

Department of Veterans Affairs
Network Contracting Office 16 - **HOUSTON**
In Support of the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
36C25619Q0060

BACKGROUND:

MEDVAMC has a requirement for the following brand name supplies:

Manufacturer	Stock #	Item Description	Qty
NEVIN	NL-WS84	NEVIN Pedestal Workstation with dust collector, 4 person Includes: 444 Dust collector with rear suction / grinding hood, ½” solid surface countertop, steel construction-powder coated 4 drawers, gas valve, electrical outlets, and air blow gun at each of the four positions.	1 EA
NEVIN	NL-800220	110watt Workstation double light, includes 2 shelves	1 EA
NEVIN		Warranty 2-year from time of install.	1 EA

REQUESTED RESPONSES:

The intent of this Request for Information is to establish sources to define the procurement strategy (e.g 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.
 - b. DISTRIBUTORS: You must provide proof that you are an authorized distributor. VA does not accept grey market items.
2. Please respond to this RFI if you can provide supplies that may 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. DISTRIBUTORS: You must provide proof that you are an authorized distributor. VA does not accept grey market items.
3. Please note that VA is particularly interested in determining the availability of Small Business Manufacturers. If your company is a small business manufacturer of potentially equivalent items, please respond to this RFI.
4. Vendors are requested to submit estimated market research pricing with their responses. The estimated pricing will be considered when determining the procurement strategy for the future solicitation. (e.g. if CO determines that capable small businesses cannot provide fair and reasonable pricing, then the solicitation will not be set-aside).
5. Please note that if no responses to this notice are received, from either authorized distributors of the cited brand name nor from manufacturers marketing a potentially equivalent brand, then this action will be sole sourced to the manufacturer cited in the Background section above.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESPONSE DUE DATE:

Please email all responses to Kenny.Holestin@va.gov. Please respond to this RFI no later than **October 19th, 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.