

1. Title: Amendment: Preventative Maintenance and Repair on Environmental Management Service (EMS) Equipment

2. Purpose: The Michael E. DeBakey VAMC (MEDVAMC) hereby issues the following Sources Sought to Request Information (RFI). This RFI is to seek contractors with the capability to provide Houston MEDVAMC with all labor, tools, material, parts, equipment, certification, transportation, management and personnel required for the collection, removal and disposal of radioactive waste.

3. Objective: To find qualified and certified contractors with the capability of collection, removal and disposal of radioactive waste.

NAICS: 562112 Hazardous Waste Collection

4. Place of Performance:

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
2002 Holcombe Blvd, Bldg 100
Houston, TX 77030

5. Responses Required:

The MEDVAMC requires all the following questions answered in this RFI. Answers that are not provided shall be considered **non-responsive** to the Request for Information/Sources Sought.

- a. Does the contractor possess the capability to provide all labor, materials, parts, tools, personnel, supervision, and transportation to manage the collection, removal and disposal of radioactive waste?
- b. Does the contractor possess the capability to manage the collection, removal and disposal of radioactive waste?
- c. Does the contractor possess the certifications required to manage the collection, removal and disposal of radioactive waste? (Contractor shall attach authorization letter to be reviewed by the government to be considered as part of the Market Research and responsive to this Sources Sought notice).
- d. Contractors shall also provide:
 - Point(s) of contact name, address, telephone number, and email address;
 - Company's business size; Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.
- e. Is the Contractor a small business, SDBs, HUBZone, or 8A concern? (Contractor shall attach authorization letter to be reviewed by the government to be considered as part of the Market Research and responsive to this Sources Sought notice).
- f. Has Contractor provided similar services? (Contractor shall provide a capability statement and list active contracts for commercial, federal, state, and local

governments. List of contracts shall provide communication on the Government requirement illustrating the capability for comparison).

g. Is the Contractor available under any of the following:

- Government Wide Agency Contract (GWAC),
- General Services Administration Schedules (GSA),
- Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ), and/or
- Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA)?

(Please list the contract number and a brief summary of the products and services provided).

h. Provide a short summary of your potential approach to this type of contract and meeting the specific requirements per the draft PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT and your experience managing similar contracts with similar requirements for the MEDVAMC.

6. Opportunity:

The MEDVAMC, is seeking information from potential contractors on their ability to provide this service. THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY. Small Business Concerns are encouraged to provide responses to this RFI in order to assist the MEDVAMC in determining potential levels of competition available in the industry. Contractor shall provide answers to all questions requested and shall possess the capability to provide all requirements and objectives per the **DRAFT PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT.**

7. Instructions and Response Guidelines:

All Questions shall be submitted by July 30, 2018 at 2:00 pm (Central Time) via email to jeneice.mcclinton@va.gov . Telephone requests or inquires will not be accepted.

RFI responses are due by August 1, 2018 at 10:00am (Central Time); size is limited to 8.5 x 11 inches, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins in Microsoft Word format via email to jeneice.mcclinton@va.gov .

The subject line shall read:

36C256-18-U-0023 Collection, Removal and Disposal of Radioactive Waste

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PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT (SOW)

(Draft) Performance Work Statement

1.0. Introduction.

1.1. The government requires a service for collection, removal, and disposal of Radioactive Waste at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC).

2.0. Description / Scope / Objective.

2.1. Seeking a contractor to provide all labor, equipment, tools, material, supervision and other items and services necessary to perform the work as defined in this Performance Work Statement (PWS) to collect, remove and dispose of Radioactive Waste.

3.0. Applicable Documents.

3.1. Seeking a contractor to follow laws and regulations in effect on date of contract issuance and all subsequent changes or updates apply:

10 CFR 20	US NRC - Standards for protection against radiation
10 CFR 35	US NRC - Medical use of byproduct material
49 CFR 100-185	US DOT - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
29 CFR 1910.1096	Occupational Safety and Health Standards, Toxic and Hazardous Substances, Ionizing radiation
Title 30 TAC 336	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Radioactive Substance Rules.

3.2. Glossary. Acronyms used in this PWS are listed below for easy reference:

COR	Contracting Officer's Representative
CO	Contracting Officer
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
DOT	Department of Transportation
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
MEDVAMC	Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

4.0. Performance Requirements.

4.1. Licensing and Regulatory Requirements:

4.1.1. Seeking contractor to comply with all current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2. Radioactive Waste Management Requirements:

4.2.1. Seeking contractor to provide all personnel, materials, tools and equipment necessary to provide storage, removal, transportation and disposal of all low-level radioactive waste generated by the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center.

4.2.2. Seeking contractor to package all low-level radioactive waste as indicated:

4.2.2.1. Solid waste (glass, paper, plastic, assorted lab ware) shall be packaged according to current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2.2.2. Aqueous liquids (bulk liquids, absorbed liquids, liquids within glass, plastic, or metal containers) shall be packaged according to current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2.2.3. Scintillation vials and fluids:

4.2.2.3.1. Regulated scintillation vials shall be packaged according to current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2.2.3.2. Deregulated scintillation vials shall be packaged according to current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2.2.3.3. Regulated bulk scintillation fluid shall be packaged according to current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2.2.3.4. Deregulated scintillation fluid shall be packaged according to current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2.2.4. Biological waste (animal carcasses, blood, bedding, miscellaneous materials such as tubing, glassware, gloves, syringes contaminated with blood as a result of animal experimentation with radioactive materials) shall be packaged according to current Local, State and Federal Regulations.

4.2.3. Seeking a contractor to package all radioactive waste that has been identified, segregated and labeled by the MEDVAMC Radiation Safety staff.

4.2.4. The contractor shall provide the MEDVAMC with sufficient boxes and drums of various sizes as needed per pick-up.

4.2.5. The contractor shall pick up radioactive waste from the MEDVAMC upon request by the MEDVAMC VA designated representative.

4.3. Specific Requirements:

4.3.1. The contractor shall transport the drums or boxes filled with radioactive waste by methods and procedures that fully comply with all Local, State and Federal Laws and Regulations.

4.3.2. The contractor shall ascertain that all drums are properly packed and have sufficient packing material before they sealed.

4.3.3. The contractor shall survey with a Geiger counter, or equivalent survey meter, all drums, containers, or boxes.

4.3.4. The contractor shall furnish the MEDVAMC with a fully detailed description of the methodology that will be used to transport treat and dispose the radioactive waste. This will include all related and applicable permits and licenses.

4.3.5. The contractor shall provide the MEDVAMC with NRC Form 540 Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest, State of Texas inspection report and any other document pertaining to each waste pick up and disposal.

4.3.5.1 The contractor shall also provide a final certificate or letter stating that the low-level radioactive waste was accepted and all the information was correct.

4.3.6. The contractor shall serve, when called upon by the Radiation Safety Officer, as a resource for information on the latest requirements and equipment in the areas of low level radioactive waste shipment and disposal.

4.3.7. The contractor shall provide documentation of indemnity to the MEDVAMC against liability from its willful misconduct, negligence or breach of contract.

4.3.8. The contractor shall provide copies of all applicable permits and licenses such as a disposal facility permit, waste transportation license or incinerator permit.

4.3.9. The contractor shall provide proof of regulatory compliance such as inspection reports, policies and procedures, staff training records and an emergency plan.

4.3.10. The contractor shall provide a written safety plan that will be followed in order to protect the MEDVAMC staff, contractor personnel and the surrounding community.

4.3.11. The contractor shall provide a detailed written description of all procedures for the transportation, storage, treatment and disposal of the low-level radioactive waste.

4.3.12 The contractor shall provide a written emergency plan that outlines a formalized response to any accidents, spills or leaks that occur while the contractor is performing work for the facility. The emergency requirement may be in response to an actual, natural or man-made disaster. Also, the emergency requirement may include responding to a special project, which has not been anticipated by the contract parameters.

5.0. Performance Location and Hours.

5.1. MEDVAMC, 2002 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Texas 77030

5.2. Normal duty hours are from 0800 - 1630, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal Holidays. Contractor access will be provided during this time period.

Federal Holidays observed by the VAMC are:

- New Year's Day
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

“or any other day declared by the President of the United States to be a federal holiday”

END OF (DRAFT) PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT