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RE: Legal Services

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

This letter is written to summarize our understanding with you regarding this firm's proposed billing arrangement with Hidalgo County Commissioners Court ("Court"). After approval by the Court, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. shall be compensated at the rate of \$195.00 per hour for all Basic Legal Services performed effective August 1, 2018. Basic Legal Services do not include litigation, controversies with local, state or federal agencies, or special projects.

The billing arrangement following approval by the Court is for Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. to be paid a rate of \$195.00 per hour for Basic Legal Services. Also, as we discussed, in addition to Basic Legal Services, if a matter involves other than Basic

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Legal Services, such as litigation, or special projects, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. will be compensated at the then current hourly rates for the attorney(s) providing services other than Basic Legal Services. If a question arises as to whether or not a matter is outside the scope of Basic Legal Services, the question will be resolved by agreement.

Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. shall bill the Court the Basic Legal Services hours spent at \$195.00 per month performed during each month. Each monthly statement will show the hours spent providing those services to the Court during the month, and the value of those services at the rate of \$195.00 per hour. We will continue to bill the Court separately for litigation and other matters that fall outside the scope of Basic Legal Services.

Periodically, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. and the Court will review the billing arrangements to determine in any future adjustments are necessary for Basic Legal Services.

In addition to the monthly fee and any special billings, Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. will be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. in connection with performing either the Basic Legal Services or other legal services. These expenses would be billed monthly, in addition to the billings previously referred.

As has always been the agreement between the Court and Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P. the Court may terminate the services of this firm on thirty (30) days written notice.

If this billing arrangement meets with the approval of the Court, we would appreciate the undersigned executing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We look forward to continuing our representation of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.

Very truly yours,

Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P.

By:   
Stephen L. Crain

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:  
HIDALGO COUNTY

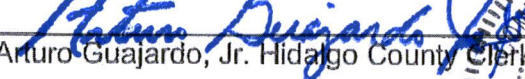
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ON:  7/31/18

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ATTEST:

By:   
Arturo Guajardo, Jr. Hidalgo County Clerk

Date: 10/30, 2018



cc: Martha L. Salazar, Agent

via email

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

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bcc: Valde Guerra  
Hidalgo County Commissioners Court Executive  
Officer

via email

Monica Salinas  
Hidalgo County Commissioners Court  
Administrator

via email

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*Purchasing:*

Hidalgo County

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*ok*

1. AI-65573 a. Acceptance of the "sole and qualified response" received for award of the "2018 POOL OF TITLE REPORT SERVICES" for HIDALGO COUNTY (including all funding sources, programs and entities), RFP No. 2018-159-06-13-LHS;

*ok*

*sub to legal - correct date on 1st pg.*

b. Approval of Contract with firm as (set forth below) in connection to the "2018 POOL OF TITLE REPORT SERVICES" for HIDALGO COUNTY (including all funding sources, programs and entities);

C-18-159-07-31 - South Texas Land Investigations, commencing, 07/17/18, expiring, 07/16/19.

*ok*

2. AI-65905 a. Requesting approval of Work Authorization #1 in the amount of \$35,534.00 under the current "on call" agreement with Halff Associates, Inc.(C-18-142-05-08) for the provision of "engineering services" for: Renovation to the Hidalgo County Annex Building Network Operations Center (NOC);

*ok*

b. Pursuant to contract with Halff Associates, Inc., [Article 14] to C-18-142-05-08, approval to permit the subcontracting of Chanin Engineering for the Renovation to the Hidalgo County Annex Building Network Operations Center (NOC).

*ok*

3. AI-65904 Acceptance and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Hidalgo County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council in connection with shuttle services [provided thru Valley Metro] for staff and visitors to the HC Courthouse during construction of new courthouse project with final review and approval as to legal form by HC DA/Civil Section.

*ok*

4. AI-65861 Presentation of bids received for the purpose of award to the responsible vendor Terra Firma Materials submitting the lowest and best bid [meeting all specifications/requirements] and approval of contract document for project titled "Hot Mix Cold Laid" an Hidalgo County Wide Project through RFB No.: 2018-101-05-16-FAZ subject to HB 1295 compliance.

5. AI-65865 A. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4), a professional service;

APPROVED

*ok*

B. Acceptance and approval of a Letter of Engagement with the law firm of Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez on an as needed basis for services required by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court and as further detailed in document. *eff. 8/1/18 from \$150. -> \$195/hr.*

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*ok*

6. AI-65770 Action/Direction from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court to address the submission of several identical proposal responses by companies/carriers on behalf of one agent per proposal including, but not limited to, the following Options:

*Pct. 1 abstain 3/3*

A. Ask insurance companies [as proposals originated & were sent to HC with & by them] to select the proposal with agent for HC to score/grade/evaluate; **OR**,

B. Proceed to score/grade all proposals and thereafter have CC draw lots when grid presented for ranking [as all aspects exact/equal];

C. Other option if in accordance with RFP.

*Co. Judge  
Co. Clerk*

*ok*

7. AI-65769 Emergency Management: Acceptance and approval for Auditor to process and Co. Treasurer to issue payment for invoices/claims [from 01 to 08-2017 and 01 to 03-30-2018] to vendor, Party Ice: as goods/services were rendered prior to department submitting requisition and obtaining a Purchase Order.

*Subj to Auditor*

8. AI-65826 HC Dept. of Human Resources/Civil Service requests pursuant to Texas State Constitution Article 3, Section 52 the declaration of a "public purpose" with authority to purchase promotional items to be utilized when attending or hosting public functions to include, but not limited to, speaking events,

*ok*