

**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 238220 – Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning Contractors.
3. Interested and capable Contractors should respond to this notice not later than 3:00 PM EST on Friday, August 18, 2017 by providing the following via email to Ms. Jenny Peters at 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) GSA contract, if any
  - (h) Subcontractor company name and address, if any
  - (i) A capability statement that addresses the organization’s qualifications and ability to perform as a contractor *specifically* for the work described in paragraph 5 and the attached draft copy of the performance work statement. 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.
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 potential contractor capable of upgrading the existing Government-owned Trane chillers at VA San Diego Healthcare System, 3350 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92161. The work to be performed will increase the chiller capacity per original equipment manufacturer (OEM) recommendation on the chiller service threshold. In order to comply with the manufacturer's warranty, the contractor must be certified and trained by the OEM. This requirement is anticipated to begin performance on or before September 15, 2017.

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--*