AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code)	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER
To all Offerors/Bidders		36C25726Q0480
	X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
	☐	10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

[X] The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers [X] is extended, [ ] is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or electronic communication which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified. ** HOUR & DATE for Receipt of Offers is EXTENDED to: 07-15-2026 15:00 EDT

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

CHECK ONE	
☐	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
☐	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
☐	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
☐	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor [ ] is not, [ ] is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment is to provide answers to questions asked during the question-and-answer period, provide an updated SOW, and extend the RFQ closure date.

See the Continuation Pages for answers to questions. See the attached for the updated SOW. No further questions will be answered concerning this solicitation.

The solicitation will now close on 7/15/2026, 15:00 Eastern. All responses are due to the POC, Delphia Schoenfeld, at delphia.schoenfeld@va.gov by email no later than the new RFQ closure date and time.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
		Delphia Schoenfeld Contracting Officer	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

Vendor Questions:

See answers below in red.

Vendor A:

1. Given the costs to install these analyzers, we would appreciate getting the full five years. Is there a way to adjust the period of performance for the consolidation to a later date for this to occur?
    a. Under "Type of Contract" in the SOW, it currently states that all stations may not be use the IDIQ for all five years and may be added or removed through bilateral modification. The following statement was added, "If the primary location currently uses an instrument offered by the awardee, they may elect to continue use of that instrument until it has either reached the end of its useful life or the IDIQ has expired."

Section 5:

2. Please clarify the annual volumes for each individual lab location as this is what's needed to adequately quote the entire system.
    a. See
3. There are conflicting numbers between the volumes in section 5 and those listed in section B:3 price schedule. Specifically, body fluid volumes for STX state 1,536 in the grid, but 128 in section B.
    a. The number on the table was a typo. See corrected SOW and Price Schedule.
4. Please add volumes in section B for Lubbock.
    a. Lubbock is part of the AMA locations.
5. Please confirm Temple does not intend to run body fluids.
    a. Temple currently does not intend to run body fluids.
6. Please specify which locations require a fully automated backup system.
    a. The following locations require backup systems:
        i. NTX: Dallas only, fully automated
        ii. ELP: Semi-automated
        iii. CTX: Only Temple
        iv. STX

Location	Estimated Urinalysis	Estimated Microscopic	Estimated Body Fluid
All STX Locations	84,000	84,000	1,536
All AMA Locations	35,236	18,624	0
All NTX Locations	143,004	74,712	756
All VCB Locations	37,500	13,500	0
All CTX Locations	126,000	63,000	0
All WTX Locations	16,700	8,900	0
All ELP Locations	44,000	44,000	0
Total Annual Estimated Testing	442,400	306,736	884

Section 7:

ii. Sample throughput for urine microscopy must be up to 80 samples per hour.

7. Is this much throughput required for all locations? Our high-volume model performs up to 101/hour, but our mid-volume model which performs up to 70/hour may be a better solution for labs running fewer than 50,000 tests/year.

a. Not all locations require a high- volume analyzer. Mid volume analyzers would be sufficient for lower volume laboratories.

iv. System should be either cap piercing or provide a decapper as part of the walkaway integrated system.

8. This feature is unique to another vendor. Can de-capping be listed as preferred instead of required?
    a. For the system to be a walkaway, it must have the ability to be cap piercing or the ability to de-cap. One or the other ability is required but both abilities are not required.

vi. Measurement technology for urine chemistry must auto-classify microscopic urine elements.

9. Please clarify this statement. Chemistry measurement technology is different and separate from microscopic testing.
    a. Chemistry measurement and microscopic analysis are performed separately on their own individual modules. Therefore, chemistry analysis can be performed without requiring microscopic analysis and vice versa because they are separate modules of the analyzer.

xiii. Sample capacity must be a 10-tube rack system with up to six racks for 10-tube rack system.

10. Can this be changed to **five** 10-tube racks at a time, so long as the total throughput requirements are met?
    a. As long as the throughput requirements are met, a five 10-tube rack system would be acceptable.

xiv. The chemistry urinalysis analyzer and the microscopic analyzer should be integrated into one system for true walk away abilities. System must have walk away capacity with up to six sample rack sampling.

11. Can this be changed to **five** 10-tube racks at a time, so long as the total throughput requirements are met?
    a. As long as the throughput requirements are met, loading up to five 10-tube racks at a time would be acceptable.

Vendor B:

1. What is the name of the manufacturer of the analyzer currently in place?
    a. There are two (2) manufacturers that provide urinalysis testing analyzers, reagents, consumables, and maintenance services. They are Beckman Coulter, Inc., and Sysmex America, Inc.
2. Is there an incumbent for this solicitation?
    a. Yes. There are two (2) incumbents.
3. Will each of the 12 VA facilities require one primary analyzer, in addition to a backup analyzer?
    a. No, not all VA facilities require a backup analyzer.
4. The scope of work states that this is an equipment lease. Will the Government also consider a reagent rental quote if it is favor of the Government?
    a. No, the government requires a CPRR.
5. Reference range: page 14 Section iii – E; If the hospital's medical director does not accept the established reference ranges of the manufacturer, is the contractor permitted to use sampling from the VA's patient population to establish reference ranges?

a. No.

6. Go live date: page 12, item no. 9; "i. Implementation/transition timeframe: All site shall have complete installation and go live for their system within 60 days from award of this contract." Will there be some flexibility to the "go-live" date as this seems to be a very shoer interval between the award of the contract and the "go live" date of the project.
    a. The line items in Section B.4 include the anticipated start date for each station (i.e., South Texas VA, North Texas VA, Central Texas VA, etc.) The go-live dates will be 60 days from the start of the delivery/task order made for each station. Additional flexibility to the go-live dates may be allowed depending on the Government's availability of funds. The testing cannot be interrupted as this testing can directly impact patient care.
7. What is the name of the laboratory information system (LIS) currently in place, and are all facilities in VISN 17 integrated into the same LIS?
    a. VistA is the current LIS system. With some facilities using Data Innovations as a middleware software.

Vendor C:

1) **Competition and Statement of Work**. The current Statement of Work appears to be written around a single vendor. However, two vendors in the U.S. market can support automated urinalysis testing, and vendor-specific language limits—and effectively eliminates—competition. In addition, other testing methodologies currently exist in the market and are already in use across VAHCS, including within VISN 17 at Central Texas Healthcare System, South Texas, and Big Spring. Please remove the language below because it is unduly restrictive and limits full and open competition.

Referenced Solicitation Language

6. Testing Requirements:

b. Microscopic analysis to recognize and identify 13 urine sediment particles: RBC, WBC, WBC clumps, squamous epithelial cells, non-squamous epithelial cells, hyaline casts, unclassified casts, crystals, bacteria, yeast, sperm, and mucus.
    i. In addition, microscopic analysis must be able to subclassify unclassified casts: granular, cellular, waxy, broad, RBC, WBC, epithelial cells and fatty cast, crystals (calcium phosphate, uric acid, calcium carbonate, leucine, cystine, tyrosine, amorphous calcium oxalate, triple phosphate) and place other particles as questionable for the technician to identify and quantify to complete reports.
c. Perform automated body fluid cell count analysis to include cerebrospinal, pleural, peritoneal, peritoneal dialysate, peritoneal lavage, pericardial, general serous fluids, synovial fluids, and bronchoalveolar lavage specimens. Instrument must be able to differentiate between white and red blood cells.

a. The language for paragraph b is similar to all SOWs of the current contracts in place. This will not be removed.
b. The language for paragraph c is similar to the SOWs for both stations that currently use body fluid testing on their urinalysis analyzers. This will not be removed.

7. Instrumentation Requirements:

a. Analyzer(s) –Contractor shall provide Clinical Urinalysis analyzers that meet the following requirements:

vi. Measurement technology for urine chemistry must auto-classify microscopic urine elements.

c. This has been removed from the SOW.

b. **Other Primary Hardware Features:** Contractor shall provide Clinical urinalysis equipment that meets the following requirements:

iii. Analyzer that is fully capable of performing body fluid testing as defined in section 6(c).

a. This will not be removed. Both of the incumbents currently have contracts that include this testing, and the testing is required.

2) **Preferred technical requirements**. Please remove the highlighted language below. Preferred technical requirements associated with Sysmex appear to be excluded from consideration, even though these requirements are currently in use in several VISN 17 laboratories. These preferred technical capabilities should be included in the evaluation process. As written, the language appears to favor one vendor and unduly restrict competition.

vii. Preferred (not required and will not be evaluated) use of fluorescent flow cytometry methodology in identifying and quantifying cells. Utilizing side scatter detection technology to differentiate similarly sized crystals and RBC.

viii. Preferred (not required and will not be evaluated) use of an on board warmer that dissipates urates and phosphate material thus eliminating an additional step to reduce

a. The highlighted sections were not removed. If a vendor provides something that is "preferred," it does not mean that the other is technically unacceptable. Based on the evaluation method, LPTA, as long as the lowest-priced quote meets all of the technical requirements that will be evaluated, they will receive the award. Factors are rated as "Meets Technical Factor," "Does Not Meet Technical Factor," or "Exceeds Technical Factor."

3) **Evaluation methodology**. Requirements that include preferred technical language should be evaluated using a Best Value approach so the laboratory can select the solution that is most advantageous overall and supports technical advancement, rather than limiting the decision to the lowest-cost offer. Please consider changing the evaluation criteria from LPTA to Best Value.

a. LPTA is part of the best value continuum; so, it is unclear on what is being asked.

4) **Existing VISN 17 contracts**. [Vendor C] currently has three contracts in place with VISN 17 Laboratories, covering eight instruments, and several option years remain. This new requirement appears to overlap with those existing agreements and may create contract redundancy. Can the Government clarify why a new requirement has been issued where current coverage already exists?

a. There are Executive Orders and initiatives made by the President to reduce the number of contracts for the same requirements (i.e., consolidate). This solicitation was issued to comply and further the President's goals to “restore common sense to federal contracting and reduce wasteful spending.”

5) **Open Market solicitation**. Because two vendors are available on the FSS, can you please clarify why this requirement was solicited on the Open Market?

a. At the time market research was conducted, there was only one (1) vendor found on the FSS. Vendors with FSS contracts are welcome to use FSS pricing instead of open market pricing.

See attached document: Statement of Work Urinalysis.