

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

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
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BACKGROUND:

The current two-door laboratory refrigerator needs to be replaced. The new one will be used to store reagents for the Point-of-Care area of the laboratory. The two new one-door refrigerators will be used to store chemistry reagents in the Rapid Analytical Chemistry area of the laboratory.

REQUIREMENTS

1. 1 EA - Helmer Scientific HLR245 Horizon Series Laboratory Refrigerator, 45CF (1271 Liter)

2. 2 EA - HLR125 Horizon Series Laboratory Refrigerator, 25CF (714 Liters)

Key Features:

- a. Superior chamber temperature uniformity and quick recovery with heavy-duty, air-cooled refrigeration system
- b. Temperature uniformity of +/- 1°C
- c. Operating temperature range from +2°C to +10°C
- d. Bacteria-resistant powder coated exterior and interior for added security
- e. Sure-Seal self-closing door with magnetic closure eliminates broken door latches
- f. custom storage capabilities with roll out baskets, full or half-size shelves, and stainless-steel drawers provide maximum storage versatility
- g. Adjustable LED lighting provides energy-efficient illumination with auto-on feature and ON/OFF switch
- h. Hospital grade plug enhances electrical safety/serviceability
- i. Certified energy-efficient refrigerators help reduce the environmental footprint of your facility.
- j. Microprocessor temperature controller with built-in alarm/monitor
- k. key lock
- l. Single and double door models from 11cf to 56cf
- m. ADA compliant door handles
- n. position flush with a countertop, cabinet, or other equipment with no additional clearance required
- o. Recessed floor contains spills for easy clean-up

3. Specifications:

- a. Helmer HLR245 Horizon Series Laboratory Refrigerator, 45cf (1271 Liters)
 - i. Doors: 2
 - ii. Volume: 44.9cf/1271 Liters
 - iii. Interior Dimensions (W x H x D): 55in x 58.25in x 24.25in (1397mm x 1480mm x 616mm)
 - iv. Exterior Dimensions (W x H x D): 59.25in x 78.75in x 29.5in (1505mm x 2001mm x 750mm)
 - v. Shelves: 8
 - vi. Baskets: 0
 - vii. Energy Star Certified: Yes (voltage 115, 60Hz, Amps 11.5), No (voltage 230, 50Hz, Amps 6.0), No (voltage 230, 60Hz, Amps 6.0)
 - viii. Net Weight: 701lbs/318kg
 - ix. Warranty Rel.i 5/2/1
- b. Helmer HLR125 Horizon Series Laboratory Refrigerator, 25CF (714 Liters)
 - i. Doors: 1
 - ii. Volume: 25.2cf/714 Liters
 - iii. Interior Dimensions (W x H x D): 24.75in x 58.25in x 30.25in (629mm x 1480mm x 769mm)
 - iv. Exterior Dimensions (W x H x D): 29.5in x 78.75in x 35.5in (750mm x 2001 mm x 902mm)
 - v. Shelves: 4
 - vi. Baskets: 0
 - vii. Energy Star Certified: Yes (voltage 115, 60Hz, 7.5Amps), No (voltage 230, 50Hz, 4.2Amps), No (voltage 230, 60Hz, 4.2Amps)
 - viii. Net Weight: 481lbs/219kg
 - ix. Warranty: Rel.i 5/2/1

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** 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. Please respond to this RFI no later than **April 23, 2018 by 1159pm CST.**

DISCLAIMER: This RFI is issued solely for informational and planning purposes and does not constitute a solicitation. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to form a binding contract. Respondents are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI.