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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 *Argon Plasma Coagulation System* that at a minimum meets the following **salient characteristics** with a brand name or equal product for the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System:

**Salient Characteristics- Argon Plasma Coagulation (APC) System**

- Non-pulsing mode with ignition support
- Defined individual Argon Plasma Coagulator (APC) impulses with controllable change of effect at tissue surface, allowing for non-contact tissue hemostasis, coagulation, or reduction of tissue
- Elastic beam with regulation of penetration depth
- Accepts FiAPC (Filer Integrated) flexible APC probes
- Integrated electrical and software system with color screen
- Instrument recognition system with automatic flow settings
- Gas tank fill level indication, adjustable gas flow rates
- Constant voltage regulation and automated software power dosing
- Offers above average output during the initial incision phase and for cutting enhancement
- Spark recognition/Spark regulation technology utilized in endo cut and high cut modes

- Reproducible cuts in poorly conductive tissue
- Intensive hemostasis with a slower cutting speed
- Intensive coagulation for dissection with aggressive hemostasis
- Simultaneous dual mono instruments with surge/drain limits
- Standard bipolar modes
- Neutral electrode safety system for patient return electrode monitoring
- Toggle footswitch allows user to toggle from one program/mode to another by pressing the toggle button on the footswitch, without staff intervention
- Actual power usage can be displayed real-time on the screen (power display)
- Voltage is displayed on the screen with the selected effect setting (voltage icon)
- ATM user screen-Provides simple operation for selecting screen functions
- Diagnostic codes in the event of user or equipment problems clearly displayed on the face of the unit
- Audible and visual alarms for immediate notification
- Programmable for multiple programs for all modes
- Color interactive screen
- Modular design must be expanded to choose from multiple workstation options
- Software upgradeable
- 24 hour available clinical & technical Support
- Programmable pre-set settings
- Tubing systems available for GI Endoscopy or Operating Room
- One year warranty

**Brand name Info:**

**ERBE ERBEJET 2 WATERJET (Item #10150-000)-Quantity 1**

**APC 2 Pressure Reducer with Sensor (Item #20134-006)-Quantity 3**

**VIO to APC 2 Fastening Set (Item #20180-134)-Quantity 3**

**ENDO CUT IQ Upgrade (Item #29140-218)-Quantity 3**

**EVBE VIO Double Pedal Footswitch with Bracket (Item #20189-304)-Quantity 2**

**VIO 300D Electrosurgical Unit 120V/60Hz UL, Software Version 2.x Constant Voltage Platform with Automatic Power Adjustment, Power Peak System and Spray Coagulation and including NESSY software (Item #10140-100)-Quantity 3**

**APC 2 Argon Plasma Coagulator with choice of Precise APC and two Pulsed APC modes (Item #10134-0000)-Quantity 3**

**VIO Two Pedal Footswitch with ReMode & Bracket (Item #20189-305)-Quantity 1**

**ERBE Argon Gas Cylinder, Full, 10 cu. Ft. (Item #1010-2)-Quantity 7**

**ERBE ERBEJET 2 One Pedal Footswitch with REMODE (Item #20150-102)-Quantity 1**

## **ERBE Fastening Set for EBREJET 2 to VIO/APC 2 (Item #20150-050)-Quantity 1**

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. Note: Please provide pricing details for both equipment and service charge.**

**(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 **Monday, February 06, 2017 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.