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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 339112 (size standard of 1000 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 *Wood Shop Structural Safety Upgrades* that meets the following statement of work(sow) with a brand name or equal product for the VA San Diego Healthcare System:

## **SOW**

1. **Contract Title:** VASDHS Structural Safety Upgrades

2. **Background.**

The VASDHS at 3350 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego CA, CA 92161 is part of the Desert Pacific Healthcare Network (VISN 22), and is one of the most diversified tertiary health care providers in the VA. It is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient services, with state-of-the art technology as well as education and research.

3 **Scope.**

The purpose of this Statement of work is to outline tasks and responsibilities for contractor to conduct Structural Safety upgrades at designated locations at the VASDHS Medical center located at 3350 la Jolla Village Drive, San Diego CA 92161. This work is required to maintain and/or bring to compliance existing conditions to OSHA safety standards.

#### **4. Specific Tasks.**

Contractor shall provide all materials, personnel, and supervision to supply and install the following equipment:

- A. Contractor shall remove and dispose of the following existing equipment: One table saw; one band saw, one belt/ disc sander, one floor Drill Press, one Miter saw. Contractor shall prep the existing floor and conduct flooring work to include: Epoxy Safety Floor of approximately 830 sq.- feet in the designated area.
- B. Contractor shall provide, deliver, and install the following:
  - a. Saw-Stop Industrial Cabinet Saw, 7.5HP, 3-Phase, 480V, 52" Fence
  - b. Safety Speed Manufacturing PR02K Panel Pro Vertical Panel Saw
  - c. Hitachi C12RSH 15 Amp 12-Inch Sliding Compound Miter Saw with Laser
  - d. JET VBS-1408, 14" Vertical Band saw
  - e. Powermatic 1HP Drill Press, PM2800B
  - f. Delta 31-483 Bench Spindle Sander
  - g. Delta 31-140 12" Bench Disc Sander
  - h. Kalamazoo 1SM 1" Bench Belt Sander
  - i. JET JWDP-12 112 HP 12" Bench Drill Press
  - j. Provide and install 2 inch thick "butcher block" type tool bench 18"x 15' in replacement of existing westward located bench
  - k. Provide and install Open storage shelves under the westward located bench, with a minimum of 12" spacing
  - l. Provide and install Floor Striping Tape to delineate safety zones around machinery per OSHA standards
  - m. Provide electrical conduit and conduct required wiring to connect all newly installed equipment to the facility electrical distribution system
  - n. Provide and install 4 x 8 vertical plywood rack
  - o. Contractor shall provide one additional appropriate cartridge for each of the newly installed equipment to include standard and one dado blade for the Saw-Stop unit, one non-ferrous cartridge of cutting blades, one fine wood cutting blades for the Hitachi unit, one 100 ft. bulk roll Lenox Die master II blade; twenty miscellaneous sander cones; twenty disc (12 inch size) as follow 36 G type (5 ea.), 60 G-type (05 ea.), 100G-type (05 ea.), 120G type (05 ea.); and one inch belt for the Kalamazoo 1SM unit.
- C. All newly provided equipment shall be equipped with voltage sensing switches with the capacity to activate dust collecting system and prevent/minimize dust proliferation during routine work operations.
- D. Contractor shall consult with the project for final location before installing new piece of equipment.

#### **5. Deliverables:**

Contractor shall provide all above listed and installed equipment related documentation and maintenance requirement as per equipment manufacturer.

## **6. Performance Monitoring**

VASDHS project COR be monitoring Contractor work based on the following criteria but not limited to:

1. Knowledge and familiarity with OSHA requirements pertaining to rotating equipment
2. Ability perform work safely
3. Proven exemplary work history in medical facility systems and lead arc flash work or/and related work with major electrical distribution systems.
4. Contractor certification to perform work in asbestos laden spaces
5. Familiarity with VA procedures and specifically, the VASDHS facility.
6. Employee qualifications and experience in performing required work.

## **7. Safety Precautions**

- a. Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local requirements regarding workers' health and safety. The requirements include, but are not limited to, those found in Federal and State Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) statutes and regulations, such as applicable provisions of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 1910 and 1926, NFPA 70E, Article 130.7 29 CFR 1910.132(d)(1)(iii), 29CFR1910.137
- b. Contractor shall provide all necessary tools, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to perform the work safely, effectively, and timely.
- c. All necessary precautions shall be taken by the Contractor to prevent accidental operation of any existing smoke detectors or sprinkler heads.

## **8. Other Pertinent Information or Special Considerations.**

- a. Contractor shall conduct all required work after hours to minimize disruption of the daily routine operation of the facility.
- b. VASDHS La Jolla facility is a Federal property. Contractor shall coordinate with the facility Engineering Service if warranted for access in restricted spaces or any required support in the performance of this work. The designated COR shall coordinate the request.
- c. Work will be conducted in areas identified as containing asbestos materials. Contractor shall therefore comply with the public laws and statues including all changes and amendments of Federal, State, and local environmental statutes and regulations governing Asbestos containing materials-ACM, to include:
  - 29 CFR 1926.1101 Asbestos Regulations for the Construction Industry.
  - 29 CFR 1910.134 Respiratory Protection Standard
  - EPA, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) protocols.
- d. Guidance for Controlling Asbestos-Containing Materials in Buildings, EPA 560/5-85-024.
- e. Contractors shall be licensed, qualified, and certified to meet all EPA regulations under National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air pollutants-NESHAPS and all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

## **Inspection and Acceptance Criteria:**

The COR can perform inspection of the work performed without the presence of the contractor and determine whether the work performed is within standards expressed in this scope of work. It is VA prerogative to hire an independent qualified third party to check the validity of the work conducted.

## **Risk Control**

The medical services at the designated locations will remain operational during the execution of this work; Contractor shall take all precautions to minimize disruption to daily routine tasks performed in those services. Patients care shall remain a top concern for the Contractor and his employees while performing the work.

**9. Place of Performance:** VASDHS, 3350 La Jolla village Drive, San Diego CA 92161

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)? What is the manufacturing country of origin of these items?**
- (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 [chris.lester@va.gov](mailto:chris.lester@va.gov). Telephone responses shall not be accepted. Responses must be received no later than Wednesday, August 24, 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.