



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-1253, **Agenda Item #:** 34.

2/20/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Emancipet, Inc., to provide mobile animal sterilization and other animal related services to residents in Austin and Travis County, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,600,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Animal Services Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,120,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of the Animal Services Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Professional Services.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide high-volume and high-quality animal spay/neuter services as well as other animal related services including vaccinations and microchipping. The contractor will utilize a mobile veterinary clinic that can be moved on a weekly basis to different locations throughout the City to service low-income residents in Austin and Travis County.

The contractor will also operate an in-house call center, which is staffed with knowledgeable and bilingual individuals who can refer eligible residents to city-sponsored clinics. The call center is also the hub for assisting callers with questions about their pets and providing referrals to other providers as necessary. The contractor's veterinarians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through the call center to address client questions and concerns.

Spay and neuter services are more important than ever due to the rapid population growth in the Austin area

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and are a major component of the programs that sustain Austin's no-kill success. Prevention surgeries are critical services provided to the community to stabilize, and ultimately reduce shelter intake of unplanned litters of kittens and puppies.

The community views this contractor as a critical component of animal welfare in Austin and rely on these services for their pets' health care. They have distinctive experience handling the high-volume of services needed to support this contract making them uniquely qualified.

This contract will replace a contract which expires on March 6, 2020. Authorization amounts were determined based upon historical usage. The recommended contractor is a nonprofit entity and is the current provider of these services.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$2,240,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$1,120,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$1,120,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$1,120,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$5,600,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.