

Combined Synopsis/Solicitation Notice

SUBJECT* 36C249-23-AP-0927- Automated Urinalysis System Rental

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTRACTING OFFICE'S ZIP CODE*	37129
SOLICITATION NUMBER*	36C24923Q0178
RESPONSE DATE/TIME/ZONE	02-11-2022 8:00AM CENTRAL TIME, CHICAGO, USA
ARCHIVE	15 DAYS AFTER THE RESPONSE DATE
RECOVERY ACT FUNDS	N
SET-ASIDE	
PRODUCT SERVICE CODE*	6632
NAICS CODE*	621511
CONTRACTING OFFICE ADDRESS	Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 9 NCO 9 1639 Medical Center Parkway, Suite 400 Murfreesboro TN 37129
POINT OF CONTACT*	Contracting Officer corey.malik@va.gov corey.malik@va.gov 615-225-6957

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

ADDRESS	VAMC MT. Home, Tennessee ATTN: Jerry Hylton Veterans Way and Lamont Dogwood Avenue Bldg. 205
POSTAL CODE	Mt. Home, Tennessee 37684
COUNTRY	USA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGENCY'S URL	
URL DESCRIPTION	
AGENCY CONTACT'S EMAIL ADDRESS	corey.malik@va.gov
EMAIL DESCRIPTION	Corey Malik

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CLASSIFICATION CODE *	65
SUBJECT *	36C249-23-AP-0927 AUTOMATED URINALYSIS SYSTEM RENTAL
GENERAL INFORMATION	
CONTRACTING OFFICE'S * ZIP-CODE	37129
SOLICITATION NUMBER *	36C24923Q0178
RESPONSE DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	03-17-2023
ARCHIVE	30 DAYS AFTER THE RESPONSE DATE
RECOVERY ACT FUNDS	N
SET-ASIDE	14
NAICS CODE *	621511
CONTRACTING OFFICE ADDRESS	Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 9 1639 Medical Center Parkway Suite 400 Murfreesboro TN 37129
DESCRIPTION *	See Attachment
POINT OF CONTACT * (POC Information Automatically Filled from User Profile Unless Entered)	Corey Malik Contract Specialist 615-225-6957
PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	
ADDRESS	VA Medical Center Veterans Way and Lamont Dogwood Avenue Bldg. 205 MT. Home, TN
POSTAL CODE	37684
COUNTRY	USA
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
AGENCY'S URL	https://www.visn9.va.gov
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General Information

Document Type:	Combined Solicitation/Synopsis
RFQ Number:	36C24923Q0178
Posted Date:	03/01/2023
Response Date:	04/03/2023 @ 3:00 PM CST
Classification Code:	6632
Set Aside:	Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business
NAICS Code:	621511

Contracting Office Address

Network Contracting Office 9

ATTN: Corey Malik
Department of Veterans Affairs
Contracting Office, 4th floor
1639 Medical Center Parkway
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Description

This is a solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with the format in Subpart 12.6, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued.

This is a request for quotations (RFQ). The quote document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-08 /14JUL2020.

The associated North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code for this procurement is 621511, with a business size standard of \$41.5 million.

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Pursuant to FAR 13.5, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; quotes are being requested and a written solicitation will not be issued.

The Network Contracting Office 9 is seeking a vendor that will provide the necessary requirement for a Urinalysis Analyzers for the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Mountain, Home, Tennessee.

All questions regarding this RFQ must be in writing and may be sent by e-mail to Corey.Malik@va.gov

Questions must be received no later than March 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM CST. No further questions will be accepted after that date and time.

You are reminded that representatives from your company **SHALL NOT** contact any VA Medical Center employees to discuss this RFQ during this RFQ process. All questions and concerns regarding this RFQ shall be directed to the Contracting Officer.

All interested companies shall provide a quotation for the following:

CLIN	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT OF ISSUE	PRICE	EXT PRICE
0001	<p>60 MONTH RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR</p> <p>AUTOMATED URINLYSIS SYSTEM INCLUDES</p> <p>(Urinalysis systems with Automated Chemistry/Microscopic and an identical system for a backup) and all reagents, controls and calibrators necessary to operate the system.</p> <p>TERM IS FROM INSTALLATION THROUGH 60 MONTHS.</p> <p>May 1, 2023 - April 31, 2028.</p>	60	MO		
0002	<p>MONTHLY CHARGE: CUSTOMER AGREES TO</p> <p>PAY AN ESTIMATED \$____ PER MONTH,</p> <p>BASED ON AN ESTIMATED REPORTABLES AS</p> <p>FOLLOWS:</p> <p>3707 TESTS PER MONTH @ \$____ PER</p> <p>REPORTABLE. CUSTOMER WILL RECEIVE A</p>	12	MO		

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	<p>DEDUCTION OF 5% OFF THE TOTAL REPORTED</p> <p>CHEMISTRY RUNS PER MONTH TO ACCOUNT</p> <p>FOR REPEATS.</p> <p>2152 REPORTABLES PER MONTH THE</p> <p>MICROSCOPY ANALYZER AT ____ PER</p> <p>REPORTABLE. CUSTOMER WILL RECEIVE A</p> <p>DEDUCTION OF 5% OFF THE TOTAL REPORTED</p> <p>CHEMISTRY RUNS PER MONTH TO ACCOUNT FOR</p> <p>REPEATS.</p> <p>THE INSTRUMENT THAT INCREMENTS THE</p> <p>CYCLE COUNTER, EXCLUDING REPORTED</p> <p>CONTROL AND CALIBRATOR RUNS.</p> <p>PAYMENTS TO BE MADE MONTHLY IN ARREARS</p> <p>VIA CERTIFIED INVOICE PAID FROM THIS</p> <p>ORDER.</p>				
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1. All Offers and responses must be submitted electronically
2. Requesting Service will review submitted quotes as Technical experts to determine if technically acceptable.
3. Quotes will not be accepted after 04/03/2023.
4. At this time frame, no extension on closing date.
5. Also your quote must list your DUNS number, CAGE code, and Federal TIN with Company name, POC, phone number and email contact. If you need to obtain or renew a DUNS number or CAGE code, please visit www.sam.gov. Lack of registration in the SAM database will make an offeror ineligible for award.

DELIVERY LOCATIONS FOR ALL HARDWARE:

Delivery location for all hardware will be to:
 James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Johnson City (Mt. Home), TN
 ALL DELIVERIES WILL BE MADE FOB DESTINATION.

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To be responsive and thereby considered, all suggested items must conform to the OEM's requirements for the equipment already in use, must be authorized for use by the OEM, and must not otherwise negate the Government's rights to warranty, service or maintenance by the OEM or other duly authorized entities. The burden of proof of such is the responsibility of the respondent.

QUOTE FORMAT AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. **Offerors shall complete the above pricing schedule. Not completing the pricing will result in nonresponsive quote. Price will be evaluated based on the lowest summary price.**
2. Offerors shall provide only one quote. Quote should be emailed to Corey.Malik@va.gov NLT 04/03/2023 at 3:00 pm CST. Non-compliance with this requirement will result in disqualification of both quotes.
3. Award shall be made to the quoter whose quotation provides the Lowest Price, Best Performance and is Technically acceptable.
4. All vendors must be registered and complete all entries in the System for Award Management (SAM) in order to be considered for award. Potential vendors may register at the following web site: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>
5. Vendors shall provide a minimum quote acceptance period of **90** days after RFQ closing for offers
6. Needs service included: Monday-Friday dayshift service included. Preventative maintenance included every 6 months.
7. Needs customer training included: Initial and annual factory-based (off-site) training includes tuition, airfare, appropriate course materials, which may be in electronic media, reasonable lodging and meals per analyzer.
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The offeror's initial quote should contain the offeror's best terms from a price standpoint. Offerors are cautioned to submit sufficient information and, in the format, specified in the quote instructions. Offerors may be contacted to resolve minor or clerical errors and the Contracting Officer reserves the right to award without further conversations.

Place of Performance

Delivery location for all hardware will be to:

James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Johnson City (MT. Home), TN

The Basic Period of Performance: The period of performance is 90 Days ARO.

The government intends to award a contract from this RFQ that will include the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Quoter shall list exception(s) and rationale for the exception(s).

Offerors must complete annual representations and certifications on-line at <http://www.acquisition.gov> in accordance with FAR 52.212-3, "Offerors Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items."

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), provisions and clauses apply to this solicitation and are incorporated by reference (provisions and clauses may be obtained via the internet: <http://farsite.hill.af.mil>, <http://www.arinet.gov/far/>, or <http://safaq.hq.af.mil/contracting>):

52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

<http://www.va.gov/oal/library/vaar/index.asp>

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- 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions –Commercial Items (JAN 2017)
- 52.232-40 Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (DEC 2013)
- 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders-Commercial Items (OCT 2018)
- 52.203-6 Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (SEPT 2006)
- 52.204-10 Reporting Executive Compensation & First-Tier Subcontract Awards (OCT 2016)
- 52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors
- 52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns (NOV 2016) Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (OCT 2015)
- 52.219-28 Post Award Small Business Program Re-representation (JUL 2013)
- 52.222-3 Convict Labor (JUNE 2003)
- 52.222-19 Child Labor--Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (OCT 2016)
- 52.222-35 Equal Opportunity for Veterans (OCT 2015)
- 52.222-36 Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (JUL 2014)
- 52.222-50 Combating Trafficking in Persons (MAR 2015)
- 52.223-18 Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (AUG 2011)
- 52.225-13 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (JUNE 2008)
- 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—System for Award Management (JUL 2013)

(End of Clause)

852.203-70 Commercial Advertising (JAN 2008)

The bidder or offeror agrees that if a contract is awarded to him/her, as a result of this solicitation, he/she will not advertise the award of the contract in his/her commercial advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the Department of Veterans Affairs endorses a product, project or commercial line of endeavor.

(End of Clause)

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(a) Definition. For the Department of Veterans Affairs, “Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern”:

(1) Means a small business concern:

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans (or eligible surviving spouses);

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans (or eligible surviving spouses) or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran;

(iii) The business meets Federal small business size standards for the applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code identified in the solicitation document; and

(iv) The business has been verified for ownership and control and is so listed in the Vendor Information Pages database, (<http://www.VetBiz.gov>).

(2) “Service-disabled veteran” means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

(b) *General.* (1) Offers are solicited only from service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. Offers received from concerns that are not service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns shall not be considered.

(2) Any award resulting from this solicitation shall be made to a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(c) Agreement. A service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern agrees that in the performance of the contract, in the case of a contract for:

(1) Services (except construction), at least 50 percent of the cost of personnel for contract performance will be spent for employees of the concern or employees of other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

(2) Supplies (other than acquisition from a non-manufacturer of the supplies), at least 50 percent of the cost of manufacturing, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed

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by the concern or other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

(3) General construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns; or

(4) Construction by special trade contractors, at least 25 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees or the employees of other eligible service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

(d) A joint venture may be considered a service-disabled veteran owned small business concern if—

(1) At least one member of the joint venture is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern, and makes the following representations: That it is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern, and that it is a small business concern under the North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS) code assigned to the procurement.

(2) Each other concern is small under the size standard corresponding to the NAICS code assigned to the procurement; and

(3) The joint venture meets the requirements of paragraph 7 of the explanation of Affiliates in 19.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(4) The joint venture meets the requirements of 13 CFR 125.15(b).

(e) Any service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern (non-manufacturer) must meet the requirements in 19.102(f) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation to receive a benefit under this program.

(End of Clause)

852.232-72 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (NOV2012)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause-

(1) *Contract financing payment* has the meaning given in FAR 32.001.

(2) *Designated agency office* has the meaning given in 5 CFR 1315.2(m).

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(3) *Electronic form* means an automated system transmitting information electronically according to the accepted electronic data transmission methods and formats identified in paragraph (c) of this clause. Facsimile, e-mail, and scanned documents are not acceptable electronic forms for submission of payment requests.

(4) *Invoice payment* has the meaning given in FAR 32.001.

(5) *Payment request* means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment submitted by the contractor under this contract.

(b) *Electronic payment requests.* Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this clause, the contractor shall submit payment requests in electronic form. Purchases paid with a Government-wide commercial purchase card are considered to be an electronic transaction for purposes of this rule, and therefore no additional electronic invoice submission is required.

(c) *Data transmission.* A contractor must ensure that the data transmission method and format are through one of the following:

(1) VA's Electronic Invoice Presentment and Payment System. (See Web site at <http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp>.)

(2) Any system that conforms to the X12 electronic data interchange (EDI) formats established by the Accredited Standards Center (ASC) and chartered by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The X12 EDI Web site (<http://www.x12.org>) includes additional information on EDI 810 and 811 formats.

(d) Invoice requirements. Invoices shall comply with FAR 32.905.

(e) *Exceptions.* If, based on one of the circumstances below, the contracting officer directs that payment requests be made by mail, the contractor shall submit payment requests by mail through the United States Postal Service to the designated agency office. Submission of payment requests by mail may be required for:

(1) Awards made to foreign vendors for work performed outside the United States;

(2) Classified contracts or purchases when electronic submission and processing of payment requests could compromise the safeguarding of classified or privacy information;

(3) Contracts awarded by contracting officers in the conduct of emergency operations, such as responses to national emergencies;

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(4) Solicitations or contracts in which the designated agency office is a VA entity other than the VA Financial Services Center in Austin, Texas; or

(5) Solicitations or contracts in which the VA designated agency office does not have electronic invoicing capability as described above.

(End of Clause)

852.246-70 Guarantee (JAN 2008)

The contractor guarantees the equipment against defective material, workmanship and performance for a period of one year, said guarantee to run from date of acceptance of the equipment by the Government. The contractor agrees to furnish, without cost to the Government, replacement of all parts and material that are found to be defective during the guarantee period. Replacement of material and parts will be furnished to the Government at the point of installation, if installation is within the continental United States, or f.o.b. the continental U.S. port to be designated by the contracting officer if installation is outside of the continental United States. Cost of installation of replacement material and parts shall be borne by the contractor.

(End of Clause)

852.246-71 Inspection (JAN 2008)

Rejected goods will be held subject to contractors order for not more than 15 days, after which the rejected merchandise will be returned to the contractor's address at his/her risk and expense. Expenses incident to the examination and testing of materials or supplies that have been rejected will be charged to the contractor's account.

(End of Clause)

The following RFQ provisions apply to this acquisition:

52.204-22 Alternative Line Item Proposal.

(a) The Government recognizes that the line items established in this solicitation may not conform to the Offeror's practices. Failure to correct these issues can result in difficulties in acceptance of deliverables and processing payments. Therefore, the Offeror is invited to propose alternative line items for which bids, proposals, or quotes are requested in this solicitation to ensure that the resulting contract is economically and administratively advantageous to the Government and the Offeror.

(b) The Offeror may submit one or more additional proposals with alternative line items, provided that alternative line items are consistent with subpart 4.10 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. However, acceptance of an alternative proposal is a unilateral

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decision made solely at the discretion of the Government. Offers that do not comply with the line items specified in this solicitation may be determined to be nonresponsive or unacceptable.

(End of Provision)

Point of Contact

Contract Specialist

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The Network Contracting Office 9 is seeking a vendor that will provide the necessary requirement for a Urinalysis Analyzers for the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Mountain, Home, Tennessee.

1. Technical Features. Instrumentation shall perform all analyses with precision as defined by current Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) and the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI).

2. Operational Features.

Instrumentation must be available at the time of proposal submission and shall:

a. Function as an automated, walk-away instrument for urine chemistry and microscopic analysis.

b. Provide identification for the following particles in urine: RBC, WBC, Bacteria, Hyaline Casts, Pathological Casts, Crystals, Squamous Epithelial Cells, Non-Squamous Epithelial Cells, Yeast, WBC Clumps, Sperm and Mucus.

c. Provide reagent barcode capability and inventory control, to include data archiving and active reagent volume monitoring and warning. Reagents shall have extended calibration stability.

d. Read bar coded patient samples using the VistA Universal Identification system, and have the ability to enter/run patient samples manually, with or without barcodes, during HIS/LIS downtime.

e. Minimize sample carryover: Carryover specifications shall be provided for each instrument.

f. Include a multitasking computer system with:

(1) User-friendly software. Operators of all skill levels should be able to use efficiently.

(2) Ability to locate patient samples using patient name, SSN, or unique ID, and determine when results will be available.

(3) Ability to print patient reports -in a chartable/medical record format- that may be sent to providers during HIS/LIS downtime.

(4) Ability to retransmit results after HIS/LIS downtime.

(5) Ability to easily add/update quality control and calibrator materials and values, and track the changes.

(6) Ability to run new and old lot numbers of QC concurrently for parallel testing.

(7) Ability to use only one printer to print QC data, review screens, or print files while running patient samples.

(8) Ability to review abnormal results on the instrument.

g. Include an interactive, on-board QC package with:

(1) Modified Westgaard rules and Levy-Jennings plots.

(2) Printable QC results that include meaningful information, such as Standard Deviation Index.

(3) Electronic archiving and corrective action documentation.

(4) Ability to evaluate and print QC results while the instrument is analyzing patient samples.

(5) Ability to monitor calibrations for slope, intercept, blank, etc.

(6) Ability to export values to a commercial quality control program.

h. Include bi-directional LIS host query interfacing through Data Innovations. The vendor shall provide additional equipment, such as middleware, needed to interface the analyzers. The analyzer shall be able to retransmit data after instrument downtime. The instrument should only require a single LIS Interface.

i. Provide true STAT interrupt.

j. Offer a throughput of at least 70 tests per hour.

k. Require minimal time to perform recurring maintenance (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.).

- l. Require minimal start up time from standby mode to operation.
 - m. Require minimal reagent and calibration preparation.
 - n. System shall have detector system for bubbles, clots, and incomplete sample aspirations. System should be available for detecting interfering substances.
 - o. Include on-board electronic operating manuals and trouble shooting guide as well as a preventive maintenance guide and log.
 - p. Ensure ease of calibration with extended calibration stability and minimal calibration frequency.
 - q. System shall be totally self-contained excluding waste and will not require external water, pressure, or vacuum. Vendor shall provide a waste stream analysis for each proposed instrument and if any waste requires special handling before disposal.
 - r. Require minimal time to perform recurring maintenance (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.). System must have a cleansing mechanism for small clots, electronic cleansing mechanism preferred.
 - s. Require minimal start up time from standby mode to operation.
 - t. System shall be calibrated on assayed material compatible with CAP guidelines. The analyzer shall compile all calculation. Cal factors shall be stored internally and activated internally at the operator's discretion.
3. Optional Features. In addition to the base capabilities listed above, optional/desirable capabilities may be required as indicated below.
- a. Touch screen.
 - b. Meter or computer printout for calibrators, controls, patient results, repeats.

Period of Performance (POP)

Base Period

May 01, 2023 – Apr 30, 2024

Option Year One

May 01, 2024 – Apr 30, 2025

Option Year Two

May 01, 2025 – Apr 30, 2026

Option Year Three

May 01, 2026 – Apr 30, 2027

Option Year Four

May 01, 2027 – Apr 30, 2028

6. Logistics Considerations

Delivery location for all hardware will be to:
James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Johnson City, (MT. Home) TN