



FY26 Official Veterinarian

The New Mexico Racing Commission is accepting proposals for a small purchase contract to provide Official Veterinarian services at The Downs of Albuquerque for the FY26 Fiscal Year.

If interested in submitting a proposal for this position, please submit a proposal, letter of interest, and résumé.

Deadline to submit a proposal for these services is Tuesday, August 05, 2025, no later than 4:00 PM.

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

Attn: Hector Lopez
New Mexico Racing Commission
4900 Alameda Blvd. NE-Suite A
Albuquerque, NM 87113
Hector.lopez@rc.nm.gov

If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact the New Mexico Racing Commission at (505) 220-8971.

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. **Scope of Work.**

- A. This is a FY 26 single-year contract with the New Mexico Racing Commission for The Downs of Albuquerque race meet. Contractor shall be available to the New Mexico Racing Commission and on call/standby possibly starting August 25, 2025, through October 29, 2025. Although this contract is to start on August 25, 2025, services will not begin until the execution of this contract.
- B. Contractor does hereby agree and shall perform the duties of **OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN** and maintain supervision of the Test Barn at the racetrack during the above-referenced race meeting licensed by the New Mexico Racing Commission, all in accordance with Title 15, Chapter 2, Part 6, of the Administrative Rules Governing Horse Racing in New Mexico, revised 2016, (aka NMAC) and in accordance with any directives and instructions as may be issued from time to time by the New Mexico Racing Commission and/or its designee at the Albuquerque Downs, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It is further understood and agreed that Title 15, Chapter 2, Part 6, of the Administrative Rules

Governing Horse Racing in New Mexico has the force of law and therefore shall be binding upon the Contractor and Contractor shall and will follow and enforce it in its entirety during the term of this Contract. A copy of the above-referenced administrative rule, which must be adhere to, and a copy of the New Mexico Test Barn Manual shall both be provided to Contractor by the New Mexico Racing Commission preceding the race meet.

- C. Contractor shall provide guidance and training on up-to-date veterinarian industry standards, procedures, and policies to necessary New Mexico Racing Commission staff.
- D. Contractor shall perform out of competition blood, urine, hair, or other biological sample collection on selected horses at designated times as required by the New Mexico Racing Commission and/or its Agents and coordinate and collect blood, urine, hair or other biological samples from horses that are required to be tested in order to be removed from the Steward's List or Veterinarian's List.
- E. Contractor must be HISA/HIWU trained.
- F. Contractor must be familiar with and execute HISA/HIWU regulations.
- G. Contractor shall place horses on the Bleeders' List as well as remove horses from the Bleeders' List when the circumstances require either action take place.
- H. Contractor shall place horses on the Veterinarian'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 Veterinarian's List when the criteria for removal pursuant to that subsection have been met.
- I. Contractor shall provide pre-race inspections on "high risk" horses or other horses required pursuant to New Mexico Racing Commission or HISA rules. The inspections shall include a hands-on tactile inspection as well as observations of the horse in motion. The extent of the inspections shall be consistent with the rules set forth in NMAC. Pre-race inspections shall be carried out at the trainer's barn.
- J. Contractor shall be authorized to humanely terminate the life of any horse deemed to be seriously injured when it is in the best interest of the horse to do so.
- K. Contractor shall promptly report to the New Mexico Racing Commission the names of all horses humanely destroyed or which otherwise expire at the meet and fully detail the reasons for such action.
- L. Contractor may recommend a scratch of any horse to the Stewards for any horse deemed unsafe to be raced or any horse where it would be inhumane to allow it to race.
- M. Contractor shall 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 Contractor have extensive knowledge of and experience with veterinary practices, including experience conducting equine soundness examinations, Contractor agrees to and shall adhere to the Test Barn Manual procedures and gain familiarity with New Mexico State Government rules and regulations.
- N. Contractor shall submit a race day fee (entire day, regardless of hours worked) and an hourly fee for partial day work (five hours or less).

Performance Measures.

Contractor shall substantially perform the Performance Measures as listed in the Scope of Work. In the event

Contractor fails to obtain the results described, the Agency may provide written notice to Contractor of the default and specify a reasonable period of time in which Contractor shall advise the Agency of specific steps it will take to achieve these results in the future and the timetable for such implementation. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to prevent the Agency from exercising its rights pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the contract dealing with termination.

The receipt of the deliverables contemplated under this Agreement shall assist the Agency in meeting its goal(s) as set forth in its Strategic Plan.