



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-1499, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

4/13/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of three contracts for veterinary pharmaceuticals, supplies, equipment, and animal care products with Midwest Veterinary Supply, Inc., WA Butler Company d/b/a Covetrus North America, LLC, and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA, Inc., each for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000, divided among the contractors.

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

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

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

Animal Services Office.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$275,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Animal Services Office. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 9200 JRH1052REBID for these goods. The solicitation was issued on November 14, 2022, and closed on December 20, 2022. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138097)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=138097](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138097)>.

### **For More Information:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: John Hilbun, at 512-974-1054 or [john.hilbun@austintexas.gov](mailto:john.hilbun@austintexas.gov)  
<<mailto:john.hilbun@austintexas.gov>>.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

These contracts will provide veterinary pharmaceuticals, supplies, equipment, and animal care products for animals housed at the Austin Animal Center (AAC). The AAC receives approximately 18,000 animals per year and functions as the largest No Kill municipal animal shelter in the United States. Treatment of animals with acute and chronic medical conditions requires a year-round full service veterinary clinic as veterinary care can range from days to over a year. Medical evaluations and treatments begin immediately upon animal intake to the shelter and continue until the animal is placed with an owner.

These veterinary supplies ensure that AAC animals receive an appropriate level of veterinary care and that AAC veterinarians and animal health technicians have the proper supplies and equipment to work with and care for these animals. Pharmaceuticals such as vaccines aid in the prevention of disease caused by canine distemper virus. These supplies are critical care products for use in veterinary surgical procedures and the equipment is critical for the safety of both AAC personnel and animals.

These contracts replace an existing contract that expires on May 6, 2023. One of the recommended contractors is a current provider for these goods.

If a contract is not secured, the City will not have the required pharmaceuticals, supplies, and equipment to treat the animals taken in by the AAC, therefore animal health will be compromised.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.