



**Purchasing Service Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of two 12-month service agreements with EMERGENCY ANIMAL HOSPITAL, Austin, TX, and with ANIMAL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, for professional emergency hospital veterinary services in an amount not to exceed \$54,000 combined, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$54,000 per extension option, for a combined total agreement amount not to exceed \$216,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$27,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the remaining six 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.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:for Health and Human **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert
Services;

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Vikie DeLuyck, Buyer/974-2003

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Chapter 2254 Professional and Consulting Services Exception.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established.

The two professional service agreements will provide emergency hospital veterinary services. Services will include examination, testing/diagnosis and treatment/euthanasia for stray, sick, and/or injured animals for the Town Lake Animal Center (TLAC) when the shelter is not open for business.

TLAC responds to calls from the public to pick up stray, injured and/or sick animals. While the shelter has on-site veterinary coverage during their normal business hours, alternative emergency hospital services are necessary during hours when the shelter is not open, including overnight hours, Monday through Friday, weekends and holidays.

After initial emergency care is provided, the animal is then transferred to the TLAC the following business day for follow up care by the staff veterinarians while waiting to be reclaimed by its owner. Animals injured by automobiles are the most common injuries requiring emergency hospital services.

Historically, this care has been provided through two emergency hospitals owned by the same individual. Although this is a professional services procurement, all three vendors in the area who provide this type of service were contacted to see if they would like to participate. One veterinary hospital responded and provided discounted pricing; one declined to participate at this time. The current vendor agreed to continue to provide the same discount. Two responses out of three possible responses were received.



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