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Subject: NCI Bid Board Posting – Liquid Nitrogen

The Surgery Branch of the National Cancer Institute is a combined laboratory and clinical research unit devoted to the development of innovative cancer immunotherapies and their translation to the treatment of patients with cancer. Efforts run the gamut from basic studies of cancer immunology to the conduct of clinical immunotherapy trials for patients with metastatic cancer. The Surgery Branch was responsible for the development of interleukin-2 (IL-2), the first effective immunotherapy in humans, the development of cell transfer immunotherapies for melanoma and other solid cancers, the first insertion of foreign genes into humans and the first development of effective human cancer immunotherapies based on the genetic engineering of autologous lymphocytes with genes encoding anti-tumor T cell receptors or chimeric antigen receptors.

The National Cancer Institute plans to purchase Liquid Nitrogen Delivery Service from Roberts Oxygen. This is not a request for competitive quotation. However, if any interested party believes it can meet the attached requirements, it may submit a statement of capabilities. The capability statement must be in writing and must contain information and material in sufficient detail to allow NCI to determine is the party can fully meet this requirement. The capability statement must be received in the contracting office by 11:30 AM on March 27, 2021 ET. A determination by the Government not to compete this requirement based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. Information received will be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement.

Sole Source Justification:

The need for a scheduled service is critical for patient therapy manufacturing facilities to ensure there are no gaps or issues with producing patient therapies. Roberts Oxygen performed the install set up and troubleshooting of the system in the T30 facility. The current tanks in the facility were installed and set up with the assistance of Roberts Oxygen. Roberts Oxygen is familiar with the facility staff, location, and needs as they are currently providing medical grade gas to the facility. Additionally, Roberts Oxygen has been approved and use throughout Clinical Center and the NCI SB clinical and manufacturing freezers. NCI-SB QA, DTM-QA and Clinical Center already validated and qualified Roberts Oxygen for use to provide USP/medical grade gases on a regular basis. They are a constant presence on campus and have been servicing NCI SB and other facilities.

Attached Documents:
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Statement of Work
FAR Clause 52.213-4 Simplified Acquisitions Terms and Conditions (JAN 2014) is applicable and available in full text upon request