

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

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
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Background: Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, has a requirement for UNOS Registration Fees. The purpose of this contract is to cover the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Computer Registration Fees, and the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) Registration Fees, both of which are necessary for listing patients with UNOS on the national organ transplant waiting list.

GENERAL:

This contract is necessary to be compliant with the following regulations:

National Organ Transplant Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 273 et seq. OPTN Final Rule, 42 CFR Part 121, OPTN Bylaws, OPTN Policies, Michael E. DeBakey VAMC (MEDVAMC) Transplant Program must list patients via the OPTN's organ sharing system that maximizes the efficient use of deceased organs through equitable and timely allocation.

42 CFR Part 121.5 Listing requirements:

(a) A transplant hospital which is an OPTN member may list individuals, consistent with the OPTN's criteria under §121.8(b)(1), only for a designated transplant program.

(b) Transplant hospitals shall assure that individuals are placed on the waiting list as soon as they are determined to be candidates for transplantation. The OPTN shall advise transplant hospitals of the information needed for such listing.

(c) An OPTN member shall pay a registration fee to the OPTN for each transplant candidate it places on the waiting list. The amount of such fee shall be calculated to cover (together with contract funds awarded by the Secretary) the reasonable costs of operating the OPTN and shall be determined by the OPTN with the approval of the Secretary.

REQUESTED RESPONSES:

The intent of this Request for Information is to establish sources to define the procurement strategy (I.E set-aside, sole source, unrestricted) for a solicitation that VA intends to post soon. 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.
2. Please respond to this RFI if you can provide supplies that can be determined EQUIVALENT to the products listed in the table in the background section above. Please provide details on the proposed EQUIVALENT products such as Manufacturer Name, Part Number, and Description.
 - 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 **August 15th, 2018 by 8am 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.