

THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)/SOURCES SOUGHT

DISCLAIMER

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked as proprietary will be handled accordingly. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI.

The submission of pricing, capabilities for planning purposes, and other market information is highly encouraged and allowed under this RFI In Accordance With (IAW) FAR Part 15.201(e).

SOURCES SOUGHT DESCRIPTION

This is NOT a solicitation announcement. This is a RFI/sources sought only. The purpose of this sources sought/RFI is to gain knowledge of potential qualified sources and their size classification relative to NAICS 334516 (size standard of 1000 Employees). Responses to this sources sought will be used by the Government to make appropriate acquisition decisions. After review of the responses to this sources sought, a solicitation announcement may be published. Responses to this sources sought synopsis are not considered adequate responses for a solicitation announcement.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), VISN 21 Network Contracting Office, is seeking sources that can provide Immunohistochemistry (IHC), in-situ hybridization (ISH), and Special Staining Cost Per Test (CPT) / Cost Per Reportable Result (CPRR) on a Reagent /Instrument Rental basis. See Attachment A for complete description of requirement.

The information identified above and in all attachments are intended to be descriptive and to indicate the quality of the supplies/services that will be satisfactory. It is the responsibility of the interested source to demonstrate to the government that the interested parties can provide the supplies/services that fulfill the required specifications, or brand name equal.

Please respond if you are interested and capable of meeting the need stated within this RFI/Sources Sought. Responses to should include company name, address, point of contact, capability statements, brochures, etc, and responses to the questions below.

- (1) Please indicate the size status and representations of your business, such as but not limited to: Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB), Hubzone, Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB), Large Business, etc.)?
- (2) Is your company considered small under the NAICS code identified under this RFI?
- (3) Are you the manufacturer, distributor, or an equivalent solution to the items being referenced above?
- (4) If you're a small business and you are an authorized distributor/reseller for the items identified above or an equivalent solution, do you alter; assemble; modify; the items requested in any way? If you do, state how and what is altered; assembled; modified?

- (5) Does your company have an FSS contract with GSA, VA NAC, NASA SEWP, or any other federal contract, that can be utilized to procure the requirement listed above? If so, please provide the contract number.
- (6) Please provide general pricing of your products/solution for market research purposes. Catalog list prices, FSS prices, or any other publicized price lists are acceptable.
- (7) Please submit your capabilities that show clear, compelling, and convincing evidence that you can meet the requirement described in the attached SOW.
- (8) Please provide your DUNS number.

Responses to this notice shall be submitted via email to Philip "Gabe" Caganap at Philip.Caganap2@va.gov. Telephone responses shall not be accepted. Responses must be received no later than Friday, November 9, 2018 at 0800 PST. If a solicitation is issued it shall be announced at a later date, and all interested parties must respond to that solicitation announcement separately from the responses to this sources sought. Responses to this sources sought notice are not a request to be added to a prospective bidders list or to receive a copy of the solicitation