

#	Section	Page	Question / Clarification	Answer / Clarification
1	N/A	N/A	Do you want each instrument from the manufacturer as specified by the manufacturer part number or will you accept instruments that have the same specifications but from another manufacturer?	Items are brand name or equal, as long as the salient characteristics and technical requirements are met. However, the Government will determine if you item actually is equal and meets the stated requirements in the solicitation.
2	2.5	2	Would you be able to offer any additional information on part 2.5 of RFQ VA11913R0028 regarding the factory installed data matrix chip?	Surgical Instruments shall be delivered from the manufacturer with a unique factory installed Data Matrix Chip that is permanently etched to each instrument. This chip provides information to the Medical Center that assists with proper identification, tracking and assists in ordering replacements based on the actual ordering history of that particular instrument. Having the ability to easily identify instruments and place them in the proper configuration and sets is critical for Sterile Processing personnel.
3	2.5	2	Do you know how other manufacturers handle this requirement?	Some other manufacturers do not “mark” their instruments; rather refer one to picture references and/or product descriptions to allow instruments to be identified, which is not the way we want to go.
4	2.5	2	Or do you know of any data matrix chip systems that you could refer us to?	The VA has uses ‘Censitrac’ to implement RTLS products, however, this chip make/manufacturer is not required to be the chip used in the equipment.
5	N/A	N/A	Will we be eligible to submit the requirements we can meet?	The requirement is to provide all items listed, an incomplete items submitted will be deemed unacceptable and the proposal will be rejected.
6	N/A	N/A	Do you have a count sheet or list of the instrumentation that makes up each of the sets for quote?	See attachments 3 & 4 of the FBO posting, which is appendix A & B of the solicitation.
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