

Notice of Intent to Sole Source

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) hereby issues a notice of intent in accordance with *FAR 5.201*. Pursuant to *FAR 13.106-1(b)*, the FDA will sole source with MicroBlink Ltd (MICROBLINK), Devonshire House, 60 Goswell Road, London, United Kingdom, EC1M 7AD for the MicroBlink's BlinkID PDF417 B2B tool. MICROBLINK is the only Vendor capable in meeting the requirement of this procurement.

The FDA intends to award a purchase order to MICROBLINK for twelve (12) months for the MicroBlink's BlinkID PDF417 B2B tool.

MicroBlink's BlinkID PDF417 B2B is a tool that enables users to scan, extract data from ID's, passports or driver licenses within a few seconds and translate that data into an existing application. The technology uses a mobile device's camera to read the PDF417 barcode from a U.S drivers licenses. The Center for Tobacco Products, Office of Compliance and Enforcement's (OCE) FDA Calculator mobile application is utilized by tobacco retailers and their clerks to scan the U.S. federal, state, or territorial government-issued driver's license, U.S. state or territorial department of motor vehicle photo identification, and U.S. military photo identification (hereinafter U.S. government-issued photo ID) of tobacco customers. Retailers are required by law to verify the age of the consumer purchasing tobacco products and confirm if they met the legal age (18 years old) requirement so they may legally purchase regulated tobacco products under federal law. In order for the FDA to maintain access to the product we are required to annually purchase the MicroBlink PDF417 B2B Annual License Fee which includes product support, maintenance, and upgrades as done in year's past.

This notice is not a request for competitive quotes or proposal. No solicitation document is available and telephone requests will not be accepted. Respondents may submit information pertaining to their capabilities of their equivalent product (which may or may not be considered by the FDA), by 3:00 PM Eastern Time (ET) on 22 July 2020 to Jacquelyne Ngegba, Contract Specialist/Officer, at Jacquelyne.Ngegba@fda.hhs.gov.

A determination to compete this procurement from the responses received shall be based upon the discretion of the Government. It is anticipated that an award will be issued to MicroBlink Ltd (MICROBLINK), approximately seven (7) days after the date of this notice, unless the Government determines another vendor has the capabilities of meeting this requirement and is more advantageous to the Government.

All responses to this notice of intent shall be received no later than 3:00 PM Eastern Time (ET) on 22 July 2020 via email to Jacquelyne Ngegba at Jacquelyne.Ngegba@fda.hhs.gov.