



## Legislation Text

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**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Procurement Services

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### **SUBJECT**

Casting of lots to identify the recommended vendor resulting from tie bids between MWI Animal Health and Midwest Veterinary Supply, Inc. on Group 32, Line 1, Group 33, Lines 1 and 2, Group 40, Line 4, Group 79, Lines 1 and 2, Group 83, Lines 1, 2 and 3 in response to bid BT19-00010245 for a five-year master agreement for the purchase of veterinary medical supplies and medications for the City of Dallas

### **BACKGROUND**

When a request for bids results in identical bids where neither bidder is a resident of the City (or where both are residents), then the City is required to break the tie bids. This is known as the "casting of lots" under Section 271.901 of the Texas Local Government Code. The City breaks the tie by having the Mayor randomly select a sealed envelope containing a bidder's name during a Council meeting. The selected bidder will be the winner of the contract, and the item to award the contract will be presented to Council during a voting agenda meeting.