

Department of Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

Date: August 9, 2012

From: Cheryl Wanzie, Business Manager, Clinical Support Service Line, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Subj: SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS / FUNCTIONAL / PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

To: Acquisitions / Contracting

Thru: Ricky M. Rogers, Business Resource Specialist, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

1. The following are the required characteristics, functional and performance specifications for the requested item.
2. This equipment is for University Drive's, Histology laboratory.
3. Specifications and Characteristics:
 - A. Equipment: Histology special stainer.
 - B. The special stainer will be used to perform variety of special stains to allow the pathologist to make a diagnosis on surgical pathology specimens.
 - C. Due to space limitations, the Histology laboratory needs a special stainer with the approximate dimensions:
 - 1) Depth: 24 inches
 - 2) Height: 20.5 inches
 - 3) Width: 20 inches
 - D. The special stainer must have the following features:
 - 1) Automated: baking, deparaffination and staining
 - 2) Slide carousel: 1-20 slides with independent temperature control for each position
 - 3) Reagent carousel: 25 reagent positions
 - 3) Slides: 25x75mm, 1x3 inches or 28x76mm Superfrost Plus
 - 4) Bulk fluids: Up to 4 in 3-6 liter onboard containers
 - 5) DI water supply: NCCLS Type II water
 - 6) Certifications: CSA, BMC, CE compliant
4. Equipment Transaction Number: **646-169-12-00002**
5. Vista Transaction Number: **646-12-3-167-0046**
6. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me 412-360-6746.

Cheryl Wanzie
Business Manager

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.