NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT

DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT: iCell Cardiomyocytes Kit

SOLICITATION NUMBER: 75N96021Q00007

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) – Soliciting from a Single Source. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Office of Acquisitions (OA) intends to award a sole source purchase order to FUJIFILM Irvine Scientific, Inc., 1830 East Warner Ave Santa Ana, CA 92705 for iCell Cardiomyocytes Kit. The iCell Cardiomyocytes Kit is iPSC derived cardiomyocytes that provide an unique opportunity to obtain cells from normal and diseased humans and thereby helping to understand response to chemical exposures in various human populations. Earlier, cells from the same vendor were used to conducted pilot assays which gave us expected results and now we are further validating this assays following appropriate quality control protocols. FUJIFILM IRVINE SCIENTIFIC, INC. is the sole source for the iCell Cardiomyocytes Kit.

The applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 325414 Biological Product (except Diagnostic) Manufacturing and a size standard of 1250 employees.

NIEHS will solicit and negotiate directly with FUJIFILM IRVINE SCIENTIFIC, INC. and no solicitation will be issued. This notice of intent is not a request for competitive proposals or quotations; however, if an interested party believes they can meet the above requirement, it may submit a statement of capabilities. The statement of capabilities must be submitted in writing and must contain material in sufficient detail to allow the Government to determine if the party can perform the requirement. 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. All interested parties must express their interest and capabilities in writing via email <u>elizabeth.mcewen@nih.gov</u> within three (3) days after the date of publication of this notice. No faxed documents will be accepted. If no responsive statements are received within three (3) days, an award will be made to FUJIFILM IRVINE SCIENTIFIC, INC..