

**THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) – SOURCES SOUGHT IS ISSUED SOLELY  
FOR MARKET RESEARCH AND PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT  
CONSTITUTE A SOLICITATION.**

1. Responses to this Sources Sought must be in writing. The purpose of this Sources Sought Announcement is for market research only to make appropriate acquisition decisions and to gain knowledge of Small Business Capability, including Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses and Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB/VOSB) interested and capable of performing the work.
2. The NAICS for this requirement is 621511 – Medical Laboratories.
3. Interested and capable Contractors should respond to this notice not later than 12:00 PM PST on Friday, March 31, 2017 by providing the following via email only to Ms. Jenny Peters at [Jennelyn.Peters@va.gov](mailto:Jennelyn.Peters@va.gov).
  - (a) Company Name
  - (b) Address
  - (c) Point of contact
  - (d) Phone, fax, and email of primary point of contact
  - (e) DUNS number
  - (f) Type of small business, if applicable, (e.g. Services Disabled Veteran Owned small Business(SDVOSB), Veteran-owned small business (VOSB), 8(a), HUB-Zone, Women Owned Small Business, Small disadvantaged business, or Small Business).
  - (g) Subcontractor company name and address, if any
  - (h) A capability statement that addresses the organization's qualifications and ability to perform as a contractor *specifically* for the work described in paragraph 5. Respondents are also encouraged to provide specific examples (e.g. contract number, point of contact information) of the Contractor's experience providing the same or similar supplies/services to that described in paragraph 5.
  - (i) List of laboratory tests offered in accordance with the scope of work described in paragraph 5 to include test codes, test names and CPT codes. Price list for each test may also be included, but optional.
4. SDVOSB/VOSB respondents.
  - (a) If respondent is VOSB or SDVOSB, respondent is encouraged to provide proof of [www.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vetbiz.gov) certification. In addition, SDVOSB/VOSB Contractors are asked to acknowledge that they understand the limitations on sub-contracting pursuant to FAR 52.219-14, Limitations on Sub-Contracting, which will be included in the impending solicitation. Furthermore, SDVOSB/VOSB contractors are asked to respond that they are capable of providing the requested services keeping within the parameters of this clause.
  - (b) Small businesses, including SDVOSB/VOSBS are also advised that per 13 CFR, § 125.6 the prime contractor's limitations on subcontracting are as follows:
    - (1) *General.* In order to be awarded a full or partial small business set-aside contract with a value greater than \$150,000, an 8(a) contract, an SDVOSB contract, a HUBZone contract, a WOSB or EDWOSB contract pursuant to part 127 of this chapter, a small business concern must agree that:

- i. In the case of a contract for services (except construction), it will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to firms that are not similarly situated. Any work that a similarly situated subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 50% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded.

5. Scope of Work

The Government is seeking for licensed Contractor(s) to process specimens and/or perform analytical testing for various Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers within Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 22. The participating facilities are VA San Diego, Greater Los Angeles, Long Beach, Loma Linda, New Mexico, Northern Arizona, Phoenix and Southern Arizona Healthcare Systems. These services shall be performed at the Contractor's clinical reference laboratory. The testing will include single gene testing, gene panel testing and exome/genome testing for hereditary conditions across one or more specialty areas (e.g. cancer, neurological, cardiovascular, etc.). The period of performance is expected to begin on or before March 1, 2018 for a period of one year with four (4) one-year options.

6. Please note that if VA's pending market research establishes that two or more VOSB or SDVOSB, who are certified in VA's Vendor Information Pages (VIP) site <https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/>, can perform the services, VA will set aside the underlying solicitation per 38 U.S.C. §8127.
7. All Offerors who provide goods or services to the United States Federal Government must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database found at <https://www.sam.gov>. Registration must include Representations and Certifications.

*--End of Sources Sought Announcement--*