



**CAMERON COUNTY
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

RFQ NUMBER # 150701

RFQ TITLE: “ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CAMERON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND / OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JUDICIAL COMPLEX”

DATE DUE: OCTOBER 20, 2015

DUE NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M.

Bids/ RFP’s / RFQ’s will be opened at the Cameron County Courthouse, 1100 East Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas in the Purchasing Department – 3rd Floor – Room # 345 at 11:01 a.m. (as per Purchasing Dept. time clock) on deadline due date.

RFQs received later than the date and time above will not be considered.

Please return **ORIGINAL AND SIX (6) COPIES** RFQ in sealed envelope. Be sure that return envelope shows the RFQ Number, Description and is marked “SEALED RFQ”.

RETURN RFQ TO:

by U.S. mail or delivered to the office of Purchasing Dept., **County Courthouse (Dancy Bldg.)
1100 E. Monroe St, 3rd Floor, Room 345, Brownsville, Texas 78520.**

For Additional information or to request addendum contact: Mike Forbes or Beverly Findley at (956) 544-0871, E-mail: mforbes@co.cameron.tx.us or purchasing@cameroncounty.com.

You must sign below in INK; failure to sign WILL disqualify the offer. All prices must be typewritten or written in ink.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Historically Underutilized Business (State of Texas) Certification VID Number: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ e-mail _____

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

How did you find out about this RFQ? _____ (ex: Newspaper, Web, Mail)

(Your signature attests to your offer to provide the goods and/or services in this RFQ according to the published provision of this RFQ. When an award letter is issued, this RFQ becomes the contract. If an RFQ required specific Contract is to be utilized in addition to this RFQ, this signed RFQ will become part of that contract. When an additional Contract is required a RFQ award does not constitute a contract award and RFQ / Contract is not valid until contract is awarded by Commissioners Court (when applicable) signed by County Judge) and Purchase Order is issued.

CHECK LIST

Items checked below represent components which comprise this RFQ/proposal package. If the item **IS NOT** checked, it is **NOT APPLICABLE** to this RFQ/proposal. Offerors are asked to review the package to be sure that all applicable parts are included. If any portion of the package is missing, notify the Purchasing Department immediately. It is the Offeror's responsibility to be familiar with all the Requirements and Specifications. Be sure you understand the following before you return your RFQ packet.

- Cover Sheet**
Your company name, address and your signature (**IN INK**) should appear on this page.
- Instructions to Proposers**
You should be familiar with all of the Instructions to Proposers.
- Special Requirements**
This section provides information you must know in order to make an offer properly.
- Specifications / Scope of Work**
This section contains the detailed description of the product/service sought by the County.

Attachments

- Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H**
Be sure to complete these forms and return with packet.
- Bid Guaranty & Performance Bond Information & Requirements**
This form applies only to certain bids/proposals. All public work contracts over \$25,000 require a Payment Bond and over \$100,00 must also have a Performance Bond in a form approved by the County. Please read carefully and fill our completely.
- Minimum Insurance Requirements**
Included when applicable
- Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage Rule 110.110**
This requirement is applicable for a building or construction contract.
- Financial Statement**
When this information is required, you must use this form.

Other - Final Reminders To double check before submitting BID/RFP/RFQ

- Is your RFQ sealed with RFQ #, title, Proposer Name, & return address, on outside?
- Did you complete, sign and submit page 1?
- Did you complete and submit attachments A,B,C,D,E , F, G, H ?
- Did you provide the number of copies as required on the cover page?
- Did you visit our website for any addendums?
[http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp\(q\)_and_addms_and_tabs.php](http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/administration/purchasing_department/bids_rfp(q)_and_addms_and_tabs.php)

If not interested in submitting RFQ give reason by feedback at: www.co.cameron.tx.us/purchasing/feedback.htm

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING RFQ'S

These General Instructions apply to all offers made to Cameron County, Texas (herein after referred to as "County") by all prospective vendors (herein after referred to as "Proposers") on behalf of Solicitations including, but not limited to, Invitations to RFQ and Requests for Quotes.

Carefully read all instructions, requirements and specifications. Fill out all forms properly and completely. Submit your RFQ with all appropriate supplements and/or samples. Prior to returning your sealed RFQ response / submittal, all Addendums - if issued - should be reviewed and downloaded by entering the County Purchasing web http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/purchasing/specs_notices.htm Addendums Column (updated Addendums). These Addendums must be signed and returned with your RFQ in order to avoid disqualification. All Tabulations can also be viewed and downloaded at this site. Review this document in its entirety. Be sure your RFP is complete, and double check your RFP for accuracy.

Cameron County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

Review this document in its entirety. Be sure your RFQ is complete, and double check your RFQ for accuracy.

GOVERNING FORMS: In the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of these requirements and the specifications, the specifications shall govern. In the event of any conflict of interpretation of any part of this overall document, Cameron County's interpretation shall govern.

GOVERNING LAW: This invitation to RFQ is governed by the competitive RFQ requirements of the County Purchasing Act, Texas Local Government Code, §262.021 et seq., as amended. Offerors shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Offeror is further advised that these requirements shall be fully governed by the laws of the State of Texas and that Cameron County may request and rely on advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of Texas and the County Attorney concerning any portion of these requirements.

Questions requiring only clarification of instructions or specifications will be handled verbally. If any questions results in a change or addition to this RFQ, the Change(s) and addition(s) will be forwarded to all vendors involved as quickly as possible in the form of an addendum. Verbal changes to Bids/RFP's/RFQ's must be backed-up by written addendum or written Q/A clarifications which would be posted on County Purchasing Web site. Without written Addendum or written Q / A clarification, verbal changes to Bids / RFP / RFQ will not apply.

Sign the Vendor's Affidavit Notice, complete answers to Attachments A,B, C, D, E, F, G, H and return all with your RFQ.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE:

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire must be filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.

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

The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.

Please review this entire document, if for any reason there is any information to disclose, relative to any questions in this Conflict of Interest form, you must file with County Clerk's Office subject to above instructions.

can be downloaded at the following web site:

<http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/purchasing/docs/conflictinterest.pdf>

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

This questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk's Office) of the local government and no later than the 7th business day after the person becomes aware of facts that require this statement to be filed. Cameron County, Texas requires all persons or firms seeking to do business with the County to **provide the following information if the person becomes aware of facts that require this statement to be filed.** Every question must be answered. If the question is not applicable, answer with "N/A."

Please review this entire document, if for any reason there is any information to disclose, relative to any questions in this disclosure of interest form, you must file with County Clerk's Office subject to above instructions.

can be downloaded at the following web site:

<http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/purchasing/docs/DisclosureofInterest.pdf>

PROPOSER SHALL SUBMIT RFQ ON THE FORM PROVIDED, SIGN THE VENDOR AFFIDAVIT, AND RETURN ENTIRE RFQ PACKET. In the event of inclement weather and County Offices are officially closed on a RFQ deadline day, RFQ's will be received unit 2:00 p.m. of the next business day, for opening at up coming Commissioner's Court meeting.

RFQS SUBMITTED AFTER THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE SHALL BE RETURNED UNOPENED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED VOID AND UNACCEPTABLE.

BIDDERS / PROPOSERS MAY ATTEND PUBLICLY HELD COMM COURT MEETING FOR AWARD OF THIS SOLICITATION. All responding bidders/ proposers are welcome to attend the publicly held Commissioners Court meeting relative to the outcome / award of this solicitation. Court Meeting agenda date and times may be obtained at the following web site:
http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/commissioner_s_court_agenda/index.php

SUCCESSFUL VENDOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL. All responding vendors will receive written notification regarding the outcome of the award.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

THIS IS THE ONLY APPROVED INSTRUCTION FOR USE ON YOUR RFQ. ITEMS BELOW APPLY TO AND BECOME A PART OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RFQ. ANY EXCEPTIONS THERETO MUST BE IN WRITING.

1. **ORIGINAL AND SIX (6) COPIES OF RFQ's MUST BE SUBMITTED.** Each RFQ shall be placed in a separate envelope completely and properly identified with the name and number of the RFQ. RFQ's must be in the Purchasing Department **BEFORE** the hour and date specified.
2. RFQ's **MUST** give full firm name and address of the Proposer. Failure to manually sign RFQ will disqualify it. Person signing RFQ should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN A CONTRACT.
3. RFQ's **CANNOT** be altered or amended after deadline time. Any alterations made before deadline time must be initiated by Proposer or his authorized agent. No RFQ can be withdrawn after opening time without approval by the Commissioners Court based on a written acceptable reason.
4. The County is exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. **DO NOT INCLUDE TAX IN RFQ.** Cameron County claims exemption from all sales and/or use taxes under Texas Tax Code §151.309, as amended. Texas Limited Sales Tax Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon written request to the Cameron County Purchasing Agent.
5. Any Catalog, brand name or manufacturer's reference used in a RFQ invitation is descriptive-NOT restrictive-it is to indicate type and quality desired. RFQ's on brand of like nature and quality will be considered. If RFQ is based on other than reference specifications, proposal must show manufacturer, brand or trade name, lot number, etc., of article offered. If other than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and complete descriptions should be made part of the RFQ. If Proposer takes no exception to specifications or reference data, he will be required to furnish brand names, numbers, etc. as specified.
6. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the County. If not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to the Proposer on request, at his expense. Each sample should be marked with Proposer's name, address, and County RFQ number. **DO NOT ENCLOSE OR ATTACH SAMPLE TO RFQ.**
7. Written and verbal inquires pertaining to RFQ's must give RFQ Number and Company.
8. NO substitutions or cancellations permitted without written approval of Director of Purchasing.
9. The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any RFQ, waiver minor technicalities. The County of Cameron reserves the right to award by item category or by total RFQ. Prices should be itemized. County also reserves the right to award either with or without trade-in, if applicable.
10. RFQ unit price on quantity specified – extend and show total. In case or errors in extension, UNIT prices shall govern. RFQs subject to unlimited price increase will not be considered.
11. This is a RFQ inquiry only and implies no obligation on the part of Cameron County.
12. Acceptance of and final payment for the item will be contingent upon satisfactory performance of the product received by Cameron County.
13. Partial RFQ's will not be accepted unless awarded by category or line item. **To be awarded by total RFQ.**
14. It is expected that the Proposer will meet all state and federal safety standards and laws in effect on the date of the RFQ for the item(s) being specified, and the particular use for which they are meant.

INVOICES AND PAYMENTS: (a) Seller shall submit separate invoices, in duplicate, on each purchase order after each delivery or service is rendered. Invoices shall indicate the purchase order number, shall be itemized and transportation charges, if any, shall be listed separately. A copy of the bill of lading and the freight weigh bill when applicable, should be attached to the invoice. Mail to: Cameron County, ATTN: Auditor's Office, **1100 E. Monroe St, 3rd Floor**, Brownsville, Texas 78520. Payment shall not be due until the above instruments are submitted after delivery. Suppliers should keep the Finance Department advised of any changes in your remittance addresses. (b) Buyer's obligation is payable only and solely from funds available for the purpose of the purchase. Lack of funds shall render this contract null and void to the extent funds are not available and any delivered buy unpaid for goods will be returned to Seller by Buyer. (c) Do not include Federal Excise, State or City Sales Tax. County shall furnish tax exemption certificate if required.

Any invoice, which cannot be verified by the contract price and/or is otherwise incorrect, will be returned to the offeror for correction. Under term contracts, when multiple deliveries and/or services are required, the offeror may invoice following each delivery and the County will pay on invoice. Contracts providing for a monthly charge will be billed and paid on a monthly basis only. Prior to any and all payments made for good and/or services provided under this contract, the offeror should provide his Taxpayer Identification Number or social security number as applicable. This information must be on file with the Cameron County Auditor's office. Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in payment and/or back-up withholding as required by the Internal Revenue Services.

Proposer shall submit two (2) copies of an itemized invoice showing RFQ number and purchase order number to:

**CAMERON COUNTY AUDITOR
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
P. O. BOX 3846
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 78523**

Please note that any payment due under this RFQ award will be applied towards any debt, including but not limited to delinquent taxes that is owed to Cameron County.

PAYMENT DISCOUNT: Indicate the payment discount (s) available depending on the when invoices are paid. For example, 1/30 means a 1% discount if paid within 30 days, 2/15 means a 2% discount if paid within 15 days, etc.

Payment in full will be made within thirty (30) days of delivery, inspection, and receipt of invoice.

All costs quotations must include all the various features needed to satisfy the requirements. Note: No amounts will be paid for the items in this RFQ in excess of the amounts quoted.

CAMERON COUNTY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

CAMERON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JUDICIAL COMPLEX

SECTION 1. GENERAL

Cameron County is requesting Statements of Qualifications from Architectural firms to provide the design services for the following project:

“Cameron County Judicial Building Renovations and or Construction of a new Judicial Complex”

This project involves the renovation /enhancements / construction of the Judicial Building located at Harrison Street, in Brownsville Texas.

SECTION 2. SELECTION CRITERIA SUMMARY (Proposal must include answers for this section)

The following criteria will be used as a basis for the selection of the Architectural firm:

- **EXPERIENCE OF FIRM & PERSONNEL WITH SIMILAR TYPE PROJECT– 30 POINTS**

To assess the background and experience of the personnel in working with federal, state and local government entities, and other political subdivisions. List the Firms prior experience in design of a Judicial Complex.

- **TEAM MEMBERS – 20 POINTS**

To identify the personnel the firm proposes to commit on a day-to-day basis and evaluate the specific qualifications of these individuals

- **APPROACH – 20 POINTS**

To assess the approach and methodologies to bring the project to a successful completion and how it relates to recent/similar experience

- **REFERENCES – 20 POINTS**

To demonstrate client satisfaction and the candidate’s familiarity with the required experience and expertise

- **FINANCIAL CONDITION – 10 POINTS**

To demonstrate the firm’s financial condition

Once Qualification Statements are reviewed, a short list will be compiled. Interviews may be conducted with Proposers determined to be most qualified. Additional information may be required at that time. Negotiations will begin with the Proposer determined to be most qualified for the project. Commissioners Court will make the final selection and approve the proposed contract.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope for the proposed, architectural services will include the following:

SCOPE OF WORK

The Architect is to provide plans and specifications suitable for bidding and construction of the Cameron County Judicial Building. The initial phase of work will include programming and space needs assessment of potential occupants.

- The project scope and services shall include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:
- Programming and Space Needs Assessment
- Site and Building Evaluations
- Develop Project Budget and Cost Estimates
- Schematic Design and Design Development Documents including color renderings
- Construction Documents
- Bidding / Negotiating
- Construction Administration
- Close out / Occupancy
- Provision of certification documents to comply with Windstorm, FEMA, Building Code requirements, ADA guidelines, and all applicable Rules or Regulations.
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The Architectural firm is to provide complete services under their contract including civil, structural, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical engineering services and any other necessary subcontract services.

QUALIFICATIONS

The responsible firm in charge of this work must:

- Be registered in the State of Texas;
- Have prior experience in design of a Judicial Complex.
- Have sufficient experience to evaluate the County's needs, develop plans, specifications and cost estimates for the proposed Cameron County Judicial Complex;
- Have the financial ability to undertake the work and assume the liability.

SECTION 4. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The Architectural firm shall provide a description of the history and background of the firm, identification of the services currently being provided to federal, state and local government entities, districts and other political subdivisions in Texas and other information relevant to the provision of the requested services:

- 1) General information about the firm
 - a) Name, address, and telephone number of the firm
 - b) History of the firm
 - c) List names and titles of employees of the firm who are directly responsible for services under the Proposal
 - d) Information pertaining to the firm's compliance with licensing and other requirements
- 2) References: list of three (3) references to those listed in #1 above.
- 3) Identify personnel to be assigned responsibility for administering the account (provide resume for the individual representative that the firm will assign to the account).

SECTION 5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

At the time of proposal (RFQ) submission, agencies should provide a complete financial statement, based upon an audit that is not more than eighteen (18) months old by the time of the proposal (RFQ) submission deadline. It would be preferred (but not mandatory) if the financial statement was prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and certified by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA)..

Inculde complete unaudited notes to financial statements, that is not more than twelve (12) months old by the time of the proposal (RFQ) submission deadline (if available).

Include (if available) for the previous 3 years:

- " Balance sheets
- " Statements of operations
- " Statements of changes in stockholder equity
- " Statements of cash flow

RFQ Title _____

Proposer's Name _____

Attachment A

REFERENCES

Please list three (3) references of current customers who can verify the quality of service your company provides. The County prefers customers of similar size and scope of work to this RFP/RFQ.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFP/RFQ.

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work _____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work _____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work _____

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AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned certifies that the RFP/RFQ prices contained in this RFP/RFQ have been carefully checked and are submitted as correct and final and if RFP/RFQ is accepted (within 90 days unless otherwise noted by vendor), agrees to furnish any and/or all items upon which prices are offered, at the price(s) and upon the conditions contained in the Specifications.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CAMERON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, A Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

_____ who, after having first been duly sworn, upon oath did depose and say;

That the foregoing RFP/RFQ submitted by _____ hereinafter called "Proposer" is the duly authorized agent of said company and that the person signing said proposal has been duly authorized to execute the same. Proposer affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this RFP/RFQ in collusion with any other Proposer. The Proposer is not a member of any trust, pool, or combination to control the price of products or services RFP/RFQ on, or to influence any person to RFP/RFQ or not to RFP/RFQ thereon. I further affirm that the Proposer has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give, at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discounts, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted RFP/RFQ. The contents of this RFP/RFQ as to prices, terms or conditions of said RFP/RFQ have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this RFP/RFQ.

Name and Address of Proposer :

Telephone number _____

Fax number _____

Signature
Name: _____

Title: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBE BEFORE ME THIS _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

RESIDENCE CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.001 *et seq.*, as amended, Cameron County requests Residence Certification. §2252.001 *et seq.* of the Government Code provides some restrictions on the awarding of governmental contracts; pertinent provisions of §2252.001 are stated below:

- (3) “Nonresident Proposer ” refers to a person who is not a resident.
- (4) “Resident Proposer ” refers to a person whose principal place of business is in this state, including a contractor whose ultimate parent company or majority owner has its principal place of business in this state.

I certify that _____ is a Resident
(Company Name)
Proposer of Texas as defined in Government Code §2252.001.

I certify that _____ is a Nonresident
(Company Name)
Proposer as defined in Government Code §2252.001 and our principal place of business is

(City and State)

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

CAMERON COUNTY EXPRESSLY REQUESTS THAT BIDDERS / PROPOSERS NOT DISCUSS THIS ENGAGEMENT OR THIS BIDDER'S / PROPOSER'S PLANS, EXPERIENCE OR CREDENTIALS WITH OTHER BIDDERS / PROPOSERS OR ANY MEMBER OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT, ANY COUNTY OFFICIAL, OR ANY EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT. EXCLUDED ARE PRE-BID OR PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED VENDOR PRESENTATIONS OR VENDOR INTERVIEWS, OR EVALUATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULED EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES DEMONSTRATIONS. YOU MAY CONTACT THE PURCHASING AGENT /PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AT ANY TIME.

FROM RFQ OPENING DATE THROUGH COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING FOR SELECTION, VENDORS WILL NOT APPROACH THE COUNTY JUDGE OR COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS RFQ.

- 01. Has any individual with the firm submitting this Proposal/Bid/Response made any contact with any member of Commissioners Court, any County Official, or an Evaluation Committee member concerning this Invitation to Bid/RFP/RFQ, other than questions to the Assistant County Auditor/Purchasing Officer?

- 02. Has any individual with the firm submitting this Proposal/Bid/Response made any contact with any other Bidder or Proposer concerning this Invitation to Bid/RFP/RFQ?

Signature of person submitting this Bid

Date

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

ORDER NO. 2007O2005

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §

ORDER ADOPTING CONTRACTING RULES FOR PERSONS INDEBTED TO COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Section 262.0276, a commissioners court is authorized to adopt rules permitting a county to refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with a person indebted to the county;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Cameron County finds it is in the best interest of Cameron County to adopt such rules;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Cameron County, that the following rules be adopted regarding Cameron County and persons interested in doing business with Cameron County:

- 1. Cameron County may refuse to enter into a contract or other transaction with a person with a past due debt to Cameron County, including delinquent ad valorem taxes, even if the person is the lowest bidder or successful proposer; and
2. For purposes of this Order, a debt is past due if it is not received in the County Treasurer's Office by the due date in a written agreement or notice, and ad valorem taxes are past due if not received in the County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office by February 1st following the January 1st on which the ad valorem taxes are due.
3. For purposes of this Order, a person includes an individual, sole proprietorship, corporation, nonprofit corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, and any other entity that proposes or otherwise seeks to enter into a contract or other transaction with Cameron County requiring approval by the Commissioners Court.

ADOPTED this 13 day of March, 2007.

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.):

Cameron County Acct #'s : Real Estate Personal Property

01. Is the person or the firm submitting this RFQ current with all local and State taxes?

Signature of person submitting this RFQ

Date

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility

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

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid/proposal and/or application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, theory, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated herein; and
- d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this bid/proposal and/or application had one or more public transactions terminated of cause or default.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

If the Bidder / Proposer is unable to certify to all of the statements in this Certification, such Bidder / Proposer should attach an explanation to this Bid / Proposal.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR RFQ

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID/RFP/RFQ
IF DISCLOSING: BIDDER / PROPOSER MUST ALSO FILE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
THE PURCHASING DEPT. WILL NOT BE FILING ON THE BIDDER'S BEHALF

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with chapter 176 of the Local Government Code by a person doing business with the governmental entity.

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

1. Name of person doing business with local governmental entity.

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received:

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 September 1 of the year for which an activity described in Section 176.006(a), Local Government Code, is pending and not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)

3. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with an employee or contractor of the local governmental entity who makes recommendations to a local government officer of the local governmental entity with respect to expenditure of money .

4. Describe each affiliation or business relationship with a person who is a local government officer and who appoints or employs a local government officer of the local governmental entity that is the subject of this questionnaire.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity

5. **Name of local government officer with whom filer has affiliation or business relationship. (Complete this section only if the answer to A, B, or C is YES.)**

This section, item 5 including subparts A, B, C & D, must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has affiliation or business relationship. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income from the filer of the questionnaire?

Yes No

B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

C. Is the filer of this questionnaire affiliated with a corporation or other business entity that the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?

Yes No

D. Describe each affiliation or business relationship.

6. **Describe any other affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest.**

7. Does any individual with the firm submitting BID, RFP, RFQ have any business relationship with any County Official or County employee within the third degree of Consanguinity kinship or the second degree of Affinity kinship? (see attached Nepotism Chart)

Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity

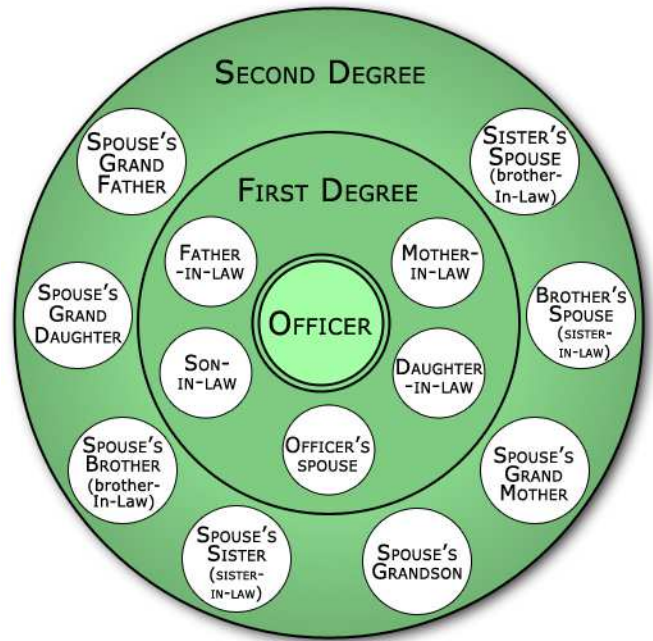
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NEPOTISM CHART

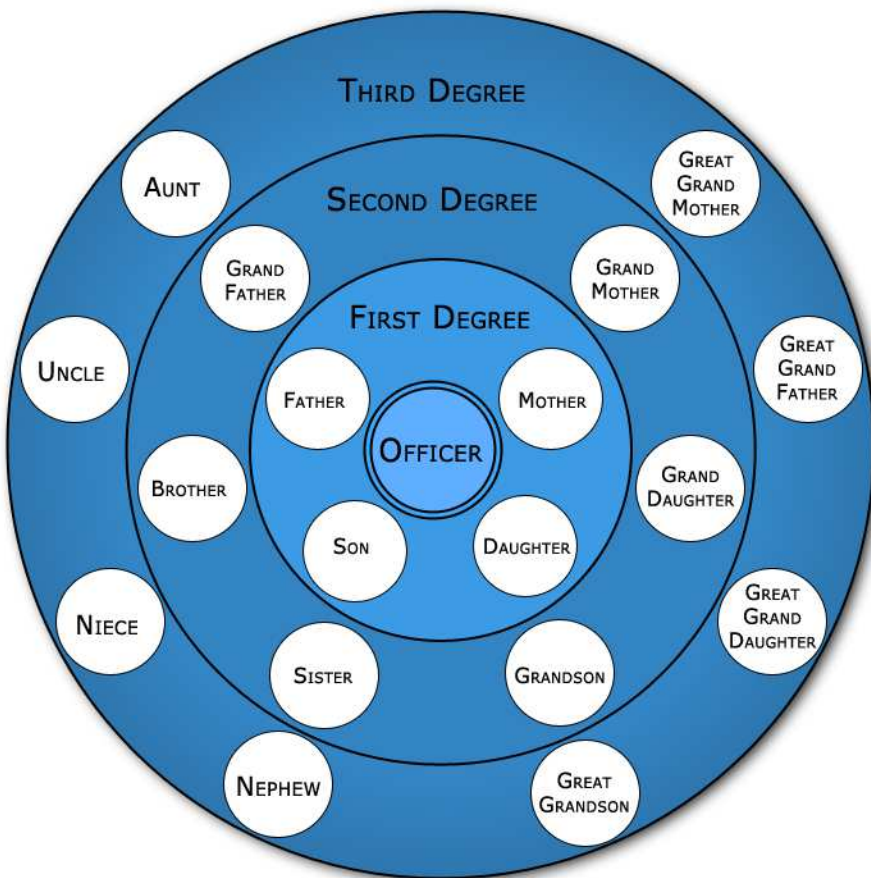
The chart below shows

- **Affinity Kinship** (relationship by marriage)
- **Consanguinity Kinship** (relationship by blood) for purposes of interpreting nepotism as defined in VTCA Government Code, Chapter 573, §§573.021 - .025

AFFINITY KINSHIP Relationship by Marriage



CONSAQUINITY KINSHIP Relationship by Blood



DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID/RFP/RFQ
IF DISCLOSING: BIDDER / PROPOSER MUST ALSO FILE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE
THE PURCHASING DEPT. WILL NOT BE FILING ON THE BIDDER’S BEHALF

Cameron County, Texas requires all persons or firms seeking to do business with the County to provide the following information. Every question must be answered. If the question is not applicable, answer with “N/A.” By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator (County Clerk’s Office) of the local government.

Date _____

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FIRM is: 1. Corporation () 2. Partnership () 3. Sole Owner ()
4. Association () 5. Other () _____

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS

If additional space is necessary, please use the reverse side of this page or attach separate sheet.

1. State the names of each “employee, elected official, or member of Commissioners Court” of Cameron County having Substantial Interest in Business Entity **Local Govt. Code 171.002**

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

- a) For purpose of this chapter, a person has a substantial interest in a business entity if :
 - (1) the person owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity or owns either 10 percent or more or \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity; or
 - (2) funds received by the person from the business entity exceeds 10 percent of the person’s gross income for the previous year.
- b) A person has a substantial interest in real property if the interest is an equitable or legal ownership with a fair market value of \$2,500 or more.
- c) A local public official is considered to have a substantial interest under this section if a person related to the official in the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, has a substantial interest under this section.

Name	Title	Department

CERTIFICATE

I certify that all information provided is true and correct as of the date of this statement, that I have not knowingly withheld disclosure of any information requested; and that supplemental statements will be promptly submitted to the Cameron County as changes occur.

Certifying Person: _____ Title: _____
 (Type or Print)

Signature of Certifying Person: _____ Date: _____

Terms & Conditions

ADDENDA: When specifications are revised, the Cameron County Purchasing Department will issue an addendum addressing the nature of the change. Offerors must sign and include it in the returned RFP/RFQ package.

ADVERTISING: Seller shall not advertise or publish, without Buyer's Prior consent, the fact that Buyer has entered into this contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper request for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state or local government.

AWARD: Cameron County may hold all RFP/RFQ's for a period of sixty (60) days. Cameron County reserves the right to delete any item it considers too expensive. RFP/RFQ prices are to be F.O.B. Cameron County. All discounts will be considered in determining the lowest, responsible Proposer. Cameron County reserves the right to award this contract on the basis of EVALUATION CRITERIA (AS STATED IN RFP/RFQ) in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, to waive any formality or irregularity, to make awards to more than one offeror, to reject any or all RFP/RFQ's. Commissioners Court reserves the right to determine the method and procedures for the final award of all RFP's/RFQ's at any time they so choose, regardless of the Point System used by the Evaluation Committee.

BONDS: If this RFP/RFQ requires submission of RFP/RFQ guarantee and performance bond, there will be a separate page explaining those requirements. RFP/RFQ's submitted without the required RFP/RFQ bond or cashier's check are not acceptable.

CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION: Buyer shall have the right to cancel for default all or any part of the undelivered portion of this order if Seller breaches any of the terms hereof, including warranties of Seller or if the Seller becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of cancellation is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies which Buyer may have in law or equity.

CHANGE ORDERS: No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise change, or affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in the resulting contract. All change orders to the contract will be made in writing by mutual consent of the Offeror and Purchaser.

TERMINATION: The performance of work under this order may be terminated in whole, or in part, by the Buyer in accordance with this provision. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by the delivery to the Seller of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of work under the order is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Such right of termination is in addition to, and not in lieu of, rights of Buyer set forth. Cameron County reserves the right to terminate the contract for default if offeror breaches any of the terms therein, including warranties of offeror or if the offeror becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Cameron County may have in law or equity. Default may be construed as, but not limited to, failure to deliver the proper goods and/or services within the proper amount of time, and/or to properly perform any and all services required to Cameron County's satisfaction and/or to meet all other obligations and requirements. Cameron County may terminate the contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

CONTRACT RENEWALS: Renewals may be made ONLY by Commissioners Court approval and agreement between Cameron County and the offeror. **To determine Annual / Anniversary renewal status - if renewed by Commissioners Court or terminated-please contact Elisa Cisneros at 956-982-5405 e-mail: Elisa.Cisneros2@co.cameron.tx.us Purchasing Dept. or Dylbia Jeffries 956-550-1340 djefferies@co.cameron.tx.us Bruce Hodge at 956-550-7229 at bhodge@co.cameron.tx.us at County Legal Dept..** Any price escalations are limited to those stated by the original RFP/RFQ. Annual RFP/RFQ renewal – Price Increases: All Annual RFP/RFQ's with a one (1) year renewal option requires that the awarded Proposer must notify Cameron County of any anticipated price increases to the current Annual RFP/RFQ (in writing) at least two months prior to the annual renewal award date unless otherwise specified within the specific provisions of the RFP. This allows the County sufficient time to plan for re-advertising for Proposals due to a vendor required price increase. If Vendor fails to notify the County within time noted it shall be assumed that there will be no price increase for the following year's award period if renewed. This procedure does not apply to any Annual RFP/RFQ's which allow for Open Market Price increases or Cost allowance increases during the RFP/RFQ award period (as so specified in the RFP/RFQ documents).

DISCRIMINATION: In order to comply with the provisions of fair employment practices, the contractor agrees as follows: 1.) the contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, age, religion, handicap, or national origin; 2) in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the contractor will state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, handicap or national origin; 3) the contractor will furnish such relevant information and reports as requested by the County for the purpose of determining compliance with these regulations; and 4) failure of the contractor to comply with these laws will be deemed a breach of contract and it may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part.

DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR: Upon signing this RFP/RFQ document, an offeror offering to sell supplies, materials, services, or equipment to Cameron County certifies that the offeror has not violated the antitrust laws of this state codified in Texas Business and Commerce Code 15.01, et seq., as amended, or the federal antitrust laws, and has not communicated directly or indirectly the RFP/RFQ made to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business. Any or all RFP/RFQ's may be rejected if the County believes that collusion exists among the offerors. RFP/RFQs in which the prices are obviously unbalanced may be rejected. If multiples are submitted by an offeror and after the RFP/RFQ's are opened, one of the RFP/RFQ's are withdrawn, the result will be that all of the RFP/RFQs submitted by that offeror will be withdrawn; however, nothing herein prohibits a vendor from submitting multiples for different products or services.

EVALUATION: All proposals will be evaluated in accordance with law and reviewed to assure they are in the best interest of Cameron County. Evaluations shall be based on criteria, bearing on price, and performance of the items/services in the user environment. Any specific criteria section or sections identified elsewhere in this request for proposals may be evaluated by one or more evaluators once the basis and details of this process has been approved by the Purchasing Officer and acknowledged by the Evaluation Committee. Detailed information pertaining to this selective evaluation process is available to offerors and the Commissioners Court upon request. Evaluation sheets and summary of all RFP/RFQ's are subject to review by the Cameron County Purchasing Department and Evaluation Committee's recommendation to Cameron County Commissioners Court. Compliance with all RFP/RFQ requirements, delivery and needs of the using department are considerations in evaluating RFP/RFQ's. Pricing is NOT the only criterion for making a recommendation (see criteria and relative importance of price and other evaluation factors, if any, specified elsewhere in this request for proposals.). The Cameron County Purchasing Department reserves the right to contact any offeror, at any time, to clarify, verify or request information with regard to any RFP/RFQ. The Cameron County Purchasing Department further reserves the right to hold negotiation discussions with any responsible offeror submitting proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award in accordance with law.

PROTEST PROCEDURES: Procedure - This protest procedure is available to vendors responding to this RFP requesting a debriefing conference.

Debriefing Conference – A debriefing conference must be requested in writing to the Purchasing Department within five (5) business days from the date of the RFP award by the Cameron County Commissioners' Court. Debriefing questions must be submitted (in writing - to the Purchasing Department) no later than two (2) business days before the scheduled date for the Debriefing Conference. These questions will be answered at the debriefing conference. Follow-up question must be submitted (in writing) no later than one (1) business day after the date of the Debriefing Conference and answered no later than two (2) business days after the date of the Debriefing Conference. Follow-up answers will be sent via e-mail or fax (if e-mail not available). For RFP/RFQ's proposers are given the opportunity to ask questions of the Evaluation Committee relative to their Proposal and scores received by their firm.

Protests are made -1. To the Purchasing Department after the debriefing conference. Vendor protests shall be received, in writing, by the Purchasing Department within five (5) business days after the vendor debriefing conference. 2. To the Protest Committee, only after the protest to the Purchasing Department was not resolved satisfactory to the protestor. Protests to the Protest Committee shall be made within five (5) business days after the vendor has received notification from the County Purchasing Department of his/her decision.

Grounds for protest – 1. Errors were made in computing the score. 2. The County failed to follow procedures established in the RFP, the Purchasing policy: Acquisition or applicable state or federal laws or regulations. 3. Bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of an evaluator. Protests not based on these criteria shall not be considered.

Format and Content - Protesting vendors shall include, in their written protest to the Cameron County Purchasing Department, all facts and arguments upon which they rely. Vendors shall, at a minimum, provide: 1. Information about the protesting vendor; name of firm, mailing address, phone number and name of individual responsible for submission of the protest. 2. Information about the acquisition and the acquisition method. 3. Specific and complete statement of the County's action(s) protested. 4. Specific reference to the grounds for the protest. 5. Description of the relief or corrective action requested. 6. For protests to the Protest Committee, a copy of the Purchasing Department's written decision on the protest.

Review Process – 1. Upon receipt of a vendor protest, the Purchasing Department shall postpone further steps in the acquisition process until the vendor protest has been resolved. 2. The Department’s internal protest review procedures consist of the following: a) The Purchasing Department shall perform an objective review of the protest by individuals not involved in the acquisition protested. The review shall be based on the written protest material submitted by the vendor. b) A written decision will be delivered to the vendor within five business days after receipt of the protest, unless more time is needed. The protesting vendor shall be notified if additional time is necessary.

Final Determination - The final determination shall 1. Find the protest lacking in merit and uphold the agency’s action; or 2. Find only technical or harmless errors in the agency’s acquisition process conduct, determine the agency to be in substantial compliance, and reject the protest; or 3. Find merit in the protest and provide the agency options which may include a) Correct its errors and reevaluate all proposals, and/or b) Reissue the vendor solicitation document; or c) Make other findings and determine other courses of action as appropriate.

Protest Committee Review Process - Protests to the Protest Committee may be made only for Protest Committee approved acquisitions, and only after review by County Purchasing Department. Protests of the decisions of County Purchasing Department shall be made by letter to the Protest Committee, who may establish procedures to resolve the protest. Protests shall be received by the Protest Committee, within five business days after the decision of Purchasing Department in order to be considered. The resulting decision is final, with no further administrative appeal available.

FISCAL FUNDING: A multi-year lease or lease/purchase arrangement (if requested by the Special Requirements/Instructions), or any contract continuing as a result of an extension option, must include fiscal funding out. If, for any reason, funds are not appropriated to continue the lease or contract, said lease or contract shall become null and void on the last day of the current appropriation of funds. After expiration of the lease, leased equipment shall be removed by the offeror from the using department without penalty of any kind or form to Cameron County. All charges and physical activity related to delivery, installation, removal and redelivery shall be the responsibility of the offeror.

GRATUITIES AND PROHIBITION AGAINST PERSONAL INTEREST IN CONTRACTS: Any elected or appointed official who has any substantial interest, either direct or indirect, in any business entity seeking to contract with the County, shall, before any vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity, file an affidavit stating the nature and extent of interest and shall abstain from any participation in the matter. This is not required if the vote or decision will not have any special effect on the entity other than its effect on the public. However, if a majority of the governing body is also required to file, and do file similar affidavits, than the member is not required to abstain from further participation. Attached and included is a disclosure of all of this Company’s business or pecuniary financial relationships with officers or employees of Cameron County or County entities (if any such relationships exists) must be attached and included with RFP/RFQ submitted. The Buyer may, by written notice to the Seller, cancel this contract without liability to Seller if it is determined by Buyer that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Seller, or any agent, or representative of the Seller, to any officer or employee of Cameron County with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or the making or any determinations with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is cancelled by Buyer pursuant to this provision , Buyer shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Seller in providing such gratuities. Consistent and continued tie RFP’s/RFQ’s could cause rejection of RFP/RFQ’s by the County and/or investigation for Anti-Trust violations. Proposer guarantees that he has not retained a person to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB) CERTIFICATION: If Proposer is a Certified Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), please include a copy of your HUB Certificate with your Proposal. This information will assist Cameron County in the percentage tracking of HUB utilization.

LOCAL BIDDER’S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS - 3% PREFERENCE: (consideration of location) **This local preference consideration is allowable for Equipment and Supplies but not allowed for Services and/or Construction related Bids. RFP’s and RFQ’s are also excluded unless there is a specific scoring category for local proposer preference with specific points assigned for such (per Local Govt. Code 271-905).** The County Commissioner’s Court may award to the lowest bidder or the bidder whose principal place of business is within Cameron County if the Commissioner’s Court determines, in writing, that the local bidder offers the County the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for Cameron County created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of Cameron County and increased tax revenues to Cameron County. This option exists only within 3% pricing of the lowest bid price. In order to provide the County Commissioner’s Court adequate information for assisting in considering this option, the bidder should submit with each bid the following information for Commissioner’s Court review with all information requested to be detailed and \$\$\$ current quantifiable numeric data. 1. Where is your principal place of business (ie: Corporate Headquarters) City, County, State, Signature of Bidder, Title, Date? Along with this information, submit information with responses to the following questions. 2. Why and how bidder believes that the local bidder offers the County additional economic development opportunities for Cameron County

created by the contract award? 3. How will award to local bidder benefit the employment of residents of Cameron County? 4. How many employees does bidder employ within Cameron County and how many employees are affected financially by award/purchase? 5. How will award to local bidder increased tax revenues to Cameron County? This information should be provided and updated with each bid submitted to the County. If bidder is local and within 3% of the lowest bid, this information will be submitted to Commissioner's Court along with tabulation sheet. **There has been no mandatory requirement or Policy established by Commissioners Court which requires submitting answers to these questions or attending Commissioners Court meetings for the awarding of bids relative to 3% local preference, however individual Commissioners may or may not have preferences (relative to these issues) when making their decision. This paragraph will be revised upon policy change made by Commissioners Court.**

INSURANCE : The vendor shall secure and maintain, throughout the duration of the Contract, insurance of such types and in such amounts as may be necessary to protect the vendor and the interests of the Purchaser against all hazards or risks of loss as hereinafter specified. The form and limits of such insurance, together with the insurer, shall be acceptable to the Purchaser. It shall be the responsibility of the vendor to maintain adequate insurance coverage at all times. Failure of the vendor to maintain adequate coverage shall not relieve the vendor of any contractual responsibility or obligation.

MAINTENANCE: Maintenance required for equipment RFP/RFQ should be available in Cameron County by a manufacturer authorized maintenance facility. Costs for this service shall be shown on the Pricing/Delivery Information form. If Cameron County opts to include maintenance, it shall be so stated in the purchase order and said cost will be included. Service will commence only upon expiration of applicable warranties and should be priced accordingly.

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS: Under the "Hazardous Communication Act", commonly known as the "Texas Right To Know Act", an offeror must provide to the County with each delivery, material safety data sheets which are applicable to hazardous substances defined in the Act. Failure of the offeror to furnish this documentation will be cause to reject any RFP/RFQ applying thereto.

NAME BRANDS: Specifications may reference name brands and model numbers. It is not the intent of Cameron County to restrict these RFP/RFQs in such cases, but to establish a desired quality level of merchandise or to meet a pre-established standard due to like existing items. Offerors may offer items of equal stature and the burden of proof of such stature rests with offerors. Cameron County shall act as sole judge in determining equality and acceptability of products offered.

PRICING: Prices for all goods and/or services shall be firm for the duration of this contract and shall be stated on the Pricing/Delivery Information form. Prices shall be all inclusive: No price changes, additions, or subsequent qualifications will be honored during the course of the contract,. All prices must be written in ink or typewritten. Pricing on all transportation, freight, drayage and other charges are to be prepaid by the contractor and included in the RFP/RFQ prices. If there are any additional charges of any kind, other than those mentioned above, specified or unspecified, offeror **MUST** indicate the items required and attendant costs or forfeit the right to payment for such items. Where unit pricing and extended pricing differ, unit pricing prevails.

RECYCLED MATERIALS: Cameron County encourages the use of products made of recycled materials and shall give preference in purchasing to products made of recycled materials if the products meet applicable specifications as to quantity and quality. County will be the sole judge in determining product preference application.

SCANNED RE-TYPED RESPONSE - FLOPPY DISK: If in its RFP/RFQ response, offeror either electronically scans, re-types, or in some way reproduces the County's published RFP/RFQ package, then in event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of the County's published RFP/RFQ specifications, or any portion thereof, and the terms and provisions of the RFP/RFQ response made by offeror, the County's RFP/RFQ specifications as published shall control. Furthermore, if an alteration of any kind to the County's published RFP/RFQ specifications is only discovered after the contract is executed and is or is not being performed, the contract is subject to immediate cancellation.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used. All interpretations of specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement. The items furnished under this contract shall be new, unused of the latest product in production to commercial trade and shall be of the highest quality as to materials used and workmanship. Manufacturer furnishing these items shall be experienced in design and construction of such items and shall be an established supplier of the item RFP/RFQ. Substitute items will not be accepted unless approved (in advance).

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Offerors are responsible for including all pertinent product data in the returned RFP/RFQ package. Literature, brochures, data sheets, specification information, completed forms requested as part of the RFP/RFQ package and any other facts which may affect the evaluation and subsequent contract award should be included. Materials such as legal documents and contractual agreements, which the offeror wishes to include as a condition of the RFP/RFQ, must also be in the returned RFP/RFQ package. Failure to include all necessary and proper supplemental materials may be cause to reject the entire RFP/RFQ.

TITLE TRANSFER: Title and Risk of Loss of goods shall not pass to Cameron Count until Cameron County actually receives and takes possession of the goods at the point or points of delivery. Receiving times may vary with the using department. Generally, deliveries may be made between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Offerors are advised to consult the using department for instructions. The place of delivery shall be shown under the "Special Requirements/Instructions" section of this RFP/RFQ package and/or on the Purchase Order as a "Deliver To:" address.

USAGE REPORTS: Cameron County reserves the right to request, and receive at no additional cost, up to two (2) times during the contract period, a usage report detailing the products and/or services furnished to date under a contract resulting from this RFP. The reports must be furnished no later than five (5) working days after written request and itemize all purchases to date by Cameron County department, description of each item purchased, including manufacturer, quantity of each item purchased, per unit and extended price of each item purchased, and total amount and price of all items purchased.

WARRANTY PRICE: (a) The price to be paid by the Buyer shall be that contained in Seller's RFP which Seller warrants to be no higher than Seller's current prices on orders by others for products of the kind and specification covered by this agreement for similar quantities under similar or like conditions and methods of purchase. In the event Seller breaches this warranty, the prices of the items shall be reduced to the Seller's current prices on orders by others, or in the alternative, Buyer may cancel this contract without liability to Seller for breach or Seller's actual expense. (b) The Seller warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Seller for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Buyer shall have the right in addition to any other right or rights to cancel this contract without liability and to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee. Offerors shall furnish all data pertinent to warranties or guarantees which may apply to items in the RFP. Offerors may not limit or exclude any implied warranties. Offeror warrants that product sold and services provided to the County shall conform to the standards and laws established by the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and O.S.H.A. Act of 1970. In the event product does not conform to OSHA Standards, where applicable, Cameron County may return the product for correction or replacement at the offeror's expense. If offeror fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, Cameron County may correct at the offeror's expense.

Offerer warrants that product sold and services provided to the County shall conform to the standards and laws established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and O.S.H.A. Act of 1970.

WARRANTY ITEMS/PRODUCTS: Seller shall not limit or exclude any implied warranties and any attempt to do so shall render this contract voidable at the option of the Buyer. Seller warrants that the goods furnished will conform to the specifications, drawings and descriptions listed in the RFP/RFQ invitation and to the sample(s) furnished by Seller, if any. In the event of a conflict between the specifications, drawings and descriptions, the specifications shall govern. All items must be new, in first class condition, unless otherwise specified. The design, strength, and quality of materials must conform to the highest standards of manufacturing practice. Items supplied under this contract shall be subject to the Purchaser's approval. Successful Offeror shall warrant that all items/services

shall conform to the proposed specifications and/or all warranties as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code and be free from all defects in material, workmanship and title. Any items found defective or not meeting specifications shall be picked up and promptly replaced by the successful Offeror at no expense to the Purchaser.

SAFETY WARRANTY: Seller warrants that the product sold to Buyer shall conform to the standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In the event the product does not conform to OSHA standards, Buyer may return the product for correction or replacement at the Seller's expense. In the event Seller fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, correction made by Buyer will be at Seller's expense. Have you attached the required warranty information to the RFP/RFQ (if applicable)? Yes, No.

APPLICABLE LAW

This agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning "the Uniform Commercial Code" as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this agreement.

ASSIGNMENT DELEGATION: No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Seller without the written permission of the Buyer. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Seller shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph. Any contract entered into pursuant to this request is not assignable, nor the duties thereunder, by either party, without the written consent of the other party in the contract County Judge and County Auditor.

CONTRACT OBLIGATION: Cameron County Commissioners Court must award the contract and the County Judge or other person authorized by the Cameron County must sign the contract before it becomes binding on Cameron County or the offerors. Department heads are NOT authorized to sign agreements for Cameron County. Binding agreements shall remain in effect until all products and/or services covered by this purchase have been satisfactorily delivered and accepted.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS: Errors and Omissions in the RFP / RFQ of any provision herein described will not be construed as to relieve the Vendor of any responsibility or obligation, requisite to the complete and satisfactory implementation, operation, and support of any and all equipment, systems or services.

FORCE MAJEURE: If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly, or in part, to carry out its obligations under this agreement, then such party shall give notice and full particulars of Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term "Force Majeure" as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemy, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightening, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely with the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgement of the party having the difficulty.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: Contractor, the successful offeror, shall indemnify and hold Cameron County harmless from all claims for personal injury, death and/or property damage resulting directly or indirectly from contractor's performance. Contractor shall procure and maintain, with respect to the subject matter of this RFP/RFQ, appropriate insurance coverage including, as a minimum, public liability and property damage with adequate limits to cover contractor's liability as may arise directly or indirectly from work performed under terms of this RFP/RFQ. Certification of such coverage must be provided to the County upon request.

INFRINGEMENTS: There will be no warranty by buyer against infringements. As part of this contract for sales, Seller agrees to ascertain whether goods manufactured in accordance with the specifications attached to this agreement will give rise to the rightful claim of any third person by way of infringement or the like. Buyer makes no warranty that the production of goods according to the specification will not give rise to such a claim, and in no event shall Buyer be liable to Seller for indemnification in the event that Seller is sued on the grounds of infringement or the like. If Seller is of the opinion that an infringement or the like will result, they will notify Buyer to this effect in writing within two (2) weeks after the signing of this agreement. If Buyer does not receive notice and is subsequently held liable for the infringement or the like, Seller will hold Buyer harmless. If Seller in good faith ascertains that production of the goods in accordance with the specifications will result in infringement or the like, this contract shall be null and void, except that Buyer will pay Seller the reasonable cost of his/her search as to infringement. The contractor agrees to protect the County from claims involving infringement of patents or copyrights.

INTERPRETATION PAROLE EVIDENCE: This writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and is intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in the agreement. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this agreement shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this agreement, even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code is used in this agreement, the definition contained in the Code is to Control.

LATE PROPOSALS: Proposals must be received by the Purchaser before the hour and date specified. Proposals received after the time and date specified will be disqualified and may be returned to sender. Purchaser is not responsible for lateness or non-delivery of mail, delivered to wrong office, carrier, etc.

MODIFICATIONS: This contract can be modified or rescinded only by a writing signed by both of the parties or their duly authorized agents.

O.S.H.A: Offeror must meet all Federal and State OSHA requirements.

REMEDIES: The successful Offeror and Purchaser agree that both parties have all rights, duties, and remedies available as stated in the Uniform Commercial Code.

RIGHT TO ASSURANCE: Whenever one (1) party to this contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he/she may demand that the other party give written assurance of their intent to perform. In the event that a demand is made, and no assurance is given within five (5) days the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the contract.

SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these requirements or the specifications shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of these requirements and the specifications and it is hereby declared that such remaining portions would have been included in these requirements and the specifications as though the invalid portion had been omitted.

VENUE: Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Cameron County, Texas. These General Terms and Conditions shall be incorporated in this proposal. The Offeror shall specifically state acceptance of these terms and conditions as a basis for providing the Purchaser with the proposed commodities. The Offeror shall state exceptions to these terms and conditions and may suggest alternate wording that addresses the intent of the term or condition. The Purchaser may accept or reject any suggestions based on lawful and fair bidding practice.

2.2.3 The Architect shall review with the Owner alternative approaches to design and construction of the Project.

2.2.4 Based on the mutually agreed-upon program, schedule and construction budget requirements, the Architect shall prepare, for approval by the Owner, Schematic Design Documents consisting of drawings and other documents illustrating the scale and relationship of Project components.

2.2.5 The Architect shall submit to the Owner a preliminary estimate of Construction Cost based on current area, volume or other unit costs.

2.2.6 The Architect shall provide site evaluations within the designated area.

2.3 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE

2.3.1 Based on the approved Schematic Design Documents and any adjustments authorized by the Owner in the program, schedule or construction budget, the Architect shall prepare, for approval by the Owner, Design Development Documents consisting of drawings and other documents to fix and describe the size and character of the Project as to architectural, structural, mechanical, civil, plumbing and electrical systems, materials and such other elements as may be appropriate.

2.3.2 The Architect shall advise the Owner of any adjustments to the preliminary estimate of Construction Cost.

2.4 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PHASE

2.4.1 Based on the approved Design Development Documents and any further adjustments in the scope or quality of the Project or in the construction budget authorized by the Owner, the Architect shall prepare, for approval by the Owner, Construction Documents consisting of Drawings and Specifications setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction of the Project.

2.4.2 The Architect shall prepare the necessary bidding information, bidding forms and documents (including twenty-five sets of blueprints), the Conditions of the Contract, and the form of Agreement between the Owner and the Contractor. The actual reproduction and shipping cost will be reimbursed to the Architect, as provided in Article 9.2, when the Architect submits the proper invoices. Any additional sets of documents shall be preapproved by the Owner. Owner shall pay reproduction costs for blueprints in excess of the twenty-five sets provided above.

2.4.3 The Architect shall advise the Owner of any adjustments to previous preliminary estimates of Construction Cost indicated by changes in requirements or general market conditions.

2.4.4 The Architect shall assist the Owner in preparing and submitting for filing, all documents required for the approval of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project.

2.5 BIDDING OR NEGOTIATION PHASE

2.5.1 The Architect, following the Owner's approval of the Construction Documents and of the latest preliminary estimate of Construction Cost, shall assist the Owner in obtaining bids or negotiated proposals and assist in awarding and preparing contracts for construction.

2.6 CONSTRUCTION PHASE-ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

2.6.1 The Architect's responsibility to provide Basic Services for the Construction Phase under this Agreement commences with the award of the Contract for Construction and terminates at the issuance to the Owner of the final Certificate for Payment or sixty (60) days after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work, whichever occurs later.

2.6.2 The Architect shall provide administration of the Contract for Construction as set forth in this contract.

2.6.3 Duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Architect shall not be restricted, modified or extended without written agreement of the Owner and Architect.

2.6.4 The Architect shall be a representative of and shall advise and consult with the Owner (1) during construction until final payment to the Contractor is due, and (2) at the Owner's direction from time to time during the correction period described in the Contract for Construction. The Architect shall have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in this Agreement unless otherwise modified by written instrument.

2.6.5 The Architect shall visit the site weekly (See Exhibit "A") to check the progress, quality, and quantity of the Work, and to determine in general if the Work is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work when completed will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the Architect shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections. On the basis of the on-site observations as an architect, the Architect shall keep the Owner informed of the progress and quality of the Work, and shall endeavor to guard the Owner against defects and deficiencies in the Work. Prompt written notice shall be given by the Architect to the Owner, if the Architect becomes aware of any defects or deficiencies in the Work, or any nonconformance with the Contract Documents.

2.6.6 The Architect shall not have control over or charge of and shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, since these are solely the Contractor's responsibility under the Contract for Construction. The Architect shall not be responsible for the Contractor's schedules or failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Architect shall not have control over or charge of acts or omissions of the Contractor, Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or of any other persons performing portions of the Work.

2.6.7 The Owner and Contractor shall communicate through the Architect when either is seeking (1) a modification or change order of the contract or (2) interpretation of the project documents. Communications by and with the Architect's consultants shall be through the Architect.

2.6.8 The Architect shall at all times have access to the Work wherever it is in preparation or progress.

2.6.9 Based on the Architect's observations and evaluations of the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Architect shall review and certify the amounts due the Contractor.

2.6.10 The Architect's certification for payment shall constitute a representation to the Owner, based on the Architect's observations at the site as provided in Subparagraph 2.6.5 and on the data comprising the Contractor's Application for Payment, that the Work has progressed to the point indicated and that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, quality of the Work is in accordance with the

Contract Documents. The foregoing representations are subject to an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, to results of subsequent tests and inspections, to minor deviations from the Contract Documents correctable prior to completion and to specific qualifications expressed by the Architect. The issuance of a Certificate for Payment shall further constitute a representation that the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. However, the issuance of a Certificate for Payment shall not be a representation that the Architect has (1) made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections, (2) reviewed construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or (3) ascertained how or for what purpose the Contractor has used the money previously paid on account of the Contract Sum.

2.6.11 The Architect shall have authority to reject Work which does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever the Architect considers it necessary or advisable for implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, the Architect will have authority to require additional inspection or testing of the Work in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed or completed. However, neither this authority of the Architect nor a decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority shall give rise to a duty or responsibility of the Architect to the Contractor, Subcontractors, material and equipment suppliers, their agents or employees or other persons performing portion of the Work.

2.6.12 The Architect shall review and note exceptions or take other appropriate action upon Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. The Architect's action shall be taken with such reasonable promptness as to cause no delay in the Work or in the construction of the Owner or of separate contractors, while allowing sufficient time in the Architect's professional judgment to permit adequate review. Review of such submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining the accuracy and completeness of other details such as dimensions and quantities or for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems designed by the Contractor, all of which remain the responsibility of the Contractor to the extent required by the Contract Documents. The Architect's review shall not constitute approval of safety precautions or, unless otherwise specifically stated by the Architect, of construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures. The Architect's review of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component. When professional certification of Electronic performance characteristics of materials, systems or equipment is required by the Contract Documents, the Architect shall be entitled to rely upon such certification to establish that the materials, systems or equipment will meet the performance criteria required by the Contract Documents.

2.6.13 The Architect shall prepare Change Orders, with supporting documentation and data if deemed necessary by the Architect as provided in Subparagraphs 3.1.1 and 2.6.18, for the Owner's approval and execution in accordance with the Contract Documents, and may authorize minor changes in the Work not involving an adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time which are not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents.

2.6.14 The Architect shall conduct inspections to determine the date or dates of Substantial Completion and the date of final completion, shall receive and forward to the Owner for the Owner's review and records written warranties and related documents required by the Contract Documents and assembled by the Contractor, and shall issue a final Certificate for Payment upon compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

2.6.15 Interpretations and decisions of the Architect shall be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents and shall be in writing or in the form of drawings. When making

such interpretations and initial decisions, the Architect shall endeavor to secure faithful performance by both Owner and Contractor, shall not show partiality to either.

2.6.16 The Architect shall render written decisions within a reasonable time on all claims, disputes or other matters in question between the Owner and Contractor relating to the execution or progress of the Work as provided in the Contract Documents.

2.6.17 The Architect shall supply contractor with reproducible drawings so that the contractor may prepare a set of reproducible record drawings (“as-builts”) showing changes in the Work made during construction. Reproduction costs to be paid by the contractor.

2.6.18 The Architect shall prepare Drawings, Specifications and other documentation and supporting data, evaluating Contractor’s proposal, and providing other services in connection with Change Orders, unless the Change Orders were at the “convenience” of the Owner. “Convenience” does not include inability of the contractor to construct what is designed for the project.

2.6.19 The Architect shall prepare documents for line item bids and provide services in connection with line item bidding, negotiation or construction prior to the completion of the Construction Documents Phase.

ARTICLE 3 ADDITIONAL SERVICES

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 The services described in this Article 3 are not included in Basic Services and they shall be paid for by the Owner as provided in this Agreement, in addition to the compensation for Basic Services. The services described under Paragraphs 3.2 and 3.4 shall only be provided if authorized or confirmed in writing by the Owner. If services described under Contingent Additional Services in Paragraph 3.3 are required due to circumstances beyond the Architect's control, the Architect shall notify the Owner prior to commencing such services. If the Owner deems that such services described under Paragraph 3.3 are not required, the Owner shall give prompt written notice to the Architect. If the Owner indicates in writing that all or part of such Contingent Additional Services are not required, the Architect shall have no obligation to provide those services.

3.2 PROJECT REPRESENTATION BEYOND BASIC SERVICES

3.2.1 If more extensive representation at the site than is described in Subparagraph 2.6.5 is required, the Owner can request the Architect to provide one or more Project Representatives to assist in carrying out such additional on-site responsibilities.

3.2.2 Project Representatives shall be selected, employed and directed by the Architect, and the Architect shall be compensated therefor as agreed by the Owner and Architect. The duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of Project Representatives shall be as agreed to by the parties.

3.2.3 Through the observations by such Project Representatives, the Architect shall endeavor to provide further protection for the Owner against defects and deficiencies in the Work, but the furnishing of such project representation shall not modify the rights, responsibilities or obligations of the Architect as described elsewhere in this Agreement.

3.3 CONTINGENT ADDITIONAL SERVICES

3.3.1 Making substantial revisions in Drawings, Specifications or other documents when such revisions are:

1. Inconsistent with approvals or instructions previously given by the Owner, including revisions made necessary by adjustments in the Owner's program or Project budget.

3.3.2 Providing services required because of significant changes in the Project including, but not limited to size, quality, complexity, the Owner's schedule, or the method of bidding or negotiating and contracting for construction, except for services required under Subparagraph 5.2.4.

3.3.3 Providing services in connection with preparing documents for alternate line item bids proposed by the Owner, if substantial revisions to Drawings result therefrom.

3.3.4 Providing services in connection with legal proceedings, except where the Architect is a party thereto.

3.4 OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SERVICES

3.4.1 Providing financial feasibility or other special studies.

3.4.2 Providing special surveys and environmental studies.

3.4.3 Providing services relative to future facilities, systems and equipment.

3.4.4 Providing coordination of construction performed by separate contractors or by the Owner's own forces and coordination of services required in connection with construction performed and equipment supplied by the Owner.

3.4.5 Providing services in connection with the work of a construction manager.

3.4.6 Providing interior design and other similar services required for or in connection with the selection, procurement or installation of furniture, furnishings and related equipment.

3.4.7 Making investigations, inventories of material or equipment, or valuation and detailed appraisals of existing facilities.

3.4.8 Providing assistance in the utilization of equipment or systems such as testing, adjusting and balancing, preparation of operation and maintenance manuals, training personnel for operation and maintenance, and consultation during operation.

3.4.9 Providing services after issuance to the Owner of the final Certificate for Payment, or in the absence of a final Certificate for Payment, more than sixty (60) days after the date of Substantial Completion of the Work.

3.4.10 Providing services of consultants for other than architectural, structural, mechanical, civil, plumbing and electrical engineering portions of the Project provided as part of Basic Services.

3.4.11 If required by the Owner, the Architect shall prepare a set of reproducible record drawings ("as built") showing changes in the Work made during construction based on marked-up prints, drawings and other data furnished by the Contractor to the Architect.

ARTICLE 4 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The Owner shall provide full information regarding requirements for the Project, including a program which shall set forth the Owner's objectives, schedule, constraints and criteria, including space requirements and relationships, flexibility, expendability, special equipment, systems and site requirements.

4.2 The Owner shall establish and update an overall budget for the Project, including the Construction Cost, the Owner's other costs and reasonable contingencies related to all of these costs.

4.3 The Owner shall designate a representative authorized to act on the Owner's behalf with respect to the Project. The Owner or such authorized representative, through approval by proper authorities, shall render decisions in a timely manner pertaining to documents submitted by the Architect in order to avoid unreasonable delay in the orderly and sequential progress of the Architect's services.

4.4 The Owner shall furnish structural, mechanical, chemical, air and water pollution tests, tests for hazardous materials, and other laboratory and environmental tests, inspections and reports required by law or the Contract Documents.

4.5 The Owner shall furnish site survey, all legal, accounting and insurance counseling services as may be necessary at any time for the Project, including auditing services the Owner may require to verify the Contractor's Applications for Payment or to ascertain how or for what purposes the Contractor has used the money paid by or on behalf of the Owner.

4.6 The services, information, surveys and reports required by Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 shall be furnished at the Owner's expense, and the Architect shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness thereof.

4.7 Providing the services of geotechnical engineers when such services are requested by the Architect. Such services may include but are not limited to test borings, test pits, determinations of soil bearing values, percolation tests, evaluations of hazardous materials, ground corrosion and resistivity tests, including necessary operations for anticipating subsoil conditions, with reports and appropriate professional recommendations.

4.8 Prompt written notice shall be given by the Owner to the Architect if the Owner becomes aware of any fault or defect in the Project or nonconformance with the Contract Documents.

4.9 The proposed language of certificates or certifications requested of the Architect or Architect's consultants shall be submitted to the Architect for review and approval at least 14 days prior to execution.

ARTICLE 5
CONSTRUCTION COST

5.1 DEFINITION

5.1.1 The Construction Cost shall be the total cost or estimated cost to the Owner of all elements of the Project designed or specified by the Architect.

5.1.2 The Construction Cost shall include the cost at current market rates of labor and materials furnished by the Owner and equipment designed, specified, selected or specially provided for by the Architect, plus a reasonable allowance for the Contractor's overhead and profit. In addition, a reasonable allowance for contingencies shall be included for market conditions at the time of bidding and for changes in the Work during construction.

5.1.3 Construction Cost does not include the compensation of the Architect and the Architect's consultants, the costs of the land, rights-of-way, financing or other costs which are the responsibility of the Owner as provided in Article 4.

5.2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION COST

5.2.1 Evaluations of the Owner's Project budget, preliminary estimates of Construction Cost and detailed estimates of Construction Cost, if any, prepared by the Architect, represent the Architect's best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry. It is recognized, however, that neither the Architect nor the Owner has control over the cost of labor, materials or equipment, over the Contractor's methods of determining bid prices, or over competitive bidding, market or negotiating conditions. Accordingly, the Architect cannot and does not warrant or represent that bids or negotiated prices will not vary from the Owner's Project budget or from any estimate of Construction Cost or evaluation prepared or agreed to by the Architect.

5.2.2 If the Bidding or Negotiation Phase has not commenced within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the Architect submits the Construction Documents to the Owner, any Project budget or fixed limit of Construction Cost shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the general level of prices in the construction industry between the date of submission of the Construction Documents to the Owner and the date on which proposals are sought.

5.2.3 If a fixed limit of Construction Cost (adjusted as provided in Subparagraph 5.2.2) is exceeded by the lowest bona fide bid or negotiated proposal, the Owner shall:

1. Give written approval of an increase in such fixed limit;
2. Authorize rebidding or renegotiating of the Project within a reasonable time;
3. If the Project is abandoned, terminate in accordance with Paragraph 7.3; or
4. Cooperate in revising plans and construction documents for the Project scope and quality as required to reduce the Construction Cost.

5.2.4 If the Owner chooses to proceed under Clause 5.2.3.4, the Architect, without additional charge, shall modify the Contract Documents as necessary to comply with the fixed limit, if established as a condition of this Agreement. The modification of Contract Documents shall be the limit of the Architect's responsibility arising out of the establishment of a fixed limit. The Architect shall be entitled to compensation in accordance with this Agreement for all services performed whether or not the Construction Phase is commenced.

ARTICLE 6
USE OF ARCHITECT'S DRAWINGS,
SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

6.1 Project materials developed by the Architect under this agreement shall become the property of the Owner and Architect and a copy of the project materials shall be delivered to the Owner no later than the termination date of this agreement. Nothing produced in whole or in part by the Architect under this agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Architect or Owner unless agreed by both parties in writing.

ARTICLE 7
TERMINATION, SUSPENSION OR ABANDONMENT

7.1 This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon not less than seven days written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement through no fault of the party initiating the termination.

7.2 If the Project is suspended by the Owner for more than thirty (30) consecutive days, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed prior to notice of such suspension.

7.3 This Agreement may be terminated by the Owner upon not less than seven (7) days written notice to the Architect in the event that the Project is permanently abandoned. If the Project is abandoned by the Owner for more than ninety (90) consecutive days, the Architect may terminate this Agreement by giving seven (7) days written notice.

7.4 Failure of the Owner to make payments to the Architect in accordance with this Agreement shall be considered substantial nonperformance and cause for termination.

7.5 If the Owner fails to make payment when due the Architect for services and expenses, the Architect may, upon seven (7) days written notice to the Owner, suspend performance of services under this Agreement.

7.6 In the event of termination not the fault of the Architect, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed prior to termination.

ARTICLE 8
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

8.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The obligations and undertakings of each of the parties to this Agreement shall be performed in Cameron County, Texas. Both parties will act, at all times, in compliance with pertinent City and County ordinances, orders, regulations and policies, as well as all applicable State and Federal laws.

8.2 Causes of action between the parties to this Agreement pertaining to acts or failures to act shall be deemed to have accrued and the applicable statutes of limitations shall commence to run not later than either the date of Substantial Completion for acts or failures to act occurring prior to Substantial Completion, or the date of issuance of the final Certificate for Payment for acts or failures to act occurring after Substantial Completion.

8.3 The Owner and Architect, respectively, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors assigns and legal representatives of such other party with respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Neither Owner nor Architect shall assign this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

8.4 This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and Architect and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both Owner and Architect.

8.5 The parties agree that the Architect shall be an independent contractor with respect to its relationship to the Owner under this Agreement. By virtue of its entering into this Agreement or performing any services under this Agreement, Architect shall not be deemed to be a partner, agent, or attorney in fact of Owner.

8.6 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Architect and Architect's consultants shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of or exposure of persons to hazardous materials in any form at the Project site, including but not limited to asbestos, asbestos products, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or other toxic substances.

8.7 The Architect shall have the right to include representations of the design of the Project, including photographs of the exterior and interior, among the Architect's promotional and professional materials. The Architect's materials shall not include the Owner's confidential or proprietary information.

8.8 In connection with the obligations of the Architect, Architect shall hold Owner and its employees harmless for any and all claims, lawsuits, legal expenses, and any other costs related to the performance or non-performance of this Agreement.

8.9 Architect agrees that during the Project operation, no discrimination of any kind against any individual or group of individuals, in any manner, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, creed, ancestry or national origin will be allowed.

8.10 Architect will submit plans to the State of Texas for review to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 and all rules, regulations, and guidelines promulgated thereunder, as the same may be amended from time to time.

8.11 Architect will submit plans to all entities required by law.

8.12 Architect shall maintain in full force and effect, throughout the term of the Agreement and for an additional two (2) years after final completion of the Project, Errors and Omissions Insurance in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Architect shall furnish County a duplicate policy of their Errors and Omissions Insurance. Architect shall give County a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice in the event of cancellation or material change in the terms of their Errors and Omissions Insurance.

8.13 It is specifically understood and agreed, that in the event funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and/or budgeted concerning the obligations under this Agreement on behalf of Cameron County then Cameron County shall notify the Architect and this Agreement shall thereafter terminate and be null and void on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations were made without penalty, liability or expense to Cameron County.

ARTICLE 9
PAYMENTS TO THE ARCHITECT

9.1 DIRECT PERSONNEL EXPENSE

9.1.1 Direct Personnel Expense is defined as the direct salaries of the Architect's personnel engaged on the Project and the portion of the cost of their mandatory and customary contributions and benefits related thereto, such as employment taxes and other statutory employee benefits, insurance, sick leave, holidays, vacations, pensions and similar contributions and benefits.

9.2 REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

9.2.1 Reimbursable Expenses are in addition to compensation for Basic and Additional Services and include expenses incurred by the Architect and Architect's employees and consultants in the interest of the Project, as identified in the following Clauses.

9.2.2 Fees for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the project.

9.2.3 Expenses of postage and/or shipping, reproduction of Drawings, Specifications and other documents.

9.2.4 Travel expenses directly related to this project are considered reimbursable expenses but must be preapproved by the Owner's Auditor's Office.

9.3 PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BASIC SERVICES

9.3.1 Payments for Basic Services shall be made in accordance with the phase schedule of services set forth in Subparagraph 10.1.3.

9.4 PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES

9.4.1 Payments on account of the Architect's Additional Services and for Reimbursable Expenses shall be made monthly upon presentation of the Architect's statement of services rendered or expenses incurred.

9.5 PAYMENT WITHHELD

9.5.1 No deductions shall be made from the Architect's compensation on account of penalty, liquidated damages or other sums withheld from payments to contractors, or on account of the cost of changes in the Work other than those for which the Architect has been found to be liable.

9.6 ARCHITECT'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS

9.6.1 Records of Reimbursable Expenses and expenses pertaining to Additional Services and services performed on the basis of a multiple of Direct Personnel Expense shall be available to the Owner or the Owner's authorized representative at mutually convenient times.

ARTICLE 10
BASIS OF COMPENSATION

10.1 BASIC COMPENSATION

10.1.1 FOR BASIC SERVICES, as described in Article 2, Basic Compensation shall be computed as a fixed fee of _____.

10.1.3 Compensation for the Architect shall be paid in progress payments for each phase following the percentages of the total Basic Compensation payable as stated below:

Schematic Design Phase:	Ten Percent	(10%)
Design Development Phase:	Twenty Percent	(20%)
Construction Documents Phase:	Forty Percent	(40%)
Bidding or Negotiation Phase:	Five Percent	(5%)
<u>Construction Phase to be paid as follows:</u>		
Construction One Third Completed	Ten Percent	(10%)
Construction Two Thirds Completed	Five Percent	(5%)
Construction Complete	Five Percent	(5%)
<u>Sixty (60) days after completion</u>	<u>Five Percent</u>	<u>(5%)</u>
Total Basic Compensation	One Hundred Percent	(100%)

10.2 COMPENSATION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES

10.2.1 FOR PROJECT REPRESENTATION BEYOND BASIC SERVICES shall be on a lump sum basis as agreed to by the parties.

10.2.2 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF THE ARCHITECT, as described in Article 3, other than Additional Project Representation, as described in Paragraph 3.2 but excluding services of consultants, compensation shall be computed as follows: FOR THE ARCHITECT AT ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) PER HOUR AND FOR THE ARCHITECT'S PRINCIPALS AND EMPLOYEES TIME AT A MULTIPLE OF 1.5 TIMES THEIR DIRECT PERSONNEL EXPENSE.

10.2.3 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF CONSULTANTS, including additional structural, mechanical, civil, plumbing and electrical engineering services and those provided under Subparagraph 3.4.10 as part of Additional Services, a multiple of 1.1 times the amounts billed to the Architect for such services.

10.3 REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

10.3.1 FOR REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES, as described in Paragraph 9.2, a multiple of 1.05 time the expenses incurred by the Architect, the Architect's employees and consultants in the interest of the Project.

10.4 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

10.4.1 Payments are due to the Auditor's Office and payable thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the Architect's invoice.

10.4.2 No fee has been included for the following Consultants which may be required on the project:

All documents of professional service performed under this Agreement and all materials released for publication and public relations shall be identified with the following legend:

The Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, 8213 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 107, Austin, Texas 78758, telephone (210)458-1363, has jurisdiction over individuals licensed under the Architects Registration Law, Article 249a, Vernon's Civil Statutes.

EXECUTED in triplicate on this ___ day of _____, 2015 in Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas.

Pete Sepulveda Jr.
County Judge
OWNER-Cameron County

ARCHITECT

ATTESTED BY:

Sylvia Garza Perez, County Clerk