

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

Requisition No: NIEHS-6293140-VS

Intended Source: Leica Microsystems

Period of performance: Base + 2 Option Years, 04/25/2022-04/24/2023

Description of Requirement: **Leica Service Agreement for an EM UC7 Basic Instrument**

This contract action is for the acquisition of supplies for which the Government intends to solicit and negotiate with only one source under the authority of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 13.106-1(b)(1). The National Institute of Environmental Health Science (NIEHS), Office of Acquisitions (OA) intends to award a single source purchase order to Leica Microsystems, 1700 Leider Lane, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, 60089-6622.

The service agreement from Leica Microsystems is required to provide service and repairs for an EM UC7 Basic Instrument, Serial # 604563. This instrument is used by the Cellular Molecular Pathology Branch, (CMPB), core laboratory Electron Microscopy (EM), to continue pathology support. Without this service agreement and repair of the Leica EM UC7 Ultramicrotome services will not be guaranteed and repair can cost thousands of dollars. Without the proper functioning of this instrument the CMPB will be unable to carry out the Pathology support of the Electron Microscopy (EM) laboratory provides for the research of the investigators at the NIEHS. To ensure that the instrumentation provides reliable and consistent results with minimum downtime, it is necessary to obtain a service agreement. Leica Microsystems does not allow third party entities to service their equipment.

The applicable North American industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this procurement is 811219 "Other Electronic and Precision Equipment Repair and Maintenance."
Its associated Business Size Standard is \$22.0.

(This requirement is for a Base + 2 Option Years)

Base Period: April 25, 2022-April 24, 2023

Option Period 1: April 25, 2023-April 24, 2024

Option Period 2: April 25, 2025-April 24, 2025

NIEHS will solicit and negotiate directly with Leica Microsystems, Inc. and no solicitation will be issued. This notice of intent is not a request for competitive proposals or quotations; however, all responsible sources may submit a capability statement which shall be considered by the agency. Offerors must have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.GOV) www.sam.gov. A determination by the Government not to compete this proposed requirement based on responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. Interested parties must express their interest and must be submitted in writing via email to Valarie K. Sims at sims3@niehs.nih.gov and are due by 10:00 AM, April 6, 2022. No faxed documents will be accepted. If no responsive statements are received by the due date, an award will be made to Leica Microsystems, Inc.