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To: NCI Bid Board

From: Christine Buntz
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Subject: NCI Bid Board Posting - Service Agreement for the Benchmark Ultra for the Laboratory of Pathology.

The National Cancer Institute Division of The Laboratory of Pathology at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) is an integral component of the research and clinical community at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Our goal is to be a globally recognized center of excellence in disease research, clinical diagnostics, and pathology education. The mission of the Laboratory of Pathology is to achieve the highest level of quality in research, diagnostics, and education.

The primary objective of the service agreement is to guarantee timely maintenance and repair service for the Benchmark Ultra that guarantees 24-hour emergency support and repair service that uses OEM parts. This service is required through the manufacturer of said equipment for continued service to our facility to maintain the highest level of accuracy and equipment performance. This is necessary to provide the highest quality immunohistochemistry testing for the benefit of NCI/NIH patients enrolled in clinical protocols without risk of equipment failure.

The National Cancer Institute plans to purchase a service agreement for Benchmark XT from Roche Diagnostics Corporation, Indianapolis, IN to perform this work. 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 if the party can fully meet this requirement. The capability statement must be received in the contracting office by 11:30 AM on October 31, 2024, 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:

Roche Diagnostics Corporation is the sole manufacturer of the Benchmark XT, and Roche Diagnostics Corporation requires their personnel to maintain their instruments for continued use as they are the manufacturer of this equipment. Market research was conducted, and vendors were contacted, however there are no other companies that are able to meet the requirement. Original manufacturer service is required to avoid nullifying the warranty. Any equipment failure would adversely affect NCI/NIH clinical center patients and their optimal care.

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.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)		THIS RFQ <input type="checkbox"/> IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS NOT A SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE		PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES	
1. REQUEST NUMBER	2. DATE ISSUED 10/22/2024	3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER 24-033908	4. CERT. FOR NAT. DEF. UNDER BDSA REG. 2 AND/OR DMS REG. 1	RATING	
5a. ISSUED BY NIH/NCI-CCR P-ARC			6. DELIVER BY (Date) 12/29/2024		
5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL (NO COLLECT CALLS)			7. DELIVERY		
NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER		<input type="checkbox"/> FOB DESTINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Schedule)	
Christine Buntz, Purchasing Agent		AREA CODE	NUMBER	9. DESTINATION	
		240	760-6456	8. NAME OF CONSIGNEE	
8. TO:			Patricia FETSCH 301-480-8935		
a. NAME		b. COMPANY		b. STREET ADDRESS	
		Roche Diagnostics		9000 Rockville Pike Bldg 10 RM 2S253	
c. STREET ADDRESS			c. CITY		
9115 Hague Road PO Box 50457			Bethesda		
d. CITY		e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE	d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE
Indianapolis		IN	46250-0457	MD	20892
10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (Date)		IMPORTANT: This is a request for information and quotations furnished are not offers. If you are unable to quote, please so 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 service. Supplies are of domestic origin unless otherwise indicated by quoter. Any representations and/or certifications attached to this Request for Quotation must be completed by the quoter.			
10/31/2024					
11. SCHEDULE (Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)					
ITEM NUMBER (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)
001	Standard Service Plan BenchMark Ultra S/N #: 313417 POP: 12/29/2024 - 12/28/2025 Notice of Intent: If submitting a capability statement, please e-mail only 1 copy of the technical capability statement to: Christine Buntz @ christine.buntz@nih.gov See attached statement of work. This will be awarded as a Firm-Fixed Price Contract	1	ea	0.00	\$0.00
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 <input type="checkbox"/> are <input type="checkbox"/> are not attached.					
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF QUOTER			14. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION		15. DATE OF QUOTATION
a. NAME OF QUOTER			16. SIGNER		b. TELEPHONE
b. STREET ADDRESS					
c. COUNTY			a. NAME (Type or print)		AREA CODE
d. CITY			c. TITLE (Type or print)		NUMBER
e. STATE			f. ZIP CODE		

STATEMENT OF WORK

1.0 SCOPE

The Contractor shall provide all labor, material and equipment necessary to maintain and provide preventive maintenance for the Roche/Ventana Benchmark Ultra Immunostainer. This piece of equipment is used for the diagnosis of patient disease and enrollment into NIH clinical trials. All maintenance services shall be performed on-site in accordance with the manufacturer's standard commercial maintenance practices.

2.0 TYPE OF ORDER

This is a firm fixed-price purchase order.

3.0 SPECIAL ORDER REQUIREMENTS

3.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

The Contractor shall perform 1 planned preventive maintenances during the contract period. Technically qualified factory-trained personnel shall perform Service. Service shall consist of a thorough cleaning, calibration, adjusting, inspection, and testing of all equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's latest established service procedures. All equipment shall be operationally tested through at least one (1) complete operating cycle at the end of the preventive maintenance inspection to assure optimum and efficient performance.

3.2 EMERGENCY SERVICE

On-site, emergency repair service visit shall be provided during the term of this contract at no additional cost to the government. Emergency service shall be provided during normal working hours, Monday through Friday excluding Federal Holidays. Upon receipt of notice that any part of the equipment is not functioning properly the Contractor shall within provide a one (1) hour initial response with a twenty four (24) hour on-site response by a qualified factory-trained service representative to inspect the equipment and perform all repairs and adjustments necessary to restore the equipment to normal and efficient operating condition. Emergency service calls shall not replace the necessity for planned preventative maintenance. All labor and travel will be included.

3.3 REPLACEMENT PARTS

The Contractor shall furnish all required replacement parts at no additional cost to the Government, with the exception of consumables. Parts shall be new to original equipment specifications. Parts will be delivered the earliest next day.

3.4 SOFTWARE UPDATES/SERVICE

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The Contractor shall provide Software Service and updates in accordance with the manufacturer's latest established service procedures, to include telephone access to technical support for use of program software and trouble shooting of the operating systems, at no additional cost to the Government. The contractor shall receive advance approval for the installation of all software updates and revisions from the Government. Defective software shall be replaced at no additional cost to the government.

The Contractor shall provide unlimited clinical technical telephone support (24hrs/day, 7 days/week) for trouble-shooting for the instrument and clinical application support (M-F 8am-9pm), excluding Federal holidays. Remote support is provided through the Caregiver software currently installed on the equipment.

3.5 SERVICE EXCLUSIONS

The Contractor shall not be responsible for any repairs necessitated by abuse, neglect, vandalism, Acts of God, fire or water. These repairs shall be the subject of a separate purchase order and shall not be performed under this contract.

3.6 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The base period of performance shall be for twelve (12) months from 12/29/2024 – 12/28/2025.

3.7 PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

Technically qualified factory-trained personnel shall perform service to the Ventana Benchmark Ultra located in the Laboratory of Pathology, Building 10 Room 2S253 as covered by this contract. All primary service personnel shall have at least one backup support person with at least the same level of expertise on the equipment covered by this contract.

4.0 PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

Onsite services shall be performed at the following location:

Immunohistochemistry Section
Laboratory of Pathology, CCR, NCI
10 Center Drive, Room 2S253
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-1500

5.0 PAYMENT

Payment shall be made Quarterly in arrears. Payment authorization requires submission and approval of invoices to the COR and NIH OFM, in accordance with the payment provisions listed below:

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The following clause is applicable to all Purchase Orders, Task or Delivery Orders, and Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Calls: PROMPT PAYMENT (JUL 2013) FAR 52.232-25. Highlights of this clause and NIH implementation requirements follow:

I INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

- A. An invoice is the Contractor's bill or written request for payment under the contract for supplies delivered or services performed. A proper invoice is an "Original" which must include the items listed in subdivisions 1 through 12, below, in addition to the requirements of FAR 32.9. If the invoice does not comply with these requirements, the Contractor will be notified of the defect within 7 days after the date the designated billing office received the invoice (3 days for meat, meat food products, or fish, and 5 days for perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, edible fats or oils) with a statement of the reasons why it is not a proper invoice. (See exceptions under II., below.) Untimely notification will be taken into account in the computation of any interest penalty owed the Contractor.
1. Vendor/Contractor: Name, Address, Point of Contact for the invoice (Name, title, telephone number, e-mail and mailing address of point of contact).
 2. Remit-to address (Name and complete mailing address to send payment).
 3. Remittance name must match exactly with name on original order/contract. If the Remittance name differs from the Legal Business Name, then both names must appear on the invoice.
 4. Invoice date.
 5. Unique invoice #s for all invoices per vendor regardless of site.
 6. NBS document number formats must be included for awards created in the NBS: Contract Number; Purchase Order Number; Task or Delivery Order Number and Source Award Number (e.g., Indefinite Delivery Contract number; General Services Administration number); or, BPA Call Number and BPA Parent Award Number.
 7. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) or DUNS + 4 as registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR).
 8. Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). In those exceptional cases where a contractor does not have a DUNS number or TIN, a Vendor Identification Number (VIN) must be referenced on the invoice. The VIN is the number that appears after the contractor's name on the face page of the award document.
 9. Identify that payment is to be made using a three-way match.
 10. Description of supplies/services that match the description on the award, by line billed.*
 11. Freight or delivery charge must be billed as shown on the award. If it is included in the item price do not bill it separately. If identified in the award as a separate line item, it must be billed separately.
 12. Quantity, Unit of Measure, Unit Price, Extended Price of supplies delivered or services performed, as applicable, and that match the line items specified in the award.*

* NOTE: If your invoice must differ from the line items on the award, please contact the Contracting Officer before submitting the invoice. A modification to the order or contract may be needed before the invoice can be submitted and paid.

- B. Shipping costs will be reimbursed only if authorized by the Contract/Purchase Order. If authorized, shipping costs must be itemized. Where shipping costs exceed \$100, the invoice must be supported by a bill of lading or a paid carrier's receipt.

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- C. Mail an original and 1 copy of the itemized invoice to:

National Institutes of Health
Office of Financial Management, Commercial Accounts
2115 East Jefferson Street, Room 4B-432, MSC 8500
Bethesda, MD 20892-8500

For inquiries regarding payment call: (301) 496-6088

In order to facilitate the prompt payment of invoices, it is recommended that the vendor submit a photocopy of the invoice to the "Consignee" designated for the acquisition in blocks 6A – 6E of the face page of the Order/Award document.

II. INVOICE PAYMENT

- A. Except as indicated in paragraph B., below, the due date for making invoice payments by the designated payment office shall be the later of the following two events:
1. The 30th day after the designated billing office has received a proper invoice.
 2. The 30th day after Government acceptance of supplies delivered or services performed.
- B. The due date for making invoice payments for meat and meat food products, perishable agricultural commodities, dairy products, and edible fats or oils, shall be in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act, as amended.

III. INTEREST PENALTIES

- A. An interest penalty shall be paid automatically, if payment is not made by the due date and the conditions listed below are met, if applicable.
1. A proper invoice was received by the designated billing office.
 2. A receiving report or other Government documentation authorizing payment was processed and there was no disagreement over quantity, quality, or contractor compliance with a term or condition.
 3. In the case of a final invoice for any balance of funds due the contractor for supplies delivered or services performed, the amount was not subject to further settlement actions between the Government and the Contractor.
- B. Determination of interest and penalties due will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment Act, as amended, the Contract Disputes Act, and regulations issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

IV. PROVIDING ACCELERATED PAYMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTORS, FAR 52.232-40 (DEC 2013)

- a) Upon receipt of accelerated payments from the Government, the Contractor shall make accelerated payments to its small business subcontractors under this contract, to the maximum extent practicable and prior to when such payment is otherwise required under the

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applicable contract or subcontract, after receipt of a proper invoice and all other required documentation from the small business subcontractor.

- b) The acceleration of payments under this clause does not provide any new rights under the prompt Payment Act.

Include the substance of this clause, include this paragraph c, in all subcontracts with small business concerns, including subcontracts with small business concerns for the acquisition of commercial items.