



## INVITATION TO BID

### FY22 Official Veterinarian for the 2021 Race Season at The Downs at Albuquerque

The New Mexico Racing Commission is accepting bids for a contract to provide veterinarian services for the 2021 race season at the Downs at Albuquerque.

If interested in bidding on this position, please submit your bid, letter of interest, and resume.

**Deadline to submit a bid for these services is Friday, July 9, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.**

All bids **MUST** be sealed and mailed, hand delivered, or sent via email to:

**Attn: Anna Vigil**

**New Mexico Racing Commission**

**4900 Alameda Blvd. NE –Suite A**

**Albuquerque, NM 87113**

[anna.vigil1@state.nm.us](mailto:anna.vigil1@state.nm.us)

If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact the New Mexico Racing Commission at (505) 222-0721.

#### **Brief overview of duties and responsibilities:**

This is a FY22 single-year contract with the New Mexico Racing Commission for the Downs at Albuquerque race meet beginning **August 14, 2021 to October 23, 2021, for a total of 27 race days**. Contractor will need to be available on call/standby on **August 12, 2021 to October 25, 2021**. Although the start of the contract is August 12, 2021, services will not begin until the execution of this contract.

Contractor does hereby agree to perform the duties of **OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN** and maintain supervision of the Test Barn at the racetrack during the race meeting licensed by the Commission, all in accordance with Title 15, Chapter 2, Part 6, of the Rules Governing Horse Racing in New Mexico, revised 2016, and in accordance with Directives and Instructions as may be issued from the time to time by the New Mexico Racing Commission at The Downs at Albuquerque in Albuquerque, NM. It is

further agreed that copies of Title 15, Chapter 2, Part 6, of the Rules Governing Horse Racing in New Mexico is considered a binding contract by the Contractor and will be enforced in its entirety during the term of this contract. A copy of the Standard Operating Procedure must be adhered to, a copy will be provided to contractor preceding the race meet.

Contractor will provide guidance and training on up-to-date veterinarian industry standards, procedures, and policies to necessary NMRC staff.

Conduct out of competition blood, urine, or other biological sample collection on selected horses at designated times as required by the New Mexico Racing Commission and coordinate and collect blood, urine, or other biological samples from horses that are required to be tested in order to be removed from the steward's or veterinarian's list.

The Contractor must place horses on the breeders list as well as remove horses from the breeders list.

The Contractor must place horses on the Vet's list that have been treated for a therapeutic purpose for any medications pursuant to Paragraph (9) of Subsection C of 15.2.6.9 NMAC and remove horses from the vet's list when the criteria for removal pursuant to that subsection have been met.

Provide pre-race inspections on "high risk" horses or other horses specified in designated inspection races. The inspections shall include a hands-on tactile inspection as well as observations of the horse in motion. The extent of the inspections will be consistent with the rules set forth in NMAC. Pre-race inspections will be carried out at the trainers' barn.

The Contractor shall be authorized to humanely destroy any horse deemed to be seriously injured that is in the best interest of racing the horse to so act.

The Contractor may recommend a scratch to the Stewards any horse deemed unsafe to be raced or any horse that it would be inhumane to allow to race.

The Contractor shall report to the Agency the names of all horses humanely destroyed or which otherwise expire at the meeting and the reasons thereafter.

The Contractor will act on directive and instructions, as may be issued from time to time by the Executive Director of the New Mexico Racing Commission. It is crucial that the Contractor have extensive knowledge and experience of veterinary practices, including experience conducting equine soundness examinations, test barn procedures and familiarity of State Government rules and regulations.

**Performance Measures:**

Contractor shall substantially perform the Performance Measures as listed in the Scope of Work. In the event the Contractor fails to obtain the results described, the Agency may provide written notice to the Contractor of the default and specify a reasonable period of time in which the Contractor shall advise the Agency of specific steps that it will take to achieve these results in the future and the timetable for implementation.