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To: NCI Bid Board

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Subject: NCI Bid Board Posting – Maintenance Service Agreement

The National Cancer Institute Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics Laboratory of Translational Genomics (LTG) lab LTG conducts focused studies to explain the functional significance of particular regions of the genome conclusively identified in cancer-specific genome-wide association studies (GWAS) and linkage studies in high-risk families. The overall goal of the lab is to develop new approaches to the study of the genetic basis of cancer and its outcomes.

The Contractor shall provide all labor, material and equipment necessary to maintain and provide preventive maintenance for the 3500xL Genetic Analyzer (S/N 278870297). The 3500xl Genetic Analyzer is a 24-capillary sequencing instrument that is used for Sanger DNA sequencing and fragment analyzer. All maintenance services shall be performed on-site in accordance with the manufacturer's standard commercial maintenance practices. The Contractor shall perform 1 planned preventive maintenance during the contract period. Technically qualified factory-trained personnel shall perform Service. Service shall consist of 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.

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 four (4) hour on-site response 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. 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. 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 troubleshooting 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 troubleshooting for the instrument and clinical application support (M-F 8am-9pm), excluding Federal holidays.

All maintenance services shall be performed on-site in accordance with the manufacturer's standard commercial maintenance practices listed above from Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA. 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 14, 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:

Life Technologies is the only company in North America that sells and services the 3500xl Genetic Analyzer. The technology is not licensed to any other providers. This is the only vendor that offers an annual contract with 1 PMs for this instrument.

Attached Documents:

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Statement of Work

FAR Clause 52.213-4 Simplified Acquisitions Terms and Conditions (AUG 2019) is applicable and available in full text upon request

FAR Clause 52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)		THIS RFQ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT A SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE			PAGE 1 OF PAGES 1
1. REQUEST NO.	2. DATE ISSUED 10/4/2024	3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NO. 25-000235	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 months after receipt of order			
5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL (NO COLLECT CALLS)		7. DELIVERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOB DESTINATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Schedule)			
NAME Sharon Coles-Calloway, Purchasing Agent		8. TO: a. NAME			9. DESTINATION a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE
		AREA CODE 240	TELEPHONE NUMBER 276-7348	b. STREET ADDRESS	
c. STREET ADDRESS		c. CITY			
d.. CITY		e.. STATE	f.. ZIP CODE	d.. STATE	e. ZIP CODE
10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (Date) 10/14/2024 11:30 AM ET		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)
001	<p>Equipment Maintenance Agreement (1 year Service)</p> <p>Notice of Intent: If submitting a capability statement, please e-mail only 1 copy of the technical capability statement to Sharon Coles-Calloway at coless@mail.nih.gov</p> <p>See attached statement of work.</p> <p>This will be awarded as a Firm-Fixed Price Contract.</p>	1	ea	\$ _____	\$ _____

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	
b. STREET ADDRESS		16. SIGNER	
c. COUNTY		a. NAME (Type or print)	
d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE	c. TITLE (Type or print)

STATEMENT OF WORK

1.0 SCOPE

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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 four (4) hour on-site response 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 troubleshooting 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.

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 11/7/2024-11/06/2025 with no option periods.

3.7 PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

Technically qualified factory-trained personnel shall perform service to the 3500xl genetic analyzer. 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:

9615 Medical Center Dr
Rockville MD 20850

5.0 PAYMENT

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

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

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- 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.
- 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

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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 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.

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52.204-24 Representation Regarding Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

As prescribed in 4.2105(a), insert the following provision:

REPRESENTATION REGARDING CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT (AUG 2019)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision—

Covered telecommunications equipment or services, Critical technology, and Substantial or essential component have the meanings provided in clause 52.204-25, Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment.

(b) Prohibition. Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Contractors are not prohibited from providing—

- (1) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- (2) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(c) Representation. The Offeror represents that—

It [] will, [] will not provide covered telecommunications equipment or services to the Government in the performance of any contract, subcontract or other contractual instrument resulting from this solicitation.

(d) Disclosures. If the Offeror has responded affirmatively to the representation in paragraph (c) of this provision, the Offeror shall provide the following information as part of the offer—

- (1) All covered telecommunications equipment and services offered (include brand; model number, such as original equipment manufacturer (OEM) number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number; and item description, as applicable);
- (2) Explanation of the proposed use of covered telecommunications equipment and services and any factors relevant to determining if such use would be permissible under the prohibition in paragraph (b) of this provision;
- (3) For services, the entity providing the covered telecommunications services (include entity name, unique entity identifier, and Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, if known); and
- (4) For equipment, the entity that produced the covered telecommunications equipment (include entity name, unique entity identifier, CAGE code, and whether the entity was the OEM or a distributor, if known).

(End of provision)