Special Notice

SUBJECT* 6640--Animal IVCs for Research

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTRACTING OFFICE'S ZIP CODE*	04330
SOLICITATION NUMBER*	36C24126Q0616
RESPONSE DATE/TIME/ZONE	06-30-2026 10:00AM EASTERN TIME, NEW YORK, USA
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RECOVERY ACT FUNDS	N
PRODUCT SERVICE CODE*	6640
NAICS CODE*	339112
CONTRACTING OFFICE ADDRESS	Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 1 (NCO 1) Contracting Officer (90C) 1 VA Center Augusta ME 04330
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGENCY'S URL	
URL DESCRIPTION	
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DESCRIPTION

This Notice of Intent to Sole Source is not a solicitation. The Department of Veteran Affairs intends to negotiate a sole source contract with: Tecniplast USA Inc., 1345 Enterprise Drive West Chester, PA 19380 (UEI QHF3J4MS24H4).

This is not a request for quotes. The Contracting Activity is looking to acquire Animal Individually Ventilated Cages (IVCs), accessories, and racks. These items will be installed and utilized in our Research & Development Department at the White River Junction (WRJ) Veterinary Medical Unit (VMU). Items needed include ER1050 System featuring;

1. EMRAT 1050 rack 4COl 7EV Single Side- FESU
2. Transparent hose conn kit for 89 diameter top & 76 diameter bottom ER1050 SS only Meter 1
3. Zephyr Touch Tested and Packed
4. ER1050 cage with gasket
5. ER1050 LID

6. TOP ER1050 with bottle - PSU
7. Polysulfone Water Bottle with Silicone Ring (340ml)
8. Grey bottle cap with seal gasket assembly
9. EMERAT label holder universal for RFID – PACKED

The WRJ VMU has precise scientific, biosafety, ergonomic, and animal-care standards that must be met for current and future studies. Currently Tecniplast IVC systems are used at WRJ VMU for mouse housing. In order to maintain compatibility and consistency of research outputs the following specifications are required: cage-level containment continuous barrier consistent with BSL-2 and barrier colony management, specific dimensions (61.5X19.69x76.53) that will provide the ability to house more animals with the use of 28 cages, cages that provide housing for up to 112 rats, radial silicone gasket that provide a continuous pressure seal around the full perimeter of the cage base, filters certified by independent third-party microbiology labs, air-flow nozzles at the rear top of each cage outside the animal activity zone, 80 Air Change per Hour with dual H14 HEPA filters (supply and exhaust), each with required DOP testing.

It is the Government's belief that only the proposed candidate possesses the required capabilities to successfully meet this requirement. It is the Government's intention to solicit and negotiate with only this source. This notice of intent is not a request for competitive proposals. It is not a solicitation or request for offers.

The authority for this action is FAR 6.302-1 Only One Responsible source, and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements. The NAICS is 339112. The PSC/FSC is 6640.

Any response to this notice must show clear and convincing evidence that competition would be advantageous to the Government. Responses must be received NLT 10:00 AM EST on 06/30/2026. No telephonic inquiries will be accepted. All responses must be emailed to Emily Hatcher, Contracting Officer, Emily.Hatcher@va.gov