

The Department of Veteran Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Network Contracting Office 6, intends to negotiate a sole source Firm-Fixed Price contract for Cost-Per-Test for Microbiology ID/Susceptible instrumentation testing and reagents for the Beckley, Fayetteville, Hampton, Asheville, Salem and Salisbury VA Medical Center with Biomerieux Inc. in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1)(B) as implemented by FAR 6.302-1 Only One Responsible Source.

This is not a request for competitive offers and no solicitation is available. Market research has determined that these services are highly specialized and are only available from a single source without an unacceptable delay or duplication of cost and no other type of services will satisfy agency requirements. The Government intends to award the contract with an effective date of 3 November 2017 to Biomerieux Inc., 100 Rodolphe St, Durham NC, 27712-9402. Cage code 4S002.

This is a Brand-Name Only requirement to satisfy the pathology department requirements through 09/30/2018. A follow-on competition will be considered for the period 10/01/2018- 09/30/2023. The requiring activity is currently in need of Cost-Per-Test for Microbiology ID/Susceptible instrumentation testing and reagents. Bacterial identification and antibiotic susceptibility testing play an essential role in patient care and the control of antibiotic resistance and is paramount to in epidemiological monitoring. This planned sole source acquisition supports existing Vitek2 instrumentation already embedded throughout the Beckley, Fayetteville, Hampton, Asheville, Salem and Salisbury VA Medical Center.

This synopsis announcement is being issued for information purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation or request for competitive proposals. If a firm believes it is capable of meeting the Government's requirement, it may identify their interest and capability to the Contracting Officer NLT 0200 PM EST, 3 Nov 2017 of this publication by contacting Paul O. Waite via e-mail at [paul.waite@va.gov](mailto:paul.waite@va.gov). Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. Those interested firms must indicate whether they are large, small, small-disadvantaged, 8(a) or woman owned business and whether they are U.S. or foreign owned. Respondents who submit proprietary data shall clearly mark the data with appropriate markings. The Government will not pay for any information submitted as a result of this synopsis. This synopsis shall not be construed as an obligation on the part of the Government to acquire any products or services.

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