

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

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
**36C25618U0281**

**Background:** Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, has a requirement to procure multiple items and reagents needed for Microbiology Section for laboratory immunology testing for patient care to be utilized on the current instrument.

**GENERAL:**

The VA Medical Center has a need for the following items;

Item #	Description/Part Number*	Qty
05480442190	COBAS AMPLIPREP/COBAS TAQMAN HCV V.2.0 KIT 72 TEST/KT	110
05212308190	COBAS AMPLIPREP/COBAS TAQMAN HIV-1 TEST 2.0	90
03587797190	COBAS AMPLIPREP SYSTEM WASH REAGENT 5.1L	70
03137040001	COBAS AMPLIPREP INPUT TUBES W/BARCODE CLIPS, 12X24	12
03287343001	COBAS AMPLIPREP K-TIP 12X36/PKG	12
03755525001	COBAS AMPLIPREP SPU,12X24 PKG	32
03137082001	TAQMAN K TUBES,BOX OF 12X96	20

**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 or equal 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](mailto:Kenny.Holestin@va.gov). Please respond to this RFI no later than **August 23rd, 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.*