

**(i)** In accordance with FAR Part 13, this combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items is prepared in accordance with the format in [Subpart 12.6](#), as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued. The Department of Veterans Affairs, Malcom Randall VAMC has the need to procure Pharmacy Continuing Education Web Subscription.

**(ii)** The combined synopsis solicitation number is 36C24818Q0170. It's issued as a Request for Quotation (RFQ).

**(iii)** This combined synopsis solicitation RFQ and the provisions and clauses incorporated are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-95 (01-19-2017).

**(iv)** The combined synopsis solicitation will use a tiered or cascading order of precedence. "tiered evaluation of offers" also known as "cascading evaluation of offers" is a procedure used in negotiated acquisitions when market research is inconclusive for justifying limiting competition to small business concerns or sub-categories of small business concerns. The contracting officer—

(1) Solicits offers from both small and other than small business concerns that will be evaluated in the following tier order:

(a) ) service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB);

(b) veteran-owned small business (VOSB);

(c) all other small business concerns;

(d) other than small business.

(2) If an award or a sufficient number of awards cannot be made at the first tier, evaluation of offers will proceed at the next lower tier until an award or a sufficient number of awards can be made.

**(v)** This combined synopsis solicitation is for the purchase of a Pharmacy Continuing Education Web Subscription. Responses shall be on an all or none bases, no partial submission. The Government reserves the right to make no award at all.

See Attachment B: Price/Cost Schedule

**(vi)** A description of the items to be acquired, and/or applicable Government need(s) as follows: Education Service of North Florida South Georgia Veterans Healthcare System require subscription access to Continuing Medical Education (CME) including Pharmacist's Letter, Pharmacy Technician's Letter, and Prescriber's Letter for all pharmacy service, physician, and other clinical staff by electronic access and print edition. It will also offer continuing education components (CEU) toward certifications/accreditations.

See Attachment C: Salient Characteristics

**(vii)** The equipment is to be delivered on/or before thirty (30) days after Receipt of Order at the expense of the offeror, FOB destination to Malcom Randall VA Medical Center located at 5601 S.W. Archer Road Gainesville, FL 32608.

**(viii)** Provision 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors – Commercial (Oct 2015), applies to this acquisition.

Addendum to FAR 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Items: Offerors are to e-mail completed quotes to [paul.boan@va.gov](mailto:paul.boan@va.gov) on/or before December 06, 2017 at 4:00 PM ET.

All provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation can be viewed in full text using the following web addresses: <http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

Note, unless exempt per Federal Acquisition Regulation [FAR] Part 4.11, all contractors must be registered and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) to be considered for an award against this solicitation. SAM combines data that was formerly contained in the Central Contractors Registration (CCR) and Online Representation and Certifications (ORCA) systems. For information please review the SAM website at <https://www.sam.gov>. A Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is utilized for registration. To register go to <https://www.acquisition.gov>.

**(ix)** Provision 52.212-2, Evaluation – Commercial Items (OCT 2014), applies to this acquisition. The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

1. Technically acceptability
2. Price

A comparative evaluation will be conducted in accordance with FAR Part 13.106-2(b)(3) to determine the best value

**(x)** 52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications – Commercial items (MAY 2014) applies to this acquisition. Offerors shall include a completed copy of the provision at 52.212-3 Offeror Representation and Certification – Commercial Items (FEB 2016) with their offer. Provision at 52.212-3 Offeror Representation and Certification can be accessed electronically at the following web address: <http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

**(xi)** Clause 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items, applies to this acquisition.

**(xii)** Clause 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (APR 2015) applies to this acquisition.

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- (1) 52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (Dec 2014)

(2) 52.233-3, Protest After Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).

(3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Public Laws 108-77 and 108-78 (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

☐ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sept 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

☐ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (APR 2010)(41 U.S.C. 3509).

☐ (3) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (JUN 2010) (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5). (Applies to contracts funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.)

☒ (4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (Jul 2013) (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

☐ (5) [Reserved]

☐ (6) 52.204-14, Service Contract Reporting Requirements (JAN 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

☐ (7) 52.204-15, Service Contract Reporting Requirements for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (JAN 2014) (Pub. L. 111-117, section 743 of Div. C).

☒ (8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. (Aug 2013) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

☐ (9) 52.209-9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters (Jul 2013) (41 U.S.C. 2313).

☐ (10) [Reserved]

☐ (11)(i) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Set-Aside or Sole-Source Award (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

☐ (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011) of 52.219-3.

☐ (12)(i) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a).

☐ (ii) Alternate I (JAN 2011) of 52.219-4.

- ☐ (13) [Reserved]
- ☐ (14)(i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644).
- ☐ (ii) Alternate I (NOV 2011).
- ☐ (iii) Alternate II (NOV 2011).
- ☐ (15)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644).
- ☐ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7.
- ☐ (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7.
- ☐ (16) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)).
- ☐ (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (OCT 2014) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)).
- ☐ (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
- ☐ (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9.
- ☐ (iv) Alternate III (OCT 2014) of 52.219-9.
- ☐ (18) 52.219-13, Notice of Set-Aside of Orders (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 644(r)).
- ☐ (19) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).
- ☐ (20) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).
- ☒ (21) 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (NOV 2011) (15 U.S.C. 657f).
- ☒ (22) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Representation (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)).
- ☐ (23) 52.219-29, Notice of Set-Aside for Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) Concerns (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- ☐ (24) 52.219-30, Notice of Set-Aside for Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Concerns Eligible Under the WOSB Program (Jul 2013) (15 U.S.C. 637(m)).
- ☒ (25) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755).
- ☒ (26) 52.222-19, Child Labor—Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2014) (E.O. 13126).

- [X] (27) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).
- [X] (28) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 2015) (E.O. 11246).
- [] (29) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUL 2014) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- [X] (30) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- [] (31) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans (JUL 2014) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- [] (32) 52.222-40, Notification of Employee Rights Under the National Labor Relations Act (DEC 2010) (E.O. 13496).
- [X] (33)(i) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015) (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- [] (ii) Alternate I (MAR 2015) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. chapter 78 and E.O. 13627).
- [] (34) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (AUG 2013). (Executive Order 12989). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items or certain other types of commercial items as prescribed in 22.1803.)
- [] (35)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Items (May 2008) (42 U.S.C.6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- [] (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2008) of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)). (Not applicable to the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf items.)
- [X] (36)(i) 52.223-13, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Imaging Equipment (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- [] (ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-13.
- [] (37)(i) 52.223-14, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Televisions (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- [] (ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-14.
- [] (38) 52.223-15, Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (DEC 2007)(42 U.S.C. 8259b).
- [] (39)(i) 52.223-16, Acquisition of EPEAT®-Registered Personal Computer Products (JUN 2014) (E.O.s 13423 and 13514).
- [] (ii) Alternate I (JUN 2014) of 52.223-16.
- [X] (40) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011)

[X] (41) 52.225-1, Buy American—Supplies (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83).

[] (42)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 83, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, 19 U.S.C. 3805 note, 19 U.S.C. 4001 note, Pub. L. 103-182, 108-77, 108-78, 108-286, 108-302, 109-53, 109-169, 109-283, 110-138, 112-41, 112-42, and 112-43).

[] (ii) Alternate I (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3. []

(iii) Alternate II (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3. []

(iv) Alternate III (MAY 2014) of 52.225-3.

[] (43) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (NOV 2013) (19 U.S.C. 2501, *et seq.*, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).

[X] (44) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUN 2008) (E.O.'s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

[] (45) 52.225-26, Contractors Performing Private Security Functions Outside the United States (Jul 2013) (Section 862, as amended, of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; 10 U.S.C. 2302 Note).

[] (46) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

[] (47) 52.226-5, Restrictions on Subcontracting Outside Disaster or Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).

[] (48) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

[] (49) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4505, 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).

[X] (50) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

[X] (51) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than System for Award Management (Jul 2013) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

[] (52) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 2014) (31 U.S.C. 3332).

[] (53) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).

[] (54)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx. 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631).

[] (ii) Alternate I (Apr 2003) of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- [] (1) 52.222-17, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers (MAY 2014) (E.O. 13495).
- [] (2) 52.222-41, Service Contract Labor Standards (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- [] (3) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- [] (4) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- [] (5) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Labor Standards—Price Adjustment (MAY 2014) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- [] (6) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment—Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- [] (7) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Labor Standards to Contracts for Certain Services—Requirements (MAY 2014) (41 U.S.C. chapter 67).
- [] (8) 52.222-55, Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (DEC 2014) (Executive Order 13658).
- [] (9) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (MAY 2014) (42 U.S.C. 1792).
- [] (10) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of \$1 Coin (SEP 2008) (31 U.S.C. 5112(p)(1)).

(End of Clause)

**(xiii)** Statement regarding any Additional Provisions and Clauses, or other terms and conditions important to the requirement/procurement process consistent with commercial practices:

Provisions in full text:

52.225-18 Place of Manufacture (MAR 2015).

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause—

“Manufactured end product” means any end product in product and service codes (PSCs) 1000-9999, except—

- (1) FPSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Product or Service Group (PSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;

- (3) PSG 88, Live Animals;
- (4) PSG 89, Subsistence;
- (5) PSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) PSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) PSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) PSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) PSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) PSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

"Place of manufacture" means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

(b) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly—

(1) ☐ In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or

(2) ☐ Outside the United States.

(End of provision)

#### 52.252-1 Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998).

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

<http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/>

(End of provision)

#### 852.252-70 Solicitation provisions or clauses incorporated by reference (JAN 2008).

The following provisions or clauses incorporated by reference in this solicitation must be completed by the offeror or prospective contractor and submitted with the quotation or offer. Copies of these provisions or clauses are available on the Internet at the web sites



provided in the provision at FAR 52.252-1, Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference, or the clause at FAR 52.252-2, Clauses Incorporated by Reference. Copies may also be obtained from the contracting officer.

(End of provision)

52.204-20 Predecessor of Offeror

Predecessor of Offeror (Jul 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

“Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code” means—

(1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the United States or its outlying areas by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity; or

(2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the United States and its outlying areas that the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as a NATO CAGE (NCAGE) code.

“Predecessor” means an entity that is replaced by a successor and includes any predecessors of the predecessor.

“Successor” means an entity that has replaced a predecessor by acquiring the assets and carrying out the affairs of the predecessor under a new name (often through acquisition or merger). The term “successor” does not include new offices/divisions of the same company or a company that only changes its name. The extent of the responsibility of the successor for the liabilities of the predecessor may vary, depending on State law and specific circumstances.

(b) The Offeror represents that it ☐ is or ☐ is not a successor to a predecessor that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years.

(c) If the Offeror has indicated “is” in paragraph (b) of this provision, enter the following information for all predecessors that held a Federal contract or grant within the last three years (if more than one predecessor, list in reverse chronological order):

Predecessor CAGE code: \_\_\_\_\_(or mark "Unknown")

Predecessor legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Do not use a "doing business as" name)

(End of provision)

Provisions incorporated by reference are:

- 52.203-11 Certification and Disclosure regarding payments to Influence certain Federal Transactions (SEP 2007);
- 52.204-7 System for award management (JUL 2013)
- 52.204-17 Ownership or Control of Offeror (NOV 2014)
- 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors – Commercial Items (APR 2014);
- 52.225-25 Prohibition on Contracting with entities engaging in certain activities or transactions relating to Iran – Representation and Certification (DEC 2012)

Clauses in Full Text:

52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998).

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

(End of clause)

Clauses Incorporated by Reference:

- 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance (JUL 2013)
- 52.204-18 Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance (JUL 2015)
- 52.222-20 Contracts for materials, supplies, articles, and equipment exceeding \$15,000.00 (MAY 2014);
- 52.232-1 Payments (APR 1984);
- 52.232-8 Discounts for prompt payment (FEB 2002);
- 52.243-1 Changes –Fixed Price (AUG 1987);
- 852.203-70 Commercial Advertising (JAN 2008);
- 852.246-70 Guarantee (JAN 2008);
- 852.246-71 Inspection (JAN 2008)
- 52.232-40 Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors

**(xiv)** DPAS is N/A

**(xv)** Quotes are due on/or before December 06, 2017 at 4:00 PM ET by e-mail only at scott.brickey@va.gov. Offers received after the exact time specified in the solicitation are considered late and may be considered if the action would not unduly delay the acquisition or are deemed to be in the best interest of the Government.

**(xvi)** For further information contact Paul Boan at 352-381-5732

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