Request for Information (RFI) /Sources Sought (SS) Notice

RFI Number: HT9426-26-RFI-0836

Requiring Activity Name: Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), Center for Enabling Capabilities' (CEC) Pilot Bioproduction Facility (PBF)

Contracting Office: Defense Health Agency Contacting Activity (DHACA)

Subject: The WRAIR CEC PBF has a need to establish a single award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract vehicle that will allow for the procurement of proprietary consumables required for the Government-owned Growth Direct™ System currently used by the PBF. These consumables are manufactured by Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc. and include Environmental Monitoring Cassettes (Part: ET80-100) and Environmental Monitoring Vision Lids (Part: EMVL-100), as well as freight associated with delivering the consumables.

General Information:

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 5.101 - Exchange with industry before receipt of proposals, this SS is for information and planning purposes only and at this time shall not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation or commitment on the part of the Government nor will the Government pay for information solicited. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are advised that the United States Government will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI. All costs associated with responding to this RFI/SS will be solely at the interested responder's expense. Not responding to this RFI/SS does not preclude participation in any future Request for Proposal, if any is issued. No evaluation letters and/or results will be issued to Responders responding to this RFI/SS.

This SS Notice is a Market Research tool used to determine the availability and adequacy of potential sources, prior to determining the method of acquisition and issuance of a solicitation.

The NAICS code for this requirement is: **334516 - Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing**

DISCLAIMER: This RFI/SS Notice is NOT a Request for Proposals (RFP) or a Request for Quotations (RFQ). This RFI is issued solely for market research information and planning purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation.

Responses to the RFI will not be returned. Neither unsolicited proposals nor any other kind of offers will be considered in response to this RFI. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. No contract will be awarded from this announcement. No reimbursement will be made of any costs to provide information in response to this announcement or any follow-up information requests; responders are solely

responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI. Availability of any formal solicitation will be announced under a separate announcement.

All information received in response to this RFI will be treated as confidential business information. Submitters should properly mark their responses if the information is confidential. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked Proprietary, will be handled accordingly.

At this time, questions concerning the composition and requirements for future solicitation will not be entertained.

RFI Response and due date: 11:00am EST on 14 July 2026

Instructions to Responders:

Responses from all capable and qualified sources are encouraged to respond to this request.

Review the Minimum Essential Characteristics (MECs) listed below. Respondents should address how they best can fulfil the requirements set forth in the MECs in their capabilities statement. Capability Statements or any other proprietary information relative to this RFI should adhere to the following formatting and outline instructions:

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1. All submissions shall be made electronically and be in one of the following formats: Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF.

2. Cover Page (1page)
- Title
- Organization
- Responders technical and administrative points of contact (names, addresses, phone, fax number and email addresses)
- Topic area(s) addressed
- Respondents shall be registered in www.sam.gov under the NAICS code of 334516 System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Unique Entity ID (UEI)
- List all ordering vehicles held by respondents in which you are an authorized third-party vendor. Please include associated contract numbers (e.g. OMNIBUS IV,CHESS, GSA, etc.)

3. Interested parties are asked to respond to this RFI and submit a capabilities statement that supports the focus of this RFI. Please review the place of performance requirements. Please submit written responses via email in Microsoft Office 2000 or later format. All responses should be complete: in 12-point font; and **not to exceed 3 pages total**, including graphics, tables, and appendices.

Response shall address whether the respondent is offering similar or like supplies/services in the commercial market to the general public.

Please note that the response shall provide sufficient technical data to determine how you fully meet the requirements as specified in the MECs.

The requested information shall be submitted by the date and time specified above, via email, to the Contract Specialist Nicole Applegate at email: nicole.v.applegate.civ@health.mil and Contracting Officer, Lance Nowell at email: lance.l.nowell.civ@health.mil. Only electronic responses will be accepted. No evaluation letters and/or results will be issued to the respondents. Currently no solicitation exists; therefore, a copy of the solicitation cannot be provided. Telephone requests will not be honored, and no bidders list shall be maintained. No inquiries regarding any potential future acquisition activities shall be entertained.

BACKGROUND

This is a summary of the Minimum Essential Characteristics (MEC) for this requirement. This is a requirement to establish a single award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract vehicle that will allow the Center for Enabling Capabilities' (CEC) Pilot Bioproduction Facility (PBF) to procure the proprietary consumables required for the Government-owned Growth Direct™ System currently used by the PBF.

- Period of Performance: Five-year ordering period.
- Supported Facility: Center for Enabling Capabilities' (CEC) Pilot Bioproduction Facility (PBF).
- System Supported: Government-owned Growth Direct™ System.
- Required Manufacturer: Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc. (proprietary consumables designed to enhance system performance).
- Ordering Frequency: Delivery Orders (DOs) will be issued on an as-needed basis (anticipated at approximately four DOs per year).
- Shelf-Life Requirement: All cassettes and vision lids must possess an expiration date that is at least three (3) months after the date of delivery.
- Logistics: Freight costs associated with delivery must be accounted for and included.
- Delivery Location:
  Pilot Bioproduction Facility (PBF)
  9100 Brookville Rd., Building 501
  Silver Spring, MD 20910-1876
- Required Consumables & Estimated Maximum Annual Quantities

Manufacturer	Part #	Description	Unit of Measure	Estimated Maximum Annual Quantity
Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc.	ET80-100	Environmental Monitoring Cassettes	Each	240
Rapid Micro Biosystems, Inc.	EMVL-100	Environmental Monitoring Vision Lids	Each	240
Variable	N/A	Freight	Each	240