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THE CITY OF Edinburg

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

**RFQ# 2020-006
GEOTECHNICAL
ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

**SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
MONDAY,
AUGUST 17, 2020
@ 3:00 PM**

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**2020-2021
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David White, Councilmember
Johnny Garcia, Councilmember
Ron Garza, City Manager

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Edinburg is soliciting sealed request for statement of qualifications; hereinafter referred to as RFQ, to be received by the City Secretary's Office located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541. City of Edinburg normal business days are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and shall be closed on recognized holidays.

RFQ'S will be received until 3:00 p.m. Central Time, on **Monday, August 17, 2020**, shortly thereafter all submitted RFQ'S will be gathered and taken to the Edinburg City Hall Community Room, 1st Floor, to be publicly opened and read aloud. Any RFQ received after the closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to the submitter unopened. It is the responsibility of the submitter to see that any RFQ submitted shall have sufficient time to be received by the City Secretary's Office prior to the RFQ opening date and time. The receiving time in the City Secretary's Office will be the governing time for acceptability of the RFQ's. RFQ's will not be accepted by telephone or facsimile machine. All RFQ'S must bear original signatures and figures. The RFQ shall be for:

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Respondents receiving a "NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS" and/or "REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS" notice in the mail or reading same in the newspaper are advised that the solicitation documents can be downloaded from the City of Edinburg web page address: www.cityofedinburg.com, or may obtain copies of same by contacting the office of: LORENA FUENTES, PURCHASING AGENT, LOCATED AT 415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, EDINBURG, TX 78541 by calling (956) 388-1895 Ext. 8972 or by e-mailing your request to the following e-mail address: lfuentes@cityofedinburg.com

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this RFQ, please contact **Mr. Mardoqueo Hinojosa, P.E., CFM, CPM, City Engineer**, at (956) 388-8211.

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The City of Edinburg reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all RFQ's and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities and to accept the RFQ deemed most advantageous to the City, and hold the RFQ's for a period of **90** days without taking action.

RFQ's must be submitted in an envelope sealed with tape and prominently marked on the lower left hand corner of the envelope with corresponding RFQ number and title.

Please read your requirements thoroughly and be sure that the RFQ offered complies with all requirements/specifications noted. Any variation from the solicitation requirements/specifications must be clearly indicated by letter, on a point by point basis, attached to and made a part of your RFQ. If no exceptions are noted, and you are the successful respondent, it will be required that the service(s) be provided as specified.

PURPOSE

The purpose of these solicitation documents is to execute a Professional Services Contract for:

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INTENT

The services to be provided under this RFQ shall be in accordance with and shall meet all specifications and/or requirements as shown in this solicitation for RFQ. There is no intention to disqualify any respondent who can meet the requirements.

SUBMITTAL OF RFQ

RFQs shall be submitted in sealed envelopes as called referenced on the attached solicitation. Three (3) complete sets of the response One (1) original marked "**ORIGINAL**," and Two (2) **COPIES** marked. In addition, a **USB** with a PDF file of response must be provided. RFQs submitted by facsimile (fax) or electronically shall **NOT** be accepted. Submittal of an RFQ in response to this solicitation constitutes an offer by the respondent. Once submitted, RFQ's become the property of the City of Edinburg and as such the City reserves the right to use any ideas contained in any RFQ regardless of whether that respondent/firm is selected. Submission of a RFQ in response to this solicitation, by any respondent, shall indicate that the respondent(s) has/have accepted the conditions contained in the RFQ, unless clearly and specifically noted in the RFQ submitted and confirmed in the contract between the City and the successful respondent otherwise. RFQs which do not comply with these requirements may be rejected at the option of the City. RFQs must be filed with the City of Edinburg before the deadline day and hour. No late RFQs will be accepted. They will be returned to respondent unopened (if properly identified). Failure to meet RFQ requirements may be grounds for disqualification.

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TIME ALLOWED FOR ACTION TAKEN

The City of Edinburg may hold RFQ/s 90 days after deadline without taking action. Respondents are required to hold their RFQ/s firm for same period of time.

RIGHT TO REJECT/AWARD

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to reject any or all RFQs, to waive any or all formalities or technicalities, and to make such awards of contract as may be deemed to be the best and most advantageous to the City of Edinburg.

ASSIGNMENT

Respondents are advised that the City of Edinburg shall not allow the successful respondent to sell, assign, transfer, or convey any part of any contract resulting from this RFQ in whole or in part, to a third party without the written approval of the City of Edinburg.

AWARD

Respondents are advised that the City of Edinburg is soliciting RFQs and award shall be made to the respondent that in the opinion of the City of Edinburg is the best qualified.

NUMBER OF CONTRACTS

THE CITY reserves the right to award one, more than one, or no contract(s) in response to this RFQ.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

It shall be the responsibility of the successful respondent to comply with all applicable State & Federal laws, Executive Orders and Municipal Ordinances, and the Rules and Regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the work to be performed hereunder and such shall apply to the contract throughout, and that they will be deemed to be included in the contract as though written out in full in the contract documents.

ALTERATIONS/AMENDMENTS TO RFQ

RFQ **CANNOT** be altered or amended after opening time. Alterations made before opening time must be initialed by respondent guaranteeing authenticity. No RFQ may be withdrawn after opening time without acceptable reason in writing and only after approval by the City of Edinburg.

NO RESPONSE TO RFQ

If unable to submit a RFQ, respondent should return inquiry giving reasons.

LIST OF EXCEPTIONS

The respondent shall attach to his/her RFQ a list of any exceptions to the specifications/ requirements.

PAYMENT

The City of Edinburg will execute payment by mail in accordance with the State of Texas Pay Law after SERVICES have been completed, introduced to the City, and found to meet City of Edinburg specifications/requirements. No other method of payment will be considered.

SYNONYM

Where in this solicitation package SERVICES is used, its meaning shall refer to the request for qualifications **GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES** as specified.

RESPONDENT'S EMPLOYEES

Neither the Respondent nor his/her employees engaged in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Service Contract shall be considered employees of the City. The method and manner of performance of such undertakings shall be under the exclusive control of the vendor on contract. The City shall have the right of inspection of said undertakings at any time.

INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE

The Respondent agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City, from all suits and actions of every nature and description brought against them or any of them, for or on account of the use of patented appliances, products or processes, and he shall pay all royalties and charges which are legal and equitable. Evidence of such payment or satisfaction shall be submitted upon request of the Purchasing Agent, as a necessary requirement in connection with the final estimate for payment in which such patented appliance, products or processes are used

INTERPRETATIONS

Any questions concerning the project and/or specifications/requirements with regards to this solicitation for statement(s) of qualifications shall be directed to the designated individuals as outlined in the RFQ. Such interpretations, which may affect the eventual outcome of this request for statements of qualifications, shall be furnished in writing to all prospective Respondents via Addendum. No interpretation shall be considered binding unless provided in writing by the City of Edinburg in accordance with paragraph entitled "**Addenda and Modifications**".

VERBAL THREATS

Any threats made to any employee of the City, be it verbal or written, to discontinue the providing of item/material/services for whatever reason and/or reasons shall be considered a breach of contract and the City will immediately sever the contract with the Respondent/Consultant on contract.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Any information deemed to be confidential by the respondent should be clearly noted on the pages where confidential information is contained; however, the City cannot guarantee that it will not be compelled to disclose all or part of any public record under Texas Public Information Act, since information deemed to be confidential by the respondent may not be considered confidential under Texas Law, or pursuant to a Court order.

PAST PERFORMANCE

Respondent's past performance shall be taken into consideration in the evaluation of RFQ submittal.

JURISDICTION

Contract(s) executed as part of this solicitation shall be subject to and governed under the laws of the State of Texas. Any and all obligations and payments are due and performable and payable in Hidalgo County, Texas.

RIGHT TO AUDIT

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to audit the vendor's books and records relating to the performance of this contract. The City of Edinburg, at its own expense, shall have the right at all reasonable times during normal business hours and upon at least twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice, to audit, to examine, and to make copies of or extracts from the books of account and records maintained by the vendor(s) with respect to the Supply/Service and/or Purchase Contract. If such audit shall disclose overpayment by City to vendor, written notice of such overpayment shall be provided to the vendor and the amount of overpayment shall be promptly reimbursed by vendor to the City. In the event any such overpayment is not paid within five (5) business days after receipt of such notice, the unpaid amount of such overpayment shall bear interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date of such notice until paid.

VENUE

The parties agree that venue for purposes of any and all lawsuits, cause of action, arbitration, and/or any other dispute(s) shall be in Hidalgo County, Texas.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR OWN LEGAL COUNSEL. COMPLIANCE IS THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PERSON OR AGENT OF A PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO THE FILING REQUIREMENT. AN OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 176 IS A CLASS "C" MISDEMEANOR.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CHAPTER 176 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that any vendor or person considering doing business with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ, the vendor or person's affiliation or business relationship that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. By law, this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the City of Edinburg not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement 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. For more information or to obtain Questionnaire CIQ visit the Texas Ethics Commission web page at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIQ.pdf.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES (Form 1295)

(25) In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted [House Bill 1295](#), which added section 2252.908 of the Government Code. The law states that a governmental entity or state agency may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties to the governmental entity or state agency at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity or state agency. The law applies only to a contract of a governmental entity or state agency that either (1) requires an action or vote by the governing body of the entity or agency before the contract may be signed or (2) has a value of at least \$1 million. The disclosure requirement applies to a contract entered into on or after January 1, 2016. For more information go to the Texas Ethics Commission web page at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/CIQ.pdf.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY

Should the successful respondent become the holder of and have access to confidential information in the process of fulfilling its responsibilities in connection with an awarded contract the successful respondent agrees that it shall keep such information confidential and will comply fully with the laws and regulations of the State of Texas, ordinances and regulations of the City, and any applicable federal laws and regulations relating to confidentiality.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to terminate the contract if, in the opinion of the City of Edinburg, the successful vendor's performance is not acceptable, no funds are available, or if the City wishes, without cause, to discontinue this contract. Termination will be in written form allowing a 30-day notice.

RESPONSE DEADLINE

Responses to the RFQ must be addressed to Mr. Mardoqueo Hinojosa, P.E., CFM, CPM, City Engineer, City of Edinburg, 415 W. University Drive by **August 17, 2020 until 3:00 p.m.** for consideration. An original and two (2) **COPY** sets of the response must be submitted no later than this date and time in a **sealed envelope** indicating that its contents are in response to the RFQ for "**RFQ #2020-006 GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**". **In addition, a USB with a PDF file of response must be provided. Respondents are advised that all confidential records must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope and marked accordingly.**

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ADDENDA AND MODIFICATIONS

Any changes, additions, or clarifications to the RFQ are made by amendments (addenda). Any respondent in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the RFQ or other documents may request an interpretation from the Purchasing Division. At the request of the respondent, or in the event the Purchasing Division deems the interpretation to be substantive, the interpretation will be made by written addendum. Said Addenda shall be mailed, e-mailed, hand delivered and/or faxed, to all prospective respondents. All Addenda issued in respect to this RFQ shall be considered official changes to the original documents. Verbal statements in response to inquiries and/or requests for explanations shall not be authoritative or binding. It shall be the respondent's responsibility to ensure that they have received all Addenda in respect to this project. Furthermore, respondents are advised that they must recognize, comply with, and attach a signed copy of each Addendum which shall be made part of their RFQ Submittal. Respondent(s) signature on Addenda shall be interpreted as the respondent's "recognition and compliance to" official changes as outlined by the City of Edinburg and as such are made part of the original solicitation documents. Failure of any respondent to receive any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such respondent from its terms and requirements. Addendums are available online at www.cityofedinburg.com.

RFQ PREPARATION COSTS

The City of Edinburg shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by any respondent for work performed in the preparation of and production of a RFQ or for any work performed prior to execution of contract.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Respondent agrees that they will not discriminate in hiring, promotion, treatment, or other terms and conditions of employment based on race, sex, national origin, age, disability, or in any way violate Title VII of 1964 Civil Rights Act and amendments, except as permitted by said laws.

AUTHORIZATION TO BIND RESPONDENT TO RFQ

RFQs MUST give full firm name and address of respondent, and be manually signed. Failure to do so will disqualify your RFQ. Person signing bid must show title or AUTHORITY TO BIND HIS/HER FIRM IN A CONTRACT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on each page that calls for this information. The legal status of the Respondent whether corporation, partnership, or individual, shall also be stated in the RFQ. A corporation shall execute the RFQ by its duly authorized officers in accordance with its corporate by-laws and shall also list the state in which it is incorporated. A partnership Respondent shall give full names and addresses of all partners. All partners shall execute the RFQ. Partnership and Individual Respondent shall state in the proposal the names and addresses of all persons with a vested interest therein. The place of residence of each Respondent, or the office address in the case of a firm or company, with county and state and telephone number, shall be given after the signature.

Confidential Information Respondents are advised that all confidential records must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope and marked accordingly.

GENERAL

The City of Edinburg's Department of Engineering is currently seeking to retain a rotation list of qualified professional Geotechnical Engineering firms to provide Geotechnical Engineering and Material Testing. The term of the contract will be two (2) years from 10/01/2020 – 09/30/2022. The services request is to provide the following services: Geotechnical Engineering, Construction Materials Testing and Engineering, and Environmental Services of any and all City Projects. It is anticipated that Geotechnical Engineering firms will lead full teams of engineers and or related consultants as needed for each project. This document outlines the requirements, selection process and documentation necessary to submit to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected firm(s) will report to, and operate under, the direction of City of Edinburg's Department of Engineering staff. Must have a Texas Licensed Professionals with superior background, training, and qualifications meeting all requirements of this RFQ, Registered or licensed in the State of Texas. The scope of services required by this RFQ may include some or all of the following services:

1. Geotechnical:

- A. Slab on Grade Foundation Evaluation and Recommendation
- B. Special Construction Details for Removal of Ground or Surface Water, Existence of Expansive Clay, Hydrostatic Pressure, etc.
- C. Site Work
- D. Retention Systems
- E. Field Exploration
- F. Laboratory Testing
- G. Analysis and Reports
- H. Other Geotechnical Evaluation

2. Construction Materials Testing:

- A. Plans Review
- B. Earthwork Services
- C. Density Testing
- D. Post Construction Services
- E. Foundation Inspection Services
- F. Concrete Services
- G. Structural Steel Services
- H. Other Laboratory Construction Testing for Infrastructure and/or Building Projects.

All qualified firms or persons shall have current licenses as required under the State of Texas for the provisions of services requested for the City of Edinburg.

CONTRACT

A sample Professional Services Agreement is attached for review of all firms submitting an RFQ. Each firm must carefully review all sections and pay special attention to the indemnity and insurance portions of the

agreement. Insurance requirements are included in the Agreement and they must be satisfied prior to the execution of the Agreement. Note that the City does not ordinarily allow modifications to the standard agreement.

PAYMENT

The method of payment to the selected firms shall be on a time-and-material basis. This amount shall include labor, overhead, profit and expenses including transportation, communications, and materials. Progress payments will be based on actual hours and contract hourly rates charged to a particular task on a monthly basis. Each invoice submitted to the City for payment shall contain a brief description of the work billed on that invoice, total billed to date, total paid to date and amount remaining.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Geotechnical Engineering Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is requested to be submitted to the **City Secretary's Office at 415 W. University Dr. Edinburg, Texas 78541 no later than 3:00 PM on August 17, 2020.**

The RFQ must be submitted according to the instructions outlined herein. Each response should include, at a minimum, the following items:

1. Transmittal letter – Indicate interest and commitment to perform services for the City of Edinburg, include contact information (physical address, telephone, fax, cell phone, and email address) for the primary person responsible for your RFQ who will be the point of contact for the City on all correspondence and communications pertaining to the RFQ. State whether any addendums to this RFQ have been received by your firm and whether consideration of their content has been included in your RFQ. The letter must be signed by an officer of the firm who is authorized to bind the firm to contract and shall contain a statement to this effect;
2. Firm Qualification and Experience – Discuss the firm's experience and history in performing engineering and project management services in a timely manner, particularly for other governmental agencies in the past five (5) years. Discuss the firm's uniqueness to best perform these services for the City. Identify the office location that will be providing the services and the approach to handling part-time staffing needs for smaller assignments.
3. Team Member Qualifications and Experience – Submit resumes summarizing qualifications and experience of project manager, key staff and any support staff likely to be assigned to the work.
4. References – Provide at least three references (names and current phone numbers) from recent work and List all past projects with the City of Edinburg for each proposed team member. Include a brief description of the projects associated with the reference, and the role of the individual.
5. Insurance - Provide information on the types and amounts of insurance carried by the PSP, including General Liability, Auto Coverage, Worker's Compensation, and Professional Liability Coverage. A list of any insurance claims against the firm within the past 5 years.
6. Professional Services Agreement – Provide a statement that the Professional Services Agreement has been read, that the firm will meet the prerequisite insurance requirements, and the firm, if selected, agrees to enter in to such agreement.

7. Contact Information – Each firm must submit the firms two (2) different contact information (Name, Title, Address, Phone Number, Mobile Number, and Email Address).
8. Presentation – Each firm must submit three (3), one (1) original and two (2) bound copies of the RFQ. In addition, a USB with a PDF file of response must be provided.

SELECTION PROCESS

Evaluation will include confirmation by City Staff that respondents have the required registration, license, insurance or expertise to render requested services. The evaluation process is not intended to select one best qualified provider but rather shall include several similarly qualified providers that will be placed on a pre-qualified list.

The selection Committee shall screen and rate all of the respondents that are submitted. Selection ratings will be based on 100-point scale rating and shall be based on the following criteria.

a.	Overall Qualification of Team	40 points
b.	Previous Experience with City	10 points
c.	Ability to meet Schedules and Deadlines	30 points
d.	Stability and References	15 points
e.	Presentation	5 points

The City may select one (1) or more firms to provide services based on this evaluation. This process will result in the selection of a firm or firms to provide services. The City reserves the right to reject any and all RFQ's for any reason whatsoever. The City may waive informalities or irregularities in the RFQ's received where such is merely a matter of form and not substance, and the correction or waiver thereof is deemed by the City not prejudicial to other RFQ's.

After the selection of the most qualified firm(s), scope of services and billing rates will be negotiated and used as attachments to the City's Professional Services Agreement. This Agreement will then be submitted to the City Council for approval. If the City and the selected firm cannot successfully negotiate an agreement, then the City will enter into negotiations with the next best qualified firm on the evaluation rating list. This procedure may be repeated until one (1) or more firms has been selected and approved by the City Council.

The City currently anticipates conducting the selection process proceeding in accordance with the following list of milestones. This schedule is subject to revision and the City reserves the right to modify this schedule as necessary, in its sole discretion.

RFQ Issued	July 29, 2020
Publish RFQ	July 29 & Aug. 5, 2020
RFQ Submission Deadline (Post Marked or Delivered)	August 17, 2020
RFQ Review	August 17 – 21, 2020
City Council Selects Firm(s)	September 1, 2020

CITY CONTACT

If you should have any questions regarding the preparation of the RFQ contact Mr. Mardoqueo Hinojosa, P.E., CFM, CPM, City Engineer at (956) 388-8211 or mhinojosa@cityofedinburg.com.

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STATE OF TEXAS	§	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDINBURG AND NAME OF COMPANY FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 2020-006
COUNTY OF HIDALGO	§	
CITY OF EDINBURG	§	

The City of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, a municipal corporation, (hereinafter “City”) and NAME OF FIRM. (hereinafter “Consultant”), are the parties to this Agreement.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, City has authorized staff to request proposals for the On-Call Professional Services, the Consultant shall provide for specific projects as may be requested by the City. Such services shall be defined, scheduled, and authorized in subsequent Task Orders. Services may include, but not be limited to Geotechnical Engineering Services, and or other as-needed services as stated in Exhibit “A”, and

WHEREAS, Consultant has the professional knowledge and abilities to perform the professional engineering and project management services; and

WHEREAS, City desires to engage Consultant to render services in connection therewith:

NOW, THEREFORE, City and Consultant do mutually agree as follows:

SECTION I **EMPLOYMENT OF CONSULTANT**

A. City agrees to employ Consultant to furnish and provide the Services, as stated in this agreement and **Exhibit “A”**. Upon receipt of Services to the City’s satisfaction, the City agrees to pay Consultant as stated in this Agreement.

SECTION II **SERVICES OF CONSULTANT**

A. The Consultant shall, in the scope of his work, perform the Services identified in **Exhibit “A”** of this document. City shall provide Consultant with authorization to proceed, after execution of this Agreement.

B. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended by the parties to create a partnership or joint venture between the parties, and any implication to the contrary is hereby expressly disavowed. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement does not create a joint enterprise, nor does it appoint either party as an agent of the other for any

purpose whatsoever. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, neither party shall in any way assume any of the liability of the other for acts of the other or obligations of the other.

SECTION III **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY**

- A. City will facilitate Consultant's work with the following tasks:
1. Provide Consultant with its requirements for the Services.
 2. Assist Consultant by providing information reasonably available to the City and pertinent to the Services.
 3. Facilitate access to and make provisions for Consultant to enter upon public property as reasonably required for Consultant to perform its Services.
 4. Examine all reports, sketches, estimates, drawings, proposals, and other documents presented by Consultant and render in writing decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the Services of the Consultant.
 5. Give prompt written notice to Consultant whenever City observes or otherwise becomes aware of any defect in Services.
 6. City's representative with respect to interpretation and implementation of the Services and this Agreement will be the City Engineer or such other representative that the City may appoint by written notice to Consultant with whom Consultant will communicate regarding all matters pertaining to this Agreement. Said representative will make all arrangements for consultation by Consultant with employees or designees of City. In addition, said representative shall have authority and responsibility to define and agree upon the scope and specification of the Services, require and receive reports regarding the progress of the Services, and terminate the performance of the Services or any phase thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION IV **RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT**

- A. Consultant shall perform the Services described in **Exhibits "A"**.
- B. Consultant shall perform its services with care, skill, and diligence, in accordance with the applicable professional standards currently recognized by its profession, and shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, completeness, and coordination of all reports, plans, information, and other items and Services furnished under this Agreement. Consultant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations in performing the

Services. If Consultant fails to meet applicable professional standards, Consultant shall without additional compensation correct or revise any errors or deficiencies, with or without request to do so by the City.

C. Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and the coordination of Services furnished by Consultant under this Agreement. Consultant shall keep the City informed of the Services performed under this Agreement. In connection with the performance of the Services by Consultant, Consultant agrees to promptly and fully disclose to City any information regarding the Services as City may request.

D. Consultant will develop and maintain a detailed schedule for completion of the Services. The schedule will be a work plan showing activities to be performed and their sequence; and, in addition, activities will contain duration, manpower required, and estimated cost. A preliminary schedule shall be submitted to the City within ten (10) days after execution of this Agreement for review and establishment of the level of detail to be included.

E. Consultant will submit monthly progress data for the reporting period which will include the percentage complete and actual start date and actual finish date for all activities worked on by the Consultant during the period. Any changes in delivery dates will be reported. Other information, such as actual hours expended, will be furnished monthly, or as requested, by the City. If requested by the City, schedule update meetings will be held to discuss the results of schedule analysis and necessary action to meet the requirements of the schedule.

F. Consultant shall perform Services necessary to accomplish the work specified in this Agreement, in accordance with this Agreement.

G. City's review or approval of reports, and other services furnished hereunder shall not in any way relieve Consultant of responsibility for the technical adequacy of the work. Neither City's review, approval, or acceptance of, nor payment for any of the Services shall be construed as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

H. Consultant shall be and shall remain liable, in accordance with applicable law, for all damages to City caused by Consultant's negligent performance of any of the Services furnished under this Agreement. Consultant shall not be responsible for any time-delays in the project caused by circumstances beyond Consultant's control.

I. Consultant's obligations under this clause are in addition to the Consultant's other expressed or implied obligations under this Agreement or state law and in no way diminish any other rights that City may have against Consultant for consultant's errors or omissions.

J. All reports, drawings, plans, and other documentation pertaining to the Services become the property of City.

SECTION V **PAYMENT AND FEES**

City agrees to pay Consultant for recommendations, reports, design, specifications, and such other services herein contracted for as follows:

A. City hereby agrees to pay a sum not to exceed that which is included in a specific Task Order and authorized by a Notice to Proceed, notwithstanding any contrary indications that may be contained in Consultant's proposal, for services to be performed and reimbursable costs incurred under this Agreement. City shall pay Consultant for services rendered on a lump sum basis pursuant to any specific Task Order and in the manner set forth therein. Consultant shall submit all invoices to City in the manner specified herein. Except as specifically authorized by City in writing, Consultant shall not bill City for duplicate services performed by more than one person. Consultant and City acknowledge and agree that compensation paid by City to Consultant under this Agreement is based upon Consultant's estimated costs of providing the services required hereunder, including salaries and benefits of employees and subcontractors of Consultant. Consequently, the parties further agree that compensation hereunder is intended to include the costs of contributions to any pensions and/or annuities to which Consultant and its employees, agents, and subcontractors may be eligible. City therefore has no responsibility for such contributions beyond compensation required under this Agreement.

B. City is entitled to impose a set-off against payment based on any of the following:

a. Claims have been made against City based on Consultant's conduct in the performance or furnishing of Services, or City has incurred costs, losses, or damages resulting from Consultant's conduct in the performance or furnishing of Services, including but not limited to claims, costs, losses, or damages from workplace injuries, adjacent property damage, and non-compliance with Laws and Regulations;

b. Consultant has failed to take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damage, delay, disruption, and interference with Services and related work;

c. Consultant has failed to provide and maintain required insurance;

d. City has been required to remove or remediate a Hazardous Environmental Condition for which Contractor is responsible;

e. City has incurred extra charges or engineering costs related to submittal reviews, evaluations of proposed substitutes, tests and inspections, or return visits to manufacturing or assembly facilities;

f. Any Services are defective, requiring correction or replacement;

g. City has been required to correct defective Services or has accepted defective Services;

h. Liens have been filed in connection with the Services; or

i. Other items entitle City to a set-off against the payment amount.

C. If City imposes any set-off against payment, City will give Consultant immediate written notice stating the reasons for such action and the specific amount of the reduction, and promptly pay Consultant any amount remaining after deduction of the amount so withheld. City shall promptly pay Consultant the amount so withheld, or any adjustment thereto agreed to by City and Consultant, if Consultant remedies the reasons for such action. The reduction imposed will be binding on Consultant unless it duly submits written notice contesting the reduction within 30 days of receiving City's written notice.

D. All fees payable to Consultant under this Agreement shall be made in full, and without any withholding, deduction, or offset of any state or federal withholding taxes, FICA, SDI, or income taxes, nor shall the City be obligated to pay any of Consultant's employees' taxes. Consultant hereby covenants and agrees that it shall be solely responsible for all taxes, withholding, FICA, SDI, and other similar items (both employee and employer portions) with respect to all fees paid by the City under this Agreement, and agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless with respect to such taxes and withholding.

E. Consultant and its employees shall not be eligible for, participate in, or be entitled to compensation in lieu of any insurance, benefit, retirement, or other plan or program provided by the City to its employees.

F. Consultant shall provide an invoice in accordance with City regulations. Payment terms shall be net thirty (30) days from receipt of invoice.

G. The City may, at any time, request Consultant to make changes within the scope of the Services or to perform extra work. If any request by the City for a change or extra work causes an increase or decrease in the cost or the time required for performance of the work, or any change to this Agreement, Consultant shall, within fourteen (14) days from the date it receives the City's request, unless the City Engineer grants additional time in writing, submit in writing a proposal for accomplishing such changed or extra work. This proposal shall define, if applicable, any increase or decrease in cost or time of completion or other change to this Agreement. The governing body of

the City must approve any change orders, pursuant to the City's Code of ordinances and policies and procedures and any other applicable laws of this State, before making the changes. The City will not be liable for any costs incurred by Consultant from performance of a change or extra work prior to issuance of a change order to this Agreement.

H. The total contract price may not be increased because of the changes unless additional money for increased costs is appropriated for that purpose from available funds or is provided for by the authorization of the issuance of time warrants.

I. Prior to and as a condition of final payment to the Consultant following termination or expiration of this Agreement as defined below, the Consultant shall deliver to the City a release in form and substance satisfactory to the City, discharging it and its officers, agents, and employees of all liabilities, obligations, and claims arising out of this Agreement and the performance thereof.

SECTION VI **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

A. Except as provided below, this Agreement, and the Services to be performed under it, shall commence on the date this Agreement is executed by both parties, and shall continue thereafter through and the earlier of (i) two (2) years from the date of execution or (ii) until the Services are declared complete in a written instrument signed by the City Engineer and the City Manager. The City shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the term of this Agreement for an additional year upon approval from the City. If approved by City, City shall provide Consultant with a written notice of the approval of the extension.

B. City may terminate this Agreement upon giving 30 days' prior written notice thereof to Consultant. In addition, City shall have the right, upon written notice, to cancel this Agreement immediately if, in the City's sole judgment, the Services rendered by Consultant breach or violate any of the provisions of this Agreement.

C. Upon termination or completion of this Agreement, City shall have no liability to Consultant except for charges for Services performed by Consultant and accepted by the City prior to receipt of notice of termination or cancellation. The terms and conditions in this Agreement that by their sense and context are intended to survive the performance hereof by either or both parties hereunder shall so survive the termination, cancellation, or completion of performance of this Agreement.

D. Upon termination or completion of Consultant's Services hereunder or at such other time as may be requested by City, Consultant shall return to City within ten (10) days of termination, completion, or request all documents, records, notebooks, including copies thereof, whether prepared by Consultant or others, in Consultant's possession and related to the Services.

E. The City reserves the right to suspend work on the Services, with or without cause, in whole or in part, upon giving notice to Consultant. Consultant shall resume the Services so suspended when directed to do so by the City. The City shall have no liability to Consultant except for charges for Services performed by Consultant and accepted by the City prior to receipt of notice of suspension of Services. If only a portion of the Services are suspended, Consultant shall be compensated only for Services of which are not suspended and are actually performed during such suspension.

F. Upon termination of this Agreement or suspension of Services under this Section, the City may take over the work and may obtain the services of another entity to complete the work under this Agreement.

SECTION VII
MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Consultant shall be adequately insured and carry liability, workers compensation, automobile insurance and professional liability for injury to its employees and others incurring loss or injury as a result of the acts of Consultant or its employees. In accordance with City ordinances, Consultant shall be required to hold the following minimum insurance coverage throughout the duration of this agreement:

- A. Workers Compensation
In accordance with State statute.
- B. Comprehensive General Liability
 - 1. Bodily Injury
\$250,000 each person
\$500,000 each occurrence
 - 2. Property Damage
\$100,000 each occurrence
\$100,000 each aggregate

or \$500,000 combined single limits
- C. Comprehensive Auto Liability
 - 1. Bodily Injury
\$100,000 each person
\$500,000 each occurrence
 - 2. Property Damage
\$100,000 each occurrence
\$100,000 aggregate

or \$500,000 combined single limits
- D. City's Protective Liability

1. Bodily Injury
\$250,000 each person
\$500,000 each occurrence
2. Property Damage
\$100,000 each occurrence
\$100,000 each aggregate

or \$500,000 combined single limits

E. Professional Liability

1. Professional
\$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate

F. Evidence of the above insurance coverage is attached as Exhibit "B" and the City of Edinburg shall be listed as an additional insured.

G. If at any time and for any reason Consultant fails to provide, maintain, keep in force and effect, or deliver to the City proof of, any of the insurance required and such failure continues for ten (10) days after Notice thereof from City to Consultant, City may, but shall have no obligation to, procure single interest insurance for such risks covering City (or, if no more expensive, the insurance required by this Agreement), and Consultant shall, within ten (10) days following City's demand and Notice, pay and reimburse City therefor with interest at Prime Rate plus 2%, the Prime Rate being that in place on the date of Notice, from the date of payment by the City until repayment of City in full by Consultant.

H. With respect to each and every one of the insurance policies required to be obtained, kept, or maintained under the terms of this Agreement, on or before the date on which each such policy is required to be first obtained and at least fifteen (15) days before the expiration of any policy required hereunder previously obtained, Consultant shall deliver evidence reasonably acceptable to City showing that such insurance is in full force and effect.

I. Consultant hereby agrees as follows:

1. To punctually pay or cause to be paid all premiums and other sums payable under each insurance policy required to be obtained, kept, and maintained pursuant to this Lease;
2. To maintain in full force and effect the policies required to be carried to the extent so required to be carried pursuant to the terms hereof;
3. To ensure that all Casualty Proceeds are paid to the Party entitled to receive same;

4. Not, at any time, to take any action (or omit to take action) which action (or omission) would cause any insurance policies required to be obtained, kept, and maintained under this Lease to become void, voidable, unenforceable, suspended, or impaired in whole or in part or which would otherwise cause any sum paid out under any such insurance policy to become repayable in whole or in part; and

5. Promptly deliver Notice to City of any facts or circumstances of which it is aware which, if not disclosed to its insurers or re-insurers, is likely to affect adversely the nature or extent of the coverage to be provided under any insurance policy required hereunder.

SECTION VIII **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION/NEUTRAL PARTY**

A. If any dispute, controversy, or claim between or among the Parties arises under this Agreement or is related in any way to this Agreement or the relationship of the Parties hereunder (a "Dispute"), the Parties shall first attempt in good faith to settle and resolve such Dispute by meeting at a mutually agreeable time and place to discuss the Dispute within seven (7) days following the original written notice of any Dispute by the party making such a claim. The Parties shall seek to resolve the Dispute in writing within fourteen (14) days following the original written notice of any Dispute by the party making such a claim.

B. If a mutual resolution and settlement are not obtained at the meeting, the Parties shall participate in good faith in formal mediation, within thirty (30) days following the original written notice of any Dispute, with a mutually agreeable mediator at a mutually agreeable time and place. No settlement reached under this provision shall be binding on the Parties until reduced to a writing signed by a representative of Contractor and the City Manager. Unless the parties expressly agree otherwise, each party shall bear its own costs and legal and expert fees incurred in the mediation, and evenly share the costs of the mediator. If after proceeding in good faith the parties, with the assistance of a neutral mediator, do not resolve the dispute within forty-five (45) days following the original written notice of any Dispute, the parties may proceed in accordance with Section IX below.

SECTION IX **CONTROLLING LAW, MANDATORY VENUE, AND FEES AND EXPENSES**

A. After exhausting the procedures set forth above, either party may initiate litigation to resolve the dispute. The Law of the State of Texas shall control the Dispute. Venue is mandatory in in State courts located in Hidalgo County, Texas.

B. In the event of any litigation between the parties, the City shall be entitled to its attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.

SECTION X

INDEMNIFICATION

A. To the maximum extent allowed by law, Consultant agrees to and shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend City, its officers, agents, and employees from any all claims, losses, causes of action and damages, suits and liability of every kind, including all expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorney's fees for injury to or death to any person or for damage to any property, arising out of or directly connected with the negligent or willful conduct of Consultant, its agents, officers and employees, carried out in furtherance of this Agreement.

B. Consultant agrees to assist City in defense of claims or litigation brought against the City related to this project, including any claims related to design or any other services provided by consultant regarding this agreement.

SECTION XI LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A. Consultant agrees to limit the City's liability arising from City's acts, errors, or omissions such that the total liability of City shall not exceed Consultant's total fees paid by the City to Consultant for the Services rendered pursuant to the Task Order which is the subject matter of the claim. Consultant agrees that City will not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, or consequential punitive or multiple damages, including without limitation any damages resulting from loss of use, loss of business, loss of revenue, loss of profits, or loss of data, arising in connection with this Agreement, Consultant's performance of Services, or of any other obligations relating to this Agreement, even if City has been advised of the possibility of such damages. The foregoing limitation of liability shall apply to the maximum extent allowed by law for limitation of City's liability, regardless of the cause of action under which such damages are sought.

SECTION XII AGREEMENT CONSTRUCTION

A. The headings of the Sections contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only, and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The parties have been advised by counsel in connection with this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the plain meaning of its language, and not for or against either party, and as a whole, giving effect to all of the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to confer any right or benefit on any person who is not a party to this Agreement.

SECTION XIII NO PENDING LITIGATION

A. Consultant represents that there is no action, proceeding, inquiry, or investigation, at law or in equity, before any court, arbitrator, governmental or other board

or official, pending to the best knowledge of Consultant threatened against or affecting the Consultant or any subsidiaries of the Consultant, questioning the validity or any action taken or to be taken by the Consultant in connection with the execution, delivery, and performance by the Consultant of this Agreement to which the Consultant may be a party or seeking to prohibit, restrain, or enjoin the execution, delivery, or performance by the Consultant hereof or thereof, where in an unfavorable decision, ruling, or finding (i) would adversely effect the validity or enforceability of, or the authority or ability of the Consultant to perform, its obligations under this Agreement to which the Consultant may be party or (ii) would have an adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition or results of operations of the Consultant or on the ability of the Consultant to conduct its business as presently conducted or as proposed or contemplated to be conducted.

SECTION XIV
SEVERABILITY

A. If any term or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

SECTION XV
NOTICE

A. Any notices to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing, (i) sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or (ii) sent by nationally recognized overnight courier (e.g. Federal Express) with electronic tracking, and addressed to such party as follows:

(a) Notices to the City:

City of Edinburg
415 W. University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Attn.: City Manager

With a copy to:

City of Edinburg
415 W. University Drive
Edinburg, Texas 78539
Attn.: City Attorney

(b) Notices to Consultant:

Address
City, State, Zip Code
Attn.:

B. Such Notices shall be deemed delivered (i) in the case of U.S. mail in the manner provided above, three (3) business days after posting or (ii) if sent by nationally recognized overnight courier with electronic tracking service, the next business day after depositing same with such overnight courier before the overnight deadline and if deposited with such courier after such deadline, then the next succeeding business day.

SECTION XVI
NON-APPROPRIATIONS

A. Notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, any and all payments which the City is required to make under this Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriation or other availability of funds, as certified by the Director of Finance.

B. If the City cannot appropriate sufficient funding, then either party has the right to terminate the Agreement by providing ten (10) days' written notice to the other party.

SECTION XVII
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

City and Consultant each bind themselves, their partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party of the Agreement in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Neither City nor Consultant shall assign, sublet, or transfer interest in this Agreement without written consent of the other.

SECTION XIX
CONFLICT OF TERMS

If any of the terms of this Agreement conflict in any respect with any of the terms of the attached Exhibits or any current or future Task Orders, the terms of this Agreement shall be controlling.

SECTION XX
NO WAIVERS OR ACCORD AND SATISFACTION

A. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by all parties.

B. No failure or delay of any Party, in any one or more instances (i) in exercising any power, right, or remedy under this Agreement or (ii) in insisting upon the strict performance by the other Party of such other Party's covenants, obligations, or agreements under this Lease, shall operate as a waiver, discharge, or invalidation thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, or remedy or insistence on strict performance, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right, power, or remedy or to enforce strict performance, preclude any

other or future exercise thereof or insistence thereupon or the exercise of any other right, power, or remedy. The covenants, obligations, and agreements of a defaulting Party and the rights and remedies of the other Party upon a default shall continue and remain in full force and effect with respect to any subsequent breach, act, or omission.

C. Without limiting the generality of the above, the receipt by City of any Services with knowledge of a breach by Consultant of any covenant, obligation, or agreement under this Agreement shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such breach. No acceptance of Services or payment to Consultant shall be deemed to be other than on account of the earliest installment of the amounts due under this Agreement, nor shall any endorsement or statement on any check, or any letter accompanying any check, wire transfer or other payment, be deemed an accord and satisfaction. City may accept services or make payment without prejudice to its rights under this Agreement or pursue any remedy provided in this Agreement or provided otherwise by law or equity.

EXECUTED by the parties in triplicate originals on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

SAMPLE

CITY OF EDINBURG:

BY: _____

Ron Garza, City Manager
City of Edinburg
415 W. University Dr.
P.O. Box 1079
Edinburg, Texas 78540
Phone: (956) 388-8207
Fax: (956) 383-7111

ATTEST:

BY: _____

Myra L. Ayala, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Omar Ochoa Law Firm, P.C.

BY: _____

Omar Ochoa
City Attorney

NAME OF COMPANY

BY: _____

Name
Title
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Email:

Attachments: Exhibit "A" Scope of Services and Proposal
Exhibit "B" Insurance
Exhibit "C" Proposal
Exhibit "D" RFQ 2020-006

EXHIBIT "A" TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDINBURG AND NAME OF COMPANY FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 2020-006

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EXHIBIT “B” TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDINBURG AND NAME OF COMPANY FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 2020-006

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