparing detailed plans for a proposed project, a preliminary schematic layout shall be prepared which indicates the general geometric features and location requirements peculiar to the project. An uncontrolled aerial mosaic will be provided for this use. Four copies of the schematic layout shall be submitted through the district to the Design Division for approval and subsequent coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) where applicable. The layout shall be submitted for two-lane arterial highway projects on new locations and for all multi-lane highway projects. **No geometric design is to be performed until the COUNTY has given the ENGINEER written approval of the preliminary schematic layout.**
 - b. All geometric design shall be in conformance with the State's Design Division, Operations and Procedures Manual, except where variances are permitted in writing by the STATE.
 - c. The schematic layout shall include basic information which is necessary for the proper review and evaluation including the items listed above in the checklist for schematic layout.
 - d. Handling of traffic during construction shall be a consideration in the development of preliminary designs.
 - e. Upon approval of the schematic layout by Design Division (FHWA on Federal-aid projects), it shall be the basis for an exhibit at any required public hearing prior to final development of the project. If there are any changes to the schematic after the Design Division and FHWA approval and before the public hearing, four copies of the revised schematic, as displayed at the hearing, shall be submitted either prior to or accompanying the public hearing data. If there are no changes in the schematic as displayed at the hearing, only photographs of the schematic and other displays shall be submitted with the public hearing data.
 - f. For all freeway construction projects, these schematics shall show the location and text of the proposed main lane guide signs. A schematic layout shall be submitted through the district to the Traffic Operations Division, Traffic Safety Section for approval and subsequent coordination with the FHWA. All signing shall be in conformance with the Texas MUTCD.
 - g. On complex projects, informal contact through the district with the Design Division and FHWA personnel is encouraged with regard to development of preliminary design prior to official schematic submission.

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- h. The ENGINEER shall furnish a project tape that is compatible with the STATE's computer system, a project listing, and a cross section plot showing the original design sections containing the earthwork input and original cross sections for the project. **Accuracy of the earthwork design is of utmost importance since it is the basis for contractor payments and construction staking.**
- 3. Exhibit for Airway/Highway Clearance Permits
- 4. Grading Design
 - a. Refine the horizontal and vertical alignment of main lanes, frontage roads, ramps, cross roads and direct connectors based upon the approved schematic layout. Determine vertical clearances at grade separations and overpasses, taking into account the appropriate super elevation rate.
 - b. Typical Sections
 - c. Design Cross Sections
 - d. Determine Cut and Fill Quantities
 - e. Slope Stability Analysis
 - f. Embankment Foundation Stability Analysis
 - g. Embankment Settlement Analysis
- 5. Pavement Design
 - a. Prior to initiating detailed plan preparations for a project, a preliminary investigation shall be made to determine the approximate section and pavement type to be used for the pavement structure. The Flexible Pavement Design Manual for flexible pavement, "Appendix F" of the Design Division, Operations and Procedures Manual, and the current AASHTO Guide for the Design of Pavement Structures, may be used for this purpose.
 - b. The typical section shall also reflect proposed geometric including pavement cross slopes, lane and shoulder widths, and slope rates whenever this data have not been previously shown on a schematic submission.
 - c. Traffic Data for Pavement Design by STATE
 - d. Basic Design Criteria
 - e. Life Cycle Cost Analysis(es)
 - f. Cost Data
 - g. Pavement Material Properties
 - h. Rehabilitation Investigations
 - (1) Core Hole Survey (Show cost estimate with Function Code 110)
 - (a) Determine type and depth of existing material, pavement, etc. The ENGINEER will determine whether to salvage ACP and FLEXBASE as well as their properties and provide this information to TxDOT.

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SECTION 8 - DRAINAGE

(Function Code 161)

All hydraulic design shall be in accordance with the TxDOT's Hydraulic Manual, except where variances are permitted in writing by the COUNTY.

1. Hydrologic Map
 - a. Hydrologic data/discharge determination for outfalls
2. Hydraulic Drainage Study and Documentation
 - a. Hydraulic computations and Drainage area maps showing existing conditions and proposed improvements.
 - (1) Storm water detention available within the ROW (linear ft. alongside drain ditch).
 - (2) Storm water detention required outside the ROW (as per HCDD#1)
 - (3) Culverts
 - (4) Bridge waterways
 - (5) Channels
 - (6) Storm sewers/inlets
 - (7) Pump stations
 - (8) Storm Water Management facilities
 - (9) Other
 - (a) Irrigation Canals/Siphons
 - b. Hydraulic report(s)
 - c. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodway requirements
 - d. Determine impact of proposed drainage plan on the following receiving stream(s)
 - (1) Hidalgo County Drainage District Outfalls
 - (2) All Irrigation District Outfalls impacted
3. Layout, Structural Design and Detailing of Drainage Features
 - a. Culverts
 - (1) New culverts
 - (2) Culvert widening and/or lengthening
 - (3) Culvert replacements
 - b. Storm sewers
 - (1) New storm sewers
 - (2) Modify existing storm sewers
 - (3) Inlets
 - (4) Manholes
 - (5) Trunk lines
 - c. Pump stations
 - d. Subsurface drainage at retaining walls
 - e. Outfall channel(s) within the ROW
 - f. Outfall channel(s) outside the ROW
 - g. Detention Pond(s) within the ROW
 - h. Detention Pond(s) outside the ROW
 - i. Summary of Quantities
 - j. Storm Water Management facilities
4. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SW3P)
5. Scour Evaluation - Waterway Structures only (to be completed by Bridge Engineer under FC 170).

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SECTION 9 - SIGNING, MARKINGS AND SIGNALIZATION

(Function Code 162)

1. Signing and Markings Layout
 - a. Requirements (Separate Layout)
 - (1) Roadway layout
 - (2) Center line with station numbering
 - (3) ROW lines
 - (4) Culverts and other structures that present a hazard to traffic
 - (5) Location of utilities, if not shown on plan and profile
 - (6) Existing signs to remain, to be removed, to be relocated
 - (7) Proposed signs (illustrated and numbered)
 - (8) Existing overhead sign bridges to remain, to be revised, removed or relocated
 - (9) Proposed overhead sign bridges indicating location by plan layout (electrical details need not be shown on this layout)
 - (10) Proposed markings (illustrated and quantified) which include pavement markings, object markings and delineation
 - (12) Quantities of existing pavement markings to be removed
 - (13) Proposed delineators and object markers
 - b. For projects involving freeway to freeway or other types of directional interchanges, projects including left-hand ramps or connections, the following information must be provided:
 - (1) The location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps
 - (2) complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, where applicable, which would include the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps
 - (3) The number of lanes in each section of proposed highway and the location of changes in numbers of lanes
 - (4) The projected traffic volumes as provided by the STATE (20 year traffic projection, unless otherwise determined by the District Engineer)
 - (5) Tentative ROW limits
 - (6) Direction of traffic flow on all roadways
 - (7) Main lane, ramp, frontage road, and necessary cross road profiles at proposed interchanges or grade separations
2. Summary of Small Signs Tabulation
3. Summary of Large Signs Tabulation including all Guide Signs
4. Sign Detail Sheets
 - a. All signs except route markers
 - b. Design details for large guide signs
 - c. Dimensions of letters, shields, borders, corner radii etc.
 - d. Designation of shields attached to guide signs
 - e. Designation of arrow used on exit direction signs
5. Traffic Signals
 - a. Development of Justification (Warrant) Data
 - (1) Location Map
Relationship of proposed installation to other traffic signals, highways, business areas and traffic generators
 - (2) Photographs as appropriate
 - (3) Accident data as appropriate
 - (4) Vehicle volumes (provided by TxDOT)
 - (a) Existing
 - (b) Estimated

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- (c) Projected
 - (d) Pedestrian
 - (5) Traffic Survey - Count Analysis
 - (6) Recommendation based on above data
- b. Layout
- (1) Title Sheet (when applicable)
 - (a) Describe the location
 - (b) Type of installation
 - (c) Area map with project limits for each location
 - (d) Index of sheets
 - (e) Space for official signatures
 - (2) Estimate and quantity sheet (when applicable)
 - (a) List of all bid items
 - (b) Bid item quantities
 - (c) Specification item number
 - (d) Paid item description and unit of measure
 - (3) Basis of estimate sheet (list of materials)
 - (4) General notes and specification data sheet
 - (5) Condition diagram
 - (a) Highway and intersection design features
 - (b) Roadside development
 - (c) Traffic control including illumination
 - (6) Plan sheet(s)
 - (a) Existing traffic control that will remain (signs and markings)
 - (b) Existing utilities
 - (c) Proposed highway improvements
 - (d) Proposed installation
 - (e) Proposed additional traffic controls
 - (f) When applicable, proposed conduit for Railroad interconnect with standard details for runs under tracks.
 - (g) Proposed illumination attached to signal poles.
 - (7) Notes for plan layout
 - (8) Elevation sheet(s) (span wire design)
 - (9) Phase sequence diagram(s)
 - (a) Signal locations
 - (b) Signal indications
 - (c) Phase diagram
 - (d) Signal sequence table
 - (e) Flashing operation (normal and emergency)
 - (f) Preemption operation (when applicable)
 - (g) Interval timing, cycle length and offset
 - (10) Construction detail sheets(s)
 - (a) Poles (TxDOT standard sheets)
 - (b) Detectors
 - (c) Pull Box and conduit layout
 - (d) Controller Foundation standard sheet
 - (11) Marking details (when applicable)
 - (12) Barricade and warning sign standard sheet and any special details for work zone traffic control for special conditions
 - (13) Aerial or underground interconnect details (when applicable)
- c. General Requirements
- (1) Contact local utility company
 - (a) Confirm power source
 - (b) Discuss route of aerial or underground interconnect cable (when applicable)
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- (c) Adjustment of overhead utility lines
- (2) Prepare governing specifications and special provisions list
- (3) Prepare project estimate
- d. Summary of Quantities

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SECTION 10 - MISCELLANEOUS (ROADWAY)

(Function Code 163)

1. Retaining Walls

- a. Structural Details
 - (1) Cast-in-Place Cantilever at _____ locations. (TxDOT Standard Retaining Wall)*
 - (2) Tiedback Retaining Wall at _____ location. (TxDOT standard retaining wall)
 - (3) Specialized Retaining Wall at _____ locations (Unique Design).*
- b. Alternate Patented Retaining Walls at all locations. (Layouts Only)**
 - (1) Mechanically Stabilized Earth
 - (2) Concrete Block Wall Systems
- c. Retaining Wall Layout (PLAN)
 - (1) Designation of reference line
 - (2) Beginning and ending retaining wall stations
 - (3) Station of each retaining wall joint***
 - (4) Offset from reference line
 - (5) Horizontal curve data
 - (6) Number of retaining wall panels and lengths***
 - (7) Total length of wall
 - (8) Indicate face of wall
 - (9) All wall dimensions and alignment relations (alignment data as necessary)
 - (10) Soil core hole locations
- d. Retaining Wall Layout (ELEVATION)
 - (1) Top of wall elevations at each joint or intervals***
 - (2) Existing and finished ground line elevations
 - (3) Height of stem at each joint***
 - (4) Wall panel designations***
 - (5) Top of footing elevations***
 - (6) Limits of measurement for payment****
 - (7) Type, limits and anchorage details of railing (If applicable)
 - (8) Top and bottom of wall profiles and soil core hole data plotted at correct station and elevation. The plot shall be at the same scale as the wall profile. Ground water elevations and the observation date shall be shown.
- e. Stability Analysis (the ENGINEER shall estimate this task as part of his bid to complete the work).
- f. Estimate
- g. Summary of Quantities
- h. Typical X-section.
- i. General Guidelines for Retaining Walls
 - (1) The ENGINEER shall make final design calculations and final detail drawings in accordance with standard requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation. **The designer and checker shall check all calculations and initial each page.**
 - (2) The ground water level should be observed at the water strike.
 - (3) For purposes of uniformity statewide, soil core hole data shall be shown on layouts as illustrated in the Bridges and Structures Foundation Exploration and Design Manual.
 - (4) Foundation exploration shall conform to the requirements set forth in Administrative Circular No. 25-84, Administrative Circular 33-87 and Administrative Circular No. 25-92.

2. Traffic Control Plan, Detours and Sequence of Construction

Traffic Control Plans (TCP) are required for all projects. A detailed TCP shall be developed when traffic handling during construction involves complications for which a feasible solution is not covered by the Texas MUTCD or the current Barricade and Construction (BC) Standards. The following items are required on all Traffic Control Plan Layouts:

- a. The sequence of construction and method of handling traffic during each phase.
- b. The existing and proposed traffic control devices that will be used to handle traffic during each construction sequence. Include signals, regulatory signs, warning signs, construction warning signs, guide

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signs, route markers, construction pavement markings, channelizing devices, portable changeable message signs, flashing arrow boards, barricades, barriers, etc.

- c. The proposed traffic control devices (stop signs, signals, flag person, etc.) at grade intersections during each construction sequence.
- d. Where detours are provided, typical cross sections shall be shown.
- e. Road construction work hours shall be developed after an investigation of the traffic volumes has been performed.

3. Illumination

a. Preliminary Roadway Illumination Layout and Circuit Layout

- (1) For projects involving freeway to freeway or other types of directional interchanges and projects including left-hand ramps or connections, provide the following:
 - (a) The location of interchanges, main lanes, grade separations, frontage roads and ramps
 - (b) A complete explanation of the sequence and methods of stage construction, where applicable, which would include the initial and ultimate proposed treatment of crossovers and ramps
 - (c) The number of lanes in each section of proposed highway and the location of changes in the number of lanes
 - (d) The projected traffic volumes as provided by the STATE (20 year traffic projection unless otherwise determined by the district engineer)
 - (e) Tentative ROW limits
 - (f) Direction of traffic flow on all roadways
 - (g) Main lane, ramp, frontage road, and necessary cross road profiles at proposed interchanges or grade separations

b. Final Roadway Illumination and Electrical Circuit Layouts

- (1) Roadway layout showing pavement edges, shoulders, curbs, retaining walls, etc.
- (2) Center line with station numbering.
- (3) ROW lines.
- (4) Symbol legend. Use department standard symbols for lighting and electrical.
- (5) Culverts and other structures that present a hazard to traffic.
- (6) Location of underground utilities, if not shown on plan profile.
- (7) Location of overhead electrical lines, both crossing and parallel to ROW.
- (8) Existing sign lighting circuits and roadway illumination to remain, to be removed, to be relocated.
- (9) Existing service poles, electrical circuits, ground boxes, etc.
- (10) Contact electric utility for service pole locations, voltage characteristics.
- (11) Location of proposed sign lighting circuits and roadway illumination.
- (12) Proposed electrical circuits.
- (13) Tabulation of all quantities including proposed, existing to be relocated, existing to be removed. The layout sheet quantities and lighting summary shall be shown. Tabulations to include estimated quantity with a column for final quantities.

c. General Guidelines for Illumination (If applicable)

The ENGINEER shall submit to the COUNTY, well in advance of PS&E due date, the roadway illumination and electrical circuit layout sheets for review by the STATE. Two copies of the layout sheets are to be submitted. One copy will be returned to the ENGINEER showing corrections that are to be made by the ENGINEER. When final plan submission is made, the ENGINEER shall provide a written statement regarding completion of the corrections.

4. Miscellaneous Drafting/Standards

- a. Erosion Control
- b. Landscape Development

5. Compute and Tabulate Quantities

6. Special Utility Details (Irrigation lines)

7. Miscellaneous Structures

- a. Type of Structure*
 - (1) Overhead Sign Bridges (O.S.B.)

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Modifications or special O.S.B. designs shall be prepared using the same design assumptions that are used for the standard O.S.B structures.

- (a) New O.S.B. structure(s)
- (b) Structural evaluation of existing O.S.B. structure(s) that are to remain in place or to be relocated.
- (2) High Mast Illumination Poles (HMIP)
- (3) Traffic Signal Supports
- (4) Conventional Illumination Poles
- (5) Sound Barrier Walls
- b. Checklist for Layouts
 - (1) Reference appropriate O.S.B. standard
 - (2) Drilled shaft size and length
 - (3) Soil strength used for design {indicate basis and boring(s) used}
 - (4) Design height
 - (5) Tower heights
 - (6) Leg spacings
 - (7) Design wind speed
- c. Foundation Studies (Show cost estimate with Function Code 110)
The soils exploration requirements for miscellaneous structures on this project are as follows: (To be provided by the ENGINEER on an as-needed basis)
- 8. Agreements
 - a. Utility Agreements
 - b. Exhibits for Utility Agreements
 - c. Railroad Agreements
 - d. Railroad Exhibits
 - (1) Railroad Underpasses
 - (2) Railroad Overpasses
 - (3) Railroad Grade Crossing (Replanking)
 - (4) Railroad Grade Crossing Warning Systems (Signals)
 - (5) Other Miscellaneous Sketches for Railroads
 - e. Traffic Signal Agreements
 - f. Exhibits for Traffic Signal Agreements
- 9. Estimate
- 10. Specifications and General Notes

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SECTION 11 - BRIDGE DESIGN

(Function Code 170)

	<u>NUMBER REQUIRED</u>
1. Preparation of Structural Details	
a. New Structure(s)	
(1) Underpass(es)	_____
(2) Overpass(es)	_____
(3) Main Lanes	_____
(4) Direct Connector(s)	_____
(5) Ramp Bridge(s)	_____
(6) Waterway Structure(s)**	_____
(7) Pedestrian Structure(s)	_____
(8) Utility Structure(s)	_____
(9) Railroad Underpass(es)	_____
(10) Railroad Overpass(es)	_____
(11) Bridge Classification Culvert(s)**	_____
(11) Alternate Structural Designs	_____
(12) Alternate Foundation Design	_____
Total New Structures =	_____
b. Existing Structure(s)	
(1) Bridge Widening, Rehabilitation and/or Modification of Existing Structure(s)	_____
(2) Bridge Replacement	_____
(3) Raising Bridge Elevation	_____
(4) Bridge Classification Culvert(s) Widening and/or Modification of Existing Structures(s)	_____
(5) Railroad Overpass(es)	_____
(6) Railroad Underpass(es)	_____
Total Existing Structures =	_____

* Countour plots of bridge gores are required for projects involving ramps within the main bridge in order to ensure project transition. The Template data and vertical alignment necessary to generate the contour plots are also required.

** In the early stages of a project, it sometimes cannot be determined whether a Waterway Bridge Structure or a Bridge Classification Culvert (20' minimum length) will be required. Therefore, the ENGINEER should be aware that either of these two types of bridges may be reclassified later in the project for the other type when more information is known that would dictate a change in structure classification.

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2. Preparation of Bridge Layouts (each bridge)
 - a. Bridge Layouts (PLAN)
 - (1) Horizontal curve information or bearing of centerline.
 - (2) Including horizontal, vertical, and template information of all roadways or railroads crossed.
 - (3) Bearing of center line or reference line.
 - (4) Skew angle(s).
 - (5) Slope for header banks and approach fills.
 - (6) Control stations at beginning and ending of bridge (with deck elevation), intersections, etc.
 - (7) Approach pavement and crown width.
 - (8) Bridge roadway width and curbs, face of rail, shoulders, or sidewalks.
 - (9) Approach slab and curb returns.
 - (10) Limits and type of riprap.
 - (11) Proposed features under structure.
 - (12) Location of profile grade line.
 - (13) North arrow.
 - (14) Typical bridge roadway section including preliminary proposed beam types and spacings.
 - (15) Cross slope and super elevation data.
 - (16) Minimum horizontal clearances when applicable.
 - (a) Dimensions to features that control clearances. (Calculate and indicate points of minimum vertical and horizontal clearances.
 - (17) Location of soil core holes (station and offset), shown on layout.
 - (18) Bent stations and bearings.
 - (19) Retaining wall locations.
 - (20) Traffic flow directional arrows.
 - (21) Railing types shown.
 - (22) Joint types and seal size, if used.
 - (23) Beam line numbers consistent with span details.
 - (24) Critical horizontal clearances (location of railroad tracks, nearby structures and utilities).
 - (25) Bearings of utilities.
 - b. Bridge Layouts (ELEVATION)
 - (1) Type of foundation.
 - (2) Finished grade elevations at beginning and end of bridge.
 - (3) Overall length of structure.
 - (4) Length, type of spans and units.
 - (5) Type of railing.
 - (6) Minimum calculated vertical clearance(s).
 - (7) Existing and proposed ground lines clearly marked.
 - (8) Grid elevations and stations.
 - (9) Bent numbers encircled.
 - (10) Stationing of bridge compatible with grid stations.
 - (11) Standard title.
 - (12) Profile grade data.
 - (13) Type of riprap.
 - (14) Soil Core Hole information with penetrometer test data shall be shown on the bridge layout at correct station, elevation and scale.
 - (15) Fixed/expansion condition of all bents.
 - (16) Column "H" heights.
 - (17) Number, size and length of foundations.
 - c. Additional layout requirements for waterway structures and bridge classification culverts.
 - (1) Design and 100-year peak discharges.
 - (2) Design and 100-year high water (HW) (Recorded HW and date if available)
 - (3) Natural and through-bridge velocities for design and 100-year floods.
 - (4) Calculated backwater for design and 100-year floods.
 - (5) Direction of flow for waterway crossings.

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- (6) Contours for water crossing.
3. Bridge Classification Culvert, Estimate, Quantities, and Specifications (each bridge)
4. Bridge Total Quantities and Cost Estimates (each bridge)
5. Bridge Special Provisions and Specifications (each bridge)
7. Bearing seat elevations for each beam or girder. Top of cap elevations for non-beam type structures.
8. General Guidelines for Bridge Design
 - a. The ENGINEER shall prepare a bridge layout of each bridge structure for Company's review and approval. The bridge layout shall be in conformance with the Bridges and Structures, Operation and Planning Manual and the Bridges and Structures, Detailing Manual. Soil core hole data is not required for submission of the preliminary bridge layout. **No bridge design work is to be performed until the COUNTY has given the ENGINEER written approval of the preliminary bridge layout.**

Several months may be required, after the preliminary bridge layout is submitted, for the district to obtain approval and/or permits from the following:

- TxDOT Design Division, when applicable:
 - Railroad Companies
 - FHWA
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife
 - Others

Therefore, the bridge layout should be submitted at the earliest possible date and the ENGINEER's design schedule should reflect this.

- b. All bridge superstructure and substructure design will be reviewed by the Design Division for purposes of verifying structural integrity and optimization of design.
- c. The final bridge layout shall be in conformance with the Bridges and Structures, Operation and Planning Manual and the Bridges and Structures Detailing Manual.
- d. The ENGINEER shall make final design calculations and final detail drawings in accordance with standard requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation. All bridge design shall be in conformance with the Texas Department of Transportation Bridges and Structures Operation and Planning Manual, the current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials or American Railway Engineers Association Specifications for railway structures, Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges, including applicable interim specifications, and the Bridges and Structures, Foundation Exploration and Design Manual. The ENGINEER shall furnish design calculations to the Design Division. **The designer and checker shall check all calculations and initial each page.**
- e. Structural steel or prestressed concrete shop drawings, form work drawings and false work drawings are not part of the design requirements. However, contract plans shall be in sufficient detail to permit the preparation of complete shop details for fabrication and erection.
- f. Elements of the bridge (abutments, bents, slabs, etc.) shall be detailed to a metric scale of 1:20 (1/2 inch equals one foot architect scale) or 1:50 (1/4 inch equals one foot architect scale) to provide clear legible drawings when the drawings are reduced. Lettering shall be a minimum size of 4 millimeters (5/32 inch) height for hand lettering and 140 for lettering by computer-aided design and drafting (CADD).
- g. Standard drawings for beams, diaframs, railings, armor joints, riprap, etc., shall be furnished to the ENGINEER upon request. These standards shall not be redrawn by the ENGINEER nor shall his title block be transferred to the standard drawings. Modifications to the standards, if necessary, shall be clearly identified and designated by "MOD" in the standard title. Specific special drawings prepared by the ENGINEER shall not be identified as standards.
- h. Bridge layout sheets shall have the same vertical and horizontal scale. Usually a metric scale of 1:100 (1 inch = 10 feet) or 1:200 (1 inch = 20 feet) is used. Sections of existing and proposed structures usually have a metric scale of 1:50 (1 inch = 5 feet). Soil core holes shall be positioned and labeled on the bridge

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layout plan view. The core hole data shall be plotted at the correct station, at the same vertical scale, and at the proper elevation unless otherwise approved by the Design Division.

- i. APPENDIX C, "GENERAL PLAN CHECKLIST", on pages C-1 thru C-5, more specifically relates various sheet types, details, summaries, standards, etc.
- j. For purposes of uniformity statewide, soil core hole data shall be shown on layouts as illustrated in the Bridges and Structures Foundation Exploration and Design Manual.
- k. Geometry and structural design errors found after acceptance of bridge plans shall be promptly corrected by the consultant at no cost to the Company.

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SECTION 12 - CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES

(Function Code 320)

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES:

The ENGINEER will provide engineering and support services for and during the construction of the Project or portions of the Project approved by the COUNTY. Specific (basic and special) services for CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT by the ENGINEER will include the following:

Construction Bidding:

- 1) The ENGINEER will furnish the COUNTY the necessary copies of approved plans, specifications, notices to bidders, and proposals as prepared under PS&E.
- 2) The ENGINEER will assist the COUNTY on the tabulation of bids, recommendations to the Owner as to the proper action on all bid proposals received, and the preparation of formal contract documents for the award of each construction contract.

Construction Contract Administration and Inspection:

- 1) In general, the ENGINEER will provide the management and engineering support/data required for consultation and advisement to the COUNTY and act as the COUNTY's representative as provided in the General Condition of the Construction Contract.
- 2) The ENGINEER will coordinate and conduct a pre-construction conference (if required).
- 3) Defects and Deficiencies. The ENGINEER will use his best efforts to protect the COUNTY against defects and deficiencies in the work of the Contractor. The ENGINEER will promptly notify the COUNTY of any such defect or deficiency, and take all steps possible to require the Contractor to correct the defect or deficiency.
- 4) Contractor Payment. The ENGINEER will review quantities as submitted by the Contractor and will coordinate with the COUNTY for the preparation of the monthly and final estimates for payment to the Contractor.
- 5) The ENGINEER will provide Project site inspection of the authorized construction contract as follows:
 - a) Project Engineer. The ENGINEER will provide visits by the Project Engineer or a competent representative of the ENGINEER to the site of construction for the purpose of monitoring the Contractor's progress and conformance to the construction contract plans and specifications.
 - b) Resident Engineer and/or Construction Inspector(s). The ENGINEER will furnish the services of a Resident Engineer and/or Construction Inspector(s) for on the site inspection construction to monitor/inspect the Contractor's daily progress and conformance to TxDOT's PS&E specifications.

Miscellaneous Technical Activities:

- 8) Shop Drawings. The ENGINEER will review and check all shop or working drawings furnished by the Contractor.
- 9) Control of Materials & Equipment. The ENGINEER will provide inspection of all materials and equipment furnished/used by the Contractor as follows:
 - a) Review and record all laboratory, shop and mill tests of materials and equipment for compliance with the construction contract specifications.

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- b) Observe and/or perform Project record testing and/or independent assurance testing as outlined in the construction contract specifications.
- 10) Change Orders. When applicable the ENGINEER will prepare the engineering data, including plan sheet drawings, specifications, and estimates, for the preparation of construction contract change orders, which may be required due to actual field conditions encountered or new requirements directed by the COUNTY.
- 11) As Built Drawings. The ENGINEER will develop as built drawings to depict the work as actually constructed. The COUNTY will be furnished five (5) set of prints.

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SECTION 14 - ADDITIONAL RESONSIBILITIES

Coordination of Utilities

The ENGINEER shall furnish the COUNTY prints of a project layout which will be distributed by the ENGINEER to various utility companies to determine which utilities are in the limits of the project. These shall be preliminary layouts. Upon completion of the preliminary drainage plans and U&D sheets, the ENGINEER shall distribute to the various utility companies and request return. Upon return of these prints, the ENGINEER will schedule a meeting with the various utility companies to discuss potential conflicts and conformance with the State's Utility Accommodation Policy. The ENGINEER is responsible for coordination with the various utility companies for exposing potential conflicts and field ties to uncover utilities in potential conflict areas.

Meetings

Meetings will be held with the FHWA, State Officials, local governments, property owners, utility owners, railroad companies, other consulting firms, etc., as needed or required by the COUNTY. The ENGINEER shall coordinate through the COUNTY for the development of this project with any local entity having jurisdiction or interest in the project (i.e., city, county, etc).

Specifications, Special Provisions, Special Specifications

Use the State's standard specifications or previously approved special provisions and/or special specifications. If a special provision and/or special specification is developed for this project, it shall be in the State's format and incorporate references to approved State test procedures.

Project Manager/Engineer Communication

The ENGINEER shall designate one Texas Registered Professional Engineer to be responsible throughout the project for project management and all communications, including billing, with the COUNTY's Director. Any replacements to the ENGINEER's designated Project Manager/Engineer must be approved by the COUNTY.

Engineering documents produced for the department's engineering projects shall be signed, sealed and dated or CADD sealed in accordance with Administrative Order No. 5-89 and Administrative Circular No. 26-91.

Design Responsibilities

The ENGINEER is responsible for design errors and/or omissions that become evident before, during or after construction of the project. The ENGINEER's responsibility for all questions arising from design errors and/or omissions will be determined by the COUNTY and all decisions shall be final and binding. This would include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. All design errors and/or omissions resulting in additional design work to correct the errors and/or omissions.
2. Preparation of design documents and detail drawings necessary for a field change due to design errors and/or omissions.
3. Revision of original tracings to the extent required for a field change due to design errors and/or omissions.

The ENGINEER shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from the ENGINEER's errors, omissions or negligent acts without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the COUNTY will not relieve the ENGINEER of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors or omissions or for clarification of any ambiguities.

Document and Information Exchange

Data, Plan Sheets, General Notes and/or Specifications provided to the COUNTY shall be furnished on 8GB USB flash drives. Each 8 GB flash drive shall have a file titled Table of Contents. The Table of Contents shall indicate the locations of files within the directory structure of the documentation.

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General Notes and specifications shall be provided in MS Office 2007 format. Plan sheets shall be provided in Microstation DGN or GEOPAK GPK format. PDF copies of plan sheets shall also be provided.

Two copies of the documentation shall be provided to the COUNTY.

If required, the ENGINEER shall provide to the COUNTY, a CD that contains all the plan sheets for the project. The graphics tape shall be compatible with the COUNTY's computer system.

CD Tape Required (YES or NO): YES

Proposal Time

The time indicated in the proposal and the contract shall include time necessary for reviews, approval, etc.

Office Location

The ENGINEER will perform the services to be provided under this agreement out of their office or offices listed below:

Service
All Services

Office Location
Mission Office

The work effort will be managed out of the _____ Mission _____
(City)
office located at 900 S Stewart Road, Ste 4, _____
(Address)
Mission, _____ Texas _____
(City) (State)

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APPENDIX A - PLAN SHEET SEQUENCE PROCEDURE

1. Title Sheet
Detailed Index of Sheets
2. Typical Sections
3. General Notes and Specifications Data
4. Estimate and Quantity Sheets
5. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SW3P) Sheets
6. Traffic Control Plans
 - a. Sequence of Construction Layouts
 - b. Detour Plan/Profile/Typical Sections/Quantities
7. Roadway Layouts
 - a. Roadway Plan/Profile Sheets
 - b. Intersection Plan/Profile Sheets
 - c. Intersection Layouts
 - d. Alignment Layouts/Data
 - e. Ramp Layouts/Profiles
 - f. Connection Roads/U-turns Layouts/Profile
8. Roadway Details
 - a. Concrete Pavement Details/Standards
 - b. Concrete Pavement Terminal Anchorage Details/Standards
 - c. Bridge Approach Details/Standards
 - d. Bridge Terminal Anchorage Details/Standards
 - e. Roadway/Median Barrier Details/Standards
 - f. Curb Details
 - g. Driveway Details/Typical Sections/Standards
9. Signing Layouts and Marking Layouts
10. Traffic Signal Layouts
11. Lighting Layouts
12. Illumination Detail Standards (HMID, HMIF, HMIP, RID)
13. Utility Layouts/Profiles
14. Drainage Area Maps and Hydraulic Data
 - a. General Drainage Area Maps
 - b. Stage-Discharge Curves
 - c. Main Cross-Drainage Culvert/Bridge Hydraulic Data
 - d. Drainage Area Maps/Culverts/Storm Sewer
 - e. Hydraulic Data/Culverts/Inlets/Storm Sewer/Pumps
15. Detailed Drainage Plans
 - a. Drainage Plan/Profile Sheets (Storm Sewer Plan/Profile Sheets)
 - b. Channel Plan/Profiles/Typical Sections
 - c. Box Culvert Plan/Profile
 - d. Pipe Sewer/Culvert Cross Sections

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16. Drainage Structural Details/Standards
 - a. Inlet Details/Standards
 - b. Manhole Details/Standards
 - c. Junction Box Details/Standards
 - d. Safety End Treatment Details/Standards
 - e. Box Culvert Details/Standards
 - f. Culvert Wingwall Details/Standards
 - g. Excavation-Backfill Diaphragms
 - h. Riprap Details/Standards
 - i. Temporary Pollution and Erosion Control Details
17. Pumphouse Layouts
18. Pumphouse Details
19. Pumphouse Standard Details
20. Bridge Layouts/Profile/Typical Sections*
21. Bridge Details*
 - a. Summary of Bridge Quantities
 - b. Abutments
 - c. Interior Bents
 - d. Spans
 - e. Special details for the specific bridge
22. Bridge Standard Details*
23. Bridge Railing Standards
24. Retaining Wall Layouts/Profiles**
25. Retaining Wall Details**
26. Retaining Wall Standard Details**
27. Guard Fence/Standards and Signal Pole Standards
28. Signal/Electrical Details/Standards and Signal Pole Standards
29. Signing/Markers/Striping Details/Standards
30. Barricade/Construction/Beacon Standards
31. Miscellaneous Standards
 - a. Chain Link Fence Standards
 - b. Bridge End Detail/Standards
 - c. Roadway Clearance Details/Standards
 - e. Attenuator Standards

NOTE: Variations of these plan sheet sequence guidelines may be permitted if approved in writing by the County.

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APPENDIX B - PLAN PREPARATION PROCEDURES

1. Title Sheet
The ENGINEER shall be responsible for completing the title sheet as required and formatted by the STATE and as discussed in Part V of the Highway Design, Operations and Procedures Manual. Refer to Section K - Plans, 1 - Title Sheets, page 5-24, for the procedure to be used regarding all plans prepared by the ENGINEER.
2. Project Layout
The project layout shall clearly depict the entire project as it is proposed and will usually be drawn at a scale of 1 inch=100 feet or 1 inch=200 feet, depending on the size of the project.
3. Typical Sections
See Part IV of the Highway Design, Operations and Procedures Manual.
4. Sequence of Work Sheets (Traffic Control Plan)
Clarity and completeness should be the rule to follow in preparing these sheets, with particular attention given to location of construction signs and barricades, lane widths, protection of drop offs, etc. For a reference guide use the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Usual scale of 1 inch=100 feet and/or 1 inch=50 feet for special locations. A narrative sequence shall be included in the special provisions for the project. Staging of structural elements shall be considered. Provisions for drainage shall be considered, included and indicated during all stages of construction operations.
5. Removal Item Sheets
These sheets indicate removal of existing facilities necessary to the proposed construction. (1 inch=40 feet) (use same scale as plan/profile sheets).
6. Summary Sheets
Summary Sheets are required to indicate type, quantity and/or location of work for individual items of the proposed project.
7. Alignment Layout Sheets
These sheets indicate the horizontal alignment with curve data and coordinates usually tabulated thereon. On some projects, depending on size, this information may be included on the plan profile sheets. Usual scale (1 inch=100 feet) or (1 inch=40 feet).
8. Plan Profile Sheet
Clarity and completeness should be the rule to follow in preparation of these sheets. Usual scale (1 inch=40 feet or 1 inch=50 feet) or (1 inch=20 feet), depending on project complexity.
9. Drainage Area Maps
Usual scale (1 inch=100 feet) and/or (1 inch=200 feet) supplemented by large scale area maps as necessary.
10. Drainage Plan Profile Sheets
These sheets may be required on some projects to clearly depict location of inlets, storm sewer lines, and profile of storm sewer lines and laterals. Usual scale (1 inch=40 feet or 1 inch=50 feet) or (1 inch=20 feet). Storm sewer design does include redesign of storm sewers imposed by utility constraints developing after initial reviews by the STATE and consequential redesign and adjustments.
11. Runoff, Inlet, Storm Sewer and Culvert Sheets
Use standard sheets.

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

APPENDIX B - PLAN PREPARATION PROCEDURES (Continued)

12. Culvert Cross Sections and Details
District standard reproducible sheets can be furnished (one each) to the ENGINEER for modification of special designs.
13. Manhole and Inlet Details
District standard reproducible sheets can be furnished (one each) to the ENGINEER.
14. Miscellaneous Detail
Curb, Sidewalk, Driveways, etc.
15. Intersection Details
16. Marking Layouts and/or Details
Layouts of the entire project with markings depicted thereon. Usual scale 1:500 (1 inch=40 feet or 1 inch=50 feet). On some projects typical details might suffice.
17. Structural Details
Bridge layout sheets shall have the same horizontal and vertical scale. Usually (1 inch = 10 feet) (1 inch = 20 feet). Sections of existing and proposed structures usually have a scale of (1 inch = 5 feet). Elements of the bridge (abutments, bents, slabs, etc.) shall be detailed to a (1/2 inch = 1 foot) or (1/4 inch equals 1 foot) architect scale to provide clear legible drawings when reduced. Letters shall be a minimum size of 4 millimeters (5/32 inch) height for hand lettering and 140 for lettering by computer-aided design and drafting (CADD).
18. Overhead Sign Bridge Layouts
A maximum of four structures may be shown on each layout sheet. The reference to the appropriate overhead sign bridge (OSB) standard and the following requirements shall be shown on the layout:
 - (1) Drilled shaft size and length
 - (2) Soil strength used for design {indicate basis and boring(s) used}
 - (3) Design height
 - (4) Tower height
 - (5) Leg spacings and
 - (6) Design wind speed.

The wind speed design map need not be included in the project plans. Designation of tower member size and anchor bolt size shall not be shown. For OSBs which require special design, the design shall be in accordance with the AASHTO sign specifications (see Item 22 of References on page 49) and to the same loading requirements as for normal standard structures. Structures (special or standard) which will have changeable message signs shall be analyzed by the ENGINEER.

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

APPENDIX C - GENERAL PLAN CHECKLIST

Title Sheet
Project Layout
Sequence of Work
Detour Layouts & Profiles
Construction Pavement Markings
Signing & Barricades
Construction Sign & Beacons
Typical Sections
Shaping & Finishing Sections
Slopes Adjacent to Shoulders
Estimate & Quantities
General Notes & Specification Data
Grading Summary
Miscellaneous Summaries (See following "SUMMARIES" heading)
Horizontal Curve Data & Alignment Layouts
Drainage Summaries
Structure Summaries
Erosion Control Summary & Details
Plan/Profile Sheets
Erosion Control Summary & Details
Pavement Contours
Superelevation Transition (If Required)
Grading Contours
Guard Fence Layouts
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SW3P)
Drainage Area Maps
Hydraulic Data
Drainage Sheets
Bridge Hydrology Sheets
Inlet & Manhole Details
Utility Support Details
Culvert Cross Sections & Details
Special Culvert Designs
Special Drainage Details
Chain Link Fence Locations
Ramp Details Sheet
Removal Item Sheet - Including detours
(Shown in detour summary, No payment for removal; subsidiary to construction detours)
Pavement Details
Pavement Standard Modification for Concrete Shoulder
Concrete Pavement Continuously Reinforced (CPCR)
Concrete Pavement Contraction Design (CPCD)
Concrete Pavement Details - Jointed Reinforced (Steel Bars) (CPJR)
Bridge Approach Slab Details
Vehicle Attenuator Details
Miscellaneous Details
Wheelchair Ramps
Pavement Marking Details
Modified Standards
List of Standards
Permanent Signing Plans & Quantities
Permanent Lighting Plans, Quantities & Standards
Bridge Layout(s)
Bridge Details

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

Retaining Wall Layout(s)

APPENDIX C - GENERAL PLAN CHECKLIST *(continued)*

Retaining Wall Details

Pumphouse Details

Underdrain Details (Retaining Walls)

Culvert Standards

Soil Profile

Temporary Traffic Signals

Design Cross Sections

Estimate

List of Standard Specification, Special Provisions & Special Specifications

Detour Special Provisions (If Required)

Construction Time Estimate

Critical Path Method (CPM)

Unit Price Documentation

Miscellaneous

Conduit Requirements

Traffic signal Requirements

Summaries

Salvaging and Placing Topsoil

Prepare ROW

Remove Old Structures

Scarify Existing Pavement

Remove Old Concrete Curb of Curb and Gutter (C&G)

Remove Old Concrete Pavement

Remove Old Concrete Riprap

Remove Metal Beam Guard Fence

Galvanized steel Beam Guard Fence (12Ga) (GSBGF)

Temporary Guard Fence (TEMPGF)

Summary of Concrete Flumes

Curbs

Adjust Manholes & Inlets

Underdrains

Base and Pavement

Large Structure

Concrete Riprap (RR8 & RR9)

Temporary Portable Concrete Barrier (PCBR)

Concrete Traffic Barrier

Vehicle Attenuator

Guard Rail Energy Absorbing Terminal (Great System)

Pavement Markings & Blast Cleaning (Thermoplastic)

Retaining Walls

Large Structure Summaries

Small Structure Summaries

Earthwork (Roadway & Channel) & Channel Details

Culverts

Detours

Seeding or Mulch Sod - Quantity Only

Inlet & Manholes

Sidewalks

Construction Pavement Markings

EXHIBIT B

Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

Driveways
Concrete Median

APPENDIX C - GENERAL PLAN CHECKLIST *(continued)*

Storm Sewers
Head Walls & Safety End Treatments
Curb Openings
Manholes
Chain Link Fence, Remove & Replace Chain Link Fence
Remove & Relay Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) or Pipe Sewer

EXHIBIT C

-Work Schedule

The Work Schedule will be specific to each Work Authorization completed under the Contract for this Project. The Engineer will provide a Work Schedule as an attachment/exhibit to each Work Authorization. Work will need to be completed in accordance with Article 3 and 4 of this Contract (Article 3 – Period of Service, Article 4 – Progress and Coordination).

Exhibit D



Contract Rates

Personnel Classification	Hourly Base Rate	Contract Rate FY 2016	Contract Rate FY 2017†	Contract Rate FY 2018†
Senior Project Manager / Principal	\$ 80.00	\$ 237.60	\$ 244.73	\$ 252.07
Senior Engineer	\$ 72.00	\$ 213.84	\$ 220.26	\$ 226.86
Project Manager	\$ 65.00	\$ 193.05	\$ 198.84	\$ 204.81
Civil Engineer III	\$ 55.00	\$ 163.35	\$ 168.25	\$ 173.30
Construction Manager	\$ 52.00	\$ 154.44	\$ 159.07	\$ 163.85
Design Engineer	\$ 38.00	\$ 112.86	\$ 116.25	\$ 119.73
GIS Technician	\$ 32.00	\$ 95.04	\$ 97.89	\$ 100.83
EIT	\$ 29.00	\$ 86.13	\$ 88.71	\$ 91.38
Construction Inspector	\$ 28.00	\$ 83.16	\$ 85.65	\$ 88.22
Senior Engineer Tech	\$ 26.00	\$ 77.22	\$ 79.54	\$ 81.92
Engineer Tech	\$ 24.00	\$ 71.28	\$ 73.42	\$ 75.62
CADD Operator	\$ 21.00	\$ 62.37	\$ 64.24	\$ 66.17
Admin/Clerical	\$ 20.00	\$ 59.40	\$ 61.18	\$ 63.02
Overhead Rate*: 165.00% Profit Rate: 12.00%	Contract Rates include labor, overhead, and profit. Contract Rates to be used to derive lump sum totals. All rates are negotiated rates and are not subject to change or adjustment.			
Direct Expenses:				
Lodging.....	\$85/night			
Meals.....	\$36/day			
Mileage.....	\$0.56/mile			
Car Rental.....	\$60.00/Day			
Air Travel (Coach/Business Class).....	At Cost			
8 1/2" X 11" copies.....	\$1.00/sheet			
11" X 17" copies.....	\$1.50/sheet			
Overnight Mail - Letter Size.....	\$15.00/Each			
Overnight Mail - Oversized Box.....	\$25.00/Each			

* = Overhead Rate is estimated based on industry average and not an Audited Overhead Rate.

† = 3% Escalation Rate added to future fiscal years.

EXHIBIT E
-Work Authorization

HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Engineering Services
Contract # C-16-329-00-00
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, _____, professional engineers of _____, 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. 1 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.

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 #4**, as to content and detail of this **Work Authorization No. ____**.

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT No. 4

BY: _____
Joseph Palacios, Commissioner

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on _____ as indicated below and effective as of ____ day of _____, **2016.**

THE ENGINEER:
B2Z Engineering, LLC

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

By: Aron Reza Badiozzamani, President

By: Ramon Garcia, County Judge

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

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 _____

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:
B2Z ENGINEERING, LLC**

By: _____
Aron Reza Badiozzamani, President

**THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY**

By: _____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(as required)

EXHIBIT G

-Certificate of Insurance (*Hidalgo County*)

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.
B2Z Engineering, LLC
Mission, TX United States

Certificate Number:
2016-105568

Date Filed:
08/29/2016

Date Acknowledged:

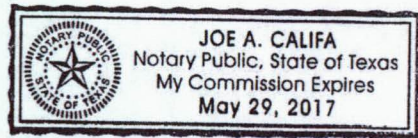
2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.
Hidalgo County

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.
C-16-329-09-06
Pct 4 - "Road and Bridge, C.I.P. and Other Projects in General" (ON CALL)

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary
	Badiozzamani, Aron Reza	Mission, TX United States	X	

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 AFFIDAVIT I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.



Aron Reza Badiozzamani
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said Aron Reza Badiozzamani, this the 29th day of August, 2016, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Joe A. Califa Signature of officer administering oath
Joe A. Califa Printed name of officer administering oath
Notary Title of officer administering oath

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Hidalgo County

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C-16-329-09-06
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	Badiozzamani, Aron Reza	Mission, TX United States	X	

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 AFFIDAVIT

I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20_____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath

Printed name of officer administering oath

Title of officer administering oath

✓ BAS. 10/17/16

[Handwritten signature]

F.

Pct. 4

1. AI-56196

APPROVED

a. Acceptance and approval of a professional services agreement #C-16-329-09-06 with B2Z Engineering for (on call) "Engineering Services" for the purposes of: "Road and Bridge, C.I.P. and Other Projects in General" located within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4.

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

b. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A) (4) for a professional service;

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

c. Presentation of the scoring grid (for the purposes of ranking by CC) the firms graded & evaluated through the County's approved "pool" of Engineering Firms for the provision of (on call) "professional engineering services" for "Construction Material Testing / GEO Technical Services" for projects located within Hidalgo County Precinct 4;

ENGINEERING FIRMS:

Totals	L&G Engineering	Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI)	Fulcrum Consulting Services
Scores	99	97	96
Ranking	1	2	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.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

d. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional engineering services agreement for: (On Call) "Construction Material Testing / GEO Technical Services" for projects located within Hidalgo County Precinct 4, commencing with the No.1 ranked firm L & G Engineering for Engineering Services.

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

G.

IT Department:

1. AI-56198

Requesting acceptance and approval of a registration services agreement between Hidalgo County and American Registry for Internet Numbers, LTD. to allow Hidalgo County to receive an Autonomous System Number (ASN).

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

SPECIAL MEETING - September 6, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 6th day of September A.D., 2016, there was begun and held a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following members thereof were present, to-wit:

HONORABLE RAMON GARCIA

HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

HONORABLE A.C. CUELLAR, JR.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

HONORABLE EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

HONORABLE JOE M. FLORES

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

HONORABLE JOSEPH PALACIOS

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

and **ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**, COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following proceedings were had, to-wit:



AGENDA
CC REGULAR
HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
September 6, 2016
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 in attendance.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Judge Garcia led the courtroom in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Prayer**

Mrs. Julia Sullivan led the courtroom in Prayer.

4. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

No concerns presented the consent agenda was approved.

Court proceeded to Item. 17.A.

5. **County Judge's Office:**

- A. **AI-56209** Proclamation declaring September as Hunger Action Month to educate people about the role and importance of the Food Bank RGV and other food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness.

Commissioner Palacios stepped away from the meeting.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

6. **District Attorney's Office:**

- A. **AI-56162** DA-Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG) (1281):
1. Approval of VCLG Grant Budget Adjustment and Modification Form for the second Fiscal Year (FY2017).

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

2. Approval and authorization for County Judge to sign Grant Budget Adjustment and Modification Form.

- A. **AI-56214** First Public Hearing on 2016 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.5900 per \$100 valuation.

Judge Garcia Opened the Public Hearing.

1) Mrs. Fern McClaugherty stated that even though, the tax rate has not increase. The affective tax rate, is the amount of money that was received last year and expect to be obtain this year. She petitioned a decrease of tax rate.

Judge Garcia Closed the Public Hearing.

Second hearing schedule for September 20, 2016.

Court proceeded to Item. 16.A.

B. **Interfund transfers:**

1. **AI-56163** Transfers Out - Health Grants (1100)/Transfers In - General Fund (1293):
Approval of 2016 interfund transfer from Transfers Out - Health Grants (1100) and Transfers In-General Fund (1293) Fiscal Year 7 into Fiscal Year 6 in the amount of \$57,417.00 to properly allocate the local match required for the CPS/HAZARDS grant amendment accepted on 07/06/16 (AI-55218).

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

18.

Purchasing Department:

Notes:

A. FOR ANY CONTRACT(S) AWARDED AND APPROVED UNDER THIS AGENDA, EXECUTED COPIES OF THE CONTRACT(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY INTRA-NET WEBSITE AND WILL BE FOWARDED VIA E-MAIL, FAX OR HAND DELIVERED TO HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

B. ANY AND ALL REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT(S) APPROVED WILL BE SUBJECT TO COUNTY AUDITORS PROCESSING PROCEDURES INCLUDING AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY TREASURER TO ISSUE PAYMENT(S)/CHECK(S).

A. **Hidalgo County**

1. **AI-55957** Presentation of sole bid response to the responsible vendor [Matt's Building Materials] meeting all specifications and/or requirements for the purpose of award and approval of a contract for the Request of Sealed Bids (RFB) titled: Hidalgo County-"Construction Building Materials and Related Supplies"-through Project No.: 2016-282-08-17-SMA, (s ubject to compliance with HB1295, when and/or if applicable).

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

Court Recessed to Open the scheduled Drainage Workshop.

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

Court Reconvened Regular Commissioners Court.