

March 8, 2021

**Notice of Intent to Sole Source
United States Pharmacopeia (USP)
FDA_1238100**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) intends to award a Sole Source firm-fixed price purchase order to United States Pharmacopeia (USP), 12601 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD 20852. In accordance with FAR Part 13.106-1(b), (b) Soliciting from a single source. (1) For purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. (i) Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization).

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the FDA anticipates issuing a purchase order for the United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary (USP-NF), Food Chemicals Codex (FCC), and United States Adopted Names Dictionary (USAN).

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

For USP-NF:

- Web-based platform, requiring a password for access, that includes the most current, approved content of three publications simultaneously USP, First Supplement to USP, and Second Supplement to USP/
- Vendor shall provide an Administrative Portal to manage accounts for the USP and FCC that includes the ability to add and delete accounts and retrieve usage statistics.
- Resource shall include Accelerated Revisions such as Errata, Revision Bulletins, and Interim Revision Announcements (IRAs) providing access to official content in one platform.
- Resource shall include a “Document” tool menu allowing for the user to quickly view a specific test or procedure within a document by clicking on a linked table of contents.
- Resource shall provide for: bookmark icon, create alert icon, quick list of Reference Standards icon, email link to document icon, and email link of Reference Standards icon.
 - Ability to email search results.

For the FCC:

- Resource shall provide for more than 1250 monographs including probiotics, flavors, preservatives, sweeteners, fats and oils, and colorants.
- Resource shall include 18 appendices and the ability to verify the identity, quality and purity of food ingredients.
- Resource shall include a table of contents to search front matter, monographs, general tests and assays.
- The vendor shall provide customer service shall be available to trouble-shoot via email, phone, or mail during business hours of 9AM to 5PM EST.
- The vendor shall provide training via virtually or in-person upon request.

For the USAN Dictionary:

- Resource shall provide for IP access for 10 concurrent users.
- Product search capabilities shall include:
 - Generic or U.S. Adopted Names (USANs)
 - Brand names
 - Chemical names
 - International Nonproprietary Names (INNs)
 - British Approved Names (BANs)
 - Japanese Accepted Names (JANs)



- Official USP–NF names
- FDA-established names

This notice is not a request for competitive proposals. However, any party that believes it can meet this requirement as stated herein may submit a written capability statement that clearly supports and demonstrates their ability to perform the requirement.

Capability statements must be received by the response date and time of this notice. Submissions will be reviewed to determine if they can meet the requirement. A determination by the Government to compete this proposed contract based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government.

It is anticipated that an award will be issued to United States Pharmacopeia (USP), within approximately ten (10) days after the date of this notice unless the Government determines that any other organization has the capability to meet this requirement.

Response Date: March 15, 2021 by 5:00PM Eastern Time. Please email responses to Elena Tatarov at elena.tatarov@fda.hhs.gov. No phone calls will be accepted.

