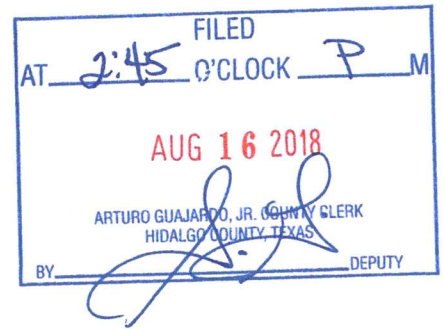


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  §  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT  
C-18-159-07-31**



**THIS AGREEMENT** is made effective the 31<sup>st</sup> day of **July, 2018** by and between the **County of Hidalgo, Texas** ("County") and **Jorge A. Lopez d/b/a South Texas Land Investigations** ("Title Agent/Examiner").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County requires "**Title Report Services**" (*on an as needed basis*) for the **Acquisition of Land, Rights of Way, Easements, Condemnations and Disposition of County owned Properties** located within **Hidalgo County**; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2254.002, "The Professional Services Procurement Act," the County requested proposals from professional title agent/examiner to assist the County by providing appraisal services;

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hidalgo solicited Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development and establishment of a yearly pool for "Title Report Services", and

**WHEREAS**, from which a "Professional Title Agent/Examiner" has been selected from the "Pool" of Pre-qualified Title Report Services Pool from response to the Request for Proposals (RFP), in accordance to Exhibit "A-1 attached hereto; and;

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the services of "Professional Title Agent/Examiner" are sometimes necessary to carry out the required title report services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, County and Title Agent/Examiner do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** Title Agent/Examiner agrees to provide to County "**Title Report Services**" (*on an as needed basis*) for the **Acquisition of Land, Rights of Way, Easements, Condemnations and Disposition of County owned Properties** located within **Hidalgo County** as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and entitled "Services to be Provided by the Title Agent/Examiner".

***In the event the Title Agent/Examiner does not provide Title Report Services, the date specified on the purchase order, the Purchase Order will become NULL and VOID. If such Purchase Order becomes NULL and VOID and a Title Report Service is secured from another firm, Title Agent/Examiner will be responsible for any additional charges or expenses incurred by Hidalgo County. Further, in the event that it is demonstrated by the Title Agent/Examiner that Hidalgo County has caused or delayed thus preventing the Title Agent/Examiner from meeting the specified agreed upon deadline to provide the Title Report (s) ordered, Title Agent/Examiner must advise in written notice to the Purchasing Department or Hidalgo County Precincts or user Department (s) to authorize and to secure additional time to comply.***

**2. Non-Exclusive Services of Title Agent/Examiner.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the Title Agent/Examiner and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement. The County assumes no liability or obligation for payment to the Title Agent/Examiner for work performed or costs incurred by the Title Agent/Examiner prior to the date authorized by the County for the Title Agent/Examiner to begin work, during periods when work is suspended, or subsequent to the Termination Date.

**3. Term.** This Contract is for a period of **one (1) year**, effective **July 31, 2018**, and will expire **July 30, 2019** or unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Title Agent/Examiner will not begin work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the County for each "*Purchase Order*".

**4. Compensation.** As consideration for rendering the Services provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay the Title Agent/Examiner the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Title Agent/Examiner. The Title Agent/Examiner is authorized to submit periodic requests for payment within thirty days after completion of each purchase order. The request for payment shall be made using forms acceptable to the County and shall show the total amount earned to the date of submission and the amount due and payable as of the date of the current billing. Upon receipt of said request for payment, County shall submit a requisition for payment of said services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Title Agent/Examiner agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Contract and to keep adequate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures. All payments to Title Agent/Examiner shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 21, hereof.

5. **Progress.** Upon acceptance of a purchase order, the Title Agent/Examiner shall undertake and complete the authorized work. The County or the Title Agent/Examiner can request conferences to be provided at the Title Agent/Examiner's office, the office of the County or at other agreed upon locations.

6. **Inspection of Work.** The County has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Title Agent/Examiner, or a subcontractor, the Title Agent/Examiner shall provide and require its subcontractor to provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the inspectors in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner as will not unduly delay the work.

7. **Amendments.** If it becomes necessary at any time during the contract period to change the scope of work, the contract period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this contract, an amendment must be prepared and executed within the contract period. The County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Title Agent/Examiner unless the County finds the proposed amendment necessary to complete the work authorized herein. Any such amendments be made in writing agreed to by all parties hereto and duly executed before the end of the contract period as specified.

If the County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Title Agent/Examiner, the County shall require the Title Agent/Examiner to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the contract. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Title Agent/Examiner, the County will reimburse the Title Agent/Examiner for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in Exhibit "B", "Basis for Payment". If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable to be exceeded, an amendment shall be executed in accordance with the terms of this provision.

8. **Reporting.** The Title Agent/Examiner shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the contract, including:

- a. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to meet time schedules and goals, or preclude the attainment of project work units by established time periods. This disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any County or, if Federal funds are involved, Federal assistance needed to resolve the situation.

- b. Favorable developments or events which enable meeting time schedules and goals sooner than anticipated or producing more work units than originally projected.

9. **Ownership of Documents.** Upon completion or termination of this contract, all documents prepared by the Title Agent/Examiner or furnished to the Title Agent/Examiner by the County shall be delivered to and become the property of the County. All sketches, photographs, calculations, and other data prepared under this contract shall be made available, upon request, to the County without restriction or limitation on their further use. The Title Agent/Examiner may, at its own expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished the County under this contract.

10. **Independent Contractor.** Title Agent/Examiner must comply with all applicable Hidalgo County policies and with any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, orders or ordinances applicable to the services provided by Title Agent/Examiner under this Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Title Agent/Examiner represents and maintains that it is an independent contractor and is not an employee of Hidalgo County, Texas, or any agency thereof, and represents and warrants that it does not desire or request any fringe benefits provided to employees of Hidalgo County, Texas, and/or any agency thereof, including, but not limited to benefits associated with Hidalgo County's civil service program. Title Agent/Examiner agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

11. **Voluntary Termination.** County may terminate this Contract at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon the giving of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

12. **Insurance.** Title Agent/Examiner agrees to provide liability insurance covering its activities in providing the services for County in an amount not less than the minimum amounts prescribed by the Texas Tort Claims Act, ' 100.001, et seq., Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code, and shall furnish department a certificate of insurance, Exhibit "C", issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

13. **No Assignment.** Except as otherwise herein provided, Title Agent/Examiner, may not assign the obligations or rights under this contract to any person without the prior written consent of County.

14. **Conflict.** Nothing in this Contract shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Contract and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this

Contract shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists

15. **No Waiver.** No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

16. **Entire Contract.** This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Contract not specifically set forth herein. This Contract may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Title Agent/Examiner, and not otherwise.

17. **Venue.** This Contract shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Hidalgo County, Texas. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in Hidalgo County, Texas.

18. **Hold Harmless.** In the event Title Agent/Examiner should cause, either directly or indirectly, damage, loss, destruction, liability, or claims against the other party as a result of intentional conduct, negligence or otherwise, Title Agent/Examiner shall hold harmless and indemnify County from any and all obligations, liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that result from the Title Agent/Examiner=s intentional actions or negligence. This indemnification clause shall survive this Contract and be enforceable as a separate agreement in the event its survival and enforcement becomes necessary.

19. **Attorney's Fees.** In the unlikely event that a dispute occurs which is litigated or arbitrated, or a cause of action in law or equity is filed concerning the operation, construction, interpretation, or enforcement of this Contract, the losing party shall bear the cost of the attorney's fees incurred by the prevailing party and any and all costs applicable thereto, including, but not limited to, court costs, deposition fees, expert witness fees, out-of-pocket expenses and travel expenses which are incurred by the prevailing party.

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

If to County: Hidalgo County  
Attention: County Judge  
100 East Cano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Title Agent/Examiner: Jorge A. Lopez d/b/a  
South Texas Land Investigations  
Attention: Jorge A. Lopez, Owner  
3111 West Freddy Gonzalez Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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

**21. Execution of Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Contract.

**22. Binding Contract.** This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this contract.

**23. Gender.** All pronouns used in this Contract shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate

**24. Authority.** The execution and performance of this Contract by County and Title Agent/Examiner have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Contract constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of County and Title Agent/Examiner in accordance with its terms.

**25. Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of County under this Agreement, County may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Company. County 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 County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. ' 271.903 (Vernon Supp. 1996).

**26. 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.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

Approved by Commissioners' Court on July 31, 2018.

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

By: [Signature]  
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

By: Ramon Garcia  
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

TITLE AGENT/EXAMINER: JORGE A. LOPEZ d/b/a  
SOUTH TEXAS LAND INVESTIGATIONS

By: [Signature]  
Printed Name: JORGE A. LOPEZ  
Title: OWNER

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

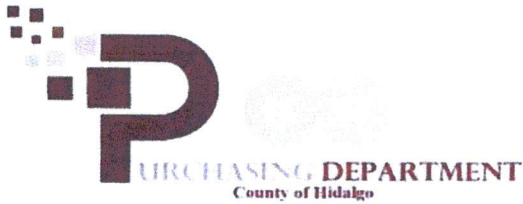
APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ON: 7/31/18



Jorge A. Lopez d/b/a South Texas Land Investigations  
(On Call) Title Report Services – Hidalgo County

Contract No. C-18-159-07-31

**EXHIBIT "A-1"**  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROCUREMENT PACKET



2802 S. Bus. Hwy 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539  
Phone: (956) 318-2626  
Fax: (956) 318-2629  
[www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/purchasing](http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/purchasing)

May 29, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY**  
Request for Bids - **"TITLE REPORT SERVICES POOL"**  
RFB Bid No: **2018-159-06-13-LHS**

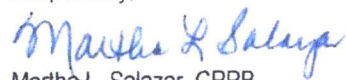
Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed, please find the Request for Proposals (RFP) packet. **Modifications and new requirements** have been added and implemented. Carefully read and review all instructions, Requirements and Specifications.

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the Request for Proposals process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department 956/318-2626 x 4881.

Respectfully,

  
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

Enclosures

MLS/lhs



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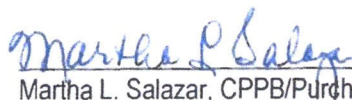
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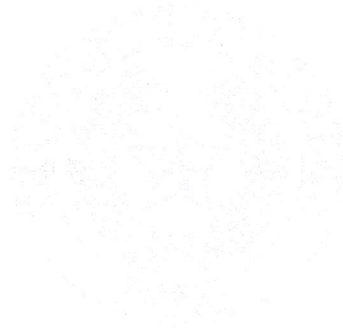
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The above-mentioned items shall be found in this Request for Proposals (RFP) packet that is attached herewith. Should you find that any of the listed items are not attached in its entirety, please contact Purchasing by calling (956) 318-2626 or e-mail,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

Thank you,

  
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB/Purchasing Director

5/29/18  
Date



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**Hidalgo County**  
Edinburg, Texas

*(Including all funding sources, programs and entities)*

## “TITLE REPORT SERVICES POOL”

**Acceptance Date: JUNE 13, 2018**

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

Project Contact Information:

Leticia H. Saenz, CPPB / Contract Specialist III  
(956) 318-2626 Ext. 4861  
[Leticia.saenz@co.hidago.tx.us](mailto:Leticia.saenz@co.hidago.tx.us)

Form HCPD-04

- 1) Sealed proposals will be received for "Title Report Services Pool" for Hidalgo County, in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Proposals should address all requirements set forth. Proposers 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 proposal.
- 2) **One (1) original, four (4) copies and four (4) USB's on PDF format** of all RFPs are required, with the vendor'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, **RFP No: 2018-159-06-13-LHS - "Title Report Services Pool" for Hidalgo County (including all funding sources, programs, and entities)**, and in County's Purchasing Department, *Physical Location address:* 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281; *Postal/Mailing address:* 2812 S. Hwy. Business 281, New Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **on or before 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2018.**

**NO FACSIMILES OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFP 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 WITH REFERENCE TO: RFP No: 2018-159-06-13-LHS - "Title Report Services Pool" for Hidalgo County (including all funding sources, programs and entities).**

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

Additionally, all forms listed below must be properly executed and included with your proposal

- 1) Legal Notice (See page 10);
  - 2) Insurance pages with Acknowledgment Forms (See Exhibit "C");
  - 3) Form CIQ-Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (See Exhibit "D");
  - 4) Vendor/Bidder Application & W-9 forms (See Exhibit "E");
  - 5) Certification Regarding Debarment (See Exhibit "F");
  - 6) Proposer's Affidavit (See Exhibit "H");
  - 7) RFP Submittal Checklist and;
  - 8) [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) Registration Acknowledgement (See Number 18 below).
- 3) Hidalgo County reserves the right to: **A.** separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this proposal that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; **B.** reject any or all proposals submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best proposal for approval. Receipt of any proposal shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar proposal and; **C.** Award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal 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(s) 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 proposer, or to reject all proposals and re-advertise.

- 5) For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each proposer shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the proposal and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Proposer should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the proposal.
- 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, proposers are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their proposal including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
- 7) Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced proposal opening.
- 8) County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.
- 9) Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this proposal 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 Proposals. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their proposal.
- 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 proposal 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 FOR GOODS AND SERVICES: (If applicable)**
  - 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 proposer
  - b) Name and address of receiving department or official
  - c) Purchase Order Number and Contract Number (if any)
  - d) Notation—**“Title Report Services Pool” for Hidalgo County (including all funding sources, programs, and entities) – RFP No. 2018-159-06-13-LHS.**
  - e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
  
- Discount payments will be considered when offered.
  
- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

**Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office**  
**Postal/Mailing: 2808 S. Business Hwy 281**  
**Edinburg, TX 78539**  
**956-318-2511**

15) **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Proposal Acceptance / Opening, 9:30 A.M.**  
**Award of Contract:**  
**Commence Service or Products:**

<b>JUNE 13, 2018</b>

16) **HIDALGO COUNTY HOLIDAYS**

2018 YEAR	
<b>New Year’s Day</b>	<b>01/01/2018</b>
<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	<b>01/15/2018</b>
<b>President’s Day</b>	<b>02/19/2018</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>03/30/2018</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>05/28/2018</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>07/04/2018</b>
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>09/03/2018</b>
<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>10/08/2018</b>
<b>Veteran’s Day</b>	<b>11/12/2018</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>11/22-23/2018</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>12/24-25/2018</b>
<b>New Year’s Eve</b>	<b>12/31/2018</b>

17) **BID OR PERFORMANCE BOND AND DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION; PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT:**

- ~~If the contract proposed is for the construction of public works or is for a contract for goods and services exceeding \$100,000, all bidders shall furnish a good and sufficient bid bond in the amount of five percent of the total contract price. A bid bond must be executed with a surety company authorized to do business in Texas. All participants are required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR76.~~
- Register at System for Award Management (SAM's) @ [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)
- ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a proposal, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the proposer shall furnish a performance bond to the County for the full amount of the contract, if that contract exceeds \$50,000.~~
- ~~If the contract is for \$50,000 or less, no money will be paid to the contractor until completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County, and, if applicable, the receipt by County of satisfactory evidence that all subcontractors and material men 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) **TITLE VI NOTICE / NON-DISCRIMINATION**

a. "The County of Hidalgo, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. §§2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

b. The appropriate clauses of Appendices "A" through "E" as delineated in the USDOT Standard Title VI/Nondiscrimination Assurances - Specific Assurances are hereby incorporated by reference as applicable. Title VI Appendices "A" through "E" are attached as **Exhibit "G."**

c. The bidder will attach all applicable notices to which it is obligated to provide or submit as part of the bid, including Form FHWA 1273 to be submitted by all contractors and subcontractors in relation to construction contracts.

19) **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 proposal 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.

20) **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, the vendor, person consultant or contractor's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with the County. By law, the CIQ must be filed with the Hidalgo**

County Clerk's Office no later than the seventh business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require that statement to be filed. The disclosure requirement applies to a person or business who contract 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 Proposer fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for the details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

**Complete Form CIQ must be submitted to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 North. Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539-Hidalgo County Courthouse.**

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

**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 RFP 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 [RFP No. 2018-159](#), 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: [leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:leticia.saenz@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 FROM THE DATE THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT APPROVES THIS AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT THE SIGNED NOTARIZED FORM 1295. HIDALGO COUNTY CANNOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT UNTIL FORM 1295 IS SUBMITTED.**

- 21) If, during the life of any contract or proposal awarded, the successful proposer'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) Proposals, 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 Proposers: A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate proposer's responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting a proposal, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the proposal;
  - 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 proposer 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 proposers' 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 proposer 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 proposer; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful proposer fails to:
- A. Meet schedules;
  - B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
  - C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.
- 27) Successful proposer 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 proposer, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from proposal award. Successful proposer 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 proposer 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 proposer'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 proposer.

- 28) Successful proposer shall warrant that all items/services shall conform to the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Proposals shall be subject to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful proposer 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 proposer 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) Proposers shall provide with the proposal 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) Proposers must provide **all** documentation requested with this Proposal in their response **(except for CIQ Form if NOT APPLICABLE)**. Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the proposal as none conforming.

**Request for Proposals**  
 For  
**HIDALGO COUNTY**  
*(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)*  
**“TITLE REPORT SERVICES POOL”**  
 RFP No. 2018-159-06-13-LHS

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent  
 Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
 Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281  
 Mailing/US Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281  
 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 proposer proposes and commits to furnish all labor, equipment, material, software and services as set forth in the documents hereinbefore mentioned. The undersigned proposer further agrees, upon acceptance of its proposal, 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.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_



# **EXHIBIT A REQUIREMENTS**

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HIDALGO COUNTY**

*(Including all funding sources, programs and entities)*

### **"TITLE REPORT SERVICES POOL"**

**RFP NO: 2018-159-06-13-LHS**

*(NIGP CODES: 968-66-Title Services ROW; 946-46-Title & Escrow Services)*

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed proposals from qualified and interested title companies in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of providers for **"Title Report Services Pool"** for **Hidalgo County** (including all funding sources, programs and entities) for the purposes of providing and rendering "title report" related services on an **"As Needed/Non-Exclusive and on a Per Project Basis"** by all County Departments and/or applicable programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, June 13, 2018**. ANY RFP RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.

**RFP SUBMISSION:**

Hidalgo County requires **one (1) original, four (4) copies and four (4) USB'S** on PDF format.

**SECTION I**  
**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Hidalgo County requires that "Request for Proposals" be routed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

**US Postal Mail address:**

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Administration Building  
2812 S. Business Hwy. 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

**Physical Address:**

Hidalgo County Purchasing Department  
Administration Building  
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Any/All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (~~bids, proposals, and/or quotes~~) shall be the responsibility of the bidder/proposer and not reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT:**

Prior Contract award, respondents to this RFP must submit a signed Proposer's Affidavit (attached herein in **Exhibit H**) 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 that the Respondent has not and will not attempt to lobby directly or indirectly as described in the Proposer's Affidavit.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

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

**PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:**

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

**ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF PROPOSALS:**

Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department **will not** accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:**

Submitters must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the submitter's ability.

**SUBMITTER DEFAULT:**

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

**RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:**

It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) packet and to notify the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or bidding procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

**HAND DELIVERED PROPOSALS:**

Hidalgo County requires submitters, when hand delivering the RFP, to make sure that it is stamped with date and time by the County Purchasing staff.

**SIGNING OF PROPOSALS:**

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.

**RFP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

Any Question (s) regarding the requirements procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department **via e-mail: [leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us) BY NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY JUNE 6, 2018, 5:00 PM. Responses will be submitted to all applicants VIA EMAIL by FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018, 5:00 PM. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**TERM OF CONTRACT:**

Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court, the term of the pre-qualified Pool of "**Title Report Services**" will be for an initial period of one (1) year with the County's sole option to extend/renew the contract for an additional one (1) year term, (under the same rates/fees, terms and conditions).

Hidalgo County reserves the right to continue this RFP/Pool for an additional sixty (60) day grace period at the end of the term for unforeseen delay in the award of new bid for the next contract term.

**DAVIS BACON ACT: (IF APPLICABLE)**

All selected and awarded firms are required to include the Davis-Bacon Act when advertising and developing specifications.

**SECTION II**  
**RFP REQUIREMENTS**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:**

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

**PURPOSE:**

Hidalgo County is requesting sealed proposals from certified, licensed and interested title companies in order to establish a Pre-Qualified Pool of Providers for: **"Title Report Services"** in order to provide and render "title report" related services on an **"As Needed/Non-Exclusive and on a Per Project Basis"** through a form of a **"Purchase Order"** for **"Title Report Services"** within **Hidalgo County** (*Including all funding sources, programs and entities*).

**CONTENTS:**

The required contents for the RFP are presented below in the order they should be incorporated into the submitted document.

**QUALIFICATIONS – REQUIREMENTS - SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

**I. MINIMUM FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- a) The firm must possess a current license from the Texas Board of Insurance
- b) The vendor selected is to have adequate experience and a workload free from constraints to complete Title Reports within three (3) business days per parcel.
- c) The provider should have experience with State (i.e. TxDOT), County and other governmental entities as well as private sector firms.
- d) All information and/or data contained within the completed "Title Report" must be obtained from a Title/Abstract office.

**II. REQUIREMENTS:**

**Each proposal must address, but may not be limited, to the following issues:**

- a) Firm Name;
- b) Name, position, phone and fax number of Point of Contact (POC);
- c) Name of Principal/Owner and number of years in business;
- d) Provide the number of staff members available in order to render (but not limited to) all the services described and listed herein;
- e) List three (3) governmental projects with names, addresses and phone number of representatives who can be contacted for references;

- f) Detail how your firm/company has the capability to deliver the services required on a timely basis;
- State in how many (business) days your company can return a "Title Report" after a request (i.e. "Purchase Order") is received by your firm.
  - State your firm's/company's timeline (business days) to issue "Title Report (s)".
  - Provide a copy of "Texas Title Insurance Premium Rates". State how many business days your company can complete "Escrow Agent" services (if requested by County) and include the applicable rates for those services.
  - State how many personnel or staff will be assigned and committed to render the services required.
  - State in detail what "other services" are not included in the rates provided.

**III. SCOPE OF SERVICES to BE INCLUDE IN EACH TITLE REPORT, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

Name and address of owner of property with information on title vesting;

- 1) Lien holder with recording information;
- 2) Legal description of property;
- 3) Easement affecting property both specifically for the lot and general covering entire subdivision;
- 4) Show any Federal *and/or* State Tax Liens
- 5) Provide copies of Deed, Liens, and Easements.
- 6) Provide copy of maps where information was retrieved (Highlighted & Specified)

**IV. REQUEST FOR SERVICES:**

A department requiring Title Report Services will follow the established and approved requisition and Purchase Order policies and procedures utilizing the company/companies, firm/firms awarded by Commissioner's Court for the provision of said services.

In the event a situation arises that requires an urgent timeline, a department (i.e. elected office, program or agency) may elect to use the awarded provider that commits (in a documented fashion, i.e. in writing or e-mail) to meet that time frame.

**V. INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION:**

The qualified vendor/firm(s) awarded to perform work for the County under this RFP shall be deemed to be terminated upon occurrence of any of the following:

- The death of the vendor, if an individual, or the primary professional member, if a firm or entity;
- The suspension, revocation or cancellation of the vendor's right to practice this profession in the State of Texas;
- The imposition of any restriction or limitations by any Governmental authority having jurisdiction over the vendor to such an extent that the vendor cannot engage in the professional practice for which vendor is pre-qualified.
- The failure or refusal of the vendor to comply with the reasonable policies, standards and regulations of the County are not contrary to any law or regulatory directive; or
- The conduct of the vendor in any unprofessional, unethical or fraudulent manner; a finding of unprofessional

or unethical conduct by any board, institution, organization or professional society having any privilege or right to pass upon the conduct of the vendor, or conduct of the vendor which discredits Hidalgo County.

- A title company/firm submitting a deliverable product, i.e. title report, which results in delay or interruption of the acquisition process including the incurring of additional expense by the County, will be grounds for termination of vendor's participation in the "Pool".

**PROPOSERS ARE TO PROVIDE A FEE SCHEDULE WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:**

Proposer is to provide a fee proposal based on the scope of work and services.

## SECTION III EVALUATION/SELECTION CRITERIA

Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court may award to one or multiple firms/companies to provide the services detailed in this procurement if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

### EVALUATION/RANKING SYSTEM:

Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be evaluated based on the criteria presented below. Based on the department's review evaluation and considering how many parcels are required, a title company or companies will be selected to provide the services. A title company may be asked to submit supplemental information. Requests for title reports and its related services will be in the form of a fully executed "**PURCHASE ORDER**" and will be forwarded to the firm(s).

\*Proposals will be graded on a **100-point system** with emphasis on ability to service Hidalgo County including, but not be limited to, the items listed below:

- |                                     |   |                        |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| <b>1. <u>FIRMS CAPABILITIES</u></b> |   | <b>40 pts</b>          |
|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Quality and Accuracy of work performed on a timely manner</li><li>➤ Current Workload and ability to commence various projects</li><li>➤ Capability to meet schedules and deadlines</li><li>➤ Experience with Hidalgo County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Requirements</li></ul> |                        |
| <b>2. <u>RESPONSIVENESS:</u></b>    |   | <b>30pts</b>           |
|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Thorough Information provided</li><li>➤ Understanding of the Project</li><li>➤ List of references provided</li></ul>  |                        |
| <b>3. <u>FEES/RATES:</u></b>        |   | <b>30 pts</b>          |
|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ In considering the proposals, Hidalgo County reserves the right to select the acceptable applicant who offers contractual terms and conditions that are most advantageous, including but not limited to price per parcel and/or services</li></ul>  |                        |
| <b><u>TOTAL</u></b>                 |   | <b><u>100 pts.</u></b> |

### NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Compliance with all requirements, the most cost productive, efficient and effective plan will be considered. Accuracy and completeness are essential. Best and final offer will be submitted to respondents in order to establish the fees associated with the services to be provided.

# EXHIBIT "B"

## Evaluation Form

Hidalgo County  
**"TITLE REPORT SERVICES POOL"**  
**RFP NO: 2018-159-06-13-LHS**

SELECTION CRITERIA	Minimum Points	Score
<b>1. FIRM CAPABILITIES: (40 points maximum)</b>		
➤ Quality and accuracy of work performed in a timely manner	0-10	
➤ Current workload and ability to commence various projects	0-10	
➤ Capability to meet schedules and deadlines	0-10	
➤ Experience with Hidalgo County and the Texas Department of Transportation requirements	0-10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
<b>2. RESPONSIVENESS: (30 points maximum)</b>		
➤ Thorough Information provided	0-10	
➤ Understanding of Project	0-10	
➤ List of References provided	0-10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
<b>3. COST FEES: (30 points maximum)</b>		
➤ Cost fees	0-30	
Comments/Rationale for points:	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=====
		<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.



# Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorized representative for \_\_\_\_\_,  
Company/Vendor

hereby acknowledge receipt of the County's required insurance limits. Said requirements:

- will be acquired within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court;
- will acquire additional amounts required to meet the County's requirements within 10 working days after notification from Purchasing Department of award of project by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following

Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Automobile Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Liability: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- have already been met, see attached copy of insurance certificate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Notice to Proposer:**

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

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

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR PACKET**

# PROJECT REQUIREMENTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_, possess all of the **APPLICABLE**:

1. Licenses: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Bonds: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Permits: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

## FORM CIQ

**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:

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(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.



**HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION**

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

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

If yes, by whom?:  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Certification No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ or Are Certificate(s) Attached?:  Yes  No

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**LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS**

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

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

HUB Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ HUB Status:  
Certifying Agency (Check all applicable):  Texas Building & Procurement Commission  Other  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Subcontract Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Work to be Performed:

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## 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.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <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) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 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 line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

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**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

### 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); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**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 3.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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### General Instructions

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

**Future developments.** Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at [www.irs.gov/fw9](http://www.irs.gov/fw9).

#### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What Is backup withholding? on page 2.*

By signing the filled-out form, you:

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, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What Is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

**Note.** If you are a U.S. person and 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 under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 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 section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give 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:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (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, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

## Backup Withholding

**What is backup withholding?** Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% 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, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, 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 *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

## What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

## 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

### Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; do not leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

**Note.** **ITIN applicant:** Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. 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 line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. 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 line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

**Line 2**

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

**Line 3**

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

**Limited Liability Company (LLC).** If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

**Line 4, Exemptions**

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

**Exempt payee code.**

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 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 U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—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 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

<sup>2</sup> 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 reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

**Exemption from FATCA reporting code.** The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state
- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

**Note.** You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

**Line 5**

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

**Line 6**

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

**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 this page), 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 SSA office or get this form online at [www.ssa.gov](http://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](http://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](http://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, apply for a TIN and 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 U.S. 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 items 1, 4, or 5 below 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 line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

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## APPENDIX B

### CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon in accordance with all applicable federal statutes, the Regulations for the Administration of all Department of Transportation programs, and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### (HABENDUM CLAUSE)

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

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**EXHIBIT "H"**  
**PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT**

<b>PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION NON-CONFLICT OF INTERST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING</b>
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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.
  
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- (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\_\_\_\_\_.



## RFP SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

### HIDALGO COUNTY

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS “TITLE REPORT SERVICES POOL”

RFP No.: 2018-159-06-13-LHS

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

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

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit "D" - CIQ Form -Copy of Co. Clerk Recording fee receipt (if applicable)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit "F" - Certification Regarding Debarment
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- \_\_\_\_\_ One (1) Original, Four (4) Copies of Proposals(s) and 4 USBs on PDF format  
(refer to number 2 of the Legal Notice)

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## **FEE SCHEDULE**

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**Jorge A. López**, Title Examiner, 43 years experience in the Title Business Industry

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#### **REFERENCES:**

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## **FEE SCHEDULE**

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**TO: HIDALGO COUNTY**

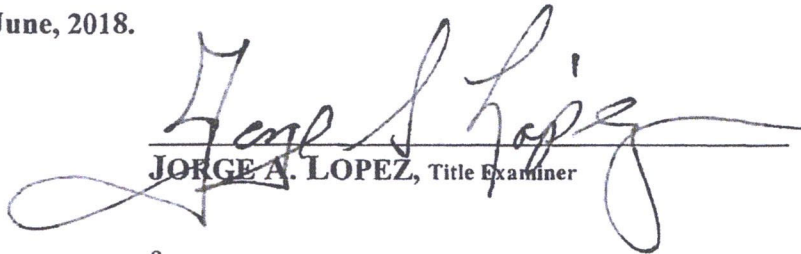
Before me a Notary Public for the **State of Texas** and **Hidalgo County** on this **11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018**, appeared **JORGE A. LOPEZ** and stated the following:

My name is **JORGE A. LOPEZ** and I am doing business as **SOUTH TEXAS LAND INVESTIGATIONS** and I am performing work as an independent contractor without employees, therefore: I am not entitled to workers compensation benefits from the **State of Texas**.

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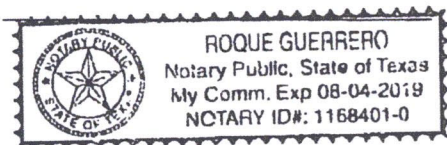
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# CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

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C-18-159-07-31  
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The financial advisor informed that since then, the only numbers that have change are the other CIP numbers going from \$4,000,000 to now borrowing \$9,500,000

Hinojosa explained that the approval is to go out and publish the notice of intent to borrow \$127,000,000 for the courthouse and about \$27,500,000 for other purposes.

Judge Garcia joined the meeting.

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Vote: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

- B. **AI-65768** TXDOT Receivables (1315): Authority for the County Executive Officer to sign required reimbursement forms, including but not limited to TXDOT Form ROW-N-20AB and Comptroller of Public Accounts Form 74-209, as necessary, for all qualifying reimbursement requests associated with any current and future TXDOT road projects.

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- C. **AI-65725** Discussion, consideration, and approval to update the Texas Department of Emergency Management Designation of Subrecipient Agent form to reflect Alternate Contacts:  
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On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- D. **AI-65795** FY 2017 JAG Program (1282):  
1. Approval to accept the FY17 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award in the amount of \$43,026.00.

Commissioner Flores stepped away from the meeting.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 - Unanimously

- 2. Approval of Certification of Revenues as certified by the County Auditor for the FY17 JAG Award.
- 3. Approval of appropriation of funds for the FY17 JAG Award.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on 2 and 3.

Vote: 3 - 0 - Unanimously

28.

**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 FORWARDED 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).

*[Handwritten signature]*

**Hidalgo County**

- 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;

**APPROVED**

- 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.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval subject to final legal review on A and B.

Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously

Martha Salazar made an observation that they needed to correct the date to the front end document, therefore it is subject to final legal review.

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);  
  
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.  
  
Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously  
  
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).  
  
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval subject to funding.  
  
Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously  
  
Salazar noted that this project is subject to funding.
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.  
  
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.  
  
Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously
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.  
  
Martha Salazar stated that this is subject to HB 1295 compliance and all other corrections that may be needed.  
  
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval subject to compliance of HB 1295 and all other corrections that may be needed.  
  
Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously  
  
Commissioner Flores joined the meeting.
5. **AI-65865** A. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4), a professional service;  
  
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.  
  
Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously  
  
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.  
  
Salazar noted that this is also subject to all compliance with all required status.  
  
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval subject to compliance with all required status.  
  
Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously
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:  
  
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,  
  
Salazar informed they received multiple proposals with one agent proposal, to further confirm they have asked carriers to identify if these proposals were duplicates as they have documentation as backup that they are duplicates proposals which gives the court two options. Either, (A) to ask the carrier to announce their prefer agent and decide among identical proposals or (B) proceed to score and grade all proposals and draw lots if in case.  
  
Commissioner Cantu suggested scoring all of them and bringing them back and decide once they have the final spreadsheet. Salazar reminded the court that the county approved that the RFP be submitted, with multiple proposals but only one agent per proposal. There's one particular situation where they have five agents by one carrier. Again,

**SPECIAL MEETING - July 31, 2018**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 31st day of July A.D., 2018, 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

HONORABLE DAVID FUENTES

HONORABLE EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU

HONORABLE JOE M. FLORES

HONORABLE JOSEPH PALACIOS

HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

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:

# 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.**

SOUTH TEXAS LAND INVESTIGATIONS  
EDINBURG, TX United States

Certificate Number:  
2018-382429

Date Filed:  
07/19/2018

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-18-159-07-31  
Title Report Services

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

**5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.**

**6 UNSWORN DECLARATION**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
(month) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity  
(Declarant)