Sources Sought Notice

SUBJECT* Sources Sought Notice | Type A Rotary Unit Distributor Parts Finisher | NCO 4 Commodities 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONTRACTING OFFICE'S ZIP CODE*	19104
SOLICITATION NUMBER*	36C24426Q0850
RESPONSE DATE/TIME/ZONE	08-17-2026 4:00 PM EASTERN TIME, NEW YORK, USA
ARCHIVE	60 DAYS AFTER THE RESPONSE DATE
RECOVERY ACT FUNDS	N
SET-ASIDE	
PRODUCT SERVICE CODE*	3695
NAICS CODE*	333517
CONTRACTING OFFICE ADDRESS	Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 4 Commodities 1 3900 Woodland Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19104
POINT OF CONTACT*	Contract Specialist Tyler Kraft tyler.kraft@va.gov 267-412-6252

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

ADDRESS	Human Engineering Research Laboratories (HERL) VAPHS

	6425 Penn Avenue
	Pittsburgh PA
POSTAL CODE	15206
COUNTRY	USA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGENCY'S URL

URL DESCRIPTION

AGENCY CONTACT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

EMAIL DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), VISN 4, Network Contracting Office 4 (NCO 4), Commodities 1, is seeking information and potential qualified sources capable of providing the equipment and installation listed below.

Delivery Location

These items will be delivered to the VAPHS Human Engineering Research Laboratories (HERL) at 6425 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. 15206.

General Requirement

HERL is seeking a multi-station automatic finishing machine for final finishes for laser cut and other primary process parts out of aluminum, steel, and stainless steel. Given HERL's research mission and the wide range of products that they develop, maximum flexibility is needed to finish parts for various materials, sizes, shapes, thickness, and finish parameters. Ability to rapidly and safely change abrasives and cut parameters is key to maintaining an efficient workflow as HERL will reset the machine daily for the current job. Safety is a significant concern with a mixed metal process and many of the features below are aimed at mitigating safety risk of fire and operator error. Additionally, HERL's current space is limited, and the machine must work with existing infrastructure.

Salient Characteristics

The following salient characteristics have been established for reference for the Parts Finishing Machine:

- Must have conveyor belt wide enough to process 49" wide material
- Must be able to process from 0.030" to 6.00" thick material
- Must be able to process Aluminum, Steel, and Stainless Steel
- Must be delivered with a specification matched wet dust collection or wet process system capable of handling Aluminum, Steel, and Stainless-Steel dust
- Must have 4 integrated stations: belt, brush, brush, belt, with programable independent parameters, brushes must rotate about a vertical axis.
- Must work for deburring, edge round over, and finishing
- Must have no-tool, quick change out for abrasives
- Must include start-up supply of abrasive for Aluminum, Steel, and Stainless Steel

- Must have vacuum table for processing small parts down to 4”
- Have wide visibility inside the machine while running (windows)
- Must have automatic probe for setting thickness
- Must work with US voltage systems
- The extents of the finishing machine must be 75” or narrower and 120” or shorter in length.
- All routine service and abrasive change must be performed from one side of the machine.
- Modern digital controls with articulating interface
- Must have digital control over depth of cut
- Must have digital control of belt feed rate
- Belt feed rate range must be 2-30fpm or better
- Have appropriate electronic safety interlocks, alarms, guarding, etc.
- Must include full installation, including arranging and placing machine on-site

Responses to this Sources Sought Notice should include answers to the following questions:

NAICS: **333517**

Size Standard: 500 Employees

(1) Provide company name, address, point of contact, phone number, point of contact e-mail, UEI Number, and size of business pursuant to North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code above.

(2) Indicate the size status and representations of your business, such as but not limited to Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB), HUBZone, Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB), Large Business, etc.

(3) Provide Brand Name, Model and Part Number, and Brief Description of the product you could provide.

(4) Provide anticipated delivery lead time.

(5) Are you the manufacturer, distributor, or an equivalent solution to the items being referenced above?

(6) Is the product you are providing information about made by a small business manufacturer or a large business?

(7) Is the product you are providing information about manufactured in the United States? If not, please provide the country where the unit is manufactured.

(8) If you are a large business, do you have any designated distributors? If so, please provide their company name, telephone, point of Contact and size status (if available).

(9) If you're a small business and you are an authorized distributor/reseller for the items identified above or an equivalent solution, do you alter, assemble, and/or modify the items requested in any way? If you do, state how and what is altered, assembled, and/or modified?

(10) General pricing of your products/solution is encouraged. Pricing will be used for the purpose of market research only. It will not be used to evaluate any type of award.

(11) Please submit your capabilities regarding the salient characteristics detailed above to establish capabilities for planning purposes.

(12) Please review salient characteristics/statement of work (if applicable) and provide feedback or suggestions that would allow for maximum competition. If none, please reply as N/A.

This Sources Sought Notice will be conducted in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 10 – Market Research. Telephone responses will not be accepted. Responses must be received in writing via e-mail to the Contracting Point of Contact listed below by the date listed below. This notice will help the VA in determining available potential sources only. Do not contact VA Medical Center staff regarding this requirement, as they are not authorized to discuss this matter related to this procurement action. All questions will be addressed by the Contracting POC listed below.

Contracting Point of Contact: Tyler Kraft, tyler.kraft@va.gov
Responses Due: 08/17/2026 at 4:00 PM Eastern Time

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