REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
(THIS IS NOT AN ORDER)

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

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
75N98026Q00942	08/04/2026			

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)*

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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)*: 08/19/2026 1200 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 COMPETITIVE COMBINED SYNOPSIS / SOLICITATION is to acquire BioMicroLab VC384 Automated Sample Management System Period of Performance: 08/31/2026 to 08/30/2027 This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the contracting officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this address: HTTPS://ACQUISITION.GOV/FAR Continued...				

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

NOTE: Additional provisions and representations ☐ are ☐ are not attached.

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF QUOTER

a. NAME OF QUOTER

b. STREET ADDRESS

c. COUNTY

d. CITY | e. STATE | f. ZIP CODE

14. SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION

15. DATE OF QUOTATION

16. SIGNER

a. NAME *(Type or print)*

b. TELEPHONE: AREA CODE

c. TITLE *(Type or print)*

NUMBER

NAME OF OFFEROR OR CONTRACTOR

ITEM NO. (A)	SUPPLIES/SERVICES (B)	QUANTITY (C)	UNIT (D)	UNIT PRICE (E)	AMOUNT (F)
	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 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 52.252-2 CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE Award enclosure: Quote IPP Invoicing and Payment Provisions To avoid delay in payment, all invoices must be uploaded into the invoicing processing platform (IPP) (https://www.ipp.gov). The invoice must match the line item description on the purchase order. It must also state that payment is to be made using a three-way match. You are reminded that only the contracting officer of record can make any changes to this award any changes made at the direction of the program without an executed modification and null and void and are done at the contractor's own risk.				

COMBINED SYNOPSIS / SOLICITATION (COMPETITIVE)

Title: BioMicroLab VC384 Automated Sample Management System

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

(ii) The solicitation number is **75N98026Q00942.** This solicitation is issued as a competitive combined synopsis/solicitation for commercial products or commercial services. The Government intends to award a contract or purchase order resulting from this solicitation using full and open competition.

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 (if applicable).

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of the Director, Office of Acquisitions, seeks to award a **(Firm-Fixed-Price)** to the offeror responsible whose proposal represents the best value to the Government.

(iii) The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular effective August 3, 2026

(iv) The associated NAICS code is **334516 – Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing** and the small business size standard is **1000 employees.**

- This requirement is unrestricted.

(v) **Description of Requirement: :** NCATS Research Services Center (RSC) requires acquisition of one automated sample management system to support sample tracking, inventory management, storage, and retrieval activities associated with the ASPIRE Initiative.
The acquisition includes:
• One (1) BioMicroLab VC384 Automated Sample Management System
• One (1) dedicated workstation compatible with the system software and hardware requirements
• Installation, configuration, and user training services
• Twelve months of maintenance and technical support coverage
• Shipping and delivery to NCATS, Rockville, Maryland

The system will support management of high-density sample collections used in research activities and will improve laboratory efficiency by automating sample identification, inventory control, and retrieval processes. The acquisition will enhance sample traceability, reduce manual handling and data entry, and support reliable management of laboratory sample inventories.

The acquisition is conducted under the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Program using the ordering procedures established by the General Services Administration (GSA) in GSAM/R Subpart 538.71. The Government anticipates award in **FY 2026** using **Research and Development (R&D) appropriated funds**. The total estimated value of the acquisition is **$79,479.00**.

Contractor:				
Schedule Contract Number:				
Performance Period	**Dates/Duration**	**Unit Price/CLIN**	**Multiplier**	**Total**
BioMicroLab VC384 System				
Remote Installation & Training				
Laptop Computer with Windows 11 Professional				
Reliance Complete Service Contract (12 Months)				
Shipping				
Estimated Total Dollar Value:				
Original Contract Value:				
New Contract Value:				

1. **Description of Supplies and/or Services:**
   RSC-CoMa requires acquisition of one BioMicroLab VC384 Automated Sample Management System to support laboratory automation, sample tracking, sample storage, and sample management activities within the ASPIRE Initiative. The acquisition includes:

- One (1) BioMicroLab VC384 Automated Sample Management System
- One (1) dedicated Windows 11 Professional workstation
- Remote installation and training services
- One (1) twelve-month Reliance Complete Service Contract
- Shipping and delivery to NCATS, Rockville, Maryland

  The system will support laboratory workflows involving sample identification, tracking, storage, and retrieval and will enhance operational efficiency, data integrity, and laboratory automation capabilities

(vi) **Delivery Location:**

NIH/NCATS- 9808 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

(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 agency-specific instructions as required.

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

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation represents the best value to the Government, price and other factors considered.

(b) **Evaluation Factors:**

- Price
- Technical capability
- Past performance
- Delivery schedule

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, issued 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 before the expiration date.

(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.

(xiv) **Submission Requirements:**
Responses must include sufficient information to demonstrate the offeror's capability to provide the required product or service. Quotes shall include, at a minimum:

- Unit and total price
- Shipping and handling costs
- Delivery timeframe after award
- Delivery terms
- F.O.B. point (destination or origin)
- Product or catalog numbers (if applicable)
- Product/service description

Additional evaluation considerations may include past performance, warranty, lifecycle cost, maintenance availability, and environmental or energy efficiency.

Responses must 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 August 19, 12:00PM EST and must reference solicitation number **75N98026Q00942.** Responses may be submitted electronically to Jaddua.Johnston@nih.gov

(xv) **Point of Contact:** Jaddua Johnston Contracting Specialist,

Phone Number: 240-569-0006

Email: Jaddua.Johnston@nih.gov

PURCHASE DESCRIPTION

1. Statement of Need and Purpose:

The purpose of this acquisition is to obtain an automated sample management system to support laboratory operations associated with the NCATS ASPIRE Initiative. The system will be used to improve the efficiency, accuracy, and traceability of sample storage, tracking, retrieval, and inventory management activities.

The requested capability will support management of large sample collections used in research and translational science programs. Automation of sample handling and identification processes will reduce manual data entry, minimize handling errors, improve sample traceability, and support efficient laboratory workflows.

2. Background Information and Project details:

The Research Services Center (RSC) supports laboratory operations that require reliable management of biological and chemical samples used in research activities. As sample inventories continue to expand, manual tracking and inventory processes become increasingly time-consuming and introduce the potential for identification and handling errors.

To support current and future laboratory needs, RSC requires an automated solution capable of accurately identifying, tracking, and managing samples stored in high-density tube formats. The system must support sample inventory management, facilitate sample retrieval, and maintain traceability throughout the sample lifecycle. In addition to the hardware platform, the acquisition requires software, installation, training, and maintenance support necessary for successful implementation and operation.

3. Generic Name of Product:

Sample Management System

4. Purchase Description and Salient Characteristics:

NCATS requires one automated sample management system capable of supporting sample tracking, inventory management, and retrieval functions within a laboratory environment. The acquisition shall include all hardware, software, installation, training, workstation equipment, and support services necessary to provide a fully operational system.

Salient Characteristics

The required system shall possess the following minimum salient characteristics:
The system shall provide the following minimum capabilities:

1. Automated sample identification, tracking, inventory management, and retrieval functionality to support laboratory operations.
2. Capability to read and manage samples stored in 384-format tube racks or equivalent high-density sample storage formats.
3. Integrated two-dimensional barcode scanning capability for automated sample identification and verification.
4. Software capable of controlling instrument operations, maintaining sample inventories, generating audit records, and supporting laboratory workflow management.
5. A dedicated workstation fully compatible with the instrument hardware and software requirements.
6. Installation, configuration, operational verification, and user training sufficient to place the system into routine laboratory operation.
7. Functionality that supports sample traceability, inventory accuracy, and data integrity throughout sample handling and storage activities.
8. Access to technical support, software updates, replacement parts, and maintenance services necessary to maintain system operation.
9. A minimum of twelve months of maintenance and support coverage, including preventive maintenance and repair services.

Required Deliverables:

- One (1) BioMicroLab VC384 Automated Sample Management System
- One (1) Dedicated Windows 11 Professional Workstation
- Remote Installation and Training Services
- One (1) Twelve-Month Reliance Complete Service Contract
- Shipping and Delivery to NCATS, Rockville, Maryland

The system shall be delivered fully configured and ready for operation to support NCATS laboratory automation and sample management requirements.

5. Quantity: 1

6. Delivery Date or Period of Performance: Within a month of placing the order

7. Option(s): NA