

COUNTY OF MOORE
NORTH CAROLINA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ISSUE DATE: January 6, 2021

RFP#: 2021-15

TITLE: SPAY/NEUTER ANIMAL SERVICES

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: County of Moore
Attn: Terra Vuncannon
Financial Services
206 S. Ray Street
Carthage, NC 28327

Sealed Proposals will be received until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from qualified vendors for Spay/Neuter Animal Services for the Moore County Sheriff's Office. Opening will not be public.

All inquiries for information concerning the Request for Proposals shall be directed to:

Terra Vuncannon, Purchasing Manager
206 South Ray Street
Carthage, NC 28327
(910) 947-7118
tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov

Sealed Proposals shall be mailed and/or hand delivered to the Issuing Department shown above, and the envelope shall bear the name and number of this Request for Proposals. For your convenience, **A BID DROP-OFF BOX IS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY AT 206 SOUTH RAY STREET, CARTHAGE.** It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that its proposal reaches the Finance Department by the designated date and hour indicated above.

In compliance with the Request for Proposals and to all the terms and conditions imposed herein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish the services and install the goods described in accordance with the attached signed proposal.

Firm Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

By: _____
(typed)

By: _____
(signed)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1. **Sealed Proposals shall be submitted to the Issuing Department and include the enclosed Proposal Form.** In order for a proposal to be considered, it shall be based on the terms, conditions and specifications contained herein and shall be a complete response to this RFP. The County reserves the right to make an award in whole, or in part, and to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any informality in proposals unless otherwise specified by the Proposer. The Proposer shall sign the proposal correctly and proposals may be rejected if they show omissions, alterations of form, additions not called for, conditional proposals or any irregularities of any kind.
2. All labor costs, direct and indirect, shall have been determined and included in the proposal. The cost and availability of all equipment, materials, and supplies associated with performing the services described herein shall have been determined and included in the proposal. Please list sales tax separately. All price quotes shall include delivery to the delivery point, installation, and set-up charges, as necessary. Goods shall be set in place ready for owner's use. All goods shall be new and of average quality. No remanufactured, refurbished or used goods will be accepted. Appropriate product information (e.g. brochures, catalog cuts, etc.) shall be included with the proposal.
3. After the RFP issue date, all communications between the Issuing Department and prospective Proposers shall be in writing. No oral questions shall be accepted. Any inquiries, requests for interpretation, technical questions, clarifications, or additional information shall be directed to Terra Vuncannon at the address listed on page one of this solicitation or by e-mail to tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov. All questions concerning this RFP shall reference the RFP number, section, and page number. Questions and responses affecting the scope of the goods will be provided to all prospective Proposers by issuance of an Addendum. **All written questions shall be received by the Issuing Department no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 8, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS.** All addendums pertaining to this RFP will be posted to the County website at www.moorecountync.gov within 24 – 48 hours after the deadline for questions and/or after the pre-bid conference. **It is the proposer's responsibility to check the website for the addendums.**
4. The County will not be responsible for any oral instructions. Should a Proposer find discrepancies in, or omissions from the documents, or should be in doubt as to their meaning, he/she should at once notify the Issuing Department, and a written addendum shall be issued. Acknowledgement of any Addendum received during the time of the proposal shall be noted on the Proposal Form in the spaces provided. In closing of a contract, any Addendum issued shall become a part thereof. **It is the Proposer's responsibility to assure that all addenda have been reviewed and, if need be, signed and returned.**
5. Proposals will be examined promptly after opening and award will be made at the earliest possible date. The prices quoted must be held firm, and no proposals may be withdrawn until **90 days** after proposal opening date. The County reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to ensure services/materials/supplies/equipment, as appropriate, conform to specifications.
6. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-129, "award shall be made to the lowest

responsible, responsive bid or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and the time specified in the proposals for the performance of the contract.”

7. The materials/supplies/equipment furnished under any resulting contract shall be covered by the manufacturer’s most favorable commercial warranty. Each Proposer shall plainly set forth the warranty for the goods in the proposal. Operations and maintenance manuals for equipment shall also be provided, as appropriate.
8. All purchases for goods or services are subject to the availability of funds for this particular purpose.
9. The contractor shall not represent itself to be an agent of the County.
10. The General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, insofar as they apply to purchasing and competitive bidding, are made a part hereof.
11. The County of Moore is committed to creating and maintaining an environment free from harassment and other forms of misconduct that fundamentally compromise the working environment of the County. All contractors performing work/services at a County facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that none of its employees engage in harassment or intimidation relating to personal beliefs or characteristics of anyone on the County’s premises, including but not limited to, race, religion, age, color, sex, national origin, or disability. Such harassment is unacceptable and will not be condoned in any form at the County of Moore. If such conduct occurs, the contractor will take all necessary steps to stop it and prevent its future occurrence. This policy shall be strictly enforced.
12. For all the work being performed under this Contract, the County of Moore has the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of any and all books, accounts, records, and other writing relating to the performance of the work. Audits shall take place at times and locations mutually agreed upon by both parties, although the vendor/contractor must make the materials to be audited available within one (1) week of the request for them.
13. The Proposer agrees that it will not identify the County of Moore as a client in any other proposal, resume, or informational brochure without first requesting and obtaining, in writing, the permission of the County of Moore Board of Commissioners.
14. All Proposers must complete and submit the Vendor Form with their proposal package. This information will be used to create or update the County’s vendor file.
15. Proposers are cautioned that this is a request for proposals, not a request for contract, and the County of Moore reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. It further reserves the right to waive informalities insofar as it is authorized so to do where it deems it advisable in protection of the best interests of the County.
16. Proposals will be tabulated, evaluated and a recommendation presented to the County Manager and/or Moore Board of Commissioners for their approval.

17. Any and all exceptions to the Specifications must be stated in writing, giving complete details of what is to be furnished in lieu of requested Specifications.
18. The County of Moore reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in whole or in part, without penalty, upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Vendor(s). Any contract cancellation shall not relieve the Vendor(s) of the obligation to deliver any outstanding services issued prior to the effective date of the cancellation.
19. **Proposals in one (1) original and one (1) copy will be received from each Proposer in a sealed envelope or package.** Each original shall be signed and dated by an official authorized to bind the form. Unsigned proposals will not be considered.
20. Upon receipt by Moore County Financial Services, your Proposal is considered a public record except for material which qualifies as "trade secret" information under N.C. Gen. Stat. 66-152 et. seq. After the Proposal opening, your Proposal may be reviewed by the County's evaluation committee, as well as other County staff and members of the general public who submit public records requests. To properly designate material as trade secret under these circumstances, each Proposer must take the following precautions: (a) any trade secrets submitted by a Proposer must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope marked "Trade Secret — Confidential and Proprietary Information — Do Not Disclose Except for the Purpose of Evaluating this Proposal," and (b) the same trade secret/confidentiality designation must be stamped on each page of the trade secret materials contained in the envelope.

In submitting a Proposal, each Proposer agrees that the County may reveal any trade secret materials contained in such response to all County staff and County officials involved in the selection process, and to any outside consultant or other third parties who serve on the evaluation committee or who are hired by the County to assist in the selection process. Furthermore, each Proposer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County and each of its officers, employees, and agents from all costs, damages, and expenses incurred in connection with refusing to disclose any material which the Proposer has designated as a trade secret. Any Proposer that designates its entire Proposal as a trade secret may be disqualified.

COUNTY OF MOORE SCOPE OF SERVICES

The County of Moore is seeking proposals for spay and neuter services for the County of Moore Sheriff's Office Animal Control Division. The intent is to contract for single appointments for any type of sterilization surgery in addition to multiple animal surgeries per day.

The County reserves the right to reject and/or all proposals.

- The contract will be effective February 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2025.
- Vendor shall provide spay /neuter procedures for the animal adoption program.
- Vendor shall provide invoices detailed by individual animal and specific procedure for each animal.
- Vendor shall not perform services not listed in the contract scope of work.
- Vendor shall not invoice for items not listed in contract scope of work.
- Vendor shall maintain a valid license to provide veterinary medicine in the State of North Carolina and provide a copy of such license each year to the Sheriff's Office.
- Vendor is solely responsible for his/her own malpractice insurance for the duration of the contract.
- The County shall reimburse the vendor for services rendered pursuant to the contract agreement at the rate not to exceed per procedure.
- The County does not guarantee the number of appointments per week.
- The vendor will not charge fee for unfilled appointments.
- The vendor shall make appointments of at minimum 4 animals (no specified type) on Monday thru Thursday of each week.

The following must be included in the Proposal Packet to be considered a responsive bid:

- Signed Proposal Form (MUST ACKNOWLEDGE ADDENDA)**
- Notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit**
- Notarized E-verify Affidavit**
- W-9 Form**

PROPOSAL FORM
RFP #2021-15

The County of Moore requests your proposal to provide **Spay/Neuter Animal Services for the Moore County Sheriff's Office.**

The **Sealed** Proposals will be opened at **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021** in Financial Services, County of Moore, 206 S. Ray Street, Carthage, NC 28327. Proposal opening will not be public. **For your convenience, a Bid Drop-off Box is located in the lobby at 206 South Ray Street.**

Use of this form is only for submitting proposals. In submitting your proposal, keep in mind that any alterations, changes in proposal format, etc. will make it difficult to evaluate. All items should be in the units, quantities, units of measurements, etc. specified. Do not submit alternates unless requested. The County of Moore shall reserve the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

SERVICE	COST PER ANIMAL
Canine Spay	
Canine Neuter	
Feline Spay	
Feline Neuter	
Sedation (if previously spayed/neutered)	
Pregnant Spay Fee (if necessary)	
Hernia Repair (if necessary)	
Cryptorchid (if necessary)	

I certify that the contents of this proposal are known to no one outside the undersigned, and to the best of my knowledge all requirements have been complied with.

Date _____

Authorized Signature _____

Signatory e-mail: _____

Receipt of the following addendum (if applicable) is acknowledged:

Addendum No. _____ Date: _____

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of North Carolina
County of Moore

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

He/She is the _____ of _____, the proposer that has submitted the attached proposal;

He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposal;

Such proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal;

Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, Employees or parties of interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham proposal in connections with the contract for which the attached proposal has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with such contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached proposal or of any other Proposer or to fix overhead, profit or cost element of the proposal price of any other Proposer or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the County of Moore or any person interested in the proposed contract; and

The price or prices quoted in the attached proposal are fair, proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Signature and Title

State of North Carolina
County of _____
Subscribed and sworn before me,
This ____ day of _____, 2021

Notary Public
My commission expires _____

Moore County E-Verify Affidavit

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF MOORE

I, _____ (the individual attesting below), being duly authorized by and on behalf of _____ (the entity bidding on project hereinafter "Employer") after first being duly sworn hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. Employer understands that E-Verify is the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law in accordance with NCGS §64-25(5).
2. Employer understands that Employers Must Use E-Verify. Each employer, after hiring an employee to work in the United States, shall verify the work authorization of the employee through E-Verify in accordance with NCGS§64-26(a).
3. Employer is a person, business entity, or other organization that transacts business in this State and that employs 25 or more employees in this State. (mark Yes or No)
 - a. YES _____, or
 - b. NO _____
4. Employer's subcontractors comply with E-Verify, and if Employer is the winning bidder on this project Employer will ensure compliance with E-Verify by any subcontractors subsequently hired by Employer.

Executed, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Signature of Affiant
Print or Type Name: _____

State of North Carolina
County of _____

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this the ____
day of _____, 2021.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

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(Affix Official/Notarial Seal)
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**Request for Taxpayer
 Identification Number and Certification**

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3).
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <small>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.</small>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number	

OR

Employer identification number	

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you see a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding*, later.