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SOURCES SOUGHT DESCRIPTION

This is NOT a solicitation announcement. This is a sources sought/RFI only. The purpose of this sources sought/RFI is to gain knowledge of potential qualified sources and their size classification relative to NAICS 334516 (size standard of 1,000 Employees). Responses to this sources sought will be used by the Government to make appropriate acquisition decisions. After review of the responses to this sources sought, a solicitation announcement may be published. Responses to this sources sought synopsis are not considered adequate responses for a solicitation announcement.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), VISN 22 Network Contracting Office, is seeking sources that can provide a brand name or equal product that can meet the requirements set forth by the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System:

Statement of Work

1. Introduction

The purpose of this Statement of Work (SOW) is to outline the tasks and responsibilities of any vendor with capabilities of providing cost per test for the current instrument, the Immage 800 Analyzer located at the Sepulveda VA.

1.1 Background

The VAGLAHS at 11301 Wilshire Blvd, CA 90073 is part of the Desert Pacific Healthcare Network (VISN 22), and is one of the most diversified tertiary health care providers in the VA. It is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient services, with state-of-the art technology as well as education and research. This request is to continue the current lease agreement with Beckman and the VA Medical Center. Currently, the Sepulveda VA has the Immage 800 onsite and is using it to perform patient testing. It would be detrimental to the service to have an interruption in services.

2. Scope

The VA wishes for the continuation of services for the Image 800 Analyzer. Under the lease agreement the vendor will provide the necessary reagents to perform all patient testing at no charge. They will also ensure that if maintenance is needed, the instrument will be serviced in a timely manner.

3. Implementation

The instrument is already on site and validated.

Brand Name or Equal to:

NO.	Part Number	Description	Quantity
1	IMAGE 800	Beckman Image 800 Analyzer (Onsite and Validated)	1/EA
2	---	COST PER TEST FOR IMAGE 800 Analyzer	12/MO
3	447600	Albumin Reagent for image	1 PG
4	446440	Kappa Light Chain Reagent for image	5 PG
5	446470	Lambda Light Chain Reagent for image	5 PG
6	447070	Rheumatoid Factor Reagent for image	7 PG
7	446450	C3 Reagent for image	2 PG
8	446490	C4 Reagent for image	2 PG
9	447620	ASO Reagent for image	1 PG
10	474630	Protein Reagent for image	14 PG
11	446480	Haptoglobin Reagent for image	5 KT
12	446460	IgA Reagent for image	3 KT
13	446400	IgG (serum, CSF) Reagent for image	5 KT
14	447020	IgG (Urine) Reagent for image	5 KT
15	447610	IgM (Serum) Reagent for image	3 KT
16	469975	Cal 5 Plus (ASO, CRF, RF) Calibrator	1 PG
17	449560	Calibrator I	1 PG
18	449730	Calibrator III	1 PG
19	441470	Urine Protein Calibrator	1 PG
20	465290	Urine Protein Control Level 1	5 PG
21	465300	Urine Protein Control Level 2	5 PG
22	450120	Vigil Protein Control Level 1	5 PG
23	450130	Vigil Protein Control Level 3	5 PG
24	450162	Vigil Serology Control Level 1	5 PG
25	450163	Vigil Serology Control Level 2	5 PG
26	450164	Vigil Serology Control Level 3	5 PG
27	465440	Vigil Serology Control Level C	5 PG
28	447650	Buffer 1 for image	5 PG
29	447040	Buffer 2 for image	2 PG
30	447050	Buffer 3 for image	1 PG
31	447420	Buffer 4 for image	3 PG
32	447640	Diluent 1 for image	9 PG

33	470708	Dilution Segments for image	4 PG
34	447060	Wash Solution for image	13 PG
35	470706	Cuvettes for image	2 PG

The information identified above is intended to be descriptive, not restrictive and to indicate the quality of the supplies/services that will be satisfactory. It is the responsibility of the interested source to demonstrate to the government that the interested parties can provide the supplies/services that fulfill the required specifications.

If you are interested, and are capable of providing the sought out supplies/services, please provide the requested information as well as the information indicated below. Response to this notice should include company name, address, point of contact, size of business pursuant to the following questions:

- (1) Please indicate the size status and representations of your business, such as but not limited to: Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB), Hubzone, Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB), Large Business, etc.)?**
- (2) Is your company considered small under the NAICS code identified under this RFI?**
- (3) Are you the manufacturer, distributor, or an equivalent solution to the items being referenced above?**
- (4) If you are a large business, do you have any designated distributors? If so, please provide their company name, telephone, point of Contact and size status (if available).**
- (5) If you're a small business and you are an authorized distributor/reseller for the items identified above or an equivalent solution, do you alter; assemble; modify; the items requested in any way? If you do, state how and what is altered; assembled; modified?**
- (6) Does your company have an FSS contract with GSA or the NAC or are you a contract holder with NASA SEWP or any other federal contract? If so, please provide the contract number.**
- (7) If you are an FSS GSA/NAC or NASA SEWP contract holder or other federal contract holder, are the items/solution you are providing information for available on your schedule/contract?**
- (8) Please provide general pricing of your products/solution for market research purposes.**
- (9) Please submit your capabilities in regards to the salient characteristics being provided and any information pertaining to "equal to items" to establish capabilities for planning purposes?**

(10) Please review salient characteristics/statement of work (if applicable) and provide feedback or suggestions. If none, please reply as N/A.

(11) Please provide your DUNS number.

***** Submissions addressing Section (8) should show clear, compelling and convincing***
evidence that all "equal to items" meet all the salient characteristics.**

Responses to this notice shall be submitted via email to Carol.Evans3@va.gov. Telephone responses shall not be accepted. Responses must be received no later than Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. PDT. If a solicitation is issued it shall be announced at a later date, and all interested parties must respond to that solicitation announcement separately from the responses to this sources sought. Responses to this sources sought notice are not a request to be added to a prospective bidders list or to receive a copy of the solicitation.