



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 22, 2024

City Issues Animal Shelter Request for Proposals

RFP aimed at securing construction manager for new shelter site

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the City of Indianapolis Department of Business and Neighborhood Services (DBNS) issued the Indianapolis Animal Care Services Shelter (IACS) Request for Proposals for a Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) build. The new shelter is being built at the directive of Mayor Joe Hogsett to provide improved operations and animal welfare services through IACS.

“Relocating to a new site was the first step to accelerate the timeline of this much-needed project,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “With today’s announcement, we are even closer to construction of a modern facility that will significantly increase Indy’s animal shelter capacity while also improving services.”

The new Indianapolis Animal Care Services Shelter will be built at 5001 E. Raymond Street, taking a significant portion of the 24-acre parcel. Site due diligence is currently underway, with a land survey completed and soil borings to soon take place. The shelter site plan and initial designs are being adapted to the site. Per the standard CMc model, the design will be completed in partnership with the awarded contractor.

Current shelter site plans contemplate a 72,000 square foot structure. By comparison, the current shelter is 24,000 square feet. The City is currently executing a contract with J.S. Held as Owner’s Representative to assist as a program manager for the project. kRM Architects was awarded the architectural contract in 2021. A groundbreaking is expected soon after the CMc contract is awarded.

Funding for the facility includes a \$20 million bond approved by the City-County Council. Friends of Indy Animals has 99% committed of its \$7 million ‘Journey Home’ capital campaign. More than 80 individuals, families, foundations, and companies have contributed to the campaign. Key gifts include a \$3 million grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, a \$1 million investment from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., and a \$1 million gift from the Irsay family and the Indianapolis Colts.

Responses to the IACS Shelter RFP are due on April 19, 2024, by noon. To learn more about this bid and other City opportunities, visit www.indy.gov/activity/find-bid-opportunities.

###

Media Contact:

Roxie Randall, Public Information Officer. E-Mail: Roxie.Randall@indy.gov Cell: 317-775-0913