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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
C-18-228-10-09

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective the **9TH** day of **OCTOBER, 2018** by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS,** ("County") and **L&G CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC.** d/b/a **L&G ENGINEERING** of Mercedes, a Texas Corporation ("Engineer").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County is vested with the responsibility of providing **"GEO TECHNICAL"** and **"CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES" (on an as needed basis)** for projects within **HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT No. 4** (the "Services");

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the services of a professional engineering company is necessary to carry out the required Services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2254.002, (the "Texas Professional Services Procurement Act"), the County requested Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) from a professional engineering to assist the County by providing the Services;

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo solicited Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the development and establishment of a yearly pool for "Professional Engineering Services", and;

WHEREAS, from which "Professional Engineer" has been selected from the "Pool" of pre-qualified engineering firms from the responses to such Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and;

WHEREAS, County has selected the Engineer to provide the Services within **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4**, in accordance to Exhibit "A-1" Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, County and Engineer do mutually agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** The County will provide to Engineer the services described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and entitled "Services to be performed by County." Engineer agrees to provide to County with the work described in Exhibit "B", "Services to be performed by the Engineer".

2. **Non-Exclusive Services of Engineer.** Hidalgo County reserves the right to request these services from other sources other than the Engineer and shall not be in violation of any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

3. **Term.** This Agreement is for a period of **one (1) year**, effective **OCTOBER 17, 2018,** and will expire **OCTOBER 16, 2019** or unless sooner terminated as provided herein. The Engineer will not begin to work or incur costs until authorized in writing by the County with each "Work Authorization" particularly described in Exhibit "D".

4. **Compensation.** The maximum amount payable under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount for each Work Authorization unless an amendment is executed as provided hereinafter. The Engineer shall submit periodic requests for payment within (30) thirty days after completion of each Work Authorization. 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 for said Services in the customary manner provided for payments utilized by Hidalgo County, Texas. Engineer agrees to separately account for the receipt and/or expenditure of funds received pursuant to this Agreement and to keep accurate books and records of all such receipts and/or expenditures. All payments to Engineer shall be mailed to the address shown in numbered paragraph 23 herein.

5. **Inspection of Work.** The County has the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed hereunder and the premises in which it is being performed. If any inspection or evaluation is made on the premises of the Engineer, or of a subcontractor, the Engineer 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 their work.

6. **Amendments.** If it becomes necessary at any time during this Agreement to change the scope of Services, the Agreement period, the maximum amount payable, the complexity, or the character of this Agreement,

an amendment shall be executed by use of a (Supplemental Agreement Form) more particularly described in Exhibit "E" within the agreement. The County retains the right to reject any such amendment proposed by the Engineer. Any such amendments shall be made in writing, agreed to by all parties hereto and duly executed before the end of the Agreement as specified. If the County finds it necessary to require changes in completed work because of errors made by the Engineer, the County shall require the Engineer to correct the work at no cost to the County and without amendment to the Agreement. If the changes are made at the request of the County and are not due to errors of the Engineer, the County will reimburse the Engineer for the additional work at the same rate of pay established in Exhibit "C," "Engineering Rates." If payment for the additional work will cause the maximum amount payable under this Agreement to be exhausted, an amendment shall be proposed in accordance with all State procurement laws.

7. Reporting. The Engineer shall promptly advise the County in writing of events which have a significant impact upon the Agreement, 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 to be met sooner than anticipated or which are producing more work units than originally projected.

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

9. Suspension of Work. Should County desire to suspend the work under this Agreement, but not terminate this Agreement, the County shall provide thirty (30) calendar days verbal notification to Engineer, followed by written confirmation from the County to Engineer to that effect. The thirty-day notice may be waived as agreed in

writing by both the County and Engineer to that effect. The work under this Agreement may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect within sixty (60) days of receipt of written notice from the County to the Engineer. The sixty-day notice may be waived as agreed in writing by both the County and Engineer. If the County suspends the work, the Termination Date as identified above is not affected and this Agreement will terminate on the date specified.

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. problems, delays, adverse conditions which will materially affect the ability to attain Agreement objectives, prevent the meeting of time schedules and goals, or preclude the timely completion and submittal of Project deliverables by the Engineer within established time

periods; this disclosure will be accompanied by a statement by the Engineer of recommended or immediate action taken, or contemplated, and any Owner or other agency or entity assistance needed to resolve the situation: and

b. favorable developments or events which enable meeting the Work Schedule goals sooner than anticipated.

11. Independent Contractor. Engineer 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 Engineer under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Engineer 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. Engineer agrees to be responsible for any federal income tax, withholding or social security tax liability that might arise from payments received hereunder.

12. Subcontracting and Assignment. The Engineer shall not assign subconsultant or transfer the Engineer's interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County. The Engineer shall bind every subconsultant by written agreement to observe all the terms of this Agreement to the extent that they may be applicable to each subconsultant. No subcontractor relieves the Engineer of any responsibilities under this Agreement.

13. Voluntary Termination. County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason or no reason at all upon giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Engineer.

14. Insurance. Engineer 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 County a certificate issued by the insurer that such insurance is in full force and effect.

15. Payment of Franchise Tax. The Engineer hereby certifies that the Engineer is not delinquent in Texas franchise tax payments, or that the Engineer is exempt from, or not subject to, such tax. A false statement

concerning corporation's franchise tax status shall constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement at the sole option of the County.

16. No Assignment. Except as otherwise herein provided, Engineer may not assign the obligations or rights under this Agreement to any person without the prior written consent of County.

17. Conflict. Nothing in this Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Agreement, the latter shall prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent necessary to bring them the legal requirements and only during the time such conflict exists.

18. Termination by County. If Engineer fails to deliver quality Services, fails to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, strategies and outputs required by County, or if Engineer fails to comply with any conditions in this Agreement, then County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon the giving of ten (10) days prior written notice to Engineer.

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

20. Entire Agreement. This Agreement 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 Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement in writing executed by County and Engineer, and not otherwise.

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

22. Hold Harmless. In the event Engineer 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, Engineer shall hold harmless and indemnify County from any and all obligations, liabilities, cause of action, lawsuits,

damages, and assessments, including legal fees, etc., that from the Engineer's intentional actions or negligence. This indemnification clause shall survive this Agreement and be enforceable as a separate agreement in the event its survival and enforcement becomes necessary.

23. Attorney's Fees. In the unlikely event that a dispute occurs which is litigated, or a cause of action in law or equity is filed concerning the operation, construction, interpretation, or enforcement of this Agreement, 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.

24. Notices. Expect as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, 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 a 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:
County of Hidalgo
Attention: County Judge
100 East Cano, 2nd Floor
Edinburg, Texas 78539

If to Engineer:
L & G Consulting Engineers, Inc.
d/b/a L&G Engineering
Attn: Mr. Jacinto Garza, P.E./President
2100 W. Expressway 83
Mercedes, Texas 78570

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 addresses or, if mailed at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

25. 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 Agreement.

26. Binding Agreement. This Agreement 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 Agreement.

27. Gender. All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neutral gender, and the singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

28. Authority. The execution and performance of this Agreement by County and Engineer have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of County and Engineer in accordance with its terms.

29. Professional Seal. All documents and data furnished by the Engineer to the County shall bear Professional seal of a licensed Engineer employed by the Engineer.

30. 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 ninety (90) days written notice to the Engineer. 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).

31. 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.

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

33. **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/agreement.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY:
COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS

By: _____
~~Hon. Ramon Garcia, County Judge~~
Edward "Eddie" Cantu, Presiding Officer

ENGINEER: **L&G CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.**
d/b/a **L&G ENGINEERING**

By: _____

Printed Name Jacinto Garza

Title: P.E./President

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS COURT HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

_____
Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON: 10/9/18

Approved by Commissioners' Court on: Oct. 09, 2018.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Atlas, Hall & Rodriguez, L.L.P.

By: _____
Stephen L. Crain, Attorney

ATTACHMENTS:

EXHIBIT A	-Scope of Services to be provided by the County
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EXHIBIT C	-Engineer's Rates
EXHIBIT D	-Work Authorization Form
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EXHIBIT A-1

-Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Procurement Packet

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
County of Hidalgo

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

January 08, 2018

Bidder's name

Address

City

State, Zip Code

Re: **HIDALGO COUNTY (all funding sources, programs & entities)**
Request for Qualifications **-"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVIVCES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNCAL TESTING POOL"**
RFQ Bid No: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

Dear Gentleman/Ladies:

Enclosed, please find the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 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 Qualifications 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

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

MLS/yss
Enclosures

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The above mentioned items shall be found in this Request for Qualifications-RFQ 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, e-mail or by U.S. Mail.

Thank you.

Martha L Salazar

Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

January 08, 2018
Date

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL"

RFQ NO: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

Acceptance Due Date: **January 24, 2018**

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

Project Contact Information:

Yvette Salinas, Contract Manager
(956) 318-2626 Ext. 4874
yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Form HCPD-04

1. Sealed qualifications will be received for **"HIDALGO COUNTY (INCLUDING ALL FUNDING SOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND ENTITIES) "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL"** in accordance with the requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Qualifications should address all requirements set forth. Respondents may suggest substitutions of features which they feel would be in the best interest of Hidalgo County ("County"). Strong rationale must be presented for any deviation from the requirements. Hidalgo County reserves the right to reject the deviation and its effect on the overall qualifications.

2. **One (1) original, three (3) copies** of all qualifications and **eight (8) CDs in PDF Format** are required with the respondent's name and address clearly typed/printed on upper left hand corner and the proper notation clearly typed/printed on the lower left hand corner of the envelope and/or package, **RFQ 2018-009-01-24-YSS HIDALGO COUNTY (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL",** and in County's Purchasing Department, Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281 Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281- Administration Building, Edinburg, Texas, **ON OR BEFORE 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JANAURY 24, 2018.**

   NO FACSIMILES EMAILS OR LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY QUALIFICATION RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED. OVERNIGHT MAIL MUST ALSO BE PROPERLY LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE OF EXPRESS ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE IN REFERENCE TO QUALIFICATION. Hidalgo County reserves the right to refuse and reject any/all qualifications and to waive any/all formalities or technicalities, or to accept the proposal considered the best and most advantageous to Hidalgo County.

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

   1. Legal Notice (See page 10);
   2. Areas of Specializations(Attachment "B" – Procurement Form)
   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");
   7. Proposer's Affidavit (See Exhibit "H")
   8. SAMS.gov Registration Acknowledgement (See Number 17 below).

3. Hidalgo County reserves the right to separate and accept, or eliminate any item(s) listed under this qualification that it deems necessary to accommodate budgetary and/or operational requirements. Hidalgo County also reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications submitted and further reserves the right to design the evaluation criteria to be used in selecting the lowest and best qualification for approval. Receipt of any qualification shall under no circumstances obligate County to accept the lowest dollar qualification. The award of this contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose qualification is determined to be the best evaluated offer resulting from negotiation, taking into consideration the relative importance of price and other evaluation factors as herein set forth.

4. Failure of the delivered item to perform as specified or failure to meet the stated delivery schedule shall release Hidalgo County from all obligations to the contracting party with regard to the item(s) in question.

   In such event, County may elect to award the contract to the next-lowest responsible respondent, or to reject all qualifications and re-advertise.

5. For work to be performed at a County owned or operated location, each respondent shall, in its sole

discretion, visit the job site before preparing the qualification and thoroughly familiarize himself/herself with existing conditions. Respondent should take field dimensions and note all circumstances which affect the dollar amount of the qualification.

6. Descriptive specifications are referenced in this document to indicate the general kind and quality of equipment desired by Hidalgo County. Due to various styles and models of equipment, respondents are required to include illustrations, specifications, explanation of warranties, and service data with their qualification including catalogue numbers and any necessary references.

7. Proposed prices are to remain firm for a minimum of ninety (90) days after priced qualification opening.

8. County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all qualifications.

9. Any interpretations, amendments, corrections or changes to this qualification document must be in a written addendum and signed by the County Judge or his designee. Addenda will be mailed to all who are known to have received a copy of the Request for Qualifications. Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda as a part of their qualification.

10. Costs are to be net F.O.B., County Prepaid.

11. County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, State Tax and Local Tax. DO NOT include tax in cost figure. If it is determined that tax was included in the cost figure it will not be included in the tabulation of any awards. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

12. Funds for this procurement have been provided through the County budget for this fiscal year only. County, on an annual basis, has the right to reconsider a contract during the budget process for ensuing years if financial resources of County are insufficient to meet the liabilities of said contract. The award of a qualification or contract hereunder will not be construed to create a debt of the County which is payable out of funds beyond the current fiscal year.

13. **DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

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

14. BILLING AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Invoices must include:
  a) Name and address of successful respondent
  b) Name and address of receiving department or official
  c) Purchase Order Number and Contract number (if any)
  d) Notation- **"Hidalgo County (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) RFQ: 2017-009-01-24-YSS-Hidalgo County (Including all funding sources, programs, and entities) "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL"**
  e) Descriptive information as to the items or services delivered, including product code, item number, quantity, etc.

- Discount payments will be considered when offered.

- Contact person for Billing and Payment questions:

HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE
Postal/Mailing 2808 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
956-318-2511

15. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Qualification Opening, 9:30 A.M.	**January 24, 2018**
Award of Contract:	2018
Commence Work or Deliver Products:	2018

16. HIDALGO COUNTY HOLIDAYS

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

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 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 respondents 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 45CFR76.

- Register at SAMs System for Award Management @ www.sam.gov.

- ~~Together with the signing of a contract or issuance of a purchase order following the acceptance of a qualification, and prior to commencement of the actual work, the respondent 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 materialmen have been paid.~~

- ~~If a contract is for the construction, alteration or repair of public buildings or public works, the contractor *shall* provide a payment bond for a contract in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00), as required by Tex. Govt. Code Ch. 2253.~~

- ~~For requirements contracts, bond requirements are determined by applying the proposed unit price to the estimated quantities included in the specifications.~~

18. **TITLE VI NOTICE/ NONDISCRIMATION**

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. 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 qualification therefore pending before any department or agency of the County.

- It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for the County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

- No public official shall have an interest in a contract awarded hereunder except in accordance with Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Chapter 171.

- **NOTICE:**

  ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY A VENDOR TO THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE DONE THROUGH THE HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

  No vendor, its representative, agent, or employee shall engage in private communication with a member of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court or county department heads regarding any procurement of goods or services by the County from the date that the bid, RFP, or RFQ is released. No private communication regarding the purchase shall be permitted until the procurement process is complete and a purchase order is granted or a contract is entered into. Members of the commissioners court are required to make a reasonable effort to inform themselves regarding potential procurements and have a duty to inquire of vendors, their representatives or employees, the nature of any private communication being sought prior to engaging in any communication. "Private Communication" means communication with any vendor outside of a posted meeting of the governing body, a regular meeting of a standing or appointed committee, or a negotiation with a vendor which has been specifically authorized by the governing body.

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 that contracts or seeks to contract with Hidalgo County for the

sale or purchase of property, goods or service. Any purchase order or contract resulting from this process shall be considered null and void if the successful respondent fails to comply with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176. Vendors, consultants, contractors and others who desire to conduct business with Hidalgo County are encouraged to refer to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 for details of this law. An offense under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 176 is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Completed Form CIQ must be submitted to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office located at 100 N. Closner, 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.

21. **CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (FORM HB1295)**

As of January 1, 2016, to comply with Texas Government Code Section §2252.908, and the rules issued by the Texas Ethics Commission found in Title 1, Section 46.1, 46.3 and 46.5 of the Texas Administrative Code, we have updated and revised our RFQ packet. In accordance with these requirements, business must submit a completed Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 to the County before the County may enter into a contract with the business entity. In box 3 of Form 1295, you will provide the RFQ No. 2018-009, 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 yvette.salinas@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.*

22. If, during the life of any contract or qualification awarded, the successful respondents' 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.

23. Qualifications, and all goods and services provided thereunder, shall comply with all federal, state and local laws concerning this type(s) of goods and/or services.

24. Minimum Standards for Responsible Prospective Respondents: A prospective respondent must affirmatively demonstrate respondent's responsibility. A prospective respondent, by submitting a qualification, represents to County that it meets the following requirements:

- Possess or is able to obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under the qualification;

- Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery schedule;
- Have a satisfactory record of performance;
- Have a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award.

25. Successful respondent will pay or cause to be paid, without cost or expenses to County, all FICA, FUTA/SUTA and Federal Income Withholding Taxes of all employees, and all wages and benefits as required by Federal or State law. Successful respondents' 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 Countys' civil service system.

26. Any contract award to a successful respondent will be in effect until (a) the contract expires, (b) delivery and acceptance of products, and/or performance of services ordered, or (c) terminated by County with thirty (30) day's written notice prior to cancellation.

27. 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. County reserves the right to terminate contract immediately in the event of breach or default by successful respondent, or in the event a successful respondent fails to:

A. Meet schedules;
B. Pay any required fees or taxes; or
C. Otherwise perform in accordance with the requirements.

28. Successful respondent shall defend, indemnify and save harmless County and all its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all suits, actions, or other claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of any negligent act or fault of the successful respondent, or of any agent, employee, subcontractor or supplier in the execution of, or performance under, any contract which may result from qualification award. Successful respondent indemnifies and will indemnify and save harmless County from liability, claim or demand on their part, agents, servants, customers, and/or employees whether such liability, claim or demand arise from event or casualty happening on or within the occupied premises themselves or happening upon or in any of the halls, elevators, entrances, stairways or approaches to the facilities within which the occupied premises are located. Successful respondent shall pay any judgment with costs which may be obtained against county growing out of such injury or damages, and shall, upon request, provide a defense to County by counsel reasonably acceptable to County. Successful respondents' indemnity hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, claims relating to patent, copyright or trademark infringement, and the like, arising out of the goods or services provided by successful respondent.

29. Successful respondent 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 Qualifications shall be subject to Countys' approval. Items found to be defective or not meeting specifications shall be replaced by successful respondent within two business days at no expense to County. Items not picked up within one (1) week after notification shall be deemed a donation to County and may be used or disposed of at County's discretion and without waiver of any other rights

of County as to the items' nonconformity.

30. 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.

31. The successful respondent shall not assign, sell, transfer or convey its rights under any awarded contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County.

32. Respondents shall provide with the qualification response, a list of at least three (3) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include the name of the business or government, address, telephone number and name of representative or contact person.

33. Respondents must provide all documentation requested with this Qualification in their response (except for CIQ Form if NOT APPLICABLE). Failure to provide this information may result in rejection of the qualification as none conforming.

Request for Qualifications

For

HIDALGO COUNTY

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL"

RFQ NO: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

To: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Physical Location: 2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Postal/ Mailing: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Firm: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTACHMENT "A"

Engineering Laboratories-Schedule of Services and Related Fees
RFQ No: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

***This form is merely to be used as a guide for the post ranking by commissioners' court only** Refer back to requirements page 8, negotiations process*

No.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
	PERSONNEL RATES	
01	Soils and Aggregate Technician	$ / Hour
02	Surveying and Sampling Soils for Highways	$ / Hour
03	Soils Technician- Density Testing, Radiation Safety Certified	$ /Hour
04	HMA Level 1-A Certified Technician	$ / Hour
05	HMA Level 1-B Certified Technician	$ / Hour
06	ACI Certified Field Grade I Technician A. Includes necessary concrete slump cone, rod, air meter, thermometer	$ / Hour
07	ACI Certified Field Grade II Technician	$ / Hour
08	Geotechnical Engineer, P.E.	$ / Hour
09	Geotechnical Engineer, E.I.T.	$ / Hour
10	Secretarial, Report Preparation and Reporting	$ / Hour
11	Logger (In Conjunction with Engineer)	$ / Hour
	TRAVEL EXPENSE	
12	Vehicle Fee Mileage (Applicable for all Trips)	$ / Mile
13	Mobilization for Truck Mounted Rig, Drill Crew & Support	$ / Mile
14	Mobilization non standard equipment (4x4 All Terrain Rig)	Cost + %
15	Barge Mobilization and Rental	Cost + %
	GEOTECHNICAL DRILLING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES	
16	Borings in Soil	$ / Foot
17	Borings in Soft Rock	$ / Foot
18	Rock Coring	$ / Foot
19	Standby Time (Drill Rig and Crew)	$ / Foot
20	Grout/ Bentonite Backfill	$ / Foot
21	Dozer/ Clearing Cost	Cost + %
22	Concrete/Asphalt Patch	$
23	Traffic Control/ Signs, Barricades, etc.	Cost + %
24	All Other Outside Expenses	Cost + %
No.	**DESCRIPTION**	**UNIT COST**
	EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	
25	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	$ /Day
26	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	$ /Wk

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27	Laptop Computer Rental (w/ Printer)	$ /Mo.
28	Concrete Beam Breaker	$ /Day
29	Concrete Beam Breaker	$ /Wk
30	Concrete Beam Breaker	$ /Mo.
31	Vacuum Extractor	$ /Mo.
32	Asphalt Thermometer (Provided w/ Technician)	NC
33	Miscellaneous Expenses	Cost + %
TEX METHOD	**TEST DESCRIPTION**	**UNIT COST**
	SOILS SECTION	
Tex-100-E	Surveying and Sampling Soils for Highways	$ Hr
Tex-103-E	Determination of Moisture Content is Soil Material	$ Ea
Tex-104-E	Determination of Liquid Limit of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-105-E	Determination of Plastic Limit of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-106-E	Methods of Calculating the Plasticity Index of Soils w/ 104-E and 105-E	$ Ea
Tex-107-E	Determination of Bar Linear Shrinkage of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-108-E	Determination of Specific Gravity of Soils	$ Ea
Tex-110-E	Part I Sieves thru 40	$ Ea
	Part II Sieves thru 200	$ Ea
	Additional Sieves	$ Ea
Tex-111-E	Minus 200 Sieve Analysis	$ Ea
Tex-113-E	Laboratory Compaction Characteristics and Moisture Density Relationship of Base Materials and Cohesionless Sand	$ Ea
Tex-116-E	Ball Mill Method for Determination of the Disintegration of Flexible Base Material	$ Ea
Tex-117-E	TRIAXIAL COMPRESSIVE TEST FOR Disturbed Soils and Base materials (Part I Standard Method)	$ Ea
	Disturbed Soils and Base Materials (Part II)	$ Ea
Tex-118-E	Triaxial Compression Test for Undisturbed Samples	$ Ea
Tex-128-E	Determination of Soil pH	$ Ea
Tex-129-E	Method of Test for the Resistivity of Soils Material	$ Ea
	HOT MIX SECTION	
Tex-200-F	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates (Dry)	$ Ea
	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates (Wet)	$ Ea
Tex-201-F	Bulk Specific Gravity and Water Absorption of Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-202-F	Apparent Specific Gravity of material Finer than 180m (No. 80) Sieve	$ Ea
Tex-203-F	Sand Equivalent Test	$ Ea

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Tex-205-F	Laboratory Method of Mixing Bituminous Mixtures	$ Ea
TEX METHOD	TEST DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
Tex-206-F	Method of Compacting Test Specimens of Bituminous Mixtures	$ Set
Tex-207-F	Determination of Density of Compacted Bituminous Mixtures	$ Ea
Tex-208-F	Test for Stabilometer Value of Bituminous Mixtures	$ Set
Tex-210-F	Determination of Asphalt Content of Bituminous Mixtures by Extraction	$ Ea
Tex-212-F	Determination of Moisture Content of Bituminous Mixtures Part II	$ Ea
Tex-217-F	Determination of Deleterious Material and Decantation	$ Ea
	Test for Coarse Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-224-F	Determination of Falkiness index	$ Ea
Tex-227-F	Theoretical Maximum Specific Gravity of Bituminous Mixtures	$ Ea
	CONCRETE SECTION	
Tex-401-A	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregate (Dry)	$ Ea
	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregate (Wet)	$ Ea
Tex-402-A	Fineness Modulus of Fine Aggregate (In Conjunction with 401-A)	$ Ea
Tex-403-A	Saturated Surface Dry Specific Gravity and Absorption of Aggregates	$ Ea
Tex-404-A	Determination of Unit Mass (Weight) of Aggregates	$ Ea
Tex-405-A	Determination of Percent Solids and Voids in Concrete Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-406-A	Material Finer than 75um (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates (Decantation Test for Concrete Aggregates)	$ Ea
Tex-407-A	Method For Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete (included in hourly technician rate)	$ Ea
Tex-408-A	Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate for Concrete	$ Ea
Tex-409-A	Free Moisture and Water Absorption in Aggregate for Concrete	$ Ea
Tex-413-A	Determination of Deleterious Materials in Mineral Aggregate	$ Ea
Tex-415-A	Slump of Portland Cement Concrete (Included in hourly technician rate)	N/C
Tex-416-A	Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method (Included in hourly technician rate)	N/C
Tex-420-A	Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Simple Beam Center Point Loading)	$ Ea
Tex-447-A	Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens (Technician time to make cylinders will be charged at approved hourly rates)	$ Ea
Tex-448-A	Flexural Strength of Concrete (Using Sample Beam Third Point Loading)	$ Ea
Tex-460-A	Determination of Crushed Face Particle Count	$ Ea

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TEX METHOD	TEST DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST
	ASPHALT SECTION	
Tex-530-C	Effect of Water on Bituminous Paving Mixtures	$ Ea
Tex-531-C	Prediction of Moisture Induced Damage to Bituminous Paving Materials Using Molded Specimens	$ Ea
other section	Insert any other services provided and unit price category (i.e. Each, Set, Hour, Etc.)	

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EXHIBIT "A"
REQUIREMENTS

HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL"

RFQ No.: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

The County of Hidalgo will be accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified State of Texas Professional Independent Testing Laboratories in order to establish a pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories on an "As Needed Basis" per project by all County Departments and/or applicable Programs requiring said services as set forth in the requirements. Upon approval and acceptance by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court, the term of the pre-qualified pool of Independent Testing Laboratories will be for a period starting **March 16, 2018 and ending March 15, 2019**. The Hidalgo County Purchasing Department will receive sealed envelopes containing Statement of Qualifications for the provision of **"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICE-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL" RFQ No: 2018-009-01-24-YSS** "Request For Qualifications" as specified herein. Statement of Qualifications will be accepted until **9:30 A.M., Wednesday, January 24, 2018.** **ANY RFQ RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE OPENED AND WILL BE RETURNED.**

The following outlines the Request for Qualifications:

SECTION I

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RFQ DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS/DELIVERY:

A total of One (1) original, three (3) copies, and eight (8) CD's in PDF Format of RFQs should be submitted as part of your response.

Respondents must complete and include in their response, all documentation requested in this RFQ. Refer to enclosed RFQ Check List form for documents to be included with your response.

Hidalgo County is requesting that statement of qualification responses be sealed, clearly marked and/or labeled with the Company's name, RFQ No.: 2018-009-01-24-YSS, "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL" Opening Date of February 01, 2017 and be delivered to Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, at:

US Postal Mail Address:
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2812 S. Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Physical Address:
Martha L. Salazar, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
Administration Building
2802 S. Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope when dropping RFQ off.

Hidalgo County requires respondents, when hand delivering statements of qualifications, to have a Purchasing Department representative time/date stamp and initial the sealed envelope when dropping RFQ off.

All costs and expenses associated with the preparation and submission of (rfq's, bids, proposals and/or quotes) shall be the responsibility of the respondent and no reimbursement for such charges or expenses shall be passed onto Hidalgo County.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

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

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

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

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF RFQ's:
Hidalgo County's Purchasing Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:
Submitters must, upon request, provide satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. Hidalgo County will make the final determination as to the vendor's ability.

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

RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:

It is the responsibility of the respondent to review the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet and to notify, in writing, the Purchasing Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:
Any protest(s) or question(s) regarding the requirements or request for qualifications procedures must be received in the Purchasing Department via **e-mail to yvette.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us BY NO LATER THAN Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Responses will be sent to all applicants by Thursday, January 18, 2018. TELEPHONE INQUIRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SIGNING OF QUALIFICATIONS:
In order to be considered, all submittals **must** be signed. **Please sign the original in *blue ink*.**

WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:
Hidalgo County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County.

SUBCONTRACTING:
The successful respondent may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County.

TERM OF POOL:
The pool term is for a period of one (1) year, or upon completion of project(s) unless project specific for more than one (1) year.

DAVIS BACON ACT (if applicable):
All selected and awarded firms are required, if applicable, to adhere to the Davis-Bacon Act.

SECTION II
RFQ REQUIREMENTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:
The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFQ are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any County limitations will/may result in disqualification of the submitted RFQ.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT:
This section should demonstrate the respondents understanding of the projects needs, the work required, and any local issues or concerns. This description should be concise, candid, and limited to three (3) pages in length.

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS:
The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent independent material testing laboratory, registered and licensed to practice in the State of Texas that has had experience in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Roadway Material Production and Construction Inspection Testing
- Inspection of Hot Mix and Concrete Plants

- Drilling and Logging of Soil Borings
- Acquisition and Testing of Samples of Existing Soils for the Planning, Design and Construction of Transporting Facilities
- Roadway Construction Project located in Hidalgo County
- TxDot Certification

Additionally, this section should include a description of the firm's project personnel and their most recent similar projects. **A list of ongoing projects similar in scope under TxDOT procurement basis shall be included in an appendix.** For each project, a client contact name and phone number should be included for reference purposes. Additionally, the names of the personnel proposed for this project who participated in the listed projects should be provided. This project list is limited to five (5) pages.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING:
The firm should provide an organizational chart for the project and a summary paragraph of the project work to be performed by each proposed staff member. Biographic summaries that highlight the experience relevant to the specific project responsibilities should be provided for all proposed personnel. There is a one (1) page limitation for each biographic summary provided.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL:
This section will contain any current licenses and/or certifications as required by STATE OF TEXAS.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
The construction materials testing services contract will encompass all project-related testing services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

Hidalgo County is inviting qualifications from qualified Independent Testing Laboratories to provide construction material testing services for the "Projects". **Name additional testing services that are sublet to other consulting firms.**

Minimum Qualifications for Independent Testing Laboratories include, but may not be limited to the following:

a) Ability to perform Geotechnical Testing/Investigation/ Drilling
b) Ability to perform Environmental Services
c) Ability to perform Soil Density Testing
d) Ability to perform Surveying and Sampling Soils
e) Ability to perform Materials Testing (Asphaltic and Concrete)
f) Ability to perform Material Testing and Laboratory Analysis
g) Ability to perform Hot Mix Plant Inspections and Testing
h) Ability to perform Transportation Foundation Studies
i) Ability to perform Building Foundation Studies
j) Ability to provide Professional Liability Insurance for $1 Million Dollars without limiting liability to Professional Fees
k) Average response time from your office to the job site

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING FIRMS ARE NOT TO PROVIDE A FEE PROPOSAL WITH THIS SUBMITTAL:

The fee will be negotiated in accordance with the Professional Services Procurement Act, Tex. Govt. Code Ann. 2254.001, et seq.

SECTION III
SELECTION/EVALUATION

SELECTION/EVALUATION PROCESS:
The evaluation system consists of a 100-point system.

1. **STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM:**
   The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Varied experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix. **Indicate the number of engineers on your staff.**

2. **EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES:**
   The provider shall designate experienced independent testing laboratory staff to completely and efficiently perform the work. The designated individuals (Project Manager and Key Personnel) may not be replaced during the project unless approved by the County. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership and reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Resumes of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience. Also, in this selection, outline the firm's contingency plan for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

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

   - Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services
   - Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County

4. **UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS:**
   The statement of qualifications shall include the following:
   - demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
   - address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
   - identify information to be gathered or obtained

   ➢ Responsiveness to RFQ:
   - Response is Clear
   - Response is Well Organized
   - Easy to Evaluate
   - Appropriate to this RFQ.

Minimum Qualifications
The RFQ must address knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, such as counties, cities, etc.

Preferred Qualifications
The RFQ must address the proposed approach to complete the scope and identify information to be gathered or obtained and how it will be used in addition to the minimum qualifications.

5. FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required)

Minimum Qualifications
The RFQ must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards and policies.

Preferred Qualifications
Suitable examples of previous projects completed in the area by the Project Manager, in addition to the minimum qualifications.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS GRADING AND RANKING PROTOCOL:

Once a Project has been identified and it is determined that Construction Materials Testing Services are required, approval to seek engagement for professional services is sought from Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The following protocol and procedures are utilized;

1. Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court , Elected Official and/or the User Department in need of Construction Materials Testing Services will nominate (at the minimum) three (3) firms from Hidalgo County's approved pool of firms, thereafter, will review, score, and evaluate the statement of qualifications received in response to this Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications.

2. A grid of the scores will be presented to Commissioners' Court for the purpose of **ranking and approval** for the Purchasing Department to enter into negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm;

NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

Negotiations will commence with Commissioners' Court approved number one ranked firm;

1. Firms will be asked to submit (as part of those negotiations) Attachment "A" including fees;

2. The negotiated contract including best and final offer with the successful firm will be presented to Commissioners' Court (including compliance with all requirements as well as insurances) for consideration and final approval.

3. If negotiations with the number one (1) ranked firm fail, the Purchasing Department will recommend to Commissioners' Court that negotiations cease with the number one (1) ranked firm and commence to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm.

EXHIBIT "B"

Evaluation Criteria and Form

Hidalgo County

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL"

RFQ No: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

The respondent's RFQ will be evaluated based on the criteria presented below. These criteria will be scored on the scales shown on the enclosed "RFQ Evaluation Form."

1. STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM-- (25) points

The firms should provide information on their proposed professional team members, i.e. applicable certifications/registrations and other pertinent information that demonstrates their qualifications to perform the contract. The professional team members responsible/assigned to assist County projects shall be identified in the organizational chart. Team members shall have experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities or other clients as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Varied experience gained through other clients should be substantiated by reference. A list of, and scope of, the various projects, for comparative purposes, shall be included in an appendix. **Indicate the number of engineers on your staff.**

2. EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES (20 points)

The provider shall designate experienced independent testing laboratory staff to completely and efficiently perform the work. The designated individuals (Project Manager and Key Personnel) may not be replaced during the project unless approved by the County. The proposal shall identify the project team composition, project leadership and reporting responsibilities and address how sub-providers, if any, will fit into the management structure. Resumes of the key technical staff members, limited to two (2) pages per person must be included in an appendix, as well as narrative descriptions of projects proposed as similar work experience. Also, in this selection, outline the firm's contingency plans for servicing the project in the event that one or more key personnel are not available for any reason during the period of performance.

3. METHODOLOGY (20 points)

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

- Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services
- Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County.

4. UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25 points)

The statement of qualifications shall include the following:

- demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services
- address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies
- identify information to be gathered or obtained

➢ Responsiveness to RFQ:

- Response is Clear
- Response is Well Organized
- Easy to Evaluate
- Appropriate to this RFQ

Minimum Qualifications - The RFQ must address knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, such as counties, cities, etc...

Preferred Qualifications - The RFQ must address the proposed approach to complete the scope and identify information to be gathered or obtained and how it will be used in addition to the minimum qualifications.

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

The RFQ should indicate through past experience of the proposed Team that they possess sufficient knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies (as required)

Minimum Qualifications - The RFQ must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standards, and policies.

Preferred Qualifications - Suitable examples of previous projects completed in the area by the Project Manager, in addition to the minimum qualifications.

EXHIBIT "B"

Evaluation Criteria and Form

Hidalgo County

(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)

"PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES-CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS & GEO TECHNICAL TESTING POOL"

RFQ No: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS	SCORE
1) STAFFING OF PROJECT TEAM -- (25 points maximum)		
➢ Provide information on their proposed professional team members	10	
➢ Experience in performing various types of contracts for counties, cities or other clients as stated	10	
➢ A list of various projects for comparative purposes	5	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
2) EXPERIENCE OF PROJECT TEAM/ABILITY TO COMMIT RESOURCES (20 points maximum)		
➢ Designate experienced engineering staff to efficiently perform the work.	10	
➢ Identify the project team composition, project leadership, reporting responsibilities etc.	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
3) METHODOLOGY (20 points maximum)		
➢ Knowledge, experience, and the equipment to provide the anticipated services	10	
➢ Management Plan for the anticipated services that will be highly responsive to the needs and interests of the County	10	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
4) UNDERSTANDING OF PROJECT/SIMILAR PROJECTS (25) points maximum)		
➢ Demonstrate an understanding of the scope of services	10	
➢ Address appropriate Federal/State/Local regulations and policies. Knowledge and experience of working with multiple entities, counties, cities, etc.	5	
➢ Identify information to be gathered or obtained/proposed approach to complete the scope	5	
➢ RFQ responsiveness. Response is clear, well organized, easy to evaluate and appropriate to this RFQ	5	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
5) FAMILIARITY WITH APPLICABLE RULES and REGULATIONS (10 points maximum)		
➢ Indicate passed experience of the proposed Firm knowledge of governmental regulations, appropriate codes, guidelines, professional standards and policies	5	
➢ Must contain a narrative that outlines applicable regulations, guidelines, standard and policies	**5**	
Comments/Rationale for points:	**TOTAL**	
	TOTAL SCORE:	

Project Name: _____

Department: _____

Firm/Participant: Name: _____

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.

ACORD

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)

PRODUCER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURED

INSURER A:

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

COVERAGES

THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN. THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THER 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** ☐ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS MADE ☐ OCCUR ☐ OWNER'S & CONT. PROT ☐ OWNER'S PROTECTIVE LIABILITY GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☐ PROJECT ☐ LOC				EACH OCCURRENCE	$
					FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire)	$
					MED EXP (Any one person)	$
					PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	$
					GENERAL AGGREGATE	$
					PRODUCTS – COMP/OP AGG	$
B	**AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY** ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ ALL OWNED AUTOS ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☐ HIRED AUTOS ☐ NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	$
					BODILY INJURY (Per person)	$
					BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	$
					PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$
	GARAGE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO				AUTO ONLY-EA ACCIDENT	$
					OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY EA ACC	$
					AGG	$
C	**EXCESS LIABILITY** ☐ OCCUR ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☐ DEDUCTIBLE ☐ RETENTION $				EACH OCCURENCE	$
					AGGREGATE	$
						$
						$
						$
D	**WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY**				WC STATU-TORY LIMITS ☐ OTHER	
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE	$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT	$
	OTHER					

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATION / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

County of Hidalgo shall be named as additional insured on all Commercial General Liability policies.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Hidalgo County
Attn: Purchasing Department
2812 S Highway Bus. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

ADDITIONAL INSURED; INSURER LETTER: ____

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BY CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL ***30*** DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

SAMPLE

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 <u>must be presented</u> 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).

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_____ _____

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.

HIDALGO COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
Bidder/Vendor Application

Complete in print or type. Please return this application to the Hidalgo County Purchasing Department thru Facsimile: (956) 318-2629 or (956) 292-7612 in person or regular mail to: 2812 S. Business Hwy. 281 , Edinburg, Texas 78539 or email: purchasing@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Company Name: **Telephone No. ( )**
dba Name:
Legal Name:
Mailing Address : **Fax No. ( )**
Physical Address:
City, State, Zip **Tax I.D. No.**
Remit to Address : **City, State, Zip**
E-Mail Address:
Representative(s) Name(s) & Title(s)
Type of Organization (check one): _____ Individual _____ Partnership _____ Corporation _____Non-Profit _____ LLC _____ Sole Proprietor _____ Other, Specify **State Identification No._____ (Please attached completed W-9 form with this application)** **Federal Identification No. or (if individual) SS No.**
State of Incorporation: _____ Date:_____ Other:
Type of Business (check one): _____ Manufacturer _____ Wholesaler _____ Retailer _____ Broker _____ Distributor _____ Service Organization _____ Other, Specify
Name & Title of Person(s) Authorized to Sign Bids, Proposals, and/or Contracts:
Small and/or Disadvantaged Business Information (check application criteria) **Small Business:_____Disadvantaged Business (At Least 51% Ownership)** ☐ Less than 125,000 annual gross receipt ☐ Black American ☐ Native American ☐ Less than 250,000 annual gross receipt ☐ Hispanic American ☐ Women ☐ Less than 499,000 annual gross receipt ☐ Asian Pacific American ☐ Other ☐ More than 500,000 annual gross receipt **Have you been certified as a HUB or an MBE/WBE source?:** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Indicate Certification No.(s):_____ or are Certificate(s) attached?:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
What type of product(s) is/are solicited by your company?: **Would you like to be provided with specifications for procurements of such products?:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
To Be Completed by the County: Rec'd by (Purchasing):_____ Date Rec'd by (Purchasing): **Date Forwarded Information to Auditor's Office:_____Entry Date: _____ Vendor No.:**

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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:

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:

Form **W-9**
(Rev. December 2014)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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:

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ 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.

☐ 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) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

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.

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.

Social security number

			–		–				

or

Employer identification number

		–							

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.

Sign Here **Signature of U.S. person** ▶ **Date** ▶

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*.

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[1]	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5[2]
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

[1] See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

[2] However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney 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*. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at *www.irs.gov/businesses* and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, 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.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account[1]
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor[2]
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee[1]
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner[1]
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner[3]
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	**Give name and EIN of:**
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity[4]
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

[1] List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

[2] Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

[3] You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

[4] List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to *phishing@irs.gov*. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: *spam@uce.gov* or contact them at *www.ftc.gov/idtheft* or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

Certification
Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility

As is required by the Federal Regulations Implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 45 CFR Part 76, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that both it and its principals:

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;

b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and

d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Signature:_____
Print Name:_____
Title:_____
Telephone Number:_____
Date:_____

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

EXHIBIT "G"

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations**: The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants)will comply with the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

2. **Nondiscrimination**: The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of49 CFR Part 21.

3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment**: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

4. **Information and Reports**: The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance**: In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

   a. withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
   b. cancelling, terminating, or suspending contract, in whole or in part.

6. **Incorporation of Provisions**: The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

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)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands and interests therein unto **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, its successors and assigns.

The **COUNTY OF HIDALGO**, in consideration of the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over ,or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and]* (2) that the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to 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, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended[, and(3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned nondiscrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land ,and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].*

(*Reverted clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX C

CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a):

A. The (grantee, lessee, permittee, etc. as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:

   1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permitted, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended)such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.

B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.*

C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns.*

(*Reverted clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX D

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

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color ,or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.

B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said(license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.*

C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of **COUNTY OF HIDALGO** and its assigns.*

(*Reverted clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

APPENDIX E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Nondiscrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of1970, (42U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23U.S.C. § 324et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49CFRPart 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended,(42U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49U.S.C. § 4 71, Section 4 7123),as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987,(PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189)as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Nondiscrimination statute (49U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U .S.C. 1681 et seq).

EXHIBIT "H"
PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION
NON-CONFILICT OF INTERST, AND ANTI-LOBBYING

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Affiant, _____, being first duly sworn, deposes that:

(1) Affiant does hereby state neither the Proposer nor any of the Proposer's officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, has in any way colluded, conspired, agreed, directly or indirectly with any person, firm, corporation, or other proposer, or potential proposer, to provide any money or other valuable consideration for assistance in procuring or attempting to procure a contract or fix the prices in the attached proposed or the proposal of any other proposer, and further states that no such money or other reward will be hereinafter paid.

(2) Affiant further states they have neither recommended or suggested to Hidalgo County or any of its officials or employees, any of the terms or provisions set forth in their Request for Proposal and subsequent agreement, except at a meeting open to all interested proposers, of which proper notice was given.

(3) Affiant, further states their officers, employees, or agents have not, and will not attempt to lobby, directly or indirectly, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court between proposal submission date and award by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

(4) Affiant further states no officer, or stockholder of the Proposer is a member of the staff, or related to any employee of the Hidalgo County except as noted herein below:

_____

Signature/Title: _____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public_____

My commission expires: _____, 20_____.

HIDALGO COUNTY
(Including all funding sources, programs, and entities)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

"Professional Engineering Services-Construction Materials & Geo Technical Testing Pool"

RFQ No.: 2018-009-01-24-YSS

RFQ SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

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

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

_____ Page 10 of Legal Notice

_____ Exhibit "C" – Insurance & Project Acknowledgement forms

_____ Exhibit "D" - CIQ Form -Copy of Co. Clerk Recording fee receipt (if applicable)

_____ Exhibit "E" - Vendor Bidder Applications and IRS form W-9

_____ Exhibit "F" - Certification Regarding Debarment

_____ Exhibit "H" - Proposer's Affidavit

_____ SAMS.gov Registration - Acknowledgement www.sam.gov

_____ One (1) Original, Three (3) Copies of Bid(s) and 8 CD's in PDF format (see number 2 of Legal Notice).

EXHIBIT A

-Scope of Services to be provided by the County

The following provides an outline of the services to be provided by the Owner in the development of Projects (as defined and more particularly identified in Exhibit "A" attached to this Agreement).

General:

The Owner will provide to the Engineer the following:

1) Provide the authorization to proceed with services through coordination with the project consulting and design Engineer.
2) Payment for work performed by the Engineer and accepted by the Owner in accordance with Article 3 of this Agreement.
3) Assistance to the Engineer, as necessary, to obtain the required data and information from other local, regional, State and Federal agencies the Engineer cannot easily obtain.
4) Provide any available relevant data the Owner may have on file concerning the projects.
5) Provide timely review and decisions in response to the Engineer's request for information and/or required submittals and deliverables, in order for the Engineer to maintain the agreed upon work schedule prepared in accordance with Exhibit "A" attached to this Agreement.
6) Attend and participate in progress meetings as required and as coordinated and conducted by Engineer.
7) Provide the authorization to proceed with services on project by project basis through consulting design and construction Engineer.

EXHIBIT B

-Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer

EXHIBIT "B"
Scope of Services

PROJECT: On Call-**Professional Geotechnical & Construction Materials Testing Services ("for all projects in general") within Hidalgo County Pct. No. 4**

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

The Scope of Work will entail providing **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4** with **Geotechnical Engineering and Construction Materials Testing Services.**

The Scope of Work is identified as follows:

- ***Construction Materials Testing Services***

L&G Engineering Laboratory will furnish all equipment, materials, supplies, and incidentals as needed to perform the services required by this Contract: The work is as follows:

Construction Materials Testing Services

L&G Engineering will provide **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4** with Construction Materials Testing Services upon request. The services to be provided are as follows:

- Sampling and laboratory testing of soils and base materials proposed for use in the construction of Roads and Bridges to determine compliance of these materials with project plans and specifications.
- Field density testing of soils and base materials to ensure proper compaction as required by project plans and specifications.
- Field sampling and testing of fresh concrete and Laboratory testing of hardened concrete to determine compliance with project plans and specifications.
- Field Compaction testing of Asphalt to ensure proper compaction during lay down operations.
- Field inspection, sampling and testing of Asphalt materials to determine their materials properties and their compliance with project plans and specifications.
- Any additional laboratory testing as required/requested by **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4**.
- Provide accurate and timely reports to **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4** and all/other recipients as designated by the Precinct.

The Scope of Work is identified as follows:

- ***Geotechnical Engineering Services***

L&G Engineering will furnish all equipment, materials, supplies, and incidentals as needed to perform the services required by this Contract: The work is as follows:

Geotechnical Engineering Services

Geotechnical Drilling Services

L&G Engineering will provide drilling services for **Hidalgo County Pct. No. 4.**
Soil samples will be removed from the sample apparatus during drilling operations. One of our Geologists or Engineering Technicians will conduct various field tests on the recovered samples, visually classify the samples, and record the appropriate data on a field boring log. The samples will be appropriately packaged to minimize loss of their natural moisture content and to reduce the possibility of damage during transportation to our soils laboratory for testing. The tests performed on these samples will include Moisture Content, Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, Plasticity Index and Materials Finer that No. 200. Unconfined Compressive Strength and Dry Unit Weight tests will be performed as necessary to provide detailed description of undisturbed samples.

Drilling services will also include a 24-hour water level reading at each boring location. Piezometers, when required, will be installed to maintain the integrity of the borehole overnight or over a weekend. Following completion of drilling, sampling, and subsurface water monitoring operations, all boreholes will be backfilled with soil cuttings from the completed borings. If enough soil cuttings are unavailable, clean sand will be used to backfill the completed boreholes. If a piezometer is installed, the pipe will be removed following the water level readings and the borehole backfilled as described above.

Once all of the Engineering Properties of the soils have been determined, the final Log of Boring is created using the field and laboratory data. Included in the Log of Boring are THD Penetrometer Blow Counts, actual Moisture Contents, Plasticity Indices, and other laboratory test data obtained during the laboratory testing phase of the project. Proper description and location of strata, ground water elevations and test hole elevations will also be included in the Log of Boring.

Engineering Services

Engineering analyses will be conducted after reviewing the results of both the field and laboratory phases of the study. The findings and conclusions derived from the analyses will be presented in a written engineering report which will be prepared by the engineer. The report will include a boring location plan, boring logs with laboratory classification of recovered soil samples and subsurface water conditions encountered. The report will provide engineering recommendations for:

- Pier capacity curves; and

- Soil parameters that may be used in designing the foundations for the planned structures.

The geotechnical report will provide general comments and applicable recommendations regarding construction methods, sequences, and potential difficulties that may arise during overall construction as it relates to the soil and foundation aspects of this project. This information may serve to guide foundation selection and design and assist in the preparation of specifications for the project.

This contract **does not** include activities and corresponding costs that may be associated with the following:

- Providing an ATV mounted drill rig, dozer or special equipment to clear areas of vegetation and debris or to re-grade the site to gain access to the boring locations;

- Re-grading the site or portions of the site after drilling activities are completed;

- Site safety meetings that may be required; or

- Encountering hazardous or contaminated soils or substances during our field activities.

Hidalgo County Pct. No. 4 will be notified should these services become necessary for the completion of field exploration activities.

This proposal **does** include activities and corresponding costs that may be associated with locating buried utilities or pipelines as follows:

- Providing PVC pipe for water level readings; and

- Clearing the boring locations for underground utilities.

Hidalgo County Pct. No. 4 will be responsible for obtaining any necessary permits or authorization to egress areas where the borings are to be drilled.

Schedule

Based on the requested services, it is estimated that the drilling operations can take approximately two (2) to three (3) days to complete. We anticipate that drilling operations can usually begin within two (2) to three (3) days following notice to proceed, staking of the borings, clearing the boring locations of utilities and site and weather conditions permitting. The report and engineering analyses should generally be completed within two (2) weeks after completion of the drilling operations.

Engineering Services

L&G Engineering will provide an engineer's review of all test results to determine compliance with all project plans and specifications.

Scheduling of Services

L & G Engineering is prepared to make a commitment to **Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4** materials testing needs. L&G Engineering makes every effort to respond to its Clients as requests are received, and every effort will be made to keep scheduling conflicts to a minimum. As any other firm or business providing a service, L&G Engineering prefers to schedule field and laboratory work with as much advance notice as possible. L&G Engineering understands; however, that certain situations may occur when the Client may have a need for Materials Testing Services with as little or no advance notice. During these instances, L&G Engineering will make every effort to dispatch personnel to the project within one (1) hour of the Client's request for services.

EXHIBIT C

-Engineer Contract Rates

EXHIBIT "C"
CONTRACT RATES

L&G Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Labor/Staff Classification	Audited Overhead Rate FY 2016 Hourly Base Rate	Contract Rate FY 18
Senior Project Manager	$ 74.00	$ 215.34
Engineer - Senior Engineer	$ 62.00	$ 180.42
Geotechnical Engineer	$ 60.00	$ 174.60
Senior Environmental Scientist / Specialist	$ 59.00	$ 171.69
Engineer - Project Engineer	$ 48.00	$ 139.68
Right-of-Way Administrator	$ 68.00	$ 197.88
Senior Project Inspector	$ 31.00	$ 90.21
Senior Engineer Tech	$ 40.00	$ 116.40
Project Inspector	$ 28.00	$ 81.48
Engineering Lab Manager	$ 40.00	$ 116.40
Right-of-Way Negotiator	$ 43.00	$ 125.13
Record Keeper	$ 30.00	$ 87.30
Engineering Tech / GIS	$ 27.00	$ 78.57
Environmental Planner/Specialist	$ 29.00	$ 84.39
Admin/Clerical	$ 20.00	$ 58.20
Soil & Aggregate Technician	$ 20.00	$ 58.20
Concrete Technician	$ 20.00	$ 58.20
Asphalt Technician	$ 20.00	$ 58.20

Negotiated Overhead Rate: 159.67% Negotiated Profit Rate: 12.00% Multiplier: 2.91	Contract Rates include labor, overhead and profit. All rates are negotiated rates and are not subject to change or adjustment.

Other Direct Expenses:	Cost:
Lodging	$85/night
Meals	$36/day
Mileage	$0.54/mile
Car Rental	$75.00/day
8 1/2" X 11" copies (B&W)	$.50/ea
11" X 17" copies (B&W)	$.75/ea
11" X 17" Mylar	$2.00/ea
Overnight Mail - Letter Size	$15.00/Each
Overnight Mail - Oversized Box	$38.00/Each
Air Travel	At Cost

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GEOTECHNICAL & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES

Direct Expenses

Geotechnical Field Services	2018
Mobilization (Drill Rig and Crew)	$468.56/Day
Stand-By Time	$206.01/Hr
Texas Cone Penetration Test (Tex-132)	$5.89/Ea.
Soil Boring / Solid Stem	$32.97/Lf
Soil Boring / Hollow Stem	$32.97/Lf
Soil Boring / Mud Rotary	$32.97/Lf
Support Truck	$1.75/Mi.
Piezometer / Monitoring Well	**By Quote**

Soil Testing	2018
Moisture Content Determination - ASTM D2216/Tex-103-E	$11.20/Ea.
Determination of Liquid Limit of Soils - Tex-104-E	$56.38/Ea.
Determination of Plastic Limit of Soils - Tex-105-E	$56.62/Ea.
Atterberg Limits of Soils - ASTM D 4318/Tex-106-E	$84.51/Ea.
Bar Linear Shrinkage of Soils - Tex-107-E	$70.51/Ea.
Particle Size Analysis of Soils (Gradation) - ASTM D 422/Tex-110-E	$101.59/Ea.
Material Finer #200 Sieve - ASTM D 1140/Tex-111-E	$70.51/Ea.
Lime Series Testing (PI Relation) - Tex-112-E	$507.07/Ea.
Lime Series Testing (pH Relation) - Tex-121-E (Part III)	$549.97/Ea.
Moisture-Density Relationship (TxDOT) - Tex-113-E /Tex-114-E	$225.54/Ea.
Standard Proctor - ASTM D 698	$218.35/Ea.
Standard Proctor Soil-Cement - ASTM D 558	$257.50/Ea.
Modified Proctor - ASTM D 1557	$225.45/Ea.
Field Density Test (Nuclear) - ASTM D 6938/Tex-115-E	$25.37/Ea.
Compressive Strength Soil-Cement Cyl. – ASTM D 1633 (Method A)	$87.55/Ea.
Determination of Soil pH - Tex-128-E	$91.66/Ea.
Soil-Lime Testing - Tex-121-E (Part I)	$169.15/Ea.
Resistivity of Soils - Tex-129-E	$102.54/Ea.
Sulfate Content of Soils - Tex-145-E	$91.66/Ea.
Texas Wet Ball Mill (Material Quality) - Tex-116-E	$246.72/Ea.
Triaxial Compression (Dist. Soil & Base) - Tex-117-E	$371.32/Ea.
Unconfined Compression-Soil - ASTM D 2166	$52.99/Ea.
Uniaxial Compression-Rock - ASTM D 7012	$56.52/Ea.
Consolidation Test - ASTM D 2435	$553.27/Ea.
Organic Content – ASTM D 2974 (Method C)	$87.55/Ea.
Dispersive Charateristics of Soil (Double Hydrometer) – ASTM D4221	$154.50/Ea.
Dispersive Charateristics of Soil (Crumb Test) – ASTM D6572	$56.55/Ea.
Classification Of Dispersive Clay (Pinhole Test) – ASTM D4647	$154.50/Ea.

Coarse & Fine Aggregate Quality Testing	2018
Sieve Analysis (Dry)(4 Sieves) - ASTM C 136/Tex-200-F	$63.37/Ea.
Sieve Analysis (Washed)(4 Sieve) - ASTM C 136/Tex-200-F	$76.67/Ea.
Sieve Analysis (Conc. Aggregate)(5 Sieve) - Tex-401-A	$90.18/Ea.
Sieve Analysis (Additional Sieves) - All Methods	$14.12/Ea.
Deleterious Material (Coarse Aggr.) - Tex-217-F (Part I)	$49.34/Ea.
Deleterious Material (Concrete Aggr.) - Tex-413-A	$49.34/Ea.
Decantation (Coarse Aggr.) - Tex-217-F (Part II)	$49.34/Ea.
Decantation Test (Fine Aggr. - Conc.) - ASTM C 117/Tex-406-A	$49.34/Ea.
Specific Gravity/Absorp. (Conc. Aggr) - ASTM C127/Tex-403-A	$77.44/Ea.
L.A. Abrasion - ASTM C131/ Tex-410-A	$598.93/Ea.
Soundness (5 Cycle Magnesium Sulfate) - ASTM C 88/Tex-411-A	$598.93/Ea.
SSD Unit Weight of Aggregates - ASTM C29/Tex-404-A	$70.51/Ea.
Percent Voids/Solids in Conc. Aggr. - Tex-405-A	$14.06/Ea.

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*(In Conjunction w/ SSD Unit Wt of Aggregates)	
Sand Equivalent - ASTM D 2419/Tex-203-F	$77.44/Ea.
Specific Gravity / Absorption (Fine Aggr.) - ASTM C 128/Tex -403-A	$84.52/Ea.
Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate -ASTM C 87/Tex -408-A	$49.34/Ea.
Fineness Modulus of Fine Aggregate - Tex-402-A	$16.92/Ea.
Flat & Elongated Particles (Coarse Aggr.) - Tex-280-F	$63.65/Ea.
Coarse Aggr. Crushed Face (Coarse Aggr.) - Tex-460-A (Part I)	$84.87/Ea.
Acid Insoluble of Fine Aggregate - Tex-612-J	$91.66/Ea.

Pavement Testing (Mix & Roadway) / Asphalt Quality	**2018**
Sieve Analysis (Paving Mix Gradation) - Tex-236-F/Tex-200-F	$95.48/Ea.
Asphalt Content - Tex-236-F	$95.48/Ea.
Voids in Mineral Aggr. (VMA) - Tex-207-F	$116.70/Ea.
Boil Test (Effect of Water on Paving Mix) - Tex-530-C/Tex-531-C	$91.66/Ea.
Indirect Tensile Strength Test - Tex-226-F	$636.54/Ea.
Moisture Content (Paving Mix) - Tex-212-F (Part II)	$15.91/Ea.
Lab Molded Density - Tex-207-F	$84.87/Ea.
Hamburg Wheel Tracker - Tex-242-F	$954.81/Ea.
Field Coring – ACP Thickness - ASTM D 3549	$70.51/Ea.
Pavement Thickness Det. (Full Depth) - ASTM D 3549	$93.83/Ea.
Density of Cores (4 or 6 inch) (Set of 2) - Tex-207-F	$77.49/Ea.
In-Place Air Voids - Tex-207-F	$26.52/Ea.
Maximum Theoretical SPG (Rice Gravity) - Tex-227-F	$95.48/Ea.
Extraction/Sieve Analysis/Asphalt Content - Tex-210-F/Tex-200-F	$246.63/Ea.
Asphalt Rolling Pattern (Nuclear Method) - Tex-207-F (Part IV)	$42.29/Ea.
Segregation Profile - Tex-207-F (Part V)	$318.27/Ea.
Joint Density - Tex-207-F (Part VII)	$318.27/Ea.
Tack Coat Adhesion - Tex-243-F	$106.09/Ea.
Thermal Profile - Tex-244-F	$185.66/Ea.
Ride Quality - Tex-1001-S	**By Quote**
Pavement Investigation (All Inclusive – QA Verification Field Sample) ~ Includes Core Exist. Asphalt for Thick. Perform Caliche Base Thick., Sieve Analysis & P.I., Stabilized Subgrade Thickness & P.I	$528.41/Ea.

Concrete/Masonry Field & Laboratory Testing	**2018**
Temperature Test (Fresh Mix Conc.) – ASTM C 1064/Tex-422-A	No Charge
Slump Test - ASTM C 143/Tex-415-A	No Charge
Air Content (Pressure Method) - ASTM C 231/Tex-416-A	$25.32/Ea.
Air Content (Volumetric) - ASTM C 173	$28.18/Ea.
Casting of Concrete Cylinders - ASTM C 31/Tex-447-A	No Charge
Cylindrical Specimen Prep./Hold/Cure - ASTM C 192/ Tex-447-A	$12.73/Ea.
Compressive Strength of Cyl. Specimen - ASTM C 39/Tex-418-A	$16.89/Ea.
Casting of Grout Prisms - ASTM C 1019	No Charge
Grout Prism Prep./Cure/Comp. Strength - ASTM C 39	$35.26/Ea.
Casting of Mortar Cubes - ASTM C 780	No Charge
Mortar Cube Prep./Cure/Comp. Strength - ASTM C 109	$34.45/Ea.
Masonry Unit Prep. /Comp. Str. (Set of 3) - ASTM C 140	$246.56/Ea.
Masonry Unit SPG/Abs./Unit Wt. (Set of 3) - ASTM C 140	$246.56/Ea.
***(In Conjunction w/ Field Inspection)**	

Miscellaneous Testing	**2018**
Drilled Shaft Slurry Density - Tex-130-E (Part II)	$26.52/Ea.
Drilled Shaft Slurry Sand Content - Tex-130-E (Part III)	$21.22/Ea.
Drilled Shaft Slurry Viscosity - Tex-130-E (Part IV)	$26.53/Ea.

Engineering Review, Evaluation, Management & Administration	**2018**
Test Report	$25.03/Ea.

JG Approved 05/30/18

CONTRACT RATES

The specific hourly rate within each classification listed under Labor/Staff Classification depends on the experience, training, and qualifications of the personnel. A two (2) hour minimum billing at the applicable rate will be assessed per visit to project site.

Services provided on Saturday, Sunday and all work in excess of "normal" work hours will be invoiced at an overtime rate 1.5 times the applicable rate for the work performed. The cost of services is based upon the assumption that services will be provided during "normal" working hours. Normal working hours are between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All other project specific, third-party costs will be charged at cost plus 10 percent.

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EXHIBIT D

-Work Authorization Form

HIDALGO COUNTY
Professional Geo Technical and/or
Construction Material Testing Engineer Services
Agreement # C-18-228-10-09

WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. _____

THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of Article 7 of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, action herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**," and, _____ professional engineers of Texas, hereinafter called "**Engineer**".

PART 1. SCOPE OF WORK

The purpose of this Work Authorization is for the "engineering services" to provide_____.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Owner** is identified in **EXHIBIT "A" – Scope of Services to be provided by the Owner** attached hereto.

The scope of services to be provided by the **Engineer** is identified in **EXHIBIT "B" – Scope of Services to be provided by the Engineer** attached hereto.

PART 2. ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost for services under this Work Authorization is _____.This amount is based upon the costs outlined in the Estimated **Cost Proposal** attached hereto as **EXHIBIT "D".**

PART 3. PAYMENT

Compensation and payment to the Engineer for the services established under this Work Authorization shall be made in accordance with **Article**/Part/Section _____ of the Agreement.

PART 4. FUNDING

This Work Authorization No.__ shall be funded through funding source:
Account No. _-_ _ _ _-_ _ _-_ _-_ _ _-_ _ _-_-_ _ _
Requisition Number _____ **(MUST BE INCLUDED AFTER CC APPROVAL)**

PART 5. PERIOD OF SERVICE

This Work Authorization shall become effective on the date of final acceptance of the parties hereto, and terminate **upon completion of scopes of the work authorization**.

PART 6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

This Authorization does not waive the parties' responsibilities and obligations provided under the **Agreement**.

PART 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Acknowledgement and Confirmation by **Hidalgo County Precinct No.4, Commissioner, Joseph Palacios,** as to content and detail of this **Work Authorization No. ___ .**

HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT No. 4:

BY: _____

PART 8. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

This Work Authorization is hereby accepted, approved by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court on (cc approval date)_____ as indicated below and effective as of _____ day of _____, 201_ .

THE ENGINEER:
L & G CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.
d/b/a **L&G ENGINEERING**

_____
By: Jacinto Garza, P.E./President

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

_____
By: Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

_____
By: Arturo Guajardo Jr., County Clerk

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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

EXHIBIT E

-Supplemental Agreement Form

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. _____
TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL
"GEO TECHNICAL and CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES"

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of paragraph 5 of the Agreement made by and between **HIDALGO COUNTY**, acting herein by and through the **Commissioner's Court**, hereinafter called the "**Owner**", and _____, Professional Engineers of, _____, Texas, hereinafter called the "**Engineer**".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** executed the **Agreement** on the _____ day of _____ _____ **20**_____ concerning Engineering for_____ hereinafter referred to as the ("**Project**"); and,

WHEREAS, Paragraph ___ of the **Agreement**, (paragraph title), establishes _____; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend the Agreement to _____

A. AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, the **Owner** and the **Engineer** agree that said **Agreement** is amended as follows:

I. Paragraph ___ of the **Agreement**, (paragraph title), is revised to

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

All other provisions are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Engineer and the Owner have caused this supplemental Agreement to the Agreement for Professional Services to be executed as of the _____ day of _____, 20__.

THE ENGINEER:

BY:_____

Address for Giving Notices:

_____

_____

THE OWNER:
HIDALGO COUNTY

BY:_____
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(as required)

EXHIBIT F

-Certificates of Insurance

L&GCO-1 OP ID: CS

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 07/17/2018

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER
Cameron Investment Company Inc
DBA Shepard Walton King Ins Gr
121 W. Pecan
McAllen, TX 78501
Cynthia Cabaza, CIC
956-682-2841

CONTACT NAME: Jannet Castaneda
PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 956-682-2841 FAX (A/C, No): 956-630-4015
E-MAIL ADDRESS: jcastaneda@swkins.com

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURER A : United Fire & Casualty Co.	13021
INSURER B : Texas Mutual Insurance Co.	22945
INSURER C : Admiral Insurance Co.	
INSURER D :	
INSURER E :	
INSURER F :	

INSURED L&G Consulting Engineers Inc
dba L&G Engineering
2100 W Expressway 83
Mercedes, TX 78570

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT 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 THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
A	X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY			85321487	07/19/2018	07/19/2019	EACH OCCURRENCE	$ 1,000,000
	CLAIMS-MADE X OCCUR						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	$ 100,000
							MED EXP (Any one person)	$ 5,000
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	$ 1,000,000
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE	$ 2,000,000
	POLICY PRO-JECT LOC						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	$ 2,000,000
	OTHER:						Emp Ben.	$ 1,000,000
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY			85321487	07/19/2018	07/19/2019	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	$ 1,000,000
	X ANY AUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person)	$
	OWNED AUTOS ONLY / SCHEDULED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	$
	HIRED AUTOS ONLY / NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	$
								$
A	X UMBRELLA LIAB X OCCUR			85321487	07/19/2018	07/19/2019	EACH OCCURRENCE	$ 2,000,000
	EXCESS LIAB CLAIMS-MADE						AGGREGATE	$ 2,000,000
	DED X RETENTION $ 0							$
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY			0001309560	07/19/2018	07/19/2019	PER STATUTE / OTH-ER	
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? Y / N (Mandatory in NH)	N / A					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	$ 1,000,000
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	$ 1,000,000
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	$ 1,000,000
C	Professional Liab			EO000046153-01	07/19/2018	07/19/2019	Limit	2,000,000
							Deduct	50,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Additional Insured per written contract per form CG70870717 Primary & Non Contributory per form CG20010413 & IL71051014; Waiver of Transfer Rights per form CG24040509; Auto: Additional Insured & Waiver of Subrogation per form CA71090117; Primary & Non Contributory per form CA73340915; Worker Comp: Waiver of Subrogation Form WC420304B.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

HIDALC2

Hidalgo County
2802 S Business Hwy 281
Edinburg, TX 78542

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Shepard Walton King Insurance Group

ACORD 25 (2016/03)

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

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

Certificate Number:
2018-408829

Date Filed:
09/27/2018

Date Acknowledged:

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.
L&G Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Mercedes , TX United States

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-18-228-10-09
On Call Geo-Technical and Construction Materials Testing for Pct. #4 - Professional Services Agreement

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary
Garza , Jacinto	Mercedes , TX United States	X	
Sandoval , Armando	Mercedes, TX United States		X

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party. ☐

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Jacinto Garza, and my date of birth is 10/23/61.

My address is 2100 W Expwy 83, Mercedes, TX, 78570, .
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

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

Executed in Hidalgo County, State of Texas, on the 27th day of Sept. (month), 2018 (year).

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

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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)

SAM Search Results
List of records matching your search for :

Search Term : "l&g engineering*
Record Status: Active

ENTITY	L&G ENGINEERING LABORATORY, L.L.C.	Status: Active
DUNS: 185325557	+4:	CAGE Code: 5LTT2 DoDAAC:
Expiration Date: Jan 5, 2019	Has Active Exclusion?: No	Debt Subject to Offset?: No
Address: 2100 W EXPY 83 City: MERCEDES ZIP Code: 78570-9764		State/Province: TEXAS Country: UNITED STATES

Zimbra **leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us**

RE: Review & Approve as to form - C-18-228-10-09-L&G Engineering (on call) (Geo Tech/CMT)-Pct 4

From : Steve Crain <scrain@atlashall.com> Wed, Sep 26, 2018 05:11 PM

Subject : RE: Review & Approve as to form - C-18-228-10-09-L&G Engineering (on call) (Geo Tech/CMT)-Pct 4

To : 'leticia saenz' <leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Looks OK.

From: leticia saenz <leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 3:18 PM
To: scrain <scrain@atlashall.com>
Cc: mntrevino <mntrevino@atlashall.com>; maria mayorga <maria.mayorga@co.hidalgo.tx.us>; rocio villarreal <rocio.villarreal@co.hidalgo.tx.us>
Subject: Review & Approve as to form - C-18-228-10-09-L&G Engineering (on call) (Geo Tech/CMT)-Pct 4
Importance: High

Good afternoon, Mr. Crain-

Please review and approve as to form (on call) agreement# C-18-228-10-09 with L&G Engineering (attached hereto) for: GEO Tech/CMT Services in Precinct 4.

*Note: will be placed on next CC for final approval.

Please advise.

Respectfully,

Leticia H. Saenz, CPPB/Contracts Specialist III
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department
2812 South Business Hwy. 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Ph. (956) 292-7000 Ext. 4861
Email: leticia.saenz@co.hidalgo.tx.us

	Javier Hinojosa Engineering	Quintanilla, Headley, and Associates, Inc.	Cruz Hogan Consultants, Inc.
EVALUATOR NO. 1	95	98	96
RANKING	3	1	2

c. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional engineering services agreement commencing with the No. 1 ranked firm of Quintanilla, Headley Assoc. Inc.

E. Pct. 4

1. **AI-66897** a. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A) (4) for a professional service so as to document [for the selected/ranked the #1 firm L&G Engineering under Reg-AI-66288 approved by CC on 08/28/18];

b. Requesting approval of a "professional services" agreement, #C-18-228-10-09& with L&G Engineering for (on call)-"Geo Technical/Construction Material Testing Services" for projects located within Hidalgo County Precinct 4.

F. IT Department

1. **AI-67086** Acceptance and approval of the Professional Services Agreement between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Hidalgo County for the installation of AbleTerm Server Assistance.

2. **AI-66963** Requesting approval to accept, purchase and execute Statement of Work for services that will be rendered by Netsync Network Solutions under DIR Contract (DIR-TSO-3151) in the amount of $15,584.80 through requisition #379419 for the implementation of security protection that will incorporate cyber security monitoring tools, log review, and innovative analytics with expert services to assess, detect and block threats to applications and other workloads including authority for the County Judge to sign all required documentation.

3. **AI-67060** Requesting approval to accept, purchase and execute Statement of Work for services that will be rendered by Insight Public Sector, Inc. under DIR Contract (DIR-TSO-3691) in the amount of $9,600 through requisition #379999 for Network Consulting Support, with authority for the County Judge to sign all required documentation.

G. District Clerk

1. **AI-66994** Requesting authorization to enter into a 36-month capital lease agreement with Pitney Bowes through Hidalgo County's membership/participation with Buyboard Contract #496-15, for a monthly payment of $824.03, billed quarterly at $2,472.09 inclusive of all required hardware and software for District Clerks Office including authority for the County Judge to sign all required documentation.

H. Budget & Management

1. **AI-66857**

Vote: 3 - 0 - Unanimously

3. **AI-66729** Requesting approval of Supplemental No. 1 to WA No. 1 (C-18-197-07-31) submitted by Alpha Infrastructure Engineering, PLLC for Pct. 1, Road Infrastructure/damage Report to reflect the revised Exhibit C.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 - Unanimously

D. Pct. 2

1. **AI-67090** a. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A) (4) professional service;

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 - Unanimously

b. Presentation of scoring grid (for the purpose of ranking by CC) of the firms graded & evaluated through the County's approved "pool" in connection with ON CALL-Professional Engineering Services for Precinct No.2 Projects (on an as needed basis):

	Javier Hinojosa Engineering	Quintanilla, Headley, and Associates, Inc.	Cruz Hogan Consultants, Inc.
EVALUATOR NO. 1	95	98	96
RANKING	3	1	2

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Vote: 3 - 0 - Unanimously

Salazar disclosed that the observation was requested by the auditor to have the CIS submitted and the grader. She accordingly responded that historically, the precinct has fallowed the same practice in the present and past.

c. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional engineering services agreement commencing with the No. 1 ranked firm of **Quintanilla Headley & Associates.**

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 -Unanimously

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