

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	33406	Agenda Number	47.
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Meeting Date:	June 12, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month professional services contract with MOBILE VETERINARY SPECIALIST, PLLC, to provide specialty veterinary surgical services for the Austin Animal Center, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$225,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$18,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Animal Services Office. Funding for the remaining 9 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Professional Services
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Erin D'Vincent, Senior Buyer, 972-4017
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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**Additional Backup Information**

This contract is to provide specialty veterinary surgical services for the Austin Animal Center (AAC) on a case-by-case basis. Contact can be made for a specific medical case, or a group of issues for which services are required. Typically surgeries, consultations, and re-checks are scheduled on the same day to maximize efficiency. The surgeon performs orthopedic surgeries as well as complicated soft tissue surgeries on dogs and cats at AAC as well as consults on injured animal cases. Visits are usually once or twice a week with one or two animal specialty surgeries performed each visit. By having the surgeon come to the AAC facility, the City saves money on the overall procedure. The surgeon only charges for his surgical services. Any additional services that a clinic would charge including the cost for the surgical suite, anesthesia, and technician time are provided by AAC.

The surgeon will arrive with an assistant and use AAC staff for surgery preparation, anesthesia, sterilization processes, post-surgical care, and other needs. The surgeon utilizes the AAC surgery suite, medications, surgical supplies, and medical equipment which conserve resources by reducing the overall cost of specialty surgery.

The services to be provided by these contracts are an integral part of the City's goal of a 90% live outcome rate for animals at the AAC. This goal has dramatically increased the need for veterinary medical care including specialty surgical services.