

proper professional standards, comply with any and all appropriate laws and regulations in providing the Services, and devote such time as is necessary to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

3. This Contract shall be for a period of two years effective **December 13, 2018** and ending on **December 12, 2020**. Hidalgo County at its sole discretion may elect the option to extend the contract for one (1) additional year at the same rates, terms and conditions and may further extend for an additional sixty (60) days grace period at the end of the contract term due to any unforeseen delay in the procurement process and the County shall have the sole option to extend the Contract on a month to month basis under the same fees, rates, terms and conditions, unless this Contract is terminated pursuant to the provisions herein, whichever occurs first .

4. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract all licenses and permits required, or which may be required by any authority during the term hereof to provide the Services.

5. All trucks or vehicles operated by the Company to perform the Services shall contain all equipment required by any authority to operate on streets and roads and all persons in the employ of Company who operate such trucks or vehicles shall have the required licenses, qualifications, skill and expertise to perform such Services and shall comply with all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by any agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation of such trucks or vehicles in providing the Services.

6. As consideration for rendering the Service provided for in this Contract, County agrees to pay Company the amounts specified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto payable against written invoice submitted by Company.

7. County agrees to pay Company for Services based on the prices set out in Exhibit "B". Company shall render invoices for Services, and the invoices shall be paid by County in accordance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2251.

8. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with providing services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured (with the coverages and in the amounts described on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein at this point for all purposes), and shall furnish to County certificates of such insurance coverage.

9. Company shall provide a sufficient number of trucks, vehicles, personnel and equipment available to safely and efficiently provide the Services.

10. INDEMNIFICATION: COMPANY SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, AND EXPENSES INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF ANY ACTION AGAINST COUNTY ARISING OUT OF, RESULTING FROM, OR CONNECTED WITH THE PROVISION OF THE SERVICE BY COMPANY UNDER THIS CONTRACT. SAID INDEMNITY SHALL COVER ANY ACT OR FAILURE TO ACT BY THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES.

11. This Contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part by either party without prior written consent of the other party.

12. It is expressly agreed that this Contract and the performance by the parties hereunder does not create any agency relationship or master-servant relationship that County has no supervision of the performance of the Services provided by Company, and that Company is an independent contractor under this Contract.

13. Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, as set forth below:

If to County: **The County of Hidalgo**
Attn: County Judge
100 E. Cano St., 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Company: Elite Transport & Clean-Up Services
3116 Kingsborough Ave.
McAllen, TX. 78504

14. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

15. Any contract award to a successful bidder will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated without cause by County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.

16. The Contract may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice by County.

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

18. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

19. **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 Contract, County may terminate this Contract 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 Contract. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Contract at the expiration of each budget period of County.

20. **Immunities:** Nothing in this Contract 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 stated 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.

21. **Nondiscrimination:** Company, including subcontractors, assignees and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion (where the primary objective of the financial assistance is to provide employment per 42 U.S.C. §2000d-3), color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this contract/contract.

22. **Additional Documents.** The Parties agree that they will use reasonable, good faith efforts to execute each such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate originals this _____ day of _____, 2018.

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

By: Ramon Garcia
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

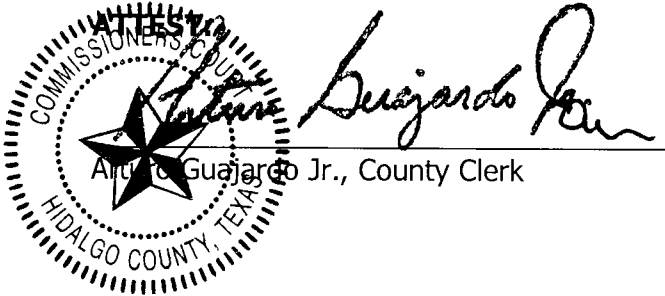
APPROVED BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
ON: 11/6/18 *[Signature]*

COMPANY: Elite Transport & Clean-Up Service

By: [Signature]

Printed Name: Juan Lopez

Title: Co-Owner



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney
By: [Signature]
Victor M. Garza
Assistant District Attorney

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONES COURT: 11/6/18

EXHIBIT "A"
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
PROCUREMENT PACKET



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

August 20, 2018

Bidder's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY (all funding sources, programs & entities)**
Request for Bids -"**Dead Body Pickup and Transport Services**"
RFB No: 2018-149-09-05-SGS

Dear Gentleman/Ladies:

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

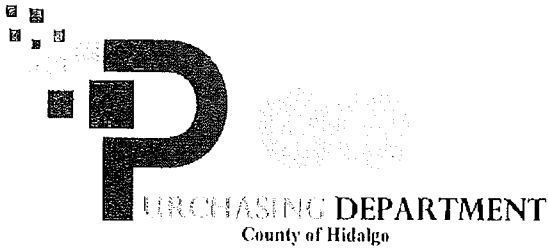
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department welcomes and appreciates your participation in the Request for Bids process.

If any further assistance is required, please do not hesitate to call the Purchasing Department 956/318-2626 x 4860.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/sgs
Enclosures



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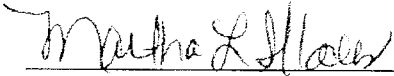
**REQUEST FOR BIDS
 HIDALGO COUNTY
 "DEAD BODY PICKUP AND TRANSPORT SERVICES"
 (all funding sources, programs & entities)
 RFB NO: 2018-149-09-05-SGS**

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

Thank you.



 Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
 Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

August 20, 2018
 Date

Bid No.: 2018-149-09-05-SGS

Buyer: Sandy Suarez

Tel. No.: (956) 318-2626

REQUEST FOR BIDS

HIDALGO COUNTY

(all funding sources, programs & entities)

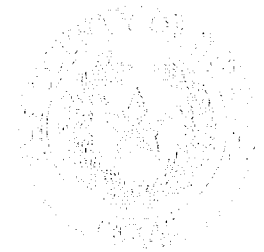
“DEAD BODY PICKUP AND TRANSPORT SERVICE”

BID OPENING DATE

SEPTEMBER 05, 2018

Contact Person:

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 - Administration Building
Mailing/Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 318-2626



FORM HCPD-03

- 1) Sealed bids will be received for “**HIDALGO COUNTY-“DEAD BODY PICKUP AND TRANSPORT SERVICE (all funding sources, programs & entities)”** in accordance with the specifications attached as Exhibit "A" hereto. Bids should address all specifications set forth. Bidders 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 specifications. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall bid.

- 2) One (1) original and Three (3) copies of all bids are required with the bidders name and return address clearly typed and or/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: **BID No.: 2018-149-09-05-SGS “Hidalgo County (all funding, programs & entities) “DEAD BODY PICKUP AND TRANSPORT SERVICE”** and at County's Purchasing Department with a physical address: 2802 S. Business Hwy 281 and a mailing address: 2812 S. Business Hwy 281, Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, on or before 9:30 A.M, Wednesday, Month 00, 2018. NO FACSIMILES, EMAILS OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY RFB 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 “**HIDALGO COUNTY (all funding, programs & entities) -“DEAD BODY PICKUP AND TRANSPORT SERVICE”** - RFB No.: **2018-149-09-05-SGS**. Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all bids and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the bids considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

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

1. Legal Notice (See page 9);
 2. Bid Page- (See Exhibit “B”);
 3. Insurance pages with Acknowledgment Forms (See Exhibit “C”);
 4. Form CIQ-Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (See Exhibit “D”);
 5. Vendor Bidder Application & W-9 forms (See Exhibit “E”);
 6. Certification Regarding Debarment (See Exhibit “F”); and
 7. SAMS.gov Registration Acknowledgement (See Number 17 below).
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- 3) Hidalgo County reserves the right to A. separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this bid that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements; B. reject any or all bids submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid for approval; C. award the bid to one bidder or to multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so; D. award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid. "Lowest and best" means a bid or offer providing the best value considering associated direct and indirect costs, including transport, maintenance, reliability, life cycle, warranties, and customer service after a sale.

 - 4) The Bidder shall not substitute items named in the bid without the express written consent of Hidalgo County. Failure of the delivered item to perform as specified or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question. In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible bidder or to reject all bids and re-advertise.

- 5) For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each bidder shall, in its sole discretion, visit the job site before preparing the bid and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Bidder should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the bid. 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, bidders are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their bid including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.
- 6) No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled time to open bids.
- 7) Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after bid opening.
- 8) Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this bid 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 Bids. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their bid.
- 9) County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids.
- 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 bid 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) Upon award and prior to execution of a contract, Sole Proprietorships are required to submit a copy of their social security cards to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office in order to establish an account with the County. All awarded vendors must submit a completed W-9 and a copy of their Federal ID Number Certificate.

14) DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

15) BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Invoices must include:
 - a) Name and address of successful bidder

- b) Name and address of receiving department or official
- c) Purchase Order Number (if any)
- d) Notation-“Hidalgo County (all funding sources, programs & entities)-RFB No.: **2018-149-09-05-SGS -“DEAD BODY PICKUP AND TRANSPORT SERVICES”** Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.
- e) Contract number must be indicated on all invoices

- Discount payments will be considered when offered.
- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office
 2808 S. Business Hwy 281
 Edinburg, TX 78539
 (956) 318-2511

16) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Bid Opening, 9:30 A.M.	<u>SEPTEMBER 05, 2018</u>
Award of Contract	_____, 2018
Commence Work or Deliver Products	_____, 2018

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 & 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 bidders are also required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the contractor or vendor is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CFR Part 76. Register at SAMs System for Award Management @ www.sam.gov.
- Appendix II to CFR 200-Contract Provisions: Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.236, a non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts under Federal Awards. Therefore, if applicable, the provisions of Appendix II to 2 CFR 200 are attached and incorporated by reference into this County contract should it be subject to Federal award.
- Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a bid, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the bidder 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/ NONDISCRIMINATION

- 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 "F" 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) 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.

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 contracts or seeks to contract with

Hidalgo County for the sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful bidder 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.

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

Completion and submission of form CIQ is the sole responsibility of the prospective respondent. Questions regarding compliance should be directed to your legal counsel.

22) CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (FORM HB 1295)

- 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 RFB packet. In accordance with these requirements, a 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 RFB Project No. (2018-149), as shown on the packet. Once completed and filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, Form 1295 must be printed, filled out, signed and submitted to our office either by facsimile transmission to (956) 292-7612 or via email to sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us. Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted, therefore, failure to timely submit a completed Form 1295 may result in the 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 Form 1295. Hidalgo County cannot enter into a contract until Form 1295 is submitted.

- 23) Effective September 1, 2017, the Texas Government Code was amended to add Chapter 2270, Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel, which provides that a state agency and a political subdivision may not enter a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that; (i) it does not Boycott Israel; and (ii) will not Boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Gov't Code Sections 2270.001(1) & 808.001(1) as amended, "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

By accepting this contract and/or purchase order, the Company/Vendor verifies that it does not Boycott Israel, and agrees that during the term of this contract/agreement will not Boycott Israel as that term is defined in the Texas Government Code.

- 24) If during the life of any contract or bid awarded, the successful bidder'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 the County.

- 25) Bids, and all goods and services provided hereunder shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.
- 26) Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Bidders: A prospective bidder must affirmatively demonstrate bidder's responsibility. A prospective bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:
- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the bid;
 - 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.
- 27) Successful bidder 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 bidder's officers, agents and/or employees will not be entitled to any benefits of an employee or elected official of County, including, but not limited to, benefits associated with County's civil service system.
- 28) Any contract award to a successful bidder 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 day's written notice prior to cancellation.
- 29) 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 bidder; County reserves the right to terminate any contract immediately in the event a successful bidder fails to:
- a) Meet schedules;
 - b) Pay any required fees or taxes; or
 - c) Otherwise, perform in accordance with the specifications.
- 30) Successful bidder 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 bidder, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier of successful bidder in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from bid award or which arises from any event or casualty happening on or within County premises themselves or happening upon or in any halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches of or to such County facilities. Successful bidder 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 bidder'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 and services provided by successful bidder.
- 31) Successful bidder shall warrant that all items/services shall conform with the specifications and/or all warranties provided under the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and the like. Items supplied under a contract pursuant to this Request for Bids shall be subject

to County's approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful bidder 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.

32) 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.

33) The successful bidder 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.

REQUEST FOR BID LEGAL NOTICE
For
HIDALGO COUNTY
(all funding sources, programs & entities)
“DEAD BODY PICKUP AND TRANSPORT SERVICE”
RFB No.: 2018-149-09-05-SGS

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Physical Address: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 - Administration Building
Mailing/Postal Address: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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

Bidder acknowledges receipt of all of the pages of the documents referenced in the Invitation to Bid Checklist presented in connection with this procurement. Bidder understands that Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best bid.

Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids, as contained in the Specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

Firm: _____
Address: _____
By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT "A"
Specifications/Requirements
Hidalgo County
"Dead Body Pickup and Transport Services"
RFB No.: 2018-149-09-05-SGS

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Pursuant to Chapter 49 of the Code of Criminal Procedures and Chapter 691 of the Health and Safety Code, Hidalgo County requires the pickup and transportation of decedent human bodies and/or remains from various locations within the County and in certain circumstances outside the County, to the Hidalgo County Morgue Facility at which autopsies and other necessary services are performed. **The services are on an "As Needed Basis".**

SPECIFICATIONS/ REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Transportation vehicle(s) used must be fully enclosed (i.e., hearse or van suitable for the transport of decedent human bodies and/or remains) in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Open bed pick-up trucks are **not acceptable**. All drivers must possess a current valid Texas driver's license and be properly covered under bidder's insurance.
- 2) A listing of all drivers will be required to be submitted upon award of contract. Background checks on all personnel, to include driving history utilizing the Texas Department of State Health Service criteria for criminal background checks on EMT/Paramedic personnel require fingerprints through the Fingerprint Applicant Service of Texas (FAST) for Texas/FBI criminal history check. Report to be provided to Hidalgo County upon request, will be at cost to awarded vendor with report to be provided to Hidalgo County upon request. If a driver is found to have a criminal history, an evaluation and determination will be made as to whether or not the County will allow the individual to participate.
- 3) Transportation of decedent human bodies and/or remains from place of death to the Hidalgo County morgue facility. This includes decedent human bodies and/or remains for autopsy, toxicology only, inquest only and Holds only cases. All are to be transported directly to the morgue facility with all applicable paperwork including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) Any decedent human bodies and/or remains to be transported to morgue facility requires all paperwork and/or acceptable documentation to be signed by the Justice of the Peace "JP" and investigating Agency.
 - b) Any cancellation case requires all paperwork and/or acceptable documentation to be signed by the Justice of the Peace "JP" and/or the Investigation Agency for consideration of payment of services;
 - c) Extra travel to different locations, or outside of the County on an "as needed basis" for pickup of decedent human bodies and/or remains applicable for consideration of payment of services, pursuant to all paperwork and/or acceptable documentation required in place.
- 4) From 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM M-F, on weekends and government holidays, the transport service will log the decedent human bodies and/or remains into the morgue facility, place the decedent human bodies and/or remains in cooler and thereafter deliver the investigative sheet, other paperwork and the Justice of the Peace Order for Autopsy to the County contracted forensic

pathologist. An investigative information sheet will be filled out by the investigating officer at the scene and transported with the decedent human bodies and/or remains to the morgue facility.

- 5) Vendor must furnish all equipment and materials required for transporting decedent human bodies and/or remains, (i.e., body bags, plastic rip lock seal for bag, gurney, flat white sheets, decedent waterproof identification tags or bracelet and any other materials required in transporting of decedent human bodies and/or remains by the vendor.
- 6) The successful vendor will be on call twenty-four (24) hours daily, seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year, and will be available to respond within forty five (45) minutes or less, of telephone notification and arriving at the scene, not to exceed sixty (60) minutes, under regular traffic and weather conditions. Decedent human bodies and/or remains, including decedent's belongings such as clothing and/or any and all personal effects, are to be directly transported to the morgue facility.
- 7) Vendor must have trained and qualified personnel in order to perform under this contract.
- 8) Vendor must have and maintain two (2) vehicles, available for service at all times.
- 9) Vendor must comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations regarding potential exposure to blood and body fluids.
- 10) Waste generated by the contracting service will not be left at the scene, but collected by the service and removed to an appropriate disposal site. Waste items must not be transported so as to be in contact with the corpse.
- 11) No unauthorized passengers shall ride in service vehicles on assignment for Hidalgo County.
- 12) All personnel are strictly prohibited from carrying any type of firearms or weapons, either on their person or in any transport service vehicle.
- 13) The vendor shall provide at least two (2) contact phone numbers to the appropriate County officials. Any change in telephone numbers, Vendor will immediately notify **the following departments; District Attorney's Office, Purchasing Department, All Law Enforcement Agencies, Hospitals, County Morgue Facility and Contracted Forensic Pathologist.**
- 14) Vendor must provide and maintain a Surety Bond in the amount of \$10,000, which will remain in effect for the duration of the contract period. Proof of the Surety bond must be provided to the County Purchasing Agent within ten (10) days of contract award. Failure to provide said bond will result in cancellation of the bid award.
- 15) Vendor cannot in any manner whatsoever have contact with or offer any information related to the procedures ordered by the appropriate County officials with any of the decedent's family, friends, acquaintances. All communications for services requested of the Vendor will be through the appropriate County official to ensure compliance with Title I of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; HIPAA Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information; the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical

Health Act, the Genic Information Non-Discrimination Act, and Texas House Bill 300, (Medical Records Act).

- 16) Vendor must also provide the list of vehicles to be used in the transportation of bodies. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- 17) Vehicles must be cleaned, properly equipped, maintained and supplied at all times with the following, but not limited to,
 - At least two body bags, new light and heavy weight, envelope opening type,
 - At least one box of disposable gloves,
 - A minimum of two, clean sheets, white cloth.
 - Disposable, protective clothing for attendants, as needed.

Hidalgo County will not be responsible for lost or misplaced items, as listed in this section.

- 18) The awarded vendor will be required to be prepared if a "**Mass Casualty**" incident occurs. Vendor must immediately contact Hidalgo County Forensic Morgue and contracted Pathologist. **Upon a mass casualty incident. Vendor shall be required to obtain appropriate personnel and vehicles to respond to mass casualty events and/or occurrences.**
- 19) Hidalgo County may not pay, or payment may be delayed for any services found to be unacceptable and/or if paperwork and/or acceptable documents for transport of decedent human bodies and/or remains is not signed off by the Justice of the Peace "JP" and/or the Investigating Agency.
- 20) If the County has declared "A State of Disaster", the Contractor may be called upon to pick up decedent human bodies and/or remains from locations outside Hidalgo County. Contractor shall not apply any special fees or charges for pickups from other locations. In addition to applicable transport fees, if the County has declared "A State of Disaster", the Contractor will be reimbursed mileage fees. Mileage reimbursement rates will be based on the current IRS mileage rates.
- 21) Mileage rates may be obtained from the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/>.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1) Term of this Contract is for a period of two (2) years with the County's option to extend for an additional one (1) period under the same rates, terms and conditions.
- 2) Hidalgo County reserves the right to extend this bid for an additional sixty (60) day Grace Period due to unforeseen delays in the procurement process and in order to avoid any lapse in service.
- 3) Hidalgo County reserves the right to hold bids for a period of ninety (90) days without taking any action.
- 4) Any contract awarded to a successful bidder will be in effect until: a) the contract expires. b) delivery acceptance of products and/or performance of services ordered, or c) terminated by the County with thirty (30) days written notice prior to the cancellation.

- 5) Contractor must comply with all applicable insurance requirements as detailed in Exhibit "C" contained herein and maintained throughout the contract term.
- 6) Hidalgo County reserves the right to seek the purchases/services from state awarded vendors, whenever it is in its best interest to do so.
- 7) Hidalgo County reserves the right to award the bid to One or Multiple bidders if the County determines it is in its best interest to do so.
- 8) Vendor shall have a minimum of at least two years' experience.
- 9) Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive any/all formalities or technicalities or to accept the bid received from the responsible bidder submitting the lowest and best bid to the County.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 1) All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of all (bids, proposals, statements of qualifications (RFQ) and/or sealed quotes) shall be the responsibility of the vendor and no reimbursements for such charges or expenses shall be passed on to Hidalgo County.
- 2) Hidalgo County is requesting that any and all questions, inquires and clarifications regarding bids, proposals or statements of qualifications be addressed to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Attn: Sandy Suarez, 2812 South Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Tx 78539. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- 3) ALL WRITTEN INQUIRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA e-mail to sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us by no later than **Monday, August 27 2018 by 5:00 p.m.**, Responses to said inquiries will be sent to all applicants via email and/or via facsimile, no later than **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2018.**

EXHIBIT-"B"

BID PAGE

Hidalgo County

"Dead Body Pickup and Transport Services"

RFB №: 2018-149-09-05-SGS

Vendor must furnish all equipment and materials required for transporting dead human bodies, i.e., body bag, plastic rip lock seal for bag, gurney, flat white sheet, body identification tag or bracelet and any other materials required in transporting of a body by the vendor. Services and fees subject to all required paperwork and/or acceptable documentation signed by the Justice of the Peace "JP" and/or the Investigating Agency.

Pickup & Transporting Fee Per Decedent to the Hidalgo County Morgue Facility	PRICE
Pickup/Transporting fee for decedent human bodies and/or remains from locations <u>within</u> Hidalgo County	\$ _____
Pickup/Transporting fee for decedent human bodies and/or remains from locations <u>outside</u> Hidalgo County	\$ _____
Cancellation fees - <u>within</u> or <u>outside</u> Hidalgo County	\$ _____ Inside County
	\$ _____ Outside County
Fee for extra travel - (i.e. forgotten decedents personal effects and/or required documents etc.)	\$ _____

NIGP COMMODITY CODE: 962-70 Removal and Pickup of Dead Bodies

LIST VEHICLES TO BE USED FOR TRANSPORT:

VEHICLES	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN NO. #
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

EXHIBIT-"B"

BID PAGE

Hidalgo County

"Dead Body Pickup and Transport Services"

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BIDDER'S INFORMATION:

I/We the undersigned hereby certify that I/We am/are a duly authorized official of the company and have the authority to sign on behalf of the company and assure that all statements made in the bid are true. I/We agree to furnish and deliver the specified items/services at the prices stated herein, and have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions contained herein and on all of the attachments.

BIDDER/COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE & FAX NO'S: _____

CELLULAR NO: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE _____

EXHIBIT “C”
Insurance Requirements
Applicable to the Acquisition of Goods and /or Services
(other than Professional Services)

The Bidder awarded the contract shall furnish proof of insurance, which will also include any subcontractor that is subcontracted by the bidder 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. A Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000.00) Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy providing additional coverage to all underlying liabilities of County.
2. 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 (\$500,000.00) arising out of the services provided to County hereunder.
3. Uninsured/Underinsured motorist coverage in an amount equal to the bodily injury limits set forth immediately above;
4. Workers compensation insurance in amounts established by Texas law, unless the Bidder is specifically exempted from the Texas Workers Compensation Act, Texas Labor Code Chapter 401, et. seq.

Hidalgo County will only accept certificates of insurance on an Acord form (as attached hereto). Certificates of insurance naming County as an **additional insured** shall be submitted to County for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the County prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise. This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence adequate replacement coverage is provided to County. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate.

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

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN. THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THEIR TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
A	GENERAL LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				PROP DAMAGE (Any one fire) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE OCCUR				MED (Any one person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONT PROT				PER PERSON ADV INJURY \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY				ANNUAL AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC				PRODUCTS - COMP/OP \$
					AGG \$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS				
<input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS					
	GARAGE LIABILITY				AUTO ONLY EA ACCIDENT \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				OTHER THAN EA ACC \$
					AUTO ONLY \$
C	EXCESS LIABILITY				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE				AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE				\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$				\$
					\$
D	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY				WC STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER POLICY LIMITS
					E L EACH ACCIDENT \$
					E L DISEASE EA EMPLOYER \$
					E L DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT \$
	OTHER				

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS
 County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

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

Insurance Requirements 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 bid awarded 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 bid award by the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court; currently carry the following:

Automobile Liability: \$ _____ General Liability: \$ _____

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

Authorized Representative

Date

NOTICE TO BIDDER:

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 of bid 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 bid award to be rescinded and re-awarded to next lowest bidder. 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 BID PACKET

**PROJECT REQUIREMENTS
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

This is to certify that I, _____, possess all of the APPLICABLE:

- 1. Licenses: _____.
- 2. Bond (if applicable) _____.
- 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 bid, 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 (if applicable), certificates, permits, etc. which are required must be presented as part of the bid packet in order to expedite the bid evaluation process.

Authorized Signature

Date

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY BID PACKET

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

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

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

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

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

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

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

Name of Officer

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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

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

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) the vendor:

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

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

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

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

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

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

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

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

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

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

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) DECLARATION

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

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

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

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

LIST OF CERTIFIED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

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

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

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

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

Zimbra**sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us**

Re: Elite Transport Bond - Orginal Bid Bond

From : Paul Perez Insurance Agency
<staff.pperezins@gmail.com>

Wed, Nov 28, 2018 10:57 AM

Subject : Re: Elite Transport Bond - Orginal Bid Bond

To : sandy suarez
<sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good morning Mrs. Suarez,

In talking with CNA Surety, company who underwrites the bonds, they email us the original copies now and we distribute to the customer. This is their new handling procedure.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,
Chris

On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 3:53 PM sandy suarez <sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Perez,

In regards to the attached Bid Bond for Elite Transport and Clean-Up Service, I would like to request an Original copy please.
Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Sandy Suarez, Contract Specialist I
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department

From: "Paul Perez Insurance Agency" <staff.pperezins@gmail.com>

To: "sandy suarez" <sandy.suarez@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 12:09:06 PM

Subject: Re: Elite Transport Bond

Good morning Mrs. Suarez,

Here is the complete bond for Elite Transport and Cleanup. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,
Chris



Western Surety Company

DISHONESTY BOND RIDER

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood by and between the Insured and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY that the following sections of policy forms 1432, 1650 and 1651 are hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 9 is amended to read as follows:

If the Insured shall sustain any loss or losses covered by this bond which exceed the amount of coverage provided by this bond, the Insured shall be entitled to all recoveries, except from suretyship, insurance, reinsurance, security or indemnity taken by or for the benefit of the Company, by whomsoever made, on account of such loss or losses under this bond until fully reimbursed, less the actual cost of effecting the same; and any remainder shall be applied to the reimbursement of the Company.

SECTION 5 is amended by **adding** the following paragraph:

The amount to be paid under the terms of this bond will be the amount of restitution required by the court in the criminal proceedings subject to the amount of the bond. No additional payments will be made under the terms of this bond unless the Insured presents evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the employee was guilty of a crime causing a loss greater than that for which the court has required restitution. The Insured shall have the burden of proof. The degree of proof that is required is found in Vernon's Texas Statutes Annotated, Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 38.03.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive or extend any of the terms, limits or conditons of the bond, except as herein above set forth.

Signed this 27th day of November, 2018.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
By Paul T. Bruflat
Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President



Western Surety Company

CUSTOMER/SUBSCRIBER ADDITIONAL INSURED RIDER

In the event that the Insured's Customer or Subscriber shall sustain a **direct** loss by reason of the fraudulent or dishonest act or acts (as defined in the section entitled Fraudulent or Dishonest Act) committed by the Insured; or any partner of the Insured, if a partnership; or any member of the Insured, if a limited liability company; then and only then, the Insured shall be considered an Employee and the Customer or Subscriber an additional Insured, subject to all terms and conditions thereof.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive or extend any of the terms, limits or conditions of the bond except as hereinabove set forth.

This Rider becomes effective on the 1st day of December, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock night, standard time.

Attached to and forming part of bond No. 72099797, issued by WESTERN SURETY COMPANY OF SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, to Sandra C. Hernandez dba Elite Transport & Cleanup Service.

Signed this 27th day of November, 2018.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Paul T. Bruflat
Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President



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TO THE INSURED:

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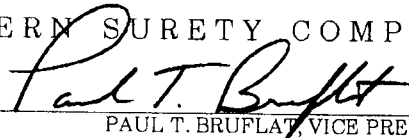
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SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED November 27th, 2018.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY



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DISHONESTY BOND RIDER

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood by and between the Insured and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY that the following sections of policy forms 1432, 1650 and 1651 are hereby amended as follows:

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By

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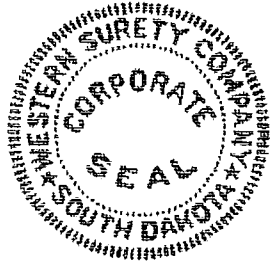
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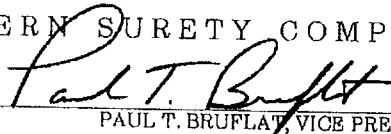
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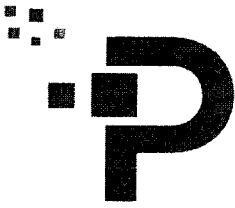
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HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO: District Attorney's Office

DATE: November 30, 2018

ATTN: Mr. Victor Garza

FROM: Sandy Suarez, Contract Specialist I

REG: C-18-149-11-06 – Execution Process - “Dead Body Pickup & Transport Service” Hidalgo County

COPIES	DESCRIPTION
1 Original	C-18- 149-11-06 – Elite Transport & Clean-Up Service

THESE ARE TRANSMITTED FOR THE REASONS, AS CHECKED BELOW:

- AS REQUESTED
- FOR SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATION
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EXHIBIT "C"
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
INCLUDING BOND



Affidavit of Sole Proprietor

Date: 10/5/18

Affiant: Sandra C. Hernandez

Affiant on oath swears that the following statements are true and are within the personal knowledge of Affiant.

Affiant ^{Sandra C.} Hernandez states She is a sole proprietor doing business as Elite Transport + Cleanup with Hidalgo County. Affiant will provide services for Hidalgo County under the Hidalgo County Purchase Order which will be approved upon receipt by the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department.

Affiant further states that he has no employees and does not anticipate employing any during the term of this contract. In the event Affiant does employ any staff during the contract, Affiant shall immediately notify Hidalgo County and obtain the Workers Compensation required by law. Affiant further acknowledges that failure to do so will result in cancellation of the purchase order.

Further Affiant sayeth not. Sandra C. Hernandez

Printed Name of Affiant: Sandra C. Hernandez

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO under oath before me on Oct. 5, 2018

Irma Jensen
Notary Public, State of Texas

