

**SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION**  
**MANDATORY TEMPLATE FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENTS UNDER THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD**

1. **Estimated Dollar Value:** [REDACTED]
2. **Anticipated Period of Performance:** Animal shall be deliverable onsite in one delivery at USDA on or near October 16th, 2023.
3. **Does the anticipated Period of Performance include option years? If no, explain.**  
No. This requirement is for testing of a vaccine; therefore, this is considered a onetime purchase.
4. **Sources Sought Notice posted to Contract Opportunities and attached to this document?**  
 Yes     No
5. **Market Research conducted and attached to this document? If not, explain.**  
Yes.
6. **Is this a new requirement or a follow-on to an expiring award?**  
 New requirement     Follow-on to an expiring award
7. **Describe the requirement. Please note that the requirement is the minimum acceptable specification or capability and is not necessarily the best in the industry. Please note whether any additional follow-on work is anticipated in response to the current proposed effort.**
  - Breed – must be purebred Holstein breed calves to reduce the genetic variation due to breed and to allow direct comparison across planned related studies.
  - Age – Minimum 3 months and Maximum 3.5 months of age at the time of delivery. Date of Birth must to be confirmed between USDA and Vendor PRIOR to animal arrival to USDA location in Ames, IA.
  - Animals can be a mixture of male and female calves. Males will be castrated, dehorned and healed PRIOR to arrival. Females will not be bred.
  - Animals should not receive any vaccinations for Brucellosis – specifically the RB51 vaccine.
  - Calves must come from a Tuberculosis Free herd.
  - Calves shall demonstrate no signs of clinical illness.
  - Calves shall have sound legs and good eyes.
  - No Ring Worm on any animal. This must be confirmed between USDA and Vendor PRIOR to arrival to USDA location in Ames, IA.
  - No pink eye on any animal. This must be confirmed between USDA and Vendor PRIOR to arrival to USDA location in Ames, IA.
  - Calves shall be sourced from the same farm.
  - Calves must be sourced from a farm within 75 miles of Ames to limit transport time of the animals on the trailer for young animals.
  - Pre-Purchase blood work may be requested from the time of award until the arrival of animals to confirm vaccination titer levels of animals PRIOR to arrival at USDA in Ames, IA.
  - Calves cannot have any titer to Brucellosis and may need to be pre-purchase tested.
  - Communication between Animal Resources Unit (ARU) personnel and possible vendors must be open from the time of solicitation to the arrival of animals to ensure all requirements are confirmed. This communication may include group or individual animal health status, pre-purchase blood work results, housing and feeding information that could be subject to change within this time frame.
  - Animal Resources Unit and the funding unit will exclude calves prior to arrival that do not meet the SOW requirements.
  - To obtain 41 animals that meet the SOW specifications; the vendor may need to obtain a group larger than 41 to allow for alternate animals to replace any that become sick or do not meet the health requirements.
  - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Required on all animals.
  - Animal shall be deliverable onsite in one delivery at USDA on or near October 16th, 2023.
  - Qty animals required upon delivery: 41
8. **List the proposed vendor and contact information.**  
[REDACTED]  
Superior Livestock, Inc.



**9. Describe why the proposed product is the only product from which the requirement can be obtained.**

A sources sought was posted on SAM.gov the Government Point of Entry for 12 calendar days with no responses or interested vendors. Calves/Cattle are not available on GSA Ebuy. Therefore, it is recommended this acquisition be Sole Sourced to Superior Livestock, Inc.

**10. Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



**11. Chief of the Contracting Office Certification:**

I hereby determine that the circumstances of this procurement action deem only one source reasonably available. Also, the quoted price is determined to be fair and reasonable as documented on the Award Summary.

