REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)

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1. REQUEST NUMBER	2. DATE ISSUED	3. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQUEST NUMBER	4. CERT. FOR NAT. DEF. UNDER BDSA REG. 2 AND/OR DMS REG. 1	RATING
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5a. ISSUED BY
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OD - Office of Logistics and
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6100 Executive Blvd., Room 6B05
Bethesda, MD 20892-7511

6. DELIVER BY *(Date)*: Multiple

7. DELIVERY
☒ FOB DESTINATION ☐ OTHER *(See Schedule)*

5b. FOR INFORMATION CALL *(NO COLLECT CALLS)*

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	AREA CODE	NUMBER
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9. DESTINATION
a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE

8. TO:

a. NAME	b. COMPANY

c. STREET ADDRESS

b. STREET ADDRESS

c. CITY

d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE

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10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS *(Date)*
06/28/2026 1600 ED

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.

11. SCHEDULE *(Include applicable Federal, State and local taxes)*

ITEM NUMBER (a)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (b)	QUANTITY (c)	UNIT (d)	UNIT PRICE (e)	AMOUNT (f)
	The purpose of this NON-COMPETITIVE COMBINED SYNOPSIS / SOLICITATION is to acquire a service agreement on ZEISS LSM 880. Period of Performance: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027 The following FAR clauses and Provisions are applicable to this award. FAR 52.204-13 System for Award Management Maintenance (Oct 2018) FAR 52.204-18 Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance (Aug 2020) HHSAR 352.222-70, Contractor Cooperation in Equal Employment Opportunity Continued...				

12. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT	a. 10 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	b. 20 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	c. 30 CALENDAR DAYS (%)	d. CALENDAR DAYS NUMBER	d. CALENDAR DAYS PERCENTAGE

NOTE: Additional provisions and representations ☐ are ☐ 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		
b. STREET ADDRESS	16. SIGNER	
	a. NAME *(Type or print)*	b. TELEPHONE AREA CODE
c. COUNTY		
d. CITY / e. STATE / f. ZIP CODE	c. TITLE *(Type or print)*	NUMBER

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NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	Investigations (Dec 2015) FAR 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions -In addition to all the applicable commercial Products and Commercial Services (Nov 2023) FAR 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders/Commercial Products and Commercial Services (Jan 2025) FAR 52.217-8 Option to Extend Services (Nov 1999) FAR 52.217-9 Option to Extend the Term of the Contract FAR 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE				

NON-COMPETITIVE
COMBINED SYNOPSIS / SOLICITATION

Title: Service Agreement on ZEISS LSM 880

(i) This is a combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial items prepared in accordance with the format in FAR Subpart 12.6, as supplemented with additional information included in this notice. This announcement constitutes the only solicitation; proposals are being requested, and a separate written solicitation will not be issued.

(ii) The solicitation number is **75N98026Q00679 /PCA-NIDCD-03692.** This solicitation is issued as a Notice of Intent (NOI) for a non-competitive combined synopsis/solicitation to award a contract or purchase order without providing for full and open competition (including brand-name, if applicable).

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of FAR 12.603, *Streamlined Solicitation for Commercial Products or Commercial Services*, and is not expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. Additional authority includes 41 U.S.C. 1901 and FAR 6.302-3(a)(2)(ii).

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of the Director, Office of Acquisitions, intends to negotiate and award a firm fixed-price award on a non-competitive basis to Carl Zeiss Microscopy, LLC , White Plains NY 10601 to provide a service agreement for a Zeiss LSM 880 microscope.

(iii) The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular FAC 2026-01, effective March 13, 2026.

(iv) The associated NAICS code is 811210, and the small business size standard is Other Than Small Business. This requirement is not set aside for small business.

(v) **Description of Requirement:**
Due to the critical nature of these units the contractor must ensure the following:

Equipment to Service:

Protect premium Research Microscope mot
Protect premium LSM 880
Protect premium Airyscan
Protect premium Z-Piezo

Due to the critical nature of these units the contractor must ensure the following:

- One (1)* preventative maintenance inspection per agreement year.
- All labor and travel charges associated with conducting the PM inspection visit.

- All labor and travel charges associated with any service visit in addition to the PM visit as may be required during the contract period.
- All covered replacement parts
- 10% Discount on Consumable Purchases
- 10% Discount on Instrument Upgrades
- Scheduled and emergency service performed between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday excluding holidays
- Factory trained Customer Support Engineers
- Software Version Updates for (Protect Premium LSM, EM and X-Ray Service Agreements only)
  Software version upgrades are available on an “as-issued“ basis and will be offered upon request. The software upgrade will pertain to minor version upgrades (i.e. 2.0 to 2.1) and do not include platform upgrades (i.e. AIM to ZEN).
  The software installation will be covered under the service agreement, however standard time and material rates will apply for the installation of software upgrades to all off-line workstations.

The contractor shall provide all resources necessary to accomplish the tasks and deliverables described in this Statement of Work (SOW). The contractor shall provide repair and maintenance for the period of performance from 07/1/2026 to 06/30/2027.

Independently and not as an agent of the Government, the Contractor shall furnish all the necessary services, qualified personnel, material, equipment, and facilities, not otherwise provided by the Government as needed to perform the Statement of Work below:

Contractor shall have access to proprietary parts and test instrumentation for effective repair in case of malfunction. Technical performance requirements include system coverage on the subject equipment by Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) factory-trained, authorized technicians and providers of any required parts and software or proprietary diagnostic software and software enhancements must be OEM certified (new or like-new) and compatible with the subject equipment.

Contractor shall be required to provide written progress reports in achieving this statement of work during the period of performance. The original documentation shall be provided by the vendor to show they completed service on the instrument and should document technical progress with the POC.

Service shall include labor and parts coverage, on-site labor response, technical telephone response (call-back to schedule), planned maintenance, and preferred labor rate.

(vi) **Delivery Location:**

NIH/NIDCD

Building 35A, Porter Neuroscience Research Center, Room 1F149A

35 Convent Drive

Bethesda, Maryland 20892

(vii) [Reserved, if needed]

(viii) The provision at FAR 52.212-1, *Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items*, applies to this acquisition. Add any additional instructions as required.

(ix) The provision at FAR 52.212-2, *Evaluation—Commercial Items*, applies to this acquisition.

(a) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, issued to the successful offeror within the time specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. The Government reserves the right to accept any offer (or part of an offer) before the expiration date, whether or not discussions are conducted, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received prior to award. Add additional evaluation criteria as required.

(x) Offerors shall include a completed copy of FAR 52.212-3, *Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items*, with their offer.

(xi) FAR 52.212-4, *Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items*, applies to this acquisition.

(xii) FAR 52.212-5, *Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items*, applies to this acquisition.

(xiii) Additional contract requirements or terms and conditions, as determined necessary by the Contracting Officer and consistent with customary commercial practices: **None.**

(xiv) The Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) is not applicable to this requirement.

(xv) **Submission Requirements:**
Responses must include sufficient information to demonstrate the respondent's capability to provide the required product or service. Price quotations shall include, at a minimum: unit price, list price, shipping and handling costs, delivery timeframe after award, delivery terms, prompt payment discount terms, F.O.B. point (destination or origin), product or catalog numbers, product descriptions, and any other relevant information.

Evaluation factors may include, but are not limited to: past performance, technical capability, special features, trade-in considerations, expected lifecycle, warranty, maintenance availability, and environmental or energy efficiency considerations.

Respondents claiming to be manufacturers or authorized resellers of a specified brand-name product must provide:
(a) Product, catalog, model, and/or part number(s);
(b) Product description;
(c) Documentation demonstrating that the offered item meets all required salient characteristics;
(d) Quantity;
(e) Estimated price or cost;
(f) Shipping, handling, and/or installation charges; and
(g) Delivery timeframe after receipt of order.

Responses must also include the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), and business size certification. All offerors must be actively registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov.

All responses must be received by (June 28th 2:00PM EST) and must reference solicitation number **75N98026Q00679 /PCA-NIDCD-03692**. Responses may be submitted electronically to johnsonjr@mail.nh.gov.

(xvi) **Point of Contact:**
(John Johnson, Program Specialist, 66-312-5580, and johnsonjr@mail.nih.gov

STATEMENT OF WORK (SERVICES)
(SOW)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title of Project:

Service Agreement on ZEISS LSM 880

Statement of Need and Purpose:

The ZEISS LSM 880 and, operated by the NIDCD , is used by multiple labs to collect images of tissue sections from animal models for addiction and other diseases. The system must receive scheduled and emergency service to ensure support for intramural research experiments so that this work can continue, and we do not lose our investment in these studies.

Laboratory procurements and contracting should continue for necessary supplies and support for intramural research experiments so that this work can continue, and we do not lose our investment in these studies.
Directly providing research or scientific services for a study, trial or experiment
Research would be significantly disrupted without these services
Existing investment would be lost without these services
A pause in service would halt the study, trial, or experiment

As such, the purpose of this requirement is to provide the NIDCD with a preventative maintenance and service agreement for the ZEISS LSM 880.

Background Information and Objective:

NIDCD servex researchers by providing access to confocal and electron microscopic technologies to characterize cellular and ultrastructural properties of organelles, tissue culture and brain tissue. Towards this end, the CEMC has established three goals: (1) increase access to confocal and electron microscopic techniques to NIDCD researchers; (2) develop and adapt emerging confocal and electron microscopic techniques for NIDCD researchers; and (3) provide consultations and training to NIDCD researchers in the adaptation and execution of confocal and electron microscopic techniques and procedures.

Period of Performance:

The period of performance is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

SCOPE OF WORK

General Requirements:

Independently and not as an agent of the Government, the Contractor shall furnish all the necessary services, qualified personnel, material, equipment, and facilities, not otherwise provided by the Government as needed to perform the Statement of Work below.

The Contractor shall provide preventative maintenance and on-demand repair services for the ZEISS LSM 880. Requirements include:

- instrument software updates

- preventative maintenance inspections, including one (1) planned PM/year
- technical telephone consulting available during normal business hours
- unlimited on-site service visits when requested

Contractor shall schedule and perform on-site preventative maintenance from 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

Specific Requirements:

Due to the critical nature of these units the contractor must ensure the following:

- One (1)* preventative maintenance inspection per agreement year.
- All labor and travel charges associated with conducting the PM inspection visit.
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Service shall include labor and parts coverage, on-site labor response, technical telephone response (call-back to schedule), planned maintenance, and preferred labor rate.

LEVEL OF EFFORT:

One preventative maintenance Service Plan at fixed pricing is anticipated on an annual basis.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The government owns the scientific instrumentation. The field service technician will be required to notify the POC from the NIDCD for access to the subject equipment.

The unit is housed at Building 35A, Porter Neuroscience Research Center, Room 1F149A

35 Convent Drive

Bethesda, Maryland 20892

DELIVERY OR DELIVERABLES

Documentation shall be provided by the vendor to show they completed the service on the equipment and left with the COR or POC. The service technician is to present a service ticket that briefly details the work performed to the POC for signature and a copy of the ticket is to be left with the POC.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A detailed written report of any service is to be submitted to the Contracting Officer's Representative, or a delegated entity, within 24 hours of service being performed.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Travel:

N/A – All travel time should be included within the provided service agreement quote.

Key Personnel:

All personnel must be original equipment manufacturer (OEM) factory-trained, manufacturer-authorized technicians.

Information System Security Plan:

N/A

Data Rights:

N/A

Section 508—Electronic and Information Technology Standards:

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires that Federal agencies' electronic and information technology (EIT) is accessible to people with disabilities. The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Final Rule for Section 508 (EIT Accessibility) can be found at Section508.gov and at the Access Board's Web site at Access-board.gov.

Unless it is an "undue burden" or compliant products or services do not exist, the products must conform to Section 508. The contractor should state that they will comply with the requirements of Section 508 or cite a justification reason for an exception. If any additional costs for compliance are anticipated, these should be identified. Also, if significant difficulty or expense is involved, a commercial non-availability is declared.

The contractor must ensure that all EIT products that are less than fully compliant are offered pursuant to extensive market research which ensures that they are the most compliant products and services available. For every EIT product that does not comply with 36 CFR Part 1194, the

contractor shall on 30 days' notice, make every effort to replace or upgrade it with a compliant equivalent product or service, if commercially available and cost neutral.

For existing systems, the contractor may not be able to identify all costs for compliance if the contractor did not develop that system, but should state that any development performed during the course of this DO will be compliant. If significant difficulty or expense is involved, a commercial non-availability is declared. Within 30 days of task award, the contractor should provide a plan for compliance for the system as a whole, including any costs associated with compliance.

Publications and Publicity:

N/A

Confidentiality of Information:

N/A