Notice of Intent to Sole Source

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) is the Nation's federal health sciences university and is committed to excellence in military medicine and public health during peace and war. We provide the Nation with health professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the United States Public Health Service and with scientists who serve the common good. We serve the uniformed services and the Nation as an outstanding academic health sciences center with a worldwide perspective for education, research, service, and consultation; we are unique in relating these activities to military medicine, disaster medicine, and military medical readiness. USU is located in Bethesda, MD on the grounds of the Naval Support Activity Bethesda.

The mission of USU is to provide the highest quality education programs in the health sciences to those selected individuals who demonstrate dedication to a health profession career in the Uniformed Services. As such, it is essential USU provide the necessary training and equipment required for our students to become successful doctors and nurses and to be able to provide the best care possible for our soldiers and to support our research efforts.

Intended Recipient: BIOPAC Systems, Inc. (BIOPAC), 42 Aero Camino, Goleta, California 93117-3105

Intent to Sole-Source: USU intends to award a sole-source, firm-fixed-price contract to BIOPAC for BIOPAC MRI-compatible behavioral testing equipment suite (acoustic stimulation, GSR, ECG, EMG, respiratory).

Sole Source Justification: BIOPAC equipment is currently in use at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) and is compatible with the existing MRI. No other vendor provides MRI-compatible testing equipment that ensures MRI compatibility and research continuity. Therefore, BIOPAC is the only vendor that meets agency needs.

In accordance with FAR 5.207(c)(16)(ii), all responsible sources may submit a bid, proposal, or quotation which shall be considered by the agency. Responses to this notice must demonstrate clear and convincing evidence that competition would be advantageous to the Government, would not be cost or time prohibitive, and that the interested potential Offeror can supply the aforementioned requirement. Information received will be considered for the purposes of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement. The Government will not be responsible for any costs incurred by responding to this notice.

Responses must be received via email to the point of contact no later than the response time listed in the notice.