

Posting Date: August 7, 2024  
Closing Date: August 17, 11:30 a.m. ET  
Reference Number: 24-043626  
To: NCI Bid Board  
From: Tanika Graves  
NCI/OA Procurement Branch  
Contract Specialist [gravesta@nih.gov](mailto:gravesta@nih.gov)

Subject: NCI Bid Board Posting – Oligos pools for a gene expression/ MPRA project

The research program in the Laboratory of Receptor Biology and Gene Expression concerns the elucidation of mechanisms involved in the regulation of genetic expression in eukaryotic cells, the architecture and organization of the mammalian nucleus, and the identification of genes and regulatory processes involved in modulated states of expression during oncogenesis. The lab includes six internationally recognized research groups, headed by senior investigators Tom Misteli, Yamini Dalal, Shalini Oberdoerffer, Daniel Larson, and Gordon Hager and tenure-track investigator Efsun Arda.

This acquisition is to procure oligos pools for a gene expression/ MPRA project,

The National Cancer Institute plans to purchase this product from Twist Bioscience, South San Francisco, CA. This is not a request for a 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 if the party can fully meet this requirement. The capability statement must be received in the contracting office by 11:30 AM on July 17, 2024, ET. A determination by the Government not to compete with this requirement based upon responses to this notice is solely within its discretion. Information received will be considered exclusively to determine whether to conduct a competitive procurement.

Sole Source Justification:

Twist Bioscience offers oligos pools with precision editing of targeting loci, uniform screening efficiency, and flexible pool sizes.

Attached Documents:

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Statement of Need

FAR Clause 52.213-4 Simplified Acquisitions Terms and Conditions (JULY 2021) is applicable and available in full text upon request.

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION  
(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)**

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1. REQUEST NO. 24-043626  
2. DATE ISSUED 8/72024  
3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO.  
4. CERT. FOR NAT. DEF. UNDER BDSA REG. 2 AND/OR DMS REG. 1 RATING

5a. ISSUED BY NCI/CCR Office of Acquisition, Procurement Branch  
5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL (NO COLLECT CALLS)

NAME TELEPHONE NUMBER  
AREA CODE NUMBER  
Tanika Graves, Contract Specialist 301 480-0602

7. DELIVERY  FOB DESTINATION  OTHER (See Schedule)  
9. DESTINATION  
a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE NIH, NCI

8. TO:  
a. NAME b. COMPANY Twist Biosciences  
b. STREET ADDRESS

c. STREET ADDRESS c. CITY Bethesda

d.. CITY e.. STATE f.. ZIP CODE  
d.. STATE MD e. ZIP CODE 20892

10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (Date) 8/17/2411:30 EST  
**IMPORTANT:** This is a request for information, and quotations furnished are not offers. If you are unable to quote, please indicate on this form and return it to the address in Block 5a. This request does not commit the Government to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the submission of this quotation or to contract for supplies or services. Supplies are of domestic origin unless otherwise indicated by quoter. Any representations and/or certifications attached to this Request for Quotations must be completed by the quoter.

**11. SCHEDULE (Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)**

ITEM NO. (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)
	Acquisition of Oligo Pool  Notice of Intent: If submitting a capability statement, please e-mail only 1 copy of the technical capability statement to Tanika.Graeves@nih.gov  See attached statement of work  This will be awarded as a Firm-Fixed Price Contract.				

12. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT  
a. 10 CALENDAR DAYS (%) b. 20 CALENDAR DAYS (%) c. 30 CALENDAR DAYS (%) d.. CALENDAR DAYS NUMBER PERCENTAGE

NOTE: Additional provisions and representations are are not attached.

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF QUOTER  
a. NAME OF QUOTER  
14. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION  
15. DATE OF QUOTATION

b. STREET ADDRESS  
16. SIGNER  
a. NAME (Type or print) b. TELEPHONE

c. COUNTY AREA CODE

d. CITY e. STATE f. ZIP CODE  
c. TITLE (Type or print) NUMBER

## STATEMENT OF NEED (SON)

1.0 TITLE: Acquisition of Oligo pool

### 2.0 BACKGROUND

The laboratory of Receptor Biology and Gene Expression (LRBGE) conducts research involved different topics such as regulation of gene expression, genomics, pancreas development, chromatin, diabetes and pancreas cancer. Twist Bioscience provides an essential and precious source of highly diverse and high-quality collections of oligos pools that allow researchers to do basic science research as well as to address questions related to the islet development, genomics, mechanism of glucagon/insulin secretion, cancer progression.

### 3.0 TYPE OF ORDER

This is a Firm Fixed-Price Purchase Order.

### 4.0 SPECIAL ORDER REQUIREMENTS PRODUCT FEATURES/SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Twist Bioscience offers an precision, uniform and flexible synthesis oligos for biomedical researcher. With high-quality and accurate synthesis for specific and efficient targeting oligos, Twist Bioscience provides oligos pools/library with high yield and scalability. With standardized of current isolation technique and procedure, Twist Bioscience also offers maximized screening efficiency and flexible pools sizes that fit researcher's designed pools of assay.

The oligos pools must have the following criteria:

- ssDNA delivered in a pool up to 300nt sequences
- Pool sized:  $\geq 2$
- Concentration:  $\geq 0.2$  fmol per oligo
- Error rate: 1:2,000 nt (industry-leading)
- Uniform synthesis ensures excellent oligo representation ( >90% of oligos represented within <2.5x of the mean

### 4.1 DELIVERY / INSTALLATION

Delivery address: H. Efsun Arda  
NIH.NCI/CCR/ Laboratory of Receptor Biology and Gene Expression  
41 Meldars Dr., Building 41, Room B900  
Bethesda, MD – 20814  
Tel: 240 - 760 - 6618  
Fax: 240 - 760 – 7264

4.3 TRAINING N/A

TERMS AND CONDITIONS-SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL ITEMS) (JUL 2021), FAR 52.213-4

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses that are incorporated by reference:

(1) The clauses listed below implement provisions of law or Executive order:

(i) [52.203-19](#), Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (JAN 2017) (section 743 of Division E, Title VII, of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235) and its successor provisions in subsequent appropriations acts (and as extended in continuing resolutions)).

(ii) [52.204-23](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Hardware, Software, and Services Developed or Provided by Kaspersky Lab and Other Covered Entities (JUL 2018) (Section 1634 of Pub. L. 115-91).

(iii) [52.204-25](#), Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (AUG 2020) (Section 889(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 115-232).

(iv) [52.222-3](#), Convict Labor (JUN 2003) (E.O.11755).

(v) [52.222-21](#), Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (APR 2015).

(vi) [52.222-26](#), Equal Opportunity (SEP 2016) (E.O.11246).

(vii) [52.225-13](#), Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2021) (E.O.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

(viii) [52.233-3](#), Protest After Award (AUG 1996) ([31 U.S.C.3553](#)).

(ix) [52.233-4](#), Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Pub.L.108-77, 108-78 ([19 U.S.C. 3805 note](#))).

(2) Listed below are additional clauses that apply:

(i) [52.232-1](#), Payments (APR 1984).

(ii) [52.232-8](#), Discounts for Prompt Payment (FEB 2002).

- (iii) [52.232-11](#), Extras (APR 1984).
- (iv) [52.232-25](#), Prompt Payment (JAN 2017).
- (v) [52.232-39](#), Unenforceability of Unauthorized Obligations (JUN 2013).
- (vi) [52.232-40](#), Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (DEC 2013).
- (vii) [52.233-1](#), Disputes (MAY 2014).
- (viii) [52.244-6](#), Subcontracts for Commercial Items (JUL 2021).
- (ix) [52.253-1](#), Computer Generated Forms (JAN 1991).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the following FAR clauses, incorporated by reference, unless the circumstances do not apply:

(1) The clauses listed below implement provisions of law or Executive order:

(i) [52.204-10](#), Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards (JUN 2020)(Pub. L. 109-282) ([31 U.S.C. 6101 note](#)) (Applies to contracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR [4.1403](#)(a) on the date of award of this contract).

(ii) [52.222-19](#), Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2020) (E.O. 13126) (Applies to contracts for supplies exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, as defined in FAR [2.101](#) on the date of award of this contract).

(iii) [52.222-20](#), Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment., Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment (JUN 2020) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 65](#)) (Applies to supply contracts over the threshold specified in FAR 22.602 on the date of award of this contract, in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands).

(iv) [52.222-35](#), Equal Opportunity for Veterans (JUN 2020) ([38 U.S.C. 4212](#)) (Applies to contracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR [22.1303](#)(a) on the date of award of this contract).

(v) [52.222-36](#), Equal Employment for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 2020) ([29 U.S.C. 793](#)) (Applies to contracts over the threshold specified in FAR [22.1408](#)(a) on the date of award of this contract, unless the work is to be

performed outside the United States by employees recruited outside the United States). (For purposes of this clause, "United States" includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Wake Island.)

(vi) [52.222-37](#), Employment Reports on Veterans (JUN 2020) ([38 U.S.C. 4212](#)) (Applies to contracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR [22.1303](#)(a) on the date of award of this contract).

(vii) [52.222-41](#), Service Contract Labor Standards (AUG 2018) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)) (Applies to service contracts over \$2,500 that are subject to the Service Contract Labor Standards statute and will be performed in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Johnston Island, Wake Island, or the outer Continental Shelf).

(viii) (A) [52.222-50](#), Combating Trafficking in Persons (OCT 2020)([22 U.S.C. chapter 78](#) and E.O. 13627) (Applies to all solicitations and contracts).

(B) Alternate I (MAR 2015) (Applies if the Contracting Officer has filled in the following information with regard to applicable directives or notices: Document title(s), source for obtaining document(s), and contract performance location outside the United States to which the document applies).

(ix) [52.222-55](#), Minimum Wages Under Executive Order 13658 (NOV 2020) (Applies when [52.222-6](#) or [52.222-41](#) are in the contract and performance in whole or in part is in the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia)).

(x) [52.222-62](#), Paid Sick Leave Under Executive Order 13706 (*Jan* 2017) (E.O. 13706) (Applies when [52.222-6](#) or [52.222-41](#) are in the contract and performance in whole or in part is in the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia.))

(xi) [52.223-5](#), Pollution Prevention and Right-to-Know Information (MAY 2011) (E.O. 13423) (Applies to services performed on Federal facilities).

(xii) [52.223-11](#), Ozone-Depleting Substances and High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693)(applies to contracts for products as prescribed at FAR [23.804](#)(a)(1)).

(xiii) [52.223-12](#), Maintenance, Service, Repair, or Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to maintenance, service, repair, or disposal of refrigeration equipment and air conditioners).

(xiv) [52.223-15](#), Energy Efficiency in Energy-Consuming Products (MAY 2020) ([42 U.S.C. 8259b](#)) (Unless exempt pursuant to [23.204](#), applies to contracts when energy-consuming products listed in the ENERGY STAR® Program or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)) will be-

(A) Delivered;

(B) Acquired by the Contractor for use in performing services at a Federally-controlled facility;

(C) Furnished by the Contractor for use by the Government; or

(D) Specified in the design of a building or work, or incorporated during its construction, renovation, or maintenance).

(xv) [52.223-20](#), Aerosols (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to contracts for products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons as a propellant or as a solvent; or contracts for maintenance or repair of electronic or mechanical devices).

(xvi) [52.223-21](#), Foams (JUN 2016) (E.O. 13693) (Applies to contracts for products that may contain high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbons or refrigerant blends containing hydrofluorocarbons as a foam blowing agent; or contracts for construction of buildings or facilities).

(xvii) [52.225-1](#), Buy American-Supplies (JAN 2021) ([41 U.S.C. chapter 67](#)) (Applies to contracts for supplies, and to contracts for services involving the furnishing of supplies, for use in the United States or its outlying areas, if the value of the supply contract or supply portion of a service contract exceeds the micro-purchase threshold, as defined in FAR [2.101](#) on the date of award of this contract, and the acquisition-

(A) Is set aside for small business concerns; or

(B) Cannot be set aside for small business concerns (see [19.502-2](#)), and does not exceed \$25,000).

(xviii) [52.226-6](#), Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations., Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations (JUN 2020) ([42 U.S.C. 1792](#)) (Applies to contracts greater than the threshold specified in FAR [26.404](#) on the date of award of this contract, that provide for the provision, the service, or the sale of food in the United States).

(xix) [52.232-33](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (OCT 2013)(Applies when the payment will be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) and the payment office uses the System for Award Management (SAM) as its source of EFT information).

(xx) [52.232-34](#), Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than System for Award Management (JUL 2013) (Applies when the payment will be made by EFT and the payment office does not use the SAM database as its source of EFT information).

(xxi) [52.247-64](#), Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) ([46 U.S.C. App. 1241](#)) (Applies to supplies transported by ocean vessels (except for the types of subcontracts listed at [47.504\(d\)](#)).

(2) Listed below are additional clauses that may apply:

(i) [52.204-21](#), Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems (JUN 2016) (Applies to contracts when the contractor or a subcontractor at any tier may have Federal contract information residing in or transiting through its information system.

(ii) [52.209-6](#), Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (JUN 2020) (Applies to contracts over the threshold specified in FAR [9.405-2](#)(b) on the date of award of this contract).

(iii) [52.211-17](#), Delivery of Excess Quantities (*Sept* 1989) (Applies to fixed-price supplies).

(iv) [52.247-29](#), F.o.b. Origin (FEB 2006) (Applies to supplies if delivery is f.o.b. origin).

(v) [52.247-34](#), F.o.b. Destination (NOV 1991) (Applies to supplies if delivery is f.o.b. destination).



(c) *FAR 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):

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*[Insert one or more Internet addresses]*

(d) *Inspection/Acceptance*. The Contractor shall tender for acceptance only those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. The Government must exercise its post acceptance rights-

(1) Within a reasonable period of time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and

(2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

(e) *Excusable delays*. The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

(f) *Termination for the Government's convenience*. The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the

notice of termination, plus reasonable charges that the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government, using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred that reasonably could have been avoided.

(g) *Termination for cause.* The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(h) *Warranty.* The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(End of clause)