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Shelter Locations

Downey Shelter
11258 S. Garfield Ave.
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898

Carson Shelter
216 W. Victoria St.
Gardena, CA 90248
(310) 523-9566

Baldwin Park Shelter
4275 N. Elton St.
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
(626) 962-3577


Lancaster Shelter
5210 W. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 940-4191

Castaic Shelter
31044 N. Charlie Cyn.
Road
Castaic, CA 91384
(661) 257-3191

Agoura Shelter
29525 Agoura Rd.
Agoura, CA 91301
(818) 991-0071

Major Case Unit
11258 S. Garfield Ave.
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 658-2000

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CONTRACT – D&D DISPOSAL, INC.

This is to advise you that the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) intends to negotiate a sole-source contract with the existing vendor, D&D Disposal, Inc. of Vernon, for the removal and disposal of animal carcasses from the Department's six shelters. We have determined that D&D Disposal is the only vendor with the capacity and expertise to effectively accommodate the large volume of animal carcasses processed by the Department on an annual basis.

Background

The Department currently contracts with D&D Disposal to pickup animal carcasses at the Department's six shelters on a pre-determined schedule. In addition, special pick-ups may be required if circumstances warrant. D&D Disposal furnishes and maintains storage containers and other apparatus as needed to provide for the timely removal of the animal carcasses. The existing contract with D&D Disposal was for a term of five years and is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2008.

Sole Source Justification

In an effort to establish the continued sole source nature of this contract, we contacted all County animal care and control agencies in the region, large municipal animal care agencies within the County, and other local entities performing animal care and control services to determine their process for removal and disposal of animal carcasses. All counties surveyed, including Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura, contract with D&D Disposal, Inc. for their animal removal and disposal services. In addition, the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Santa Monica contract with D&D Disposal as well.

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The City of Los Angeles, which is the most comparable agency surveyed, issued a Request for Proposals for animal disposal services in 2005. The City's Bureau of Sanitation performs the pick-up of dead animals. West Coast Rendering, an affiliate of D&D Disposal, was the only respondent to this solicitation. The City of Los Angeles subsequently executed an agreement for the period December 2006 through December 2009. Other agencies surveyed, including the Inland Valley Humane Society, Pasadena Humane Society, San Gabriel Humane Society, and Southeast Area Animal Control Authority indicated that D&D Disposal was being utilized for animal carcass removal and disposal. Attachment I summarizes the results of this survey.

In addition, we conducted research to identify other potential vendors that could provide services that would meet the needs of the Department. Utilizing information published by the State Department of Agriculture, the National Renderers Association, and a recent solicitation for services by the City of Los Angeles, we reviewed potential vendors that provided services related to removal and/or disposal of animal carcasses. Vendors from these lists performing some level of the required services were contacted to determine their ability to meet the needs of the Department.

The Department disposes of nearly 100,000 carcasses annually through regularly scheduled pickups. The Department also makes requests each month for special pickup of animals outside of the normal pickup dates. None of the vendors contacted could provide a full scope of removal and disposal services that would meet these requirements. Typically, vendors provided limited services such as pickup and removal of livestock and other farm animals. Additionally, vendors indicated that the geographic size and demands of servicing the County precluded their organization from effectively providing the required services. Attachment II provides a summary of these firms.

Unless otherwise instructed, we will commence negotiations with D&D Disposal and prepare an agreement for consideration by your Board in September 2008.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (562) 256-2406 or via e-mail at mmayeda@animalcare.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments (2)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Survey of Local Animal Care Agencies - Animal Carcass Pick-Up and Disposal Services

Agency	Solicitation Process (As Provided)	Vendor	Length of Service
Inland Valley Human Society and SPCA	Sole Source	D&D Disposal	20+ years
Kern County Animal Control	RFP	D&D Disposal	30+ years
Long Beach Animal Control	Purchase Order	D&D Disposal	22 years
Los Angeles City Animal Control*	RFP/One Respondent	D&D Disposal (West Coast Rendering)*	25+ years
Orange County Animal Control	RFP/One Respondent	D&D Disposal	16 years
Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA	Purchase Order	D&D Disposal	10+ years
Riverside City and County Animal Services	Information Not Available	D&D Disposal	10+ years
San Bernardino County	Sole Source	D&D Disposal	20+ years
San Diego County Animal Control	Information Not Available	D&D Disposal	Unknown
San Gabriel Humane Society	Purchase Order	D&D Disposal	30+ years
Santa Monica City Animal Control	Sole Source	D&D Disposal	25+ years
Southeast Area Animal Control Authority	Information Not Available	D&D Disposal	30+ years
Ventura County Dept of Animal Regulation	Sole Source	D&D Disposal	10+ years

* Dead animal pick-up performed by the City's Bureau of Sanitation. The City's agreement for disposal is with West Coast Rendering which is affiliated with D&D Disposal.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
Vendors Providing Animal Removal and/or Disposal Services

Source(s) Used to Identify Vendor	Vendor Name	Accepted Content/Primary Business/Vendor Comments	Domestic Animal Carcass Pick-Up Services
City of Los Angeles Solicitation, National Renderers Association, and State Department of Agriculture	Darling International Inc. 2626 E. 25 th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90058	No Dogs or Cats	No
City of Los Angeles Solicitation, National Renderers Association, and State Department of Agriculture	Southwest Processors Inc. 4120 Bandini Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90023	Grease and FDA products, No Animals	No
City of Los Angeles Solicitation, National Renderers Association, and State Department of Agriculture	D&D Disposal/West Coast Rendering Co. 4105 Bandini Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90023	Domestic Animals and Livestock	Yes
National Renderers Association	National Beef Packing Co. PO Box 1221, Brawley, CA 92227	Livestock Only	No
National Renderers Association	North State Rendering Co. PO Box 1478, Chico, CA 95927	Farm Animals Only	No
National Renderers Association	Sacramento Rendering Co. 11350 Kiefer Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95830	No Domestic Animals (No Dogs or Cats)	No
National Renderers Association	Salinas Tallow Co., LLC 1 Work Circle, Salinas, CA 93901	Large Livestock Only	No
State Department of Agriculture	Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center	Veterinary Services, Carcasses Transported to Landfills	No
State Department of Agriculture	Alfred Kuck Livestock	No Dogs or Cats	No
State Department of Agriculture	D.A.R. Contractors	San Diego County Only	No
State Department of Agriculture	Devries Dead Stock Disposal	Livestock Only	No

ATTACHMENT II

Source(s) Used to Identify Vendor	Vendor Name	Accepted Content/Primary Business/Vendor Comments	Domestic Animal Carcass Pick-Up Services
State Department of Agriculture	Dick's Pick-up Services	Livestock Only	No
State Department of Agriculture	Dignified Animal Disposal	Livestock Only	No
State Department of Agriculture	Equine Ambulatory Service	Horse Show Services	No
State Department of Agriculture	K&H Services	Delivers Animals to West Coast Rendering, Horses Only (Currently)	Yes
State Department of Agriculture	Specifically Equine	Horses Only	No
State Department of Agriculture	TLC Animal Removal Services	Remove Animals and Transport to D&D Disposal/West Coast Rendering, Insufficient Capacity to Service the County	Yes