REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 2017-109

CLOSING DATE AND TIME: SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 - 2:00 P.M.

ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES

PROPOSALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM

The City of Mesquite, Texas invites sealed proposals from all qualified vendors desiring to furnish the City with the Annual Contract for Spay/Neuter Services, complying with the following specifications as listed herein.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2017** in the Animal Shelter and Adoption Center Conference Room located at **1650 Gross Road, Mesquite, Texas 75149**. Although it is not required, prospective Proposers are encouraged to attend this conference.

A sealed copy of the bid proposal may be submitted by courier or hand delivered to Ryan Williams, Manager of Purchasing, City of Mesquite, 1515 N. Galloway, Mesquite, Texas 75149. Proposals may also be mailed to Ryan Williams, Manager of Purchasing, City of Mesquite, P.O. Box 850137, Mesquite, Texas 75185-0137. Mark envelope in lower left corner “RFP No. 2017-109; Annual Contract for Spay/Neuter Services,” so that the proposals will not be opened until the appointed hour. Proposals may also be submitted by courier, hand delivered **in a sealed envelope or box** to Ryan Williams, Manager of Purchasing, City of Mesquite, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, Texas 75149. Proposals submitted must be received before proposal closing on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Faxed bid proposals will not be accepted.

**GENERAL CLAUSES AND CONDITIONS**

1. If you have questions regarding the preparation of your proposal you may contact: **purchasing@cityofmesquite.com**.

2. Vendors who do not respond to this particular proposal, but who want to remain on our mailing list for future opportunities shall indicate “NO PROPOSAL” on the face of this page by putting the date and signed by the authorized representative of your company and return this page to the Purchasing office. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

3. Protection of Resident Workers: The City of Mesquite actively supports the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which includes provisions addressing employment eligibility, employment verification, and nondiscrimination. Under the INA, employers may hire only persons who may legally work in the United States (i.e., citizens and nationals of the U.S.) and aliens authorized to work in the U.S. The employer must verify the identity and employment eligibility of anyone to be hired, which includes completing the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). The Contractor shall establish appropriate procedures and controls so no services or products under the Contract Documents will be performed or manufactured by any worker who is not legally eligible to perform such services or employment.
4. Laws and Ordinances: The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances and regulations which in any manner affect the Contract or the work, and shall indemnify and save harmless the City against any claim arising from the violation of any such laws, ordinances and regulations whether by the Contractor or his employees.

5. **One (1) original and three (3) copies** of the bid proposal shall be submitted on this form, prior to the closing date and time to be considered. Proposals must be submitted in sufficient time to be received and time-stamped at the above location on or before the published date and time shown on the RFP. The City of Mesquite will not be responsible for mail delivered from the post office. Proposals received after the published time and date cannot be considered and will be returned unopened.

6. Proposals will be received and publicly acknowledged at the location, date and time stated above. Only the name of the proposers responding to this request for proposal shall be released at the proposal opening. Other information submitted by the proposer shall not be released by the City during the proposal evaluation process or prior to contract award. At no time will confidential information, as noted by the proposer, be released.

7. Proposer shall attach official documentation from the State of Texas or other qualified certification agency of M/WBE status of your company with bid/proposal. This data is for informational purposes only and will not affect the bid proposal award.

8. A completed W-9 form will be required within five business days by the apparent low proposer once notification has been received.

9. In submitting an offer, respondent certifies that they have not participated in nor have they been party to any collusion, price fixing or any other illegal or unethical agreements with any company, firm or person concerning the pricing offered.

10. The attached Non-Exclusion Affidavit for General Contractors must be signed, notarized and submitted with bid proposal.

11. A representative of the proposing entity who is authorized to enter into contract on behalf of the proposing entity must manually sign proposals in ink. The person signing the proposal must indicate his/her title along with signature. Proposals received without proper signature will not be considered.

12. The prices quoted in this bid proposal shall be F.O.B. Mesquite and cover costs for packaging, delivery, and handling, REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF ORDER, to the **City of Mesquite, Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, 1650 Gross Road, Mesquite, Texas 75149**.

13. Any ambiguity in the bid proposal as a result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the proposer with specifications, instructions and all conditions shall be construed in favor of the City.

14. The City of Mesquite reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive formalities and to make award of bid proposal as may be deemed to the best advantage of the City. No proposal may be withdrawn within forty-five (45) days after date of opening.

15. This Contract may be terminated at any time with thirty-(30) days written notice by either the City of Mesquite or successful proposer.
16. The City is not liable for any cost incurred by Proposers in replying to this RFP. This includes costs to determine the nature of the proposal, submitting, negotiating, presentations or any other costs a vendor would incur in responding to the RFP.

17. Proposers shall complete all information requested and blanks provided shall be filled in on the provided forms. Failure to completely describe the merchandise being proposed may result in rejection of your bid proposal.

18. The City is exempt from all sales and excise taxes.

19. The City of Mesquite reserves the right to evaluate variations from these specifications. If exceptions are made, proposer shall state wherein the merchandise fails to meet these specifications. Failure to completely describe the merchandise being proposed may result in rejection of your proposal.

20. It shall be understood all proposals, responses, inquiries or correspondence relating to or in reference to this RFP, and all reports, charges and proposal or referencing information submitted in response to this RFP shall become the property of the City, and will not be returned. The City will use discretion with regard to disclosure of proprietary information contained in any response, but cannot guarantee information will not be made public. As a governmental entity, the City is subject to making records available for disclosure.

21. All restrictions on the use of data contained within a proposal and all confidential information must be clearly stated in the RFP. Proprietary information submitted in a proposal, or in response to the RFP, will be handled in accordance with the Texas Open Records Law and other applicable state statutes.

22. Quantities are estimated and based on projected usage. It is specifically understood and agreed that these quantities are approximate and any increased quantities will be paid at the regular quoted price. The contractor shall not have any claim against the City of Mesquite for any quantities ordered that are less than the estimated bid proposal amount.

23. It is the vendor's responsibility to check for any addendums that might have been issued before the proposal closing date and time.

24. Cooperative Purchasing: As permitted under the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 791025, other government entities may wish to also participate under the same terms and conditions contained in this contract (piggyback). Each entity wishing to piggyback must have prior authorization from the City of Mesquite and vendor. If such participation is authorized, all purchase orders will be issued directly from and shipped directly to the entity requiring supplies/services. The City of Mesquite shall not be held responsible for any orders placed, deliveries made or payment for supplies/services ordered by these entities. Each entity reserves the right to determine their participation in this contract.

Successful proposer agrees to extend prices to all entities that have entered into or will enter into joint purchasing interlocal cooperation agreements with the City of Mesquite _______ Yes _______ No.

25. The proposal evaluation process will occur after the closing date. The City's evaluation and clarification process will commence. An evaluation team will review the proposals. Financial terms will not be the sole determining factor in this award. Other criteria described in this RFP will be considered, as well as any other factors the evaluation team determines may affect the suitability of the proposal for the City's requirements. A Proposer's submission of a proposal constitutes their acceptance of the evaluation technique.
26. Price quoted shall prevail for the entire term of the contract; one (1) year starting after proposal is awarded by City Council to the successful proposer. A renewal option is included as a part of this proposal for an additional two (2) one-year periods, renewable on anniversary of the original date, provided proposer can maintain proposal prices and both parties are in mutual agreement.

27. The insurance requirements are included in the proposal document. Proposers agree to provide and to maintain the required types of insurance for the term of the contract. An original certificate of insurance will be required within 10 business days by the apparent low proposer once notification has been received.

28. The Contract form is included for proposers information so that proposers may be familiar with their contents and requirements. **Proposer shall not fill in or execute these forms at time of proposal submittal. Upon award of the proposal, the awarded vendor will be required to execute the contract.**
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. **Price escalation:** The City of Mesquite favors fixed pricing. However, due to market conditions, which may result in an increase in the costs of materials awarded by this contract during the contract term, the City may consider, at its option, a request by the successful Proposer for a price escalation equivalent to the percentage increase of materials. Price escalation will be made under the following conditions: 1) no request for a price escalation will be considered for the first year of the contract period; 2) Contractor will be required to provide written confirmation from his supplier indicating the exact percentage of increase as well as the effective date of the escalation; 3) The City reserves the right to accept or reject the price increase; and 4) If the price increase is rejected, the Contractor shall provide the materials at the contracted price or may cancel the contract for the remaining term.

2. The successful proposer’s rights and duties awarded by the contract may not be assigned to another without written consent of the City signed by the City’s authorized agent. Such consent shall not relieve the assigned of liability in the event of default by the assignee.

3. Any deviations from specifications and alternate proposals must be clearly shown with complete information provided by the proposer. They may or may not be considered by the City.

4. 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 and shall not be effective unless signed by an authorized representative of the City.

5. The City shall have the right to modify this order subject to an adjustment in the price in accordance with the applicable provisions of the purchase order, if any, or pursuant to mutual agreements. No agreement or understanding to modify this order shall be binding on the City unless it is in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the City.

6. The City reserves the right to require additional technical and pricing information and negotiate all elements which comprise the Vendor’s proposal to ensure that the best possible consideration be afforded to all concerned. The City reserves the right to accept all or part of any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to re-solicit for proposals.

7. All questions must be submitted via fax or email by **2:00 p.m. Friday, September 1, 2017** prior to proposal closing date.

8. Proposers shall submit a total of five (5) references.

9. Proposers shall fill out the following required documents, as noted in the bid proposal. If the following forms are not included, the bid proposal may be considered non-responsive.

   **Check List:**
   - [ ] Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
   - [ ] Non-Exclusion Affidavit for General Contractors
   - [ ] References
   - [ ] Qualification Statement of Proposer and copies of licenses/certifications
   - [ ] Financial Statements
YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code is an ethics law that was initially enacted by the Texas Legislature with HB 914 in 2005 that requires disclosure of employment and business relationships local government officers may have with contractors, consultants and vendors who conduct business with local government entities. The law applies to any written contract for the sale or purchase of real property, goods or services. Further information regarding Texas Conflict of Interest laws and the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (FORM CIQ) can be found at the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following web address:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/conflict_forms.htm

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM CIQ AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR RESPONSE.

Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code was enacted in 2015, by the Texas Legislature pursuant to HB 1295, which provides that a governmental entity may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity on or after January 1, 2016, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties (FORM 1295) to the governmental entity at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity. Further information regarding the disclosure of interested parties law and FORM 1295 can be found at the Texas Ethics Commission website at the following web address:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE FORM 1295 UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF CONTRACT AWARD AND REQUESTED TO ELECTRONICALLY FILE FORM 1295 WITH THE TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 175.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.008(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.005, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

1. Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

☐ 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 the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

2. Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

3. Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7. Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

Form provided by Texas Ethics Commission www.ethics.state.tx.us Revised 11/30/2015
CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
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A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/html/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:
(A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
(B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
(C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):
(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
   2. the vendor:
      (A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds $2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that
         (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
         (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
      (B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than $100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that
         (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
         (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)
(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:
   1. has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
   2. has given to a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
   3. has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.
(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator no later than the seventh business day after the later of:
   1. the date that the vendor:
      (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
      (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or
   2. the date the vendor becomes aware:
      (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
      (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
      (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.
Standards of Conduct

The City of Mesquite conducts business with the public, business partners, vendors and contractors under a set of rules to ensure that all City officials and employees discharge their duties in a manner designed to promote public trust and confidence in our city. This code of ethics, titled Standards of Conduct, is taken from the Mesquite City Code, Chapter 2, Art. IV, Sec 2-123.

The City wants you to be aware of the rules that its employees are required to follow while performing their services to you. A violation of state or federal statutes may occur if these rules are broken. It is hoped that by outlining these rules for you, your experience in dealing with the City of Mesquite will be both rewarding and satisfactory.

Acceptance of Gifts or Gratuities

Accepting gifts or gratuities by employees in consideration for the performance of their duties, or as an appreciation for their performance, is strictly prohibited.

- Please do not offer employees any gift, loans or any other thing of value.
- Employees may not receive any fee or compensation for their services from any source other than the City, so please don’t offer.
- Please do not offer to buy meals for employees.
- Employees may accept coffee, tea, soft drinks, snacks, etc. when attending meetings in your office.
- Letters to supervisors for exceptional service by employees are always welcome.

Conflicts of Interest

Employees are prohibited from engaging in any outside activities that conflict with, or have the appearance of conflicting with, the duties assigned to them in the employment of the City.

- Please do not ask employees for any special favor or consideration that is not available to every other citizen.
- Please do not ask an employee to disclose any information that is not available to every other citizen through normal public information channels.
- Please do not offer to compensate the employee by offering to hire, or do business with any business entity of the employee or family member.
- Do not ask employees to represent you or your company or make any recommendations on your behalf other than those that are a part of their official duties with the City.
- Please do not ask employees to endorse the products or services of your company.
- Please do not ask employees to hand out or post advertising materials.

Solicitation by City Employees

Employees may not solicit gifts, loans, or any other items of value from people doing City business that will be used by them personally.

- If you are asked to pay a fee for services that you believe is improper or illegal, please contact the City’s ethic’s officer at 972-329-8723. (payments should only be made to designated cashiers or clerks)
- Employees are prohibited from taking retaliatory action against you for failing to comply with any request unless the request is within the scope of the employee’s official duties for the City.
Use of City Equipment, Facilities and Resources

Use of City equipment, facilities and resources is authorized only for City purposes and for those activities permitted by City ordinance and policy.

- Please do not ask employees to use City equipment to run errands or perform tasks for your benefit.
- Employees may not perform tasks, nor conduct any business not related to their official duties while on City time.

Your Rights and Expectations

When dealing with employees of the City of Mesquite you have the right to honest, fair and impartial treatment. You may expect prompt, courteous and professional service from our employees who are expected to understand and practice good customer service skills. Employees are tasked to uphold the public trust through the ethical performance of their duties. We understand that the enforcement of regulatory guidelines and codes may sometimes be a cause for concern; however, you may rest assured that we are responsible to all of the citizens of Mesquite and our goal is to serve them to the best of our ability.

Should you have any concerns or questions concerning this information or the conduct of any of our employees please contact the City’s ethics officer at 972-329-8723. All calls to the City’s ethics officer are confidential and your name (or any other identifying information) will not be disclosed.

Cliff Keheley
City Manager
INSURANCE VERIFICATION PROGRAM
LETTER OF AUTHORITY

TO: All Awarded Vendors

RE: Insurance Verification

Dear Vendor:

The City of Mesquite has provided Insurance Certificate Administrators (ICA) authority to monitor certificates of insurance, endorsements and other policy information from our vendors and contractors. ICA will request, receive, evaluate and order corrections from such companies.

ICA will provide the City of Mesquite with verification that any insurance document your agent or insurer certifies conforms to the contract requirements.

It is necessary that you have your agent or insurer promptly cooperate with ICA by having them provide the information ICA requests.

All correspondence regarding certificates of insurance and insurance policy information for the City of Mesquite should be sent to the following address. There is no need to provide copies to the City of Mesquite.

City of Mesquite
c/o ICA
input@icaprogram.com
P.O. Box 2566
Fort Worth, TX 76113-2566
Phone: 817-332-5313

Please forward the enclosed instructions to your agent/broker. Thank you for your cooper
INSURANCE

A. **AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE**
Contractor agrees to provide and to maintain the following types and amounts of insurance, for the term of this Contract.

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The preceding amounts notwithstanding, the City reserves the right to increase the minimum required insurance to be effective thirty (30) days after notice is sent to the address provided herein. The Contractor may pass through to the City all costs for obtaining the increase in the insurance coverage.

B. **OTHER INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**
The Contractor understands that it is its sole responsibility to provide the required Certificate and that failure to comply within 10 business days after notice of award and according to the requirements of this article shall be a cause for termination of this Contract.

For any pesticide spraying performed, the City of Mesquite will require the successful bidder to carry Pollution Liability Insurance and Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance.

Insurance required herein shall be issued by a company or companies of sound and adequate financial responsibility and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All policies shall be subject to examination and approval by the City Attorney’s office for their adequacy as to form, content, form of protection, and providing company.

Insurance required by this Contract for the City, as additional insured shall be primary insurance and not contributing with any other insurance available to City, under any third party liability policy. The Contractor further agrees that with respect to the above required insurances, the City shall:

1. Be named as additional insured/or an insured, on all required insurance except workers’ compensation. Blanket Endorsements are acceptable in meeting this requirement if copies of the endorsements are provided along with the certificate. If using a form that has specific boxes labeled for additional insured, checking those specific boxes is acceptable in meeting this requirement as well.
2. Be provided with a waiver of subrogation, in favor of the City on all required insurance. Blanket Endorsements are acceptable in meeting this requirement if copies of the endorsements are provided along with the certificate. If using a form that has specific boxes labeled for waiver of subrogation, checking those specific boxes is acceptable in meeting this requirement as well.

3. Be provided with an unconditional 30 days’ advance written notice of cancellation or material change.

4. Prior to execution of this Agreement, proof of insurance shall be provided through the office of the City Secretary with either their original Certificate of Insurance or their insurance policy evidencing the above requirements. Thereafter, new certificates or copies of the policies shall be furnished prior to the expiration date of any prior certificate.

C. ADDITIONAL WORKER’S COMPENSATION INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Definitions:
Certificate of coverage (“certificate”) A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement showing statutory Worker’s Compensation insurance coverage for the person’s or entity’s employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project - includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractors’/person’s work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project (subcontractor” in 406.096) - includes all persons or entitles performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity or employees of any entity, which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. “Services” include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or other service related to a project. “Services” does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

2. The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements. Which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011 (44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

3. The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.

4. If the coverage period shown on the contractor’s current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.

5. The contract shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:
   
   (a) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

   (b) no later than seven days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

6. The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.
Non-Exclusion Affidavit for General Contractors

Federal, state, and local government agencies, not-profits, and other organizations that use federal money to fund all or part of any program or project are required to follow specific requirements regarding the use of such federal funds. One of these requirements is that no contract, subcontract, grant, financial assistance, or other forms of assistance provided using federal funds may be awarded to individuals or entities that have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participation in federally funded programs.

The U.S. federal government maintains a Web site known as the “System for Award Management” (SAM) at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). One of the purposes of the SAM Web site is to provide a comprehensive list of all individuals, firms, and other entities that have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participation in federally funded contracts, subcontracts, grants, etc. SAM provides a simple means of helping government, non-profit agencies, and other organizations ensure that they do not award federally-funded grants, contracts, subcontracts, or other financial or non-financial benefits to any individual, firm, or other entity that has been excluded by any agency from participation in such federally funded activities.

I, ________________________________ (Contractor Representative), hereby certify that neither I nor ________________________________ (Name of the company or organization I represent) nor any subcontractors that I or said company may employ to work on any federally funded activity have been suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded by any federal agency from participation in any federally funded activity. I further acknowledge my understanding that, before entering into a contract with me or with the company or organization I represent, City of Mesquite staff will perform a search on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) to verify whether I, the organization I represent, or any subcontractors I may employ to work on any federally funded activity, have been excluded from participation in any federally funded activity.

______________________________  ________________________________
Signature of Contractor Representative  Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _________ day of ______________, 20__________

______________________________
Notary Public in and for _____________ County, _____________ (Insert State Name)
PROPOSAL EVALUATION

This RFP shall be awarded based on evaluation of the factors outlined below which shall be applied to all eligible, responsive proposals in selecting the successful offerer. Award of a contract may be made without discussion with proposers after responses are received. Proposals should be based on the most favorable terms for the City. The City reserves the right to void the contract if the successful proposer has not performed within the date specified by the proposer’s response.

A. EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Responses to the RFP will be reviewed by an evaluation committee which shall include the Director of Housing and Community Services, the Manager of Animal Services, and any other City staff deemed necessary by the Director.

B. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each response will be reviewed before the selection process for completeness and adherence to format defined in the RFP specifications below. A response will be considered complete if all required sections are included in the proper order. Responses that are incomplete will be disqualified and not assigned an evaluation score. Evaluations shall be based on the following factors. After the Evaluation Committee makes its initial selection of a best-qualified proposer, it shall proceed to negotiate a contract at a fair and reasonable price.

The following criteria will be considered, although not exclusively, in determining which firm is hired.

1. References: 20%
2. Cost: 20%
3. Location of clinic in relation to shelter and/or ability to provide transportation for all animals requiring surgery: 20%
4. Depth and breadth of experience and expertise in veterinary services: 20%
5. Understanding of the contractual services required and a demonstrated history of providing similar services to comparable entities: 20%

C. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The Evaluation Committee will formally evaluate each response. The evaluation process will be objectively graded on merit and responsiveness. Responses will be evaluated based on the material and substantiating evidence presented in the response and not on the basis of what could be inferred. The evaluation process will include verification of references, verification of project team resumes, confirmation of financial stability, questionnaire responses, technical information responses and any other added value incentive(s) offered by the proposer. The Evaluation Committee may request oral interview(s) with the top ranking proposers.

The proposer with the highest overall evaluation shall be selected. The City will notify the selected firm. If the City is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the most highly qualified contractor or firm, the City shall formally end negotiations with that contractor or firm and begin negotiations with the second most highly qualified contractor or firm. Negotiations shall be undertaken in this sequence until a contract is completed. The Evaluation Committee may allow proposal revisions after submission in order to obtain the best and final offer. Following the interviews and negotiations, the Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation to the City Council for award to a contractor whose offer is determined to be the most advantageous for the City, considering the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP.

Negotiations may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposals determined to be susceptible of being selected for award. All proposers will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for negotiation and revision of proposals. Revisions to proposals may be permitted after submission and before award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.
PROPOSAL INFORMATION

RFP for an Annual Contract for Spay and Neuter Services

The City is looking for a contractor or firm to provide spay and neuter services.

1. SCOPE OF WORK

a. Intent
   The City of Mesquite, herein referred to as “the City,” is soliciting proposals from licensed veterinary clinics for spay/neuter and vaccination of animals adopted from the City of Mesquite Animal Shelter and Adoption Center.

   The City of Mesquite Animal Services Division coordinates the adoption of approximately 2,000 cats and dogs each year, and practices an active Trap-Neuter-Return feral cat sterilization program. Animals adopted from the Animal Shelter and all feral cats being returned to their original location are sent to a veterinarian for sterilization and rabies vaccination before being released to the new owner. Feral cats also receive an ear tip.

   Contractor agrees to provide sterilization surgeries and rabies vaccination to all adopted pets 2 months or older with no maximum age or size restriction unless there is a valid medical reason to not sterilize the animal. Contractor agrees to provide an ear tip, sterilization and rabies vaccination for all feral cats sent for sterilization.

   The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to provide the City with the best solution given the requirements set forth by the City. This approach enables the City to take advantage of the most advantageous program available while allowing fair evaluation of all responses and to remain within standard purchasing procedures established by the City.

b. Contract Period
   The contract shall be for a one (1) year period when contract is executed. A renewal option is included as a part of this bid for an additional two (2) one-year periods, renewable on anniversary of the original date, provided bidder can maintain bid prices and both parties are in mutual agreement.

2. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals should be in a bound format and divided into the sections below. Begin each section and subsection described herein on a separate page. Number the pages in each section consecutively. Each page shall have the name of the proposer indicated clearly at the upper right corner. To ensure consistency, proposals must conform to the following format:

a. Introduction
   Describe the clinic’s history, ownership structure, and location. Include a mission statement or long-term goals, if applicable. A cover letter shall be included and signed by an authorized representative of the company.
b. **Ability to spay or neuter**  
   i. Describe the clinic resources available to perform spay or neuter surgeries such as the number of veterinarians employed or contracted, number of operating tables available for surgeries, number of recovery kennels available, and number of staff assigned to animal care.  
   ii. Include summarized information about pre-operative exams to be conducted, surgical techniques to be used to sterilize the animal and post-operative care necessary for typical cases.

c. **Ability to vaccinate animals against rabies**  
   Describe the clinic resources available to vaccinate animals against rabies. Include information such as the type of vaccination used and available staff.

d. **Availability of services**  
   Proposer shall detail hours of availability for providing services. This detail should include days of the week and time frames for when surgeries will be conducted and when animals will be available following surgery.

e. **Ability to transport animals**  
   Explain the clinic’s ability to transport adopted animals between the Animal Shelter and the veterinary clinic including specifications for the vehicle to be used. Proposer shall provide a schedule of pick-up and delivery times (i.e. “weekdays at 10:00 a.m.”).

f. **Qualifications and references**  
   By submitting a proposal, the Contractor certifies that they are duly qualified, capable, and otherwise bondable business entity that is not in receivership or contemplates same, nor has filed for bankruptcy. The Contractor must not be indebted to the City and shall not owe back taxes to the City. The Contractor warrants that they are familiar with all laws, regulations, and customs applicable to the type of business required herein.

The contract will be awarded by the City to a responsible Contractor only. In order to qualify as responsible, a Contractor must meet the following qualifications as they relate to this request for proposals.

   i. Have adequate insurance, technical, and financial resources for performance.  
   ii. Have the necessary experience, organization, and technical skill in the field of veterinary medical services.  
   iii. Maintain a licensed veterinarian on staff or contract and provide a copy of the license(s) in the bid response.  
   iv. Have adequate facilities for performing necessary procedures and storage of animals.  
   v. Proposer references: see attached reference form (page 13).  
   vi. Ability to provide a detailed billing report.

g. **Price**  
   Proposals should include a price for each of the following packages:  
   i. Cat sterilization with rabies vaccination.  
   ii. Dog sterilization with rabies vaccination.

h. **Other required forms:**  
   Non-Exclusion Affidavit for General Contractors.
Questions
Proposers are asked to examine this RFP upon request. All questions or clarifications shall only be directed in writing via fax or e-mail to purchasing@cityofmesquite.com before the designated deadline for written questions. Questions received after the date specified above may not receive response. Any contact or attempt to contact any other employee of the City regarding this RFP may result in the immediate disqualification of the Proposer. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect. Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding.

**BID SHEET**

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**PRICES MUST BE QUOTED AS F.O.B. MESQUITE**
**TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT**

The City of Mesquite reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the City in the event of breach or default of this contract. City of Mesquite reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the successful proposer fails to:

- meet delivery or completion schedules
- otherwise perform in accordance with the accepted proposal

Breach of contract or default authorizes the City to award to another proposer, purchase elsewhere, and charge the full increase in cost to the defaulting proposer.

**NON-PERFORMANCE CONDITION**

If the product or training is not in conformance with the specifications and requirements of the City, the vendor shall redo and complete any work necessary, bring the product or training into compliance at the vendor’s expense.
REFERENCES

Five (5) Work References (Include: Names, Addresses, Phone No’s., Dates, Work Description and Contract Amounts.)

1. ____________________________________________________________
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2. ____________________________________________________________
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QUALIFICATION STATEMENT OF PROPOSER

City of Mesquite
P.O. Box 850137
Mesquite, Texas 75185-0137

Proposer: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Circle One: Sole Proprietor Partnership Corporation Joint Venture

Name: ____________________________ Partner: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________ Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ City: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

If the Proposer is a corporation, fill out the following:

State and County of Incorporation: ____________________________

Location of Principal Office:

Contact Person(s) at Office: _______________ Phone: _______________ Fax: _______________

List Officer of the Corporation and person(s) authorized to execute Contracts on Behalf of the Corporation:

Name: ____________________________ Title: ____________________________

Name(s) of any Licensed or Certified Professionals: ____________________________

License/Certificate No. (include copy of license(s) with bid packet): ____________________________

Greatest number of contracts in excess of $50,000 in progress at one time in company's history: __________

Greatest number of contracts in excess of $100,000 in progress at one time in company's history: __________

Total approximate value of incomplete work outstanding: $__________
and with full knowledge for the requirements, do hereby agree to furnish the coverage in full accordance with the specifications and requirements.

I certify that _______________________________ and its response complies with these specifications.

__________________________________________________
Signature

__________________________________________________
Type/Print Name

__________________________________________________
Title

__________________________________________________
Date
NOTICE

The following blank spaces in the contract are not to be filled in by the Proposer at the time of submitting his proposal. The contract form is submitted at this time to familiarize the Proposer with the form of contract, which the successful Proposer will be required to execute.
CONTRACT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this the __ day of______________, 2017 by and between the City of Mesquite, Texas, a Municipal corporation located in Dallas County, Texas, (hereinafter called CITY), acting through its duly authorized City Manager, Cliff Keheley, and____________________, located at ____________________, (hereinafter called COMPANY), acting by and through its duly authorized agent.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the CITY and COMPANY agree as follows:

I. DESCRIPTION OF GOODS AND/OR SERVICE
The CITY agrees to purchase and the COMPANY agrees to provide all of the goods and/or services as specified in the contract documents, such goods and/or services generally described as follows:

RFP NO. 2017-109 ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES

for the bid sum of ________________ Dollars to be paid upon completion of service and/or acceptance of goods, in current funds at the unit or total prices, at COMPANY’S own proper cost and expense, including all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, superintendence, labor, insurance, bonds and other accessories and services necessary to complete delivery of same, in accordance with the contract documents, hereinafter defined, and subject to such additions and deductions as provided therein.

II. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
The contract documents shall consist of this written agreement and the bid proposal including special and general provisions, advertisement for bid, instruction to bidders, COMPANY’s bid, all addenda issued prior to award of contract, all plans, drawings, technical specifications and all other documents identified as pertaining to this Contract all of which are incorporated into and made a part of this Contract. In interpreting this Contract and resolving any ambiguities, the main body of this Contract will take precedence over the other contract documents. The contract documents constitute the entire agreement between the CITY and COMPANY, and all are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to and repeated in this agreement. The contract documents may be altered, amended or modified only as provided herein.

III. PURCHASE/WORK ORDER
The goods and/or services to be provided under this Contract shall be commenced by COMPANY upon final execution of this Contract and on a date to be specified in a written “Purchase Order” or “Work Order” (whichever applicable), in accordance with the contract documents. Time is of the essence for this Contract.

IV. MODIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT
This Contract may not be altered, modified or amended except in writing properly executed by the parties and may not be assigned to a third party.

V. TERMINATION
Unless otherwise provided in the contract documents, CITY may terminate this Contract at any time without cause with thirty (30) days written notice. Additionally, CITY shall have the right to cancel this Contract if COMPANY fails to provide the goods and/or services in accordance with the contract documents after giving seven (7) days prior written notice. Irrespective of which party shall effect termination or the cause therefor, CITY shall within thirty (30) days of termination compensate COMPANY for any delivery of goods and/or services made up to the time of termination. No amount shall be due for lost or anticipated profits.
VI. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE
The parties agree that the laws of the State of Texas shall apply to and govern this Contract and venue for any legal proceeding shall be in Dallas County, Texas.

VII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/INDEMNITY
It is agreed for all purposes hereunder, the COMPANY is and shall be an independent contractor and shall not, with respect to their acts or omissions, be deemed an agent or employee of CITY.

COMPANY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend CITY, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against liability for any claims, liens, suits, demands, and actions for damages, injuries to persons (including death), property damage (including loss of use), and expenses, including court costs and attorney’s fees and other reasonable costs and expenses arising out of or resulting from COMPANY’s goods and/or services provided in connection with or incidental to this Contract and from any liability arising out of, or resulting from, the intentional acts or negligence, including all such causes of action based upon common, constitutional, or statutory law, or based in whole or in part upon the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of COMPANY, including but not limited to its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, licensees, invitees, and other persons WHETHER OR NOT ARISING OUT OF OR CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS OF THE CITY.

COMPANY further agrees that it shall at all times exercise reasonable precautions on behalf of, and be solely responsible for, the safety of its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, licenses, invitees and other persons, as well as their property, while engaged in the delivery of such goods and/or services pursuant to this Contract or while on CITY’s premises where the services are being provided. It is expressly understood and agreed that CITY shall not be liable or responsible for the negligence of COMPANY, including but not limited to its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, licensees, invitees, and other persons.

Further, CITY assumes no responsibility or liability for harm, injury, or any damaging events which are directly or indirectly attributable to premise defects, real or alleged, in the vicinity where such goods and/or services are to be delivered by COMPANY, which may now exist or which may hereafter arise upon the premises, responsibility for any and all such defects being expressly assumed by COMPANY. COMPANY understands and agrees that this indemnity provision shall apply to any and all claims, suits, demands, and actions based upon or arising from any such premise defects or conditions, including but not limited to any such claim asserted by or on behalf of COMPANY, including but not limited to its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, licensees, invitees, and other persons.

It is further agreed with respect to the above indemnity, that CITY and COMPANY will provide the other prompt and timely notice of any event covered which in any way, directly or indirectly, contingently or otherwise, affects or might affect the COMPANY or CITY, and CITY shall have the right to compromise and defend the same to the extent of its own interests.

VIII. INSURANCE
COMPANY shall provide and maintain, for the term hereof, all such insurance as set forth in the contract documents and it is the responsibility of COMPANY to provide CITY with a Certificate of Insurance, evidencing compliance at the time of execution hereof.

IX. DISCRIMINATION REGULATIONS
COMPANY, in the execution of this Contract and particularly in the employment practices engaged in, agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or disability.
X. NOTIFICATION
All notices and communications required herein shall be personally delivered or mailed to the other party by United States certified mail, return receipt requested. Unless otherwise changed in writing by the respective party, notice intended for COMPANY shall be sent to the COMPANY’s address as shown on COMPANY’s Proposal; notice intended for CITY shall be sent to CITY at the following address: _________________________________. Mailed notices shall be deemed to have been received three (3) days after mailing.

XI. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS
COMPANY shall at all times observe and comply with all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances and regulations including all amendments and revisions thereto, which in any manner affect COMPANY or the services and/or items to be provided, specifically and not limited to any ethics laws. In particular, COMPANY is put on notice that CITY will require compliance with Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code (hereinafter referred to as “Chapter 176”) requiring any person who contracts or seeks to contract with CITY to disclose potential conflicts of interest as defined in Chapter 176 by completing the attached Conflict of Interest Questionnaire and returning same to CITY in accordance with Chapter 176. Additionally, Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code was enacted in 2015, by the Texas Legislature pursuant to HB 1295, which provides that a governmental entity may not enter into certain contracts with a business entity on or after January 1, 2016, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties (Form 1295) to the governmental entity at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the governmental entity. Further information regarding the disclosure of interested parties law and instructions on filing Form 1295 can be found at the Texas Ethics Commission web site at the following web address:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

Failure to comply with any applicable laws, including Chapter 176, may result in: (i) the forfeiture by COMPANY of all benefits of this Contract; (ii) the retainage by CITY of all services performed by COMPANY; and (iii) the recovery by CITY of all consideration, or the value of all consideration, paid to COMPANY pursuant to this Contract.

XII. SEVERABILITY
If any part of this Contract shall be stricken for any reason whatsoever or found to be invalid or unenforceable, that part will be severed and the remainder of this CONTRACT will continue in full force and effect.

XIII. SURVIVAL
Any liabilities or obligations of a Party for acts or omissions prior to the cancellation or termination of this Contract, and any other provisions of this Contract which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or to be performed after) termination of this Contract, shall survive cancellation or termination thereof.

XIV. AUTHORITY TO SIGN
The undersigned officers and/or agents of the parties hereto are the properly authorized officials and have the necessary authority to execute this contract on behalf of the parties hereto.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CITY and COMPANY have executed this Contract in three (3) counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, the day and year first written above.

CITY OF MESQUITE  
(CITY)  

By: ______________________________  
Cliff Keheley, City Manager  

ATTEST:  
By: ______________________________  
Sonja Land, City Secretary  

COMPANY  

By: ______________________________  
Printed Name: ______________________  
Printed Title: ________________________  

Acknowledgment  
State of Texas, County of _________: Before me the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared ______________________, known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and known to me to be the ______________________ (title) of ______________________ and acknowledged to me that (s)he executed said document with full authority to do so and for the purposes and consideration expressed therein. Given under my hand and seal of office the ___ day of _____________, 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  

By: ______________________________  
City Attorney or designee  

_______________________________  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
TO THE VENDOR

DID YOU REMEMBER TO:

- Abide by the General Clauses and Special Conditions
- Make note of the opening date and time. All bids must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted.
- Fill in the unit and extended price on your bid proposal, if applicable.
- Fill in the total amount, if applicable.
- Fill in the terms, if requested.
- Acknowledge receipt of all addendums.
- Fill in the delivery time or the calendar days (if applicable).
- Fill in the company name, address and phone number.
- Sign bid proposal.

Mailing Address:  
City of Mesquite  
P.O. Box 850137  
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137

Physical Address:  
City of Mesquite  
1515 N. Galloway  
Mesquite, TX 75149

Purchasing Office  
972-216-6201  
972-216-6397 Fax

If the procedures are not followed, your bid could be disqualified.

Thank you

Ryan Williams  
Manager of Purchasing