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The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code for this acquisition is 811219; Size Standard: \$20.5; and the Classification Code is J065.

Maintenance and Support for Hologic Cellient Automated Cell Block System

1. **Title of Project:** Charles George VA Medical Center – Support and Maintenance for Hologic Cellient Automated Cell Block Processor.

2. **Scope of Work:**

- Services include unlimited on-site repairs performed by factory trained Hologic Service professionals within 48 hour. Site location: 1100 Tunnel Rd, Asheville, NC 28805
- Next business day, on-site response to inoperable unit during normal working hours – Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Local time (Excluding Holidays).
- Costs for all service labor, travel and parts (including shipping costs) are to be included in the pricing.
- During each year of the contract, a minimum of one on-site PM site visit is to be performed by a certified field service representative. This will be Firm Fixed Price, Base + 4 (1) year option contract.
- Unlimited on-call support for question and/or troubleshooting.

3. **Background:** The increase workload involving atypical glandular cells (AGC), the Cellient Automated Cell Block System is a very important diagnosis in gynecological cytology.

The Automated Cell Block System:

- Helps maintain crisp, clear cellular architecture.
- Creates concentrations of cells within the block.
- Reviews of cytology and cell block simultaneously.
- Supports earlier and more productive pathology review.

4. **Licensures:** All field service representatives must have the education, training, and experience to qualify as a Field Service Engineer and have completed a Hologic-sponsored certification course on the Cellient Automated Cell Block Processors.

5. **Description of Requirements:**

A standard support & maintenance agreement for a Cellient Automated Cell Block processor. If this instrument becomes inoperative, then the cell blocks would have to be sent to a local pathology lab for processing. In addition to being a great inconvenience and prolong our Turn-around-time, it would also be an added risk to many of our surgical patients. If the patient is under anesthesia when the tissue sample arrives, it needs to be processed immediately and read by a pathologist.

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Interested parties should submit with their response only the following information:

1. Company name and DUN #
2. POC information
3. Business size and socio-economic classification (for example SDVOSB, Woman-owned)
4. Is this item available on FSS Schedule? If so, provide contract #.

Please email this information to shamike.bethea@va.gov no later than November 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

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