

reagent cartridges are single-use cartridges that contain the necessary reagents to perform the desired test. Using advanced microfluidics, all aspects of the testing process are handled within the sealed, disposable reagent cartridge chambers, from sample preparation and DNA extraction, amplification and detection. These are the only cartridges that can be used on the existing Government owned equipment. Cepheid does not use distributors for these items to Government accounts. Reagent cartridges and consumables are equipment specific. This sole source for the requirement is to ensure continuation of service for reagent cartridges and consumables to support P&LMS laboratory. The VAMC recognizes that the interruption in services would severely hinder patient care and treatment. An award to a new contractor would create a work stoppage within P&LMS while equipment has to be installed and personnel would have to be trained for utilization of said equipment.

6. Description of Efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:

Due to the nature of this requirement, no other reagent cartridges and consumables are compatible with the equipment.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:

Pricing will be analyzed against the independent government estimate and because this is a commercially available product it is anticipated the price will be fair and reasonable.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted

Due to the nature of this requirement and the reagent cartridges and consumables are equipment specific; there are no other reagent cartridges and consumables that will work on this equipment.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: NA

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

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11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:

The Agency will continue to utilize all the tools available in the marketplace to foster any future competition for this type of procurement. These reagent cartridges and consumables will be used with equipment specific.

12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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APPROVING OFFICIAL

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

a. Contracting Officer's Certification: (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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b. P&C: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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