

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
NEWARK CONTRACTING OFFICE (NCO) 16  
MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC), HOUSTON, TEXAS

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
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**BACKGROUND:**

The Houston VAMC has a requirement for the purchase of commercial two-sided reach in refrigerated air curtain system. This equipment is used for quantity food storage with ability to maintain standard refrigeration temperature range during tray line assembly with one door open of the unit. This unit shall be compatible with existing Burlodge B-LEAN tray line system. Standard product features should include:

- Stainless Steel Exterior & Interior
- Double Door Access
- Server side is a Stainless Steel Open / Glide / Hide Door allowing tray assembly table to be placed against unit for tray assembly
- Runner Side Stainless Door Swings Open Left to Right
- Touch Screen Control Panel at top of Unit
- Ability to record critical temperature events, including date and time
- Energy Saving Mode
- Doors with Locking Capacity
- Automatic Defrost Timer
- Lightweight Doors with Magnetic Gaskets
- Condensate Automatically Evaporated
- Wire Grid on bottom Shelf to Eliminate Condensate water from damaging food cartons
- 5 Gravity Shelf Tray Slides with Integrated anti-falling devices at front of trays, including magnetic front
- Gravity Trays can be extended during tray assembly to minimize user reaching
- 6" Heavy Duty Casters with Wheel Locks
- Minimum 1-year Defective Parts and Labor warranty

Parameter	Attribute	Value
Double Side Reach-In Commercial Refrigerated Air Curtain	B-Cool Lean or Equivalent  Stainless Steel/ Open / Glide / Hide Door - Stainless Rear Door; Server side is a Stainless Steel Open / Glide / Hide Door; Runner Side Stainless Door Swings open Left to Right; BC-2018-02 Complete with 5 Sets of Tray Slides with Pin; BC-2015-Tray-B1 5ea X Custom 18" X 26" Fiberglass Tray with Front Section Magnet-Ready with Anti Falling Lip  BC-2015-DIV-1 20ea X Custom Stainless-Steel Divider Bars That Connect to Tray Via Slots {4 Per Tray}	4
Gravity Trays	B1 Custom 18" X 26" Fiberglass Tray with Front Section Magnet-Ready with Anti Falling Lip	20

The deliveries will be made to Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center located at 2002 Holcombe Blvd Houston, Texas 77030.

#### REQUESTED RESPONSES:

The intent of this Request for Information is to establish sources to define the procurement strategy (set-aside, sole source, unrestricted) for a solicitation that VA intends to post in the near future. Interested contractors are requested to respond in accordance with the following:

1. Please respond to this RFI if you can provide the exact brand name or equal products listed in the table in the background section above. In the response please cite your business size status.
  - a. If you have an existing GSA or VA, Federal Supply Schedule contract, please include the contract details in your response.
  - b. **Please note that VA is particularly interested in determining the availability of Small Business Manufacturers.** If your company is a small business manufacturer of similar items, please respond to this RFI.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESPONSE DUE DATE:

Please email all responses to [Kenny.Holestin@va.gov](mailto:Kenny.Holestin@va.gov). Please respond to this RFI no later than **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by 1159pm CST.**

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