

**FAR 8 - JUSTIFICATION FOR LIMITING SOURCES <\$150K**

**Requirement or RFQ Number: 528-16-1-4307-0026**

**Description of Action: Microbiology Media**

Nature: ☒ New Requirement ☐ Follow-on Order  
☐ Mod to Existing Order Number

Order against: ☒ FSS Contract Number: V797P-5992X

Name of Proposed Contractor: Fisher Healthcare  
Street Address: 9999 Veteran Memorial Dr  
City, State, Zip: Houston, TX 77038-2401  
Phone: 800-640-0640

**1. Description of Supplies or Services:**

The estimated value of the proposed action is [REDACTED]

Award of a firm fixed price purchase order for the procurement of Microbiology Media for the Laboratory Department of the Buffalo VA Medical Center. The lab will order as needed during the period of performance of 10/1/2015 – 9/30/2016.

1. Item #R01202 - Media, Plated, Blood Agar, With 5% Sheep Blood, Monoplate, quantity 296 cases
2. Item #R01064 - Media, Plated, Reducible Blood Agar, Columbia, With Colistin/ Nalidixic Acid, Monoplate, Anaerobic, quantity 120 pkg
3. Item #R01254 - Media, Plated, Brucella Agar, With 5% Sheep Blood, With Hemin/ Vitamin K, Monoplate, , quantity 165 pkg
4. Item #R060294 - Media, Bottled, Bile Esculin Azide Agar, 15 X 103 Mm, Sterile, Slant Tube, quantity 6 pkg
5. Item #R060286 - Media, Bottled, Brain Heart Infusion Broth, 5 ML, With Sodium Chloride, 6.5 %, With Brom Cresol Purple, Tube, quantity 4 pkg
6. Item #R01280 - Media, Plated, Campylobacter Blood Agar, With Trimethoprim/ Vancomycin/ Polymyxin B/ Cephalothin/ Amphotericin B, 12 X 85 Mm Monoplate, quantity 80 pkg
7. Item #R01342 - Media, Plated, Buffered Charcoal Yeast Extract Agar, Monoplate, quantity 83 pkg
8. Item #R01341 - Media, Plated, Buffered Charcoal Yeast Extract Agar, With Polymyxin B/ Anisomycin/ Vancomycin, quantity 90 pkg
9. Item #R01302 - Media, Plated, Chocolate Agar, 12 X 85 Mm, Monoplate, quantity 44 cases
10. Item #R060482 - Media, Bottled, Chocolate Agar, 15 X 103 Mm, Sterile, Enriched, Slant Tube,

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Disposable, quantity 2 pkg

- 11.Item #R01998 - Media,Plated,Yersinia Agar,12 X 85 Mm,Monoplate, quantity 11 pkg
- 12.Item #R061336 - Broth,Macconkey 5ml 20/Pk, quantity 16 pkg
- 13.Item #R01480 - Media,Plated,Hektoen Enteric Agar,Monoplate, quantity 51 pkg
- 14.Item #R01552 - Media,Plated,Macconkey Agar,Monoplate, quantity 100 cases
- 15.Item #R061414 - Media,Bottled,Motility Test Medium Broth,5 MI,Tube, quantity 4 pkg
- 16.Item #R04050 - Media,Plated,Mueller Hinton Agar,15 X 150 Mm, quantity 92 okg
- 17.Item #R04055 - Media,Plated,Mueller Hinton Agar,With 5% Sheep Blood,15 X 150 Mm, Plate, quantity 22 pkg
- 18.Item #R01950 - Agar-Growth V Medium-10/Pg, quantity 13 pkg
- 19.Item #R01322 - Cna Agar With 5% Sheep Blood, 20/Pg, quantity 72 cases.
- 20.Item #R01630 - Media,Plated,Mycobiotic Agar,Monoplate,Double Pour, quantity 47 cases
- 21.Item #R01662 - Media,Plated,Phenylethyl Alcohol Agar,With 5% Sheep Blood, Monoplate, quantity 29 cases
- 22.Item #Ro9640 - Media,Bottled,Plate Count Agar,20 MI,20 X 150 Mm,Pour Tube,Deep Fill, quantity 8 cases
- 23.Item #R01763 - Sda (Plate) Agar, quantity 18 cases
- 24.Item #R08722 - Media,Bottled,Sabouraud Dextrose Agar,20 X 112 Mm,Sterile,Emmons, Slant Tube, quantity 1 pkg
- 25.Item #R01865 Media,Bottled,Thiosulfate-Citrate-Bile-Sucrose Agar,20 MI,20 X 150 Mm,Pour Tube,Deep Fill, quantity 10 pkg
- 26.Item #R01880 - Media,Plated,Thayer Martin Agar,With Nystatin,12 X 85 Mm, Monoplate,Modified, quantity 13 pkg
- 27.Item #R07180 - Media,Bottled,Thioglycollate Medium,10 MI,16 X 125 Mm,With Dextrose,With Hemin/Vitamin K,Tube, quantity 8 cases
- 28.Item #R065212 - Media,Bottled,Urea Agar,15 X 103 Mm,Christensens,Slant Tube, quantity 2 pkg
- 29.Item #R060312 - Media,Bottled,Trypticase Soy Agar,With 5% Sheep Blood,Slant Tube, quantity 4 pkg
- 30.Item #20410 - Standard,Microbiology,Mcfarland Equivalence,#5.0,15 X 103 Mm, Turbidity,Latex, quantity 2 each
- 31.Item #R20414 Mcfarland Turbidity 4.0 Standard, quantity 2 each
- 32.Item #R01503 - Media,Plated,Haemophilus Test Medium,15 X 100 Mm,Monoplate, quantity 17 pkg
- 33.Item #R62031 - Reagent-Paradox Strep B Grp-Kit-Paradox Stre B Group, quantity 10 kit.
- 34.Item #R20411 Mcfarland Turbidity Std 1.0-Re, quantity 2 each
- 35.Item #R01328 - Media,Bottled,Cornmeal Agar,With Tween 80, quantity 10 pkg
- 36.Item #R061480 - Muller Hinton Broth, quantity 10 pkg
- 37.Item #R064882 - Tryptic Soy Broth-1ml (Tsb), 20/Pg, quantity 4 pkg
- 38.Item #R20412 - Standard,Microbiology,Mcfarland Equivalence,#2.0,15 X 103 Mm,Turbidity,Latex, quantity 1 pkg
- 39.Item #R21069 - Germ Tube Solution, Lyophilized, 6x5ml/Vial, quantity 5 pkg
- 40.Item #22-031-21 - Loop,Inoculating,Plastic,Light Green,Disposable,Loop Volume 1 Ul, 1000/Pk, quantity 7 pkg

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- 41.Item #R62025 - Kit,Manual Microbiology,Pathodx,Identification,Latex Gglutination,Groups A/B/C/F/G,60 Tests/Kit,Control Antigens, Latex Reagent,Stirring Sticks,Extraction Reagents,Slides, quantity 8 kits  
42.Item #R01556 - Media,Plated,Macconkey Agar,With Sorbitol,Monoplate, quantity 40 pkg

**2. Authority:**

**ORDER AGAINST FSS:** Authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program, Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 USC 251, et seq.); Title 40 USC 501, Services for Executive Agencies; and Section 803 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2002 (PL 107-107) and implemented by FAR 8.405-6. Mark the applicable exception:

- ☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays(FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A));
- ☒ Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized; (FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B)) or
- ☐ In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order and the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. **The original order was not previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures.** (FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(C))

**3. Rational/explanation to support cited authority:**

A Request for Information (RFI) was posted on FSS targeting schedule 65VII 555-6 (Microbiology) and 66 66/100 (Blood Serum, Urine And Fecal Chemical Analysis, Instruments And Related Chemistries, Supplies And Consumables) contract holders. The RFI was posted to seek alternative vendor's solutions to the government's need for brand name or equal test kits. Two responses were received:

- Franklin Young International, small business, confirmed that they that could provide the requested products, but they are not found on their mandatory schedule contract and would be considered open market items.
- Fisher Healthcare, large business, confirmed that the requested brand name items are found on their mandatory schedule 65 contract, V797P-5992X.

The rest of the vendors either responded with a "no quote" or chose not to respond.

Further market research on GSA Advantage and of the mandatory schedule 65 and 66 FSS contracts did not indicate any other vendors that are able to provide brand name or equal items. Therefore Fisher Healthcare is the only source on a mandatory FSS chedule 65 contract that has the request test kits.

**4. BRAND NAME ONLY: N/A**

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5. Note that this determination satisfies the requirements of FAR 8.405-6. The requirement to prepare a written justification IAW FAR 6.303 does not apply to Federal Supply Schedules.

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