

THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) – SOURCES SOUGHT IS ISSUED SOLELY FOR MARKET RESEARCH AND PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A SOLICITATION.

1. Responses to this Sources Sought must be in writing. The purpose of this Sources Sought Announcement is for market research only to make appropriate acquisition decisions and to gain knowledge of Small Business Capability, including Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses and Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB/VOSB) interested and capable of performing the work.

2. The NAICS for this requirement is 541620 – Environmental Consulting Services. Service Code is H346 – Inspection Services/water purification equipment.

3. Interested and capable Contractors should respond to this notice not later than 5:00 PM PDT on Monday, October 15, 2018 by providing the following via email only to Kevin.Ceponis@va.gov . Please reference RFI 36C26219Q0033 in the subject of your response email.

- a) company name
- b) address
- c) point of contact
- d) phone, fax, and email of primary point of contact
- e) DUNS number
- f) Type of small business, if applicable, (e.g. Services Disabled Veteran Owned small Business(SDVOSB), Veteran-owned small business (VOSB), 8(a), HUB-Zone, Women Owned Small Business, Small disadvantaged business, or Small Business).
- g) A capability statement that addresses the organization’s qualifications and ability to perform as a contractor *specifically* for the work **described in paragraph 5 below**. Respondents are also encouraged to provide specific examples (e.g. contract number, point of contact information) of the Contractor’s experience providing the same or similar supplies/services to that described in paragraph 5 below.
- h) Provide the company’s GSA Schedule number if the service is available on the company’s GSA Schedule.

4. SDVOSB/VOSB respondents.

- a) If respondent is VOSB or SDVOSB, respondent is encouraged to provide proof of www.vetbiz.gov certification. In addition, SDVOSB/VOSB Contractors are asked to acknowledge that they understand the limitations on sub-contracting pursuant to FAR 52.219-14, Limitations on Sub-Contracting, which will be included in the impending solicitation. Further SDVOSB/VOSB contractors are asked to respond that they are capable of providing the requested services keeping within the parameters of this clause.
- b) Small businesses, including SDVOSB/VOSBS are also advised that per 13 CFR, § 125.6 the prime contractor's limitations on subcontracting are as follows:

- 1) *General*. In [order](#) to be awarded a full or partial small business set-aside [contract](#) with a value greater than \$150,000, an 8(a) [contract](#), an SDVO SBC [contract](#), a HUBZone [contract](#), a WOSB or EDWOSB [contract](#) pursuant to [part 127](#) of this chapter, a small business concern must agree that:
 - 2) In the case of a [contract](#) for services (except construction), it will not pay more than 50% of the amount paid by the government to it to firms that are not similarly situated. Any work that a similarly situated subcontractor further subcontracts will count towards the 50% subcontract amount that cannot be exceeded.

5. Required Services:

The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System requires a Contractor to provide Emergency Water Loop Mitigation for Legionella in CLC II. The period of performance shall be estimated for two days of work. The Services consisting of the following:

DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK:

- a) The Contractor shall use a metering pump to inject chlorine in the cold and hot water loop at 150ppm for 6 hours during normal duty hours.
- b) The Contractor shall perform a continuous flush on all faucets and or showers.
- c) The Contractor shall observe all locations during mitigation.
- d) Upon completion of the 6 hours, the Contractor shall reduce chlorine levels to less than 4 ppm by continuous flushing until safe limits of chlorine are reached.
- e) The VA will have Pipe Shop personnel onsite to support contractor operations as needed.
- f) The VA will disconnect ice machines prior to disinfection and to reconnect after disinfection.
- g) The VA will test for legionella through a lab service contract upon the conclusion of the mitigation.

LICENSING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- a) The Offeror shall possess a 30-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety card.
- b) The Contractor shall schedule with Contracting Officer Representative (COR) or Designee five (5) business days in advance prior to start of work.
- c) Prior to working, ALL energy sources (electrical, water, etc.) shall be locked and tagged out, and upon completion of work, will be re-energized and verified.
- d) Prior to work each day, workers or a designated lead or supervisor shall check in with the Graphics Control in the plant.
- e) The Contractor shall conform to the following standards, policies, regulations, governing agency, and any other local, state, or Federal guidelines that are not listed here
 - i. OSHA Regulations, www.osha.gov
 - ii. NFPA, www.nfpa.org

6. Please note that if VA's pending market research establishes that two or more VOSB or SDVOSB, who are certified in VA's Vendor Information Pages (VIP) site <https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/>, can perform the services, VA will set aside the underlying solicitation per 38 U.S.C. §8127.

7. All Offerors who provide goods or services to the United States Federal Government must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database found at <https://www.sam.gov>. Registration must include Representations and Certifications. --End of Sources Sought Announcement--