

Department of
Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

Date: August 16, 2012

From: Business Manager , SSSL, VAPHS

Subj: SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS / FUNCTIONAL / PERFORMANCE
SPECIFICATIONS/ STATEMENT OF NEED

To: Acquisitions / Contracting

Thru: Business Resource Specialist

1. The following are the required characteristics, functional and performance specifications for the requested item. Note: use generalities and NOT trade or proprietary names in your memo.
 - a. 7cm segmental ablation treatment done all at one edurin g20 second treatment cycle
 - b. Average 45 cm segment of vein only takes 3-5 minutes
 - c. Catheter shaft markings help w/catheter placement
 - d. Colored gauges indicate clinical treatment ranges
 - e. Simple, fast viewing of treatment parameters
 - f. Intuitive visual communication
 - g. Easy to view from a distance, or from an angle
 - h. Clear screen layout with distinct functional areas
 - i. Backlit control buttons provide clear visibility in a darkened room
 - j. Built-in handles for easy lifting and carrying
 - k. Alert tones with adjustable volume
 - l. Different tones indicate separate functions
 - m. Real-time temperature and impedance values
 - n. Permits user to view results of procedural techniques, such as tumescent infiltration, as they occur.
2. Statement of Need: The Surgical Specialty Service Line is requesting this product utilized in the treatment of Veterans with chronic venous insufficiency through Endovenous ablation. Endovenous thermal ablation is a minimally invasive treatment that involves the insertion of a thin, flexible tube called a catheter into a diseased vein to seal it shut using heat. Blood that would normally return toward the heart through these veins will then travel through other veins instead. Over time the treated vein shrinks and is absorbed by the body. Compared with surgical options like ligation and vein stripping, endovenous ablation results in less pain and quicker recovery time.
3. Equipment Transaction Number: 646-430-12-00028
4. Vista Transaction Number: 646-12-3-167-0156
5. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me 412-360-3798.

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Note: Please attach brochures or equipment specifications provided by companies do NOT include them in the body of your memo as references, use only the specifications they have provided. Be as thorough as you can to assist in the purchase of your equipment.

Firms with interest and capability to respond to this requirement should develop a short narrative including relevant experience and other information indicating and evidencing capability to successfully meet the aforementioned requirements. Interested parties should send their company information via E-mail (preferred) or fax to Mr. Pedro Catinchi, Contracting Officer, Service Area East Office. E-mail is pedro.catinchi@va.gov and fax number is 412-822-3440.

Company information must include business type e.g. Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business, Woman Owned Small Business, etc. Information should be provided no later than (12:00 PM) AUG 29, 2012.