REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)

THIS RFQ ☐ IS ☒ IS NOT A SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE

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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
75N98026Q00745	07/07/2026			

5a. ISSUED BY
National Institutes of Health
OD - Office of Logistics and
Acquisition Operations
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)*

NAME	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
	AREA CODE	NUMBER
JOHN JOHNSON	+10	000-000000

8. TO:

a. NAME	b. COMPANY

c. STREET ADDRESS

d. CITY	e. STATE	f. ZIP CODE

9. DESTINATION

a. NAME OF CONSIGNEE

b. STREET ADDRESS

c. CITY

d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE

10. PLEASE FURNISH QUOTATIONS TO THE ISSUING OFFICE IN BLOCK 5a ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS *(Date)*: 07/13/2026 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)
	Period of Performance: 07/20/2026 to 07/19/2027				

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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NON-COMPETITIVE
COMBINED SYNOPSIS / SOLICITATION

Title: Service Agreement for UltraMicroscope Blaze

(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 **75N98026Q00745/PCA-NIDA-07985**. 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 fix-price award on a non-competitive basis to Miltenyi Biotec 1201 Clopper Rd Gaithersburg, MD 20878 for service coverage for a Ultra Microscope Blaze.

(iii) The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular (March 2026).

(iv) The associated NAICS code is 811310, and the small business size standard is Other Than Small Business. This requirement is not set aside for small business.

(v) **Description of Requirement:**

UM Blaze Essential Service 5 Lasers 160-002-665 1 PC

Instrument Serial Number: 3074

Start Date: 07/20/2026

End Date: 07/19/2027

This Service Plan includes the following services:

Technical Support Service

- Phone support availability during Normal Business Hours

Preventive Maintenance Service

- One (1) scheduled maintenance visit per year

- Routine inspection and replacement of wearing parts

Repair Service

- Targeted on-site response time within 2 working days

- Allocation of parts and labor for all necessary repairs

Software Update Service

- Standard device software updates during preventive maintenance

(vi) **Delivery Location:**

NIH/NIDA

251 Bayview Blvd STE 200

BRC Bldg. RM 08A709

Baltimore MD 21224

(vii) [Reserved, if needed]

(viii) FAR 52.204-7, *System for Award Management,* applies to this acquisition.

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

(x) 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.

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

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

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

(xiv) **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 (July 13, 2026, and 2PM, EST) and must reference solicitation number **75N98026Q00745/PCA-NIDA-07985**. Responses may be submitted electronically to johnsonjr@mail.nih.gov.

(xv) **Point of Contact:**
(John Johnson, Program Specialist, 667-312-5580, and johnsonjr@mail.nih.gov

STATEMENT OF WORK

1. **SCOPE:**
   The NIDA IRP Histology and Imaging Core uses the Miltenyi Biotec UM Blaze light-sheet microscope system for 3D high-resolution imaging of large biological samples. Of many applications the microscope used towards the NIDA IRP mission, it's used to determine neural mechanisms in the brain that mediate behavior in different animal models used in substance use disorder (SUD) research. This microscope can be used to analyze fluorescently labeled elements (e.g. neural activity markers such as Fos and cell-type markers) in whole rat and mouse brains that were altered by drug experience. The main use of a light-sheet microscope is to visualize fluorescently labeled elements, such as activity markers and cell type markers, in the whole brain in one image scan. This allows for rapid acquisition of labeling in all brain areas in an unbiased manner, which is important for: (a) identification of brain regions and (b) identification (through correlational analysis) of combinations of brain regions or circuits, that were not previously considered in mediating a behavior of interest.

   The UltraMicroscope Blaze is a fully automated light sheet microscope for imaging large or multiple cleared samples. It covers the range from analyzing entire mice to multiple organs and organoids with subcellular resolution. The Ultramicroscope Blaze system is a light-sheet microscope with several unique features that combine to produce increased imaging speed, sensitivity, batch processing, optical resolution, and most importantly larger sample handling size, ease of use for non-expert users and nearby physical tech support.

   The Service coverage for UltraMicroscope Blaze (unit 3074) expired on 01/04/2024. Service coverage needs to be re-instated to access technical support, preventative maintenance, repair services and software updates. Light sheet microscopes rely on extremely precise alignment between illumination optics, detection optics, objectives, and sample positioning systems. Over time, vibration, thermal drift, and routine use can cause subtle misalignments that reduce resolution, introduce artifacts, or compromise quantitative imaging data. Preventative maintenance ensures regular calibration and alignment checks to preserve optimal imaging performance and data reliability.

2. **SERVICE:**
   Services must be performed by Miltenyi Biotec trained technician UM Blaze light-sheet microscope system

   Technical Support Service
   - Phone support availability during Miltenyi Business Hours

   Preventive Maintenance Service
   - One (1) scheduled maintenance visit per year
   - Routine inspection and replacement of wearing parts

Repair Service
- Targeted on-site response time within 2 working days
- Allocation of parts and labor for all necessary repairs

Software Update Service
- Standard device software updates during preventive maintenance

3. **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** A year starting on the date contract awarded

4. **EMERGENCY SERVICE:** n/a

5. **PAYMENT**: $36,000.00

6. **PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:** NIDA IRP Histology and Imaging Core, BRC Suite 200, Room 08A314A, Baltimore, MD 21224