



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2435, Agenda Item #: 59.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with IDEXX Laboratories d/b/a IDEXX Distribution, Inc. to provide veterinary lab testing kits and related items, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Animal Services Office.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Animal Services Office. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract is to supply the Austin Animal Center (AAC) with IDEXX veterinary test kits and related items. The AAC receives approximately 17,000 animals annually. The AAC uses a veterinary test kit on every dog and cat (over the age of two weeks) that comes into the AAC upon intake. In addition to intake, these veterinary test kits are also used for bloodwork and to determine if contagions are present.

IDEXX Laboratories is the sole manufacturer of veterinary test kits compatible with the IDEXX in-house lab testing machines. Staff have been specifically trained on the usage of these products and IDEXX products represent a recognized industry standard.

The recommended contractor was the previous provider of these products. The requested authorization amount was determined using a departmental estimate based on historical spend and anticipated future usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.