

Request for Proposal

22-917

Professional Services of
Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators (NWCO)

NIGP Commodity Code(s):
962-10 Animal Trapping Services
945-49 Hunting & Trapping Services

**Submit proposals
(sealed) to:**
City Clerk' Office
175 East 2nd St.
Suite 260
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103



CITY OF
Tulsa
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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

With this Request for Proposal (RFP), we are searching to secure professional services of Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators (NWCO) duly permitted and authorized by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) to humanely trap, remove and/or euthanize designated species of wildlife, specifically coyotes causing nuisance or damage problems for citizens and landowners in the City of Tulsa. Coyotes are known to prey on pets and are a threat to public health and safety when they frequent airport runways and residential areas. The removal and disposal of all coyotes must be conducted in accordance with ODWC guidelines.

We enthusiastically look forward to receiving your proposal.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

A. General Requirements

1. Proposals must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Central Daylight Time**. Please place proposals in a sealed envelope or box clearly labeled "RFP 22-917, Professional Services of Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators".

Proposals received late will be returned unopened.

2. Proposals shall be delivered sealed to:

City Clerk
175 E. 2nd St.
Suite 260
Tulsa, OK 74103

3. All interested Respondents (Sellers) are required to register with the Buyer in order to receive updates, addenda or any additional information required. The City is not responsible for any failure to register.
4. Inquiries to the Buyer requesting clarification regarding the Request for Proposal or the content therein must be made via e-mail and must be received prior to the end of the business day on **November 19, 2021**.

Donny Tiemann, Senior Buyer
dتيemann@cityoftulsa.org

Any questions regarding this RFP will be handled as promptly and as directly as possible. If a question requires only clarification of instructions or specifications, it will be handled via e-mail. If any question results in a substantive change or addition to the RFP, the change or addition will be forwarded to all registered Respondents as quickly as possible by addendum.

5. Respondents shall designate a contact person, with appropriate contact information, to address any questions concerning a proposal. The

Respondents shall also state the name and title of individuals who will make final decisions regarding contractual commitments and have legal authority to execute the contract on the Respondent's behalf.

6. Proposals will be opened on the morning after the due date, at 8:30am, at the:

**Standards, Specifications, and Awards Committee Meeting
175 East 2nd Street, 2nd Floor
City Council Chamber**

B. General Notifications

1. The City of Tulsa notifies all possible Respondents that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied any benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, sex, age, ethnicity, or on any other basis prohibited by law.
2. All Respondents shall comply with all applicable laws regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination.
3. All Respondents shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and all proposals and a subsequent contract, if any, shall include the following statement:

"The Respondent shall take the necessary actions to ensure its facilities are in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is understood that the program of the Respondent is not a program or activity of the City of Tulsa. The Respondent agrees that its program or activity will comply with the requirements of the ADA. Any costs of such compliance will be the responsibility of the Respondent. Under no circumstances will the Respondent conduct any activity which it deems to not be in compliance with the ADA."
4. The City of Tulsa also notifies all Respondents that the City has the right to modify the RFP and the requirements herein, to request modified proposals from Respondents, and to negotiate with the selected Respondent on price and other contract terms, as necessary to meet the City's Objectives.
5. Although it is the City's intent to choose only the most qualified Respondents, the City reserves the right to choose any number of qualified finalists for interview and/or for final selection. At the discretion of the City, one or more Respondents may be invited to be interviewed for purposes of clarification or discussion of the proposal.
6. This Request for Proposal does not commit the City of Tulsa to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals, or in submission of a proposal, or the costs incurred in making necessary studies and designs for preparation thereof, or to contract for services or supplies necessary to

respond. Any expenses incurred by the Respondent(s) in appearing for an interview or in any way in providing additional information as part of the response to this Request for Proposals are solely the responsibility of the Respondent. The City of Tulsa is not liable for any costs incurred by Respondents for any work performed by the Respondent prior to the approval of an executed contract by the City of Tulsa.

III SCOPE OF WORK

1. Humanely capture, relocate or euthanize coyotes within Tulsa city limits using the most update, sophisticated wildlife removal techniques; identify;
2. Work in collaboration with the City and Tulsa Animal Welfare (TAW) to identify targeted neighborhood areas, conduct investigations or evaluate a nuisance coyote complaints and/damage prior to taking removal actions;
3. Assist staff in the development of a proposed method of control and prevention measures to eliminate or minimized future human/coyote (wildlife) conflicts, including educational materials.
4. Identify conditions which constitute a mutually agreed upon solution.
5. Follow all federal, state, county and local laws that apply to the capture, removal or humane euthanasia of coyotes (wildlife)... with the exception of season dates and bag limits except as otherwise provided (see Method of Control section).

IV. TIME FRAME

Services should start No more than 2 months from Notice to Proceed.

V. DELIVERABLES:

The services to be provided to the City will include:

1. Quarterly reports that documents each nuisance complaint acted upon by the NWCO for the capture, relocation, or euthanasia of coyotes within Tulsa city limits.
2. Traps and other similar devices set by or under the direction of a NWCO must:
 - a. Be checked at least once every 24 hours whenever practical and all animals removed.
 - b. Have a metal tag attached and visible with the NWCO's name and phone number matching the NWCO's name on the permit or the company of his/her employment.
3. Ensure any coyote that is relocated shall be released within the State of Oklahoma, outside any city limit, but not more than one county distant from the capture site.

4. Ensure coyotes shall not be released on private land without first obtaining the receiving landowner's written permission.
5. Ensure coyotes are not released on public land without first obtaining the written permission from either the governmental entity owning or administrating the release property. (This would include, but not be limited to, any city property; lands in federal or state ownership or administration; or utility company properties).

VI. RESPONDENT AND PROPOSAL REQUIREMENT

To be considered, interested Respondents should submit or address the following:

- A. One (1) unbound original and five (5) bound copies of the proposal plus one (1) electronic copy.
- B. A description of the Respondent's qualifications and experience and that of key personnel assigned to this project (and that of each Respondent proposed as part of the team). It is noted that equipment, material and staff shall be provided by the Respondent.
- C. A description of previous projects that Respondent (and any others proposed as part of Respondent's team) has conducted for individuals, private companies or organizations of similar size and complexity. Provide contact names and telephone numbers of references from these individuals, private companies, organizations.
- D. Provide a project schedule, identifying beginning and ending dates of work, as well as project target dates.
- E. To ensure that this project is completed in a timely manner, the City requires that the selected Respondent perform steps concurrently to expedite results and recommendations, as feasible.

VII. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS:

A panel consisting of not less than two City of Tulsa employees and one representative from the Animal Welfare Commission and one representative from the Mayor's Office will evaluate proposals. Final selection shall be the sole determination of the City, and if a selection is made it will be to the Respondent whose proposal is determined to be in the best interests of the City. The approval of the selected Respondent will be subject to the final determination of the City and will be contingent on the successful completion of a contract between the City and the selected Respondent(s).

VIII. AWARD OF PROPOSALS:

Per Tulsa Revised Ordinances (TRO) Title 6, Chapter 4, in addition to Price, these factors may be considered in the evaluation and award of proposals:

1. The ability, capacity and skill of the Respondent to perform the contract or provide the service required,
2. Whether the Respondent can perform the contract or provide the service promptly or within the time specified, without delay or interference,
3. The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Respondent,
4. The quality of performance by Respondent of previous contracts or services,
5. The previous and existing compliance by the Respondent with laws and ordinances relating to the contract or service,
6. The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the Respondent to perform the contract or provide the service,
7. The quality, availability and adaptability of the Supplies, Services, and Information Technology Systems offered by Respondent to the particular use required,
8. The ability of the Respondent to provide future maintenance, support and service related to Respondent's offer,
9. Where an earlier delivery date would be of great benefit to the Using Department, the date and terms of delivery may be considered in the Proposal award,
10. The degree to which the Proposal submitted is complete, clear, and addresses the requirements in the Proposal specifications,
11. If a point system has been utilized in the Proposal specifications, the number of points earned by the Respondent.
12. The total cost of ownership, including the costs of supplies, materials, maintenance, and support necessary to perform the item's intended function.
13. If an evaluation committee performs the evaluation, the recommendation of such committee.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The City expects to enter into a written Agreement (the "Agreement") with the chosen Respondent that shall incorporate this RFP and your proposal. Further, Respondent will be bound to comply with the provisions set forth in this RFP. In addition to any terms and conditions included in this RFP, the City may include in the Agreement other terms and conditions as deemed necessary. Your response to this RFP will be considered part of the Agreement, if one is awarded to you.
- B. All data included in this RFP, as well as any attachments, are proprietary to the City of Tulsa.
- C. The use of the City of Tulsa's name in any way as a potential customer is strictly prohibited except as authorized in writing by the City of Tulsa.

- D. Your proposal must clearly indicate the name of the responding organization, including the Respondent's e-mail address and web site information, if applicable, as well as the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the organization's primary contact for this proposal. Your proposal must include the name, address, telephone number and email address of the Respondent and/or team of Respondents assigned to the City account.
- E. The City assumes no responsibility or liability for any costs you may incur in responding to this RFP, including attending meetings or contract negotiations.
- F. The City is bound to comply with Oklahoma's Open Records Act, and information submitted with your proposal, with few exceptions, is a matter of public record. For specifics on the Oklahoma Open Records Act, see the link below:

<https://libraries.ok.gov/law-legislative-reference/library-laws/statutes-open-records/>

The City shall not be under any obligation to return any materials submitted in response to this RFP request.

- G. The City shall not infringe upon any intellectual property right of any Respondent, but specifically reserves the right to use any concept or methods contained in the proposal. Any desired restrictions on the use of information contained in the proposal should be clearly stated. Responses containing your proprietary data shall be safeguarded with the same degree of protection as the City's own proprietary data. All such proprietary data contained in your proposal must be clearly identified. The City shall not be under any obligation to return any materials submitted in response to this RFP.

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INTEREST AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF _____)

)ss.

COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, state that I am the agent authorized by Seller to submit the attached Proposal. Affiant further states that no officer or employee of the City of Tulsa either directly or indirectly owns a five percent (5%) interest or more in the Respondent's business or such a percentage that constitutes a controlling interest. Affiant further states that the following officers and/or employees of the City of Tulsa own an interest in the Respondent's business which is less than a controlling interest, either direct or indirect.

By: _____
Signature

Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Commission Number: _____

County & State Where Notarized: _____

The Affidavit must be signed by an authorized agent and notarized

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIMANT

STATE OF _____)

)ss.

COUNTY OF _____)

The undersigned, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath says that this contract is true and correct. Affiant further states that the work, services or materials will be completed or supplied in accordance with the contract, plans, specifications, orders or requests furnished the affiant. Affiant further states that (s)he has made no payment directly or indirectly of money or any other thing of value to any elected official, officer or employee of the City of Tulsa or any public trust of which the City is a beneficiary to obtain or procure the contract or purchase order.

By: _____

Signature

Name: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Commission Number: _____

The Affidavit must be signed by an authorized agent and notarized

RESPONDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Respondent's Legal Name: _____

(Must be Respondent's company name exactly as reflected on its organizational documents, filed with the state in which Respondent is organized; not simply a DBA.)

State of Organization: _____

Respondent's Type of Legal Entity: (check one)

- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnership
- Corporation
- Limited Partnership
- Limited Liability Company
- Limited Liability Partnership
- Other: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip

Website Address: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Sales Contact:

Legal or Alternate Sales Contact:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____

State: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDA/AMENDMENTS

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda or amendments and understand that such addenda or amendments are incorporated into the Bid Packet and will become a part of any resulting contract.

List Date and Title/Number of all addenda or amendments: (Write "None" if applicable).

Sign Here ► _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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Exhibit A
Price Sheet Summary

The City of Tulsa wants to emphasize that safety needs to be top priority in urbanized and neighborhood settings. Respondents need to understand that residents' (and their pets') safety comes first and that trapping techniques normally used in unpopulated, rural areas can't necessarily be used in all areas where coyotes are currently a nuisance.

Please provide a cost for each item shown below.

Since the number of coyotes is unknown, the City does not guarantee any specific quantity of coyotes to be re-located / euthanized or number of hours collaborating, that will be made during the agreement period.

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|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Humanly capture & re-locate coyote | \$_____ per coyote |
| 2. Humanly capture & euthanize coyote | \$_____ per coyote |
| 3. Humanly capture & re-locate "other" animals | \$_____ per animal |
| 4. Hourly rate for working in collaboration
With City of Tulsa & Tulsa Animal Welfare | \$_____ per hour |

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name Printed: _____

Title: _____

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City of Tulsa General Contract Terms

It is anticipated that the City of Tulsa will enter into an Agreement with the selected Respondent for an initial term ending one (1) year from the date of its execution by the City's Mayor, with four (4) one-year renewals available at the option of the City. Contracts entered into by the City of Tulsa generally include, but are not limited to, the following terms:

1. **Renewals.** Contractor understands and acknowledges that any future contracts or renewals are neither automatic nor implied by this Agreement. The continuing purchase by City of the Services set forth in this Agreement is subject to City's needs and to City's annual appropriation of sufficient funds in City's fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th) in which such Services are purchased. In the event City does not appropriate or budget sufficient funds to perform this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null and void without further action by City.
2. **No Indemnification or Arbitration by City.** Contractor understands and acknowledges that City is a municipal corporation that is funded by its taxpayers to operate for the benefit of its citizens. Accordingly, and pursuant to Oklahoma law, City shall not indemnify nor hold Contractor harmless for loss, damage, expense or liability arising from or related to this Agreement, including any attorneys' fees and costs. In addition, Contractor shall not limit its liability to City for actual loss or direct damages for any claim based on a breach of this Agreement and the documents incorporated herein. City reserves the right to pursue all legal and equitable remedies to which it may be entitled. City will not agree to binding arbitration of any disputes.
3. **Intellectual Property Indemnification by Contractor.** Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless City and its officers, employees and agents from all suits and actions of every nature brought against them due to the use of patented, trademarked or copyright-protected appliances, products, materials or processes provided by Contractor hereunder. Contractor shall pay all royalties and charges incident to such patents, trademarks or copyrights.
4. **General Liability and Indemnification.** Contractor shall hold City harmless from any loss, damage or claims arising from or related to the performance of the Agreement herein. Contractor must exercise all reasonable and customary precaution to prevent any harm or loss to all persons and property related to this Agreement. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from all claims, demands, causes of action or suits of whatever nature arising out of the services, labor, and material furnished by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors under the scope of this Agreement.
5. **No Confidentiality.** Contractor understands and acknowledges that City is subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act (51 O.S. §24A.1 *et seq.*) and therefore cannot assure the confidentiality of contract terms or other information provided by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement that would be inconsistent with City's compliance with its statutory requirements there under.
6. **Compliance with Laws.** Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Contractor is responsible for any costs of such compliance. Contractor shall take the necessary actions to ensure its operations in performance of this contract and employment practices are in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Contractor certifies that it and all of its subcontractors to be used in the performance of this agreement are in compliance with 25 O.S. Sec. 1313 and participate in the Status Verification System. The Status Verification System is defined in 25 O.S. Sec. 1313 and includes, but is not limited to, the free Employee Verification Program (E-Verify) available at www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.

7. **Right to Audit.** The parties agree that books, records, documents, accounting procedures, practices, price lists or any other items related to the Services provided hereunder are subject to inspection, examination, and copying by City or its designees. Contractor shall retain all records related to this Agreement for the duration of the contract term and a period of three years following completion and/or termination of the contract. If an audit, litigation or other action involving such records begins before the end of the three year period, the records shall be maintained for three years from the date that all issues arising out of the action are resolved or until the end of the three year retention period, whichever is later.
8. **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement is executed in and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma without regard to its choice of law principles, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits arising under this Agreement or incident thereto. The parties stipulate that venue is proper in a court of competent jurisdiction in Tulsa County, Oklahoma and each party waives any objection to such venue.
9. **No Waiver.** A waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver of any other provision, nor shall any failure to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of the enforcement of such provision or any other provision.
10. **Entire Agreement/No Assignment.** This Agreement and any documents incorporated herein constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede any and all prior agreements, oral or otherwise, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may only be modified or amended in writing and signed by both parties. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the City does not agree to the terms of any future agreements, revisions or modifications that may be required under this Agreement unless such terms, revisions or modifications have been reduced to writing and signed by both parties. Contractor may not assign this Agreement or use subcontractors to provide the Goods and/or Services without City's prior written consent. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim for extras of any kind or nature.
11. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination.

The undersigned Respondent agrees to the inclusion of the above provisions, among others, in any contract with the City of Tulsa.

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name Printed: _____

Title: _____