

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items 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, C.W. Bill Young VA Healthcare System, Contracting Office, Bay Pines, FL. 33733, has a need to purchase ZEISS OS \F\ IOL Master 700. The RFQ # is 36C248-18-Q-0233.

This combined synopsis solicitation RFQ and the provisions and clauses incorporated are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-96 (11-06-2017).

Any award resulting from this solicitation will be made using the following cascade set-aside procedures per VHA memorandum #17-09, June 21, 2017, in compliance with 38 U.S.C. 8127.

The evaluation of offers received in response to the 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.

The NAICS Code is 339112; the size standard is 1000 Employees. Note, interested SDVOSB and VOSB Offerors must be listed and registered in Vetbiz.gov to be considered for Award.

Responses shall be on an all or none bases, no partial submissions will be accepted. The Government reserves the right to make no award at all.

All quotes are due by January 12, 2017; NLT 2 PM EST via e-mail to: James.Roberts2@va.gov. The “Subject Line” of the response e-mail shall include “RFQ 36C248-18-Q-0233. Offers received after the exact time specified in the solicitation are considered late and may at the discretion of the Contracting Officer be considered if the action would not unduly delay the acquisition or are deemed to be in the best interest of the Government.