

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification and Approval (J&A)
For
Brand Name (>SAT)**

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA260-18-AP-2657

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 20, Puget Sound VA Medical Center, 663-18-4-019-0112

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:

This procurement is for Microbiology Media Testing for the Puget Sound VA Medical Center as a new Base +4 Option Year order and the order will be firm fixed price. These products are mandatory for the identification of pathogenic organism. Remel (Fisher) products exhibit special characteristics not available in other vendor product lines. These supplies enable microbiologists to identify disease in veteran patients. These products have to be compatible with the Media Testing Instrument that is currently in use at the Seattle VAMC.

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:

A majority of the items below will be purchased as Brand Name Only items from the Remel (Fisher) product line:

Product Name	Product Name
ACRIDINE ORANGEBACTIDROP DROPPER	MITSUBISHI, PLASTIC CLEAR BAGS (for anaerobes), PACKAGE OF 20
BA/MAC biplate, 100/pk	MITSUBISHI, POUCH-ANAERO, BOX OF 20 SACHETS (small pouches)
Bacteroides Bile Esculin (BBE) agar, 10/pk	MITSUBISHI, POUCH-MICROAERO (GAS GENERATORS for Campy) (small pouches)
Bacteroides ovatus ATCC® BAA1296	MOTILITY MEDIA NO INDICATOR
BACTIDROPOXIDASE	MOTILITY MEDIA W/TTC
BACTIDROPSHOT INDOLE	MRVP BROTH (20 PACK)
BHI 5% FILDES	MUELLER HINTON 100MM (10 PACK)
BHI AGAR WITH CHLORAMPHENICOL, CYCLOHEXIMIDE	MUELLER HINTON 100MM WITH BLOOD 10 PACK
BHI agar with SB	MUELLER HINTON 150MM (10 PACK)
BHI BROTH 5 ML	MUELLER HINTON 150MM WITH BLOOD (10 PACK)
BLOOD AGAR TUBED MEDIA 15X103 MM 100 tubes	MUELLER HINTON AGAR + 2% NACL, PACKAGE/10 PLATES
Brain Heart CC Agar	NINHYDRIN REAGENT
BRUCELLA 5% SB	NITRATE A REAGENT
Calcofluor White Stain Kit	NITRATE B REAGENT

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CAMPY CVA MEDIUM	OF Medium w/1% Dextrose (Hugh-Liefson)
Candida glabrata ATCC MYA2950	ONPG BROTH
CASEIN AGAR TUBES	Paenibacillus polymyxa ATCC® 7070
CHOC THAYER MARTIN BIPLATE (10 PACK)	Parabacteroides distasonis ATCC® BAA1295
CHOCOLATE AGAR TUBED MEDIA 15X103 MM 100 tubes	PathoDx Strep Grouping Positive Control
Chocolate agar, 100/pk	PATHODX, DISPOSABLE SLIDE
Clostridium septicum ATCC® 12464	PATHODX, EXTRACTION REAGENT 1
CNA COLUMBIA CNA + 5% SHEEP BLOOD AGAR PLATE (30 PK/WK)	PATHODX, EXTRACTION REAGENT 2
Columbia blood agar, 100/pk	PATHODX, EXTRACTION REAGENT 3
CORNMEAL AGAR WITH POLYSORBATE 80 (TWEEN 80) PLATES	PATHODX, STREP A LATEX
Cryptococcus Antigen Test Kit	PATHODX, STREP B LATEX
DECARBOXYLASE BROTH ARGININE	PATHODX, STREP C LATEX
DECARBOXYLASE BROTH LYSINE, PG/20 TUBES	PATHODX, STREP F LATEX
DECARBOXYLASE BROTH MOELLER BASE CONTROL, PG	PATHODX, STREP G LATEX
DECARBOXYLASE BROTH ORNITHINE, PG	PBP2 latex agglutination test kit, 50 tests /kit
DISK, DIFFERENTIATION, CATARRHALIS TEST DISK	PEA BLOOD AGAR (100 PACK)
DISK, DIFFERENTIATION, LAP	PEPTONE YEAST GLUCOSE, 20/PK
DISK, DIFFERENTIATION, MICRODASE	PETRI DISHES 15 X 100 (500)
DISK, DIFFERENTIATION, PRODISK (C. DIFFICILE)	POTATO FLAKE AGAR SLANT
DISK, DIFFERENTIATION, PYRDISC	Rabbit blood defibrinated
DISK, DIFFERENTIATION, SPS	RAPID ANA ID, SPOT INDOLE (14526)
DISK, DIFFERENTIATION, UREA/PDA	RAPID ANAEROBIC I.D. STRIP II (21233)
DTM SLANTS	RAPID ID, INOCULATION FLUID (12461)
ERLICH'S INDOLE REAGENT	RAPID TREHALOSE ASSIMILATION BROTH, 20 TUBES/PKG
FERRIC CHLORIDE	Sabourad plates, 10/pk
HEART INFUSION BROTH ARABINOSE 20 PACK	SABOUROUD SLANTS
HEART INFUSION BROTH, SUCROSE	SEAL, SHRINK
HEKTOEN	Sheep blood defibrinated
HTM (HAEMOPHILUS TEST MEDIUM)	SIMMON CITRATE (100PK)
INHIBITORY MOLD AG (IMA)	SLIDE, AFB CONTROL; 10 SLIDES/BOX
KINYOUN AFB STAIN KIT	STAPHAUREX KIT
KINYOUN ZEIHNEESEN METHYLENE BLUE COUNTERSTAIN	STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE LATEX SLIDE TEST research only
KOVAC'S REAGENT	Thioglycollate Medium w/Dextrose, Hemin, Vitamin K
LACTOPHENOL ANILINE BLUE for staining fungal elements	TRICHOPHYTON AGAR #1 (20 PACK)

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LEGIONELLA PLATE, BCYE	TRICHOPHYTON AGAR #2 (20 PACK)
LEGIONELLA PLATE, BCYE SELECTIVE AGAR & PAC	TRICHOPHYTON AGAR #3 (20 PACK)
LEGIONELLA PLATE, BCYE SELECTIVE AGAR & PAV	TRICHOPHYTON AGAR #4 (20 PACK)
LYSINE IRONE AGAR (LIA)	Triple Sugar Iron Agar (16 x 125 mm Tube)
M4 w/glass beads; 3mL/Tube; 12 tubes/pack (VTM)	TRYPTICASE SOY BROTH
MacConkey Agar, 100/pk	TSA TUBED MEDIA 15X103MM 100 tubes
MACCONKEY WITH SORBITOL	TSA WITH BLOOD 10 PACK
MANITOL SALT PLATES	TSB with 6% NaCl
MCFARLAND STANDARD SET	TYROSEIN AGAR PLATE
Methyl Red Reagent	Urea Agar Slants (100/case)
MIDDLEBROOKS 7H11 AGAR, DOUBLE POUR, 10/PACKAGE	XANTHINE AGAR PLATE
MITSUBISHI, PACK-ANAERO, 20 ENVELOPES/PACKAGE (large pouches)	XYLOSE 1% OF MEDIUM
MITSUBISHI, PACK-MICROAERO (GAS GENERATORS for Campy) (large pouches)	ZEIHLNEELSEN CARBOLFUCHSIN

The estimated value of this procurement is \$342,543.24.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:

This transaction is conducted IAW FAR 13.501(a)(1)(ii), Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items, under the authority of 41 U.S.C. 1901. An acquisition or portion of an acquisition that uses a brand-name description or other purchase description to specify a particular brand-name, product, or feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer. No other items are compatible with the current system already in use at the VAMC.

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):

These products are mandatory for the identification of pathogenic organism. Remel (Fisher) products exhibit special characteristics not available in other vendor product lines. Using products that are not compatible, with the supplies describes in section 3 above, with the current instrument could result in unacceptable delays in treatment and additional costs. These products have to be compatible with the Media Testing Instrument that is currently in use at the Seattle VAMC. If a new instrument is procured, then the current insutrment and all the supplies will need to returned which would be huge additional costs to the Health Care facility. These supplies enable microbiologists to identify disease in veteran patients. Patient safety is of the utmost importance when testing for diseases and the treatment of these diseases.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:

A sources sought was posted to FBO on 2/26/2018. Remel (Fisher) responded that they could provide the request products. We also received 3 responses from authorized distributors of the Remel (Fisher) products; GSS, a VOSB, Franklin Young, a SDVOSB and Stripes Global, a SDVOSB.

This J&A will be posted with the solicitation va the GPE.

7. Determination by the CO that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:

The anticipated cost and final contract price will be considered fair and reasonable through competitive quotes.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

Puget Sound VAMC Microbiology laboratory requested the Microbiology Media Testing products and be compatible with the current testing instrument. These products have to be compatible with the Media Testing Instrument that is currently in use at the Seattle VAMC. A VIP search under NAICS 325413 showed 22 potential SD/VOSB sources listed. A sources sought notice was posted to FBO, 4 potential sources replied they could offer the products requested: 2 SDVOSB's, 1 VOSB and 1 Large Business.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: NONE

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

The sources that expressed interest in this acquisition are as follows:
Franklin Young, Stripes Global, GSS and Remel (Fisher) all responded to the FBO sources sought posting.

11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:

No actions are planned as this will be awarded to one of the SDVOSB authorized distributors of Remel (Fisher).

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12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Janelle Lee
Microbiology Lab Supervisor
Puget Sound VAMC

Date

13. Approvals in accordance with the [VHAPM Part 806.3 OFOC SOP](#):

a. **Contracting Officer or Designee's Certification (required)**: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jacob Jackson
Contracting Officer
NCO 20

Date

b. **One Level Above the Contracting Officer (Required over SAT but not exceeding \$700K)**: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Jonathan Jewel
Supply Team 2, Branch Supervisor
NCO 20

Date