Request for Quote (RFQ): 75F40126Q134726.
Title: Upright fluorescence microscope with digital imaging and image analysis capabilities

The associated North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 334516 – Analytical Laboratory Instrument Manufacturing; the applicable Small Business Size Standard is 1000 employees. This requirement is solicited for full and open competition.

Schedule of Items (all shipping and handling shall be included in the price)

Item #	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	Upright fluorescence microscope with digital imaging and image analysis capabilities	1	Each	$_____	$_____
	Grand Total:			$_____	

Statement of Work:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), Office of Vaccines Research and Review (OVRR), Division of Bacterial, Parasitic and Allergenic Products (DBPAP), requires the purchase of an upright microscope with fluorescent image acquisition and processing.

An upright fluorescence microscope with digital imaging and image analysis capabilities is required to support research on malaria parasite biology and gene regulation. The system will be used to evaluate parasite morphology and determine the intracellular localization of proteins of interest through fluorescent protein tagging and immunofluorescence assays using fluorophore-conjugated antibodies.

High-resolution image acquisition is required to accurately document protein localization patterns and morphological changes throughout the parasite life cycle. The microscope must include an integrated digital camera and image acquisition software capable of capturing, processing, and analyzing fluorescence images.

Continuous access to the instrument is necessary to support live-cell imaging experiments and longitudinal observation of parasites throughout their approximately 48-hour intraerythrocytic life cycle. Dedicated access minimizes imaging artifacts associated with sample fixation, storage, and transport and enables the collection of reproducible data under physiologically relevant conditions.

Minimum Technical Requirements:

1. Upright Configuration
    a) The proposed system shall be an upright microscope configuration suitable for slide-based brightfield, fluorescence, and differential interference contrast (DIC) imaging.
2. Mechanical Stage and Specimen Holder
    a) The system shall include a mechanical X-Y stage with a minimum travel range of 75 mm × 50 mm.
    b) The stage shall include adjustable friction or torque control for specimen positioning.
    c) The system shall include a specimen holder capable of accommodating at least two standard microscope slides (76 mm × 26 mm).
3. Focus Drive
    a) The system shall provide a minimum of 24 mm vertical (Z-axis) focus travel.
    b) Coarse and fine focus controls shall be accessible from both sides of the microscope stand.
    c) The system shall include an adjustable focus stop and a mechanical safety mechanism to prevent objective-to-specimen contact.
4. Multichannel Fluorescence Illumination
    a) The system shall include a solid-state LED fluorescence illumination source with a minimum of four independently controllable excitation channels covering ultraviolet, blue, green, and red excitation wavelengths.
    b) The illumination system shall support excitation of, at a minimum, UV-excitable nuclear stains, GFP/FITC-class fluorophores, TRITC/Cy3-class fluorophores, and Cy5-class fluorophores.
    c) The illumination system shall provide independent intensity adjustment for each excitation channel and retain user-defined illumination settings.
    d) The illumination source shall be LED-based and designed for extended operation without routine lamp replacement or alignment.
5. Fluorescence Filter Set and Reflector Turret
    a) The system shall include fluorescence filter sets supporting detection of at least four fluorescence channels corresponding to DAPI, FITC, TRITC, and Cy5 or equivalent fluorophores.
    b) The system shall include a reflector turret with a minimum of four filter positions.
6. Microscope Stand Controls
    a) The system shall permit image acquisition, fluorescence channel selection, and illumination intensity adjustment without requiring continuous operation through a dedicated PC.
    b) The system shall provide an interface for microscope configuration and illumination management through an integrated display, on-screen interface, or equivalent user-accessible control system.
7. Objectives
    a) The system shall include objectives with minimum magnifications of 5x, 10x, 20x, 40x, and 100x oil immersion.
    b) The system shall support DIC imaging at the required objective magnifications.

c) Objectives shall be mounted on a nosepiece with a minimum capacity of six objective positions.

8. DIC Optical Capabilities
   d) The system shall support differential interference contrast (DIC) imaging.
   e) The condenser shall have a numerical aperture of at least 0.90 and shall support brightfield, darkfield, phase contrast, and DIC imaging techniques.
   f) The condenser shall include a minimum of five selectable imaging positions or equivalent functionality.
9. Monochrome Camera
   a) The system shall include a monochrome scientific camera with a minimum resolution of 3.0 megapixels.
   b) The camera shall support a minimum of 12-bit digitization.
   c) The camera shall have a spectral sensitivity range of approximately 350 nm to 850 nm.
   d) The camera shall support live image acquisition at a minimum frame rate of 30 frames per second.
   e) The camera shall include USB 3.0 and Ethernet connectivity.
   f) The camera shall support image acquisition in both standalone and PC-connected operating modes.
   g) The camera shall support storage of images in both lossless and standard image file formats.
10. Software
   a) The system shall include imaging software capable of multichannel fluorescence image acquisition, processing, measurement, and analysis.
   b) The software shall be compatible with current 64-bit Microsoft Windows operating systems.
   c) The software shall support image acquisition, visualization, processing, and analysis when connected to a PC.
11. Binocular Phototube
   a) The system shall include a binocular phototube with a minimum field number of 23 mm and a viewing angle of at least 30 degrees.
   b) The phototube shall provide a switchable optical path allowing full light transmission to either the eyepieces or the camera port.
12. Power Management and System Operation
   a) The system shall include an automatic standby, sleep, or power-saving mode.
   b) The system shall provide automated illumination management or equivalent functionality to maintain consistent imaging conditions during operation.
   c) The system shall include an integrated power supply compatible with 100–240 VAC, 50–60 Hz electrical service.

Additional System Requirements:

1. The components and equipment shall be newly manufactured, not used or refurbished, or previously used for demonstration.
2. Offered systems shall be a turn-key solution i.e., the contractor shall be responsible for providing all hardware, components, instruments, computers, software, and that otherwise required to meet these specifications and the FDA's stated need.
3. The systems shall be delivered with all necessary supplies and accessories required for installation and start-up.
4. The system and associated accessories shall include operations and maintenance manuals covering proper operation, routine maintenance, and troubleshooting for the system and controlling software. All manuals and documentation shall be provided in hard copy and/or electronic format.
5. The Contractor shall provide all labor, travel, and tools to install the equipment at the address provided below, to include shipping. The contractor shall demonstrate upon installation that the item meets or exceeds all performance specifications. Upon acceptance of the system, the contractor shall provide on-site operator training/familiarization. Such familiarization shall include system operations, calibration, optimization, troubleshooting and basic operational maintenance procedures.
6. Systems shall be warranted for not less than one (1) year from FDA acceptance of the system(s). Warranty service shall include troubleshooting capabilities based on complete knowledge of the entire system, and immediate access to replacement parts. Phone and email technical support shall be included for a minimum of one (1) year.

Delivery/Place of Performance:

FOB Point Destination. All items shall include shipping, handling, inside delivery and installation to the destination identified herein.

FDA/CBER
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
WO Bldg. 52/72, Room 5357
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Period of Performance:

Delivery, installation and training shall occur within 60 days from date of award.

Delivery, installation and training shall not be scheduled during Federal Holidays or Federal Closures as determined by Executive Orders or opm.gov. Federal Holidays are as follows:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Columbus Day
Washington's Birthday	Veterans Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day

Juneteenth Day Christmas Day
Independence Day

Contract Type: Commercial Item-Firm Fixed Price.

Contract clauses-

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/these address(es): https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul and https://www.hhs.gov/grants/contracts/contract-policies-regulations/hhsar/index.html

FAR Clauses:
52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items (Deviation NOV 2025)
Applicable:
52.203-17, Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights (Nov 2023)
52.203-19, Prohibition on Requiring Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements (Jan 2017)
52.204-13, System for Award Management Maintenance (DEVIATION) (RFO AUG 2025)
52.209-10, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations (DEVIATION) (RFO NOV 2025)
52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (DEVIATION) (RFO SEP 2025)
52.222-3, Convict Labor (DEVIATION) (RFO SEP 2025)
52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (DEVIATION) (RFO SEP 2025)
52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities (DEVIATION) (RFO SEP 2025)
52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (DEVIATION) (RFO SEP 2025)
52.222-90, Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors (DEVIATION) (RFO APR 2026)
52.223-23, Sustainable Products and Services (DEVIATION) (RFO SEP 2025)
52.225-1, Buy American-Supplies (DEVIATION) (RFO SEP 2025)
52.226-8, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving (MAY 2024)
52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-System for Award Management (Oct 2018)
52.232-40, Providing Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors (Mar 2023)
52.233-3, Protest after Award (DEVIATION) (RFO NOV 2025)
52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (DEVIATION) (RFO NOV 2025)
52.240-91, Security Prohibitions and Exclusions (DEVIATION) (RFO AUG 2025)
52.244-6, Subcontracts for Commercial Products and Commercial Services (DEVIATION) (RFO NOV 2025)

HHSAR Clauses:

352.232-71 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests (APR 2026) (RFO DEVIATION)
(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-
Payment request means a bill, voucher, invoice, or request for contract financing

payment with associated supporting documentation. The payment request must comply with the requirements in FAR 32.905(b), and the applicable payment clause included in this contract.
(b) Submission instructions. Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Contractor must submit payment requests electronically using the Department of Treasury Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) or successor system. Information regarding IPP, including IPP Customer Support contact information, is available at www.ipp.gov or any successor site.
(c) Alternate submission procedures. The Contractor may submit payment requests using other than IPP only when the Contracting Officer authorizes alternate procedures in writing.
(d) Submission of alternate payment procedures authorization. If alternate payment procedures are authorized, the Contractor must include a copy of the Contracting Officer's written authorization with each payment request.
(END OF CLAUSE)

352.239-79 Information and Communication Technology Accessibility (Feb 2024) (Deviation)

(a) Pursuant to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, all information and communication technology (ICT) supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, and services support developed, acquired, maintained or delivered under this contract or order must comply with the Revised 508 Standards, which are located at 36 C.F.R. 1194.1 and Appendices A, B, and C, and are available at https://www.access-board.gov/ict/. Information about Section 508 is available at https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/index.html.
(b) Additional Section 508 accessibility standards applicable to this contract or order may be identified in the specification, statement of work, or performance work statement. If it is determined by the Government that ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, and services support provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the contract, remediation of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.
(c) In the event of a modification(s) to this contract or order, which adds new ICT supplies or services or revises the type of, or specifications for, supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support, the Contracting Officer shall require that the Contractor submit a completed HHS Section 508 Accessibility Conformance Checklist (see *https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html*) or an Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) (based on the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) see https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat), and any other additional information necessary to assist the Government in determining that the ICT supplies or services conform to Section 508 accessibility standards. If it is determined by the Government that ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, and services support provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the contract, remediation of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.

(d) If this is an Indefinite-Delivery type contract, a Blanket Purchase Agreement or a Basic Ordering Agreement, the task/delivery order requests that include ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support will define the specifications and accessibility standards for the order. In those cases, the Contractor shall be required to provide a completed HHS Section 508 Accessibility Conformance Checklist (see *https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html*) or an ACR (based on the VPAT see https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat), and any other additional information necessary to assist the Government in determining that the ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support conform to Section 508 accessibility standards. If it is determined by the Government that ICT supplies and services provided by the Contractor do not conform to the described accessibility standards in the provided documentation, remediation of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its own expense.
(e) The contractor shall identify to the Contracting Officer any perceived exception or exemption to Section 508 requirements.
(End of clause)]

Contract Administration

a. The Contracting Officer is the only person with authority to act as agent of the Government under this contract. Only the Contracting Officer has authority to: (1) direct or negotiate any changes in the contract; (2) modify or extend the period of performance; (3) change the delivery schedule; (4) authorize reimbursement to the Contractor any costs incurred during the performance of this contract; or (5) otherwise change any terms and conditions of this contract.

The contact information for the Contracting Officer is:

Name: Warren Dutter, Contracting Officer
Phone: 870-543-7577
Email: warren.dutter@fda.hhs.gov

b. The COR is responsible for: (1) monitoring the Contractor's technical progress, including the surveillance and assessment of performance and recommending to the Contracting Officer changes in requirements; (2) interpreting the Statement of Work and any other technical performance requirements; (3) performing technical evaluation as required; (4) performing technical inspections and acceptances required by this contract; and (5) assisting in the resolution of technical problems encountered during performance.

The following COR will represent the Government for the purpose of this contact:
Name: (To be completed at time of award)
Phone:
Email:

Inspection/Acceptance

The supplies and/or services delivered hereunder shall be inspected and accepted at destination by the COR specified at award. If the supplies or services are acceptable, the COR shall promptly forward a report of inspection and acceptance to the paying office. If the supplies or services are not acceptable, the COR shall document the nonconforming items/services and immediately notify the contracting officer.

Payment Terms
Net 30 days after government acceptance of a proper invoice which shall only be submitted after services have been performed. In accordance with the "Advance Payment Statute" at 31 U.S.C § 3324: Advance payments will not be made.

Invoice Submission

FDA Electronic Invoicing and Payment Requirements - Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (Jan 2022)

a. All Invoice submissions for goods and or services must be made electronically through the U.S. Department of Treasury's Invoice Processing Platform System (IPP). http://www.ipp.gov/vendors/index.htm

b. Invoice Submission for Payment means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment by the Contractor. To constitute a proper invoice, the payment request must comply with the requirements identified in FAR 32.905(b), "Content of Invoices" and the applicable Payment clause included in this contract, or the clause 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions - Commercial Items included in commercial items contracts. The IPP website address is: https://www.ipp.gov

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1. The Agency will enroll the Contractors new to IPP. The Contractor must follow the IPP registration email instructions for enrollment to register the Collector Account for submitting invoice requests for payment. The Contractor Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in SAM) will receive Registration email from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (FRBSTL) within 3 - 5 business days of the contract award for new contracts or date of modification for existing contracts.
2. Registration emails are sent via email from ipp.noreply@mail.eroc.twai.gov. Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email to IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov or phone (866) 973-3131.
3. The Contractor POC will receive two emails from **IPP Customer Support**, the first email contains the initial administrative IPP User ID. The second email, sent within 24 hours of receipt of the first email, contains a temporary password. You must log in with the temporary password within 30 days.
4. If your company is already registered to use IPP, you will not be required to re-register.
5. If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment as authorized by HHSAR 332.7002, a written request must be submitted to the Contracting Officer to explain the circumstances that require the authorization of alternate payment procedures.

d. Invoices that include time and materials or labor hours Line Items must include supporting documentation to (1) substantiate the number of labor hours invoiced for each labor category, and (2) substantiate material costs incurred (when applicable).

e. Invoices that include cost-reimbursement Line Items must be submitted in a format showing expenditures for that month, as well as contract cumulative amounts. At a minimum the following cost information shall be included, in addition to supporting documentation to substantiate costs incurred.

- Direct Labor - include all persons, listing the person's name, title, number of hours worked, hourly rate, the total cost per person and a total amount for this category;
- Indirect Costs (i.e., Fringe Benefits, Overhead, General and Administrative, Other Indirects)- show rate, base and total amount;
- Consultants (if applicable) - include the name, number of days or hours worked, daily or hourly rate, and a total amount per consultant;
- Travel - include for each airplane or train trip taken the name of the traveler, date of travel, destination, the transportation costs including ground transportation shown separately and the per diem costs. Other travel costs shall also be listed;
- Subcontractors (if applicable) - include, for each subcontractor, the same data as required for the prime Contractor;
- Other Direct Costs - include a listing of all other direct charges to the contract, i.e., office supplies, telephone, duplication, postage; and
- Fee - amount as allowable in accordance with the Schedule and FAR 52.216-8 if applicable.

f. Contractor is required to attach an invoice log addendum to each invoice which shall include, at a minimum, the following information for contract administration and reconciliation purposes:
(a) list of all invoices submitted to date under the subject award, including the following:
(1) invoice number, amount, & date submitted
(2) corresponding payment amount & date received
(b) total amount of all payments received to date under the subject contract or order
(c) and, for definitized contracts or orders only, total estimated amounts yet to be invoiced for the current, active period of performance.
g. Payment of invoices will be made based upon acceptance by the Government of the entire task or the tangible product deliverable(s) invoiced. Payments shall be based on the Government certifying that satisfactory services were provided, and the Contractor has certified that labor charges are accurate.

h. If the services are rejected for failure to conform to the technical requirements of the task order, or any other contractually legitimate reason, the Contractor shall not be paid, or shall be paid an amount negotiated by the CO.

i. Payment to the Contractor will not be made for temporary work stoppage due to circumstances beyond the control of U.S. Food and Drug Administration such as acts of God, inclement weather, power outages, and results thereof, or temporary closings of facilities at

which Contractor personnel are performing. This may, however, be justification for excusable delays.

j. The Contractor agrees that the submission of an invoice to the Government for payment is a certification that the services for which the Government is being billed, have been delivered in accordance with the hours shown on the invoices, and the services are of the quality required for timely and successful completion of the effort.

k. Questions regarding invoice payments that cannot be resolved by the IPP Helpdesk should be directed to the FDA Employee Resource and Information Center (ERIC) Helpdesk at 301-827-ERIC (3742) or toll-free 866-807-ERIC (3742); or, by email at ERIC@fda.hhs.gov. Refer to the Call-in menu options and follow the phone prompts to dial the option that corresponds to the service that's needed. All ERIC Service Now Tickets will either be responded to or resolved within 48 hours (2 business days) of being received. When emailing, please be sure to include the contract number, invoice number and date of invoice, as well as your name, phone number, and a detailed description of the issue.

Notice Regarding the Use of Macros in Submitted Documents
Be advised that FDA does not accept documents which contain the use of macros. ***When submitting documents via email, DO NOT include .exe, .mso, or any other executable file types that could potentially trigger email security protections (i.e. email blocks, quarantine).*** Document submissions required throughout the award period(s) shall not have macro enabled functionality and any document delivered having that functionality will be deemed delinquent, if not corrected prior to the due date.

Contract Type: Commercial Item-Firm Fixed Price.

Solicitation provisions

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions 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. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul and https://www.hhs.gov/grants/contracts/contract-policies-regulations/hhsar/index.html

FAR Provisions
52.203-18 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements or Statements-Representation (Jan 2017)
52.204-7 System for Award Management—Registration (DEVIATION) (RFO Aug 2025)
52.225-2 Buy American Certificate (OCT 2022)
52.222-18 Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Feb 2021)

52.240-90 Security Prohibitions and Exclusions Representations and Certifications (DEVIATION)(RFO Aug 2025)

HHSAR Provisions

352.239-7~~3~~[8] ~~Electronic~~ Information and [Communication] Technology Accessibility Notice (~~Dec 2015~~[Feb 2024]) [(DEVIATION)]

(a) Any offeror responding to this solicitation must comply with established HHS Information and Communication Technology (ICT) accessibility standards. Information about Section 508 is available at https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/index.html.

(b) The Section 508 accessibility standards applicable to this solicitation are stated in the clause at 352.239-79 Information and Communication Technology Accessibility. In order to facilitate the Government's determination whether proposed ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, and documentation meet applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, offerors must submit an appropriate HHS Section 508 Accessibility Conformance Checklist (see *https://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/accessibility-checklists/index.html*) or an Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) (based on the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) see https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat), in accordance with the completion instructions. The purpose of the checklists and conformance reports are to assist HHS acquisition and program officials in determining whether proposed ICT supplies, products, platforms, information, and documentation conform to applicable Section 508 accessibility standards. Checklists and ACRs evaluate—in detail—whether the ICT conforms to specific Section 508 accessibility standards and identifies remediation efforts needed to address conformance issues.

(c) If an offeror claims its supplies or services meet applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, and it is later determined by the Government, *i.e.*, after award of a contract or order, that supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support delivered do not conform to the described accessibility standards, remediation of the supplies, products, platforms, information, documentation, or services support to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its expense.

(d) In order to facilitate the Government's determination whether proposed ICT supplies meet applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, offerors must submit an Accessibility Conformance Report, in accordance with its completion instructions and tailored to the requirements in the solicitation. The purpose of the Report is to assist HHS acquisition and program officials in determining whether proposed ICT supplies conform to applicable Section 508 accessibility standards. The template allows offerors or developers to self-evaluate their supplies and document, in detail, whether they conform to a specific Section 508 accessibility standard, and any underway remediation efforts addressing conformance issues. Instructions for preparing the HHS Section 508 Evaluation Template are available at https://Section508.gov/.

(e) In order to facilitate the Government's determination whether proposed ICT services meet applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, offerors must provide enough information to assist the Government in determining that the ICT services conform to Section 508 accessibility standards, including any underway remediation efforts addressing conformance issues.

(f) Respondents to this solicitation must identify any inability to conform to Section 508 requirements. If an offeror claims its supplies or services meet applicable Section 508 accessibility standards, and it is later determined by the Government, i.e., after award of a contract or order, that supplies or services delivered do not conform to the described accessibility standards, remediation of the supplies or services to the level of conformance specified in the contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor at its expense.

(g) Items delivered as electronic content must be accessible to HHS acceptance criteria. Checklist for various formats are available at https://Section508.gov/. Materials, other than items incidental to contract management, that are final items for delivery should be accompanied by the appropriate checklist, except upon approval of the Contracting Officer or Contracting Officer's Representative. - *(End of provision)* -

The provision at FAR 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors-Commercial Items Deviation (RFO Aug 2025) The following addenda have been added to this provision:

Quoters shall provide sufficient technical information necessary for the government to conclusively determine that the offered service/equipment meets all the salient characteristics herein, to include descriptive material, literature, brochures and other information corresponding to each minimum technical requirement which demonstrates the capabilities of the offered system. The Government is not responsible for locating or securing any information which is not identified in the quote; however, the Government reserves the right to obtain information for use in the evaluation from any sources including sources outside of the Government. The Government reserves the right to request additional information at any time.

Technical Acceptability: Quoter must provide sufficient technical information for the Government to conclusively determine that the quoted product meets or exceeds the minimum technical requirements identified above. In addition to identifying manufacturer, make, and model of quoted products, it is incumbent of quoters that they unequivocally demonstrate that quoted products meet the requirements herein through the submission of technical specifications, descriptive material, scientific literature, brochures, scientific publications where proposed solution has been used for same or similar purposes, and other information which demonstrates the capability of the quoted equipment. Quoters shall address the technical requirements identified above, as well as provide detailed information on the item(s) in the solicitation.

Letters of Supply (if applicable)
Quoters who are authorized resellers of an item, and not the manufacturer, shall provide a copy of their letter of supply or other documentation substantiating their relationship as an authorized reseller of the proposed manufacturer's product. The documentation shall be on the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) letterhead and include contact information for the individual who has signed the letter.

The Quoter shall submit a written Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) for each item not in compliance with 508 standards identified in clause 352.239-74, describing how the item(s) will fully address the accessibility requirements outlined in the solicitation; and a description of the

evaluation methods the offeror will use to validate for conformance to the Revised 508 Standards. The ACR should be based on the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template Version 2.0 (MS Word) provided by the Industry Technology Industry Council (ITIC). For this requirement we anticipate only invoices to be applicable to the requirement

NOTE: Submission of the ACR is required for documentation purposes. In accordance with agency purchasing procedures, solutions which do not conform fully to the applicable 508 standards may still be purchased by FDA if the FDA Requiring Office obtains the appropriate approval. In order to obtain approval, the FDA must have an ACR from the vendor documenting the level of conformance of the items being purchased.

Price: The price(s) proposed must be detailed and shall represent the quoter's response to the schedule of supplies/services above. Quoters are also encouraged to submit a vendor quote with this document.

Include the firm's Unique Entity ID (UEI) number with quote. Proprietary and/or confidential information shall be clearly marked.

The government is not responsible for locating or securing any information, which is not identified in the proposal however the Government reserves the right to obtain information for use in the evaluation from any and all sources including sources outside of the Government. The Government reserves the right to request additional information from a quoter at any time.

Period for Acceptance of Offerors. The offer agrees to hold the prices in its quote firm through September 30, 2026.

Microsoft Suite Documents Containing Macros
The offeror or applicant shall submit all electronic documents for Microsoft Office suite products without the use of "macros". ***When submitting proposals via email, DO NOT include .exe, .mso, or any other executable file types that could potentially trigger email security protections (i.e. email blocks, quarantine).*** If the offeror or applicant submits documents that contain macros**,** ***macro referenced files, and/or executable files*****,** the Government will not be able to view or open such documents and the submission will be considered non-responsive to the solicitation. No additional time will be given to an offeror or applicant to correct the document submission and the Government will not inform the offeror or applicant that their submission is non-responsive prior to award. It is the offeror's or applicant's responsibility to ensure all electronic documents are submitted without the use of macros.

Buy American Act and Executive Order 14005
If applicable, respondent shall provide place (country) of product/service manufacture or performance and any other applicable information to enable review and analysis pertaining to the requirements under the Buy American Act and requirements relating to Executive Order 14005 Ensuring the Future is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers, in the event that a nonavailability waiver request submitted through the Made in America Office (MIAO) Digital Waiver Portal is required.

Line Item No.	Country of Origin
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The provision at **FAR 52.212-2 Evaluation-Commercial Items** (Deviation) (RFO Aug 2025). The specific evaluation criteria to be included in paragraph (a) of that provision are as follows:

(a) The Government intends to award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the lowest priced technically acceptable responsible quoter/offeror whose quote, conforming to the solicitation, will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. Quotes will be evaluated on their ability to meet the requirements provided herein. The lowest priced quote will be evaluated first. If the lowest priced quote is not technically acceptable, the next lowest priced quote will be evaluated and so on until a technically acceptable quote is determined.

Technical acceptability will be determined by review of information submitted by the quoter which must provide sufficient technical information necessary for the Government to conclusively determine that the quoted products meet the technical requirements identified herein.

The Government's determination of technical acceptability in no way relinquishes the Awardee's contractual obligation to ensure the quoted products meet the FDA's stated need.

(b) Notice of award. A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer furnished to the successful Offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

The Government reserves the right to request additional information or conduct discussions at any time. Once the Government determines the offeror that is the best-suited (i.e., the apparent successful offeror), the Government reserves the right to communicate with only that offeror to address any remaining issues, if necessary, and finalize a contract with that offeror. These issues may include technical, price or other issues.

Notice to Offerors:

- System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in this solicitation. Contracting officers will rely on representations from offers based on provisions in the solicitation. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to,

update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

- System updates may lag policy updates. The System for Award Management (SAM) may continue to require entities to complete representations based on provisions that are not included in agency solicitations, including 52.223-22, Public Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reduction Goals—Representation, and paragraph (t) of 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Products and Commercial Services. Agencies will not consider or use these representations. Entities are not required to, nor are they able to, update their entity registration to remove these representations in SAM.

- Notice of intent to use standing price quotations for subsequent purchases

In accordance with FAR RFO 12.201-1(e)(1), the Government may rely on the prices submitted in response to this solicitation for subsequent purchases through December 30, 2026. Before issuing a subsequent purchase order, the contracting officer will validate that the pricing remains current and reasonable.

This provision does not obligate the Government to make any subsequent purchase. Any extension of the standing price quotation period must be agreed to in writing by both parties.

One or more of the items under this acquisition is subject to the Buy American Statute.

It is the offeror's responsibility to monitor sam.gov for the release of any information related to this acquisition, e.g., questions and answers, amendments, award notice, etc. Offerors that fail to complete the required representations and certifications or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

All responsible sources may submit an offer, which if timely received, shall be considered. The offer must reference solicitation number 75F40126Q134726. The offers are due by email only to warren.dutter@fda.hhs.gov on or before August 10, 2026 by 1:00 P.M. (Central Time in Jefferson, Arkansas).

For information regarding this solicitation, please contact Warren Dutter at 301-796-2486 or email warren.dutter@fda.hhs.gov.