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SOURCES SOUGHT DESCRIPTION

This is NOT a solicitation announcement. This is a sources sought/RFI only. The purpose of this sources sought/RFI is to gain knowledge of potential qualified sources and their size classification relative to NAICS 334510 (size standard of 1,250 Employees). Responses to this sources sought will be used by the Government to make appropriate acquisition decisions. After review of the responses to this sources sought, a solicitation announcement may be published. Responses to this sources sought synopsis are not considered adequate responses for a solicitation announcement.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), VISN 22 Network Contracting Office, is seeking sources that can provide a *Hearing Aids Modification System* that at a minimum meets the following salient characteristics with a brand name or equal product for the VA San Diego Healthcare System:

Product Information:

White Auracare PM

Starmed Video Otoscope System (Gen7) includes Cart and Monitor

Starlab Modificatoin Bench

Hardware

- **NoahLink Programing Interface**
- **USB HiPro 2 Wired Interface**
- **SurfLink-Proprietary Wireless Programmer 900MHz**
- **Trulink-Proprietary Wireless Programmer 2.4GHZ**
- **PFS Connect (PFS PI, Flashcard, cables, Instructions)**

Software

- **Noah 4 database Software & Site License**
- **Starkey Inspire Programming Software**

PFS to Install

- **VA PFS-for Noah**
- **VA PFS-Standalone**
- **VA Inspire Programming Software-for Noah**
- **VA Inspire Programming Software-Standalone**

The information identified above is intended to be descriptive, not restrictive and to indicate the quality of the supplies/services that will be satisfactory. It is the responsibility of the interested source to demonstrate to the government that the interested parties can provide the supplies/services that fulfill the required specifications.

If you are interested, and are capable of providing the sought out supplies/services, please provide the requested information as well as the information indicated below. Response to this notice should include company name, address, point of contact, size of business pursuant to the following questions:

(1) Please indicate the size status and representations of your business, such as but not limited to: Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB), Hubzone, Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB), Large Business, etc.)?

(2) Is your company considered small under the NAICS code identified under this RFI?

(3) Are you the manufacturer or distributor of the items being referenced above (or equivalent product/solution)?

(4) If you're a small business and you are an authorized distributor/reseller for the items identified above (or equivalent product/solution), do you alter; assemble; modify; the items requested in any way? If you do, state how and what is altered; assembled; modified?

(5) Does your company have an FSS contract with GSA or the NAC or are you a contract holder with NASA SEWP or any other federal contract? If so, please provide the contract type and number.

(6) If you are an FSS GSA/NAC or NASA SEWP contract holder or other federal contract holder, are the referenced items/solutions available on your schedule/contract?

(7) Please provide general pricing for your products/solutions for market research purposes.

(8) Please submit your capabilities in regards to the salient characteristics being provided and any information pertaining to "equal to items" to establish capabilities for planning purposes?

***** Submissions addressing Section (8) should show clear, compelling and convincing***
evidence that all “equal to items” meet all required salient characteristics.**

Responses to this notice shall be submitted via email to won.chae@va.gov. Telephone responses shall not be accepted. Responses must be received no later than Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. PST. If a solicitation is issued it shall be announced at a later date, and all interested parties must respond to that solicitation announcement separately from the responses to this request for information. Responses to this notice are not a request to be added to a prospective bidders list or to receive a copy of the solicitation.