REQUEST FOR BID NO. B-1481

SALE OF RETIRED FORENSIC MICROSCOPE EQUIPMENT

Due Date: 04/20/20, Time: 2:15 PM

bid@baltimorecountymd.gov

TOM ACREE, ASSISTANT BUYER
PHONE: 410-887-2265

Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within as little as 48 hours prior to bid opening. It is the potential vendor’s responsibility to frequently visit the Purchasing Division’s web site (www.baltimorecountymd.gov) to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

BIDDER CHECK LIST

_____ Have you signed your bid?
_____ Have you signed the Procurement Affidavit?
_____ Have you filled out all applicable forms?
_____ Have you returned the original? (and required duplicate copies when required?)
_____ Have you signed and returned amendments?
_____ Have you included the bid bond, if required?
_____ Have you completed, signed and included all required MBE/WBE forms and documents? (if applicable)
_____ Have you included the electronic version (CD) of your bid?
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
General Instructions for Solicitations

1. Instructions, Forms and Specifications

1.1 All bids/proposals are to be submitted on and in accordance with the forms provided by the Purchasing Division. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope/carton or electronically as specified in the General Conditions. All bids must be clearly identified with the SOLICITATION NUMBER and the DUE DATE and TIME for mailed and/or hand-delivered submittals and SOLICITATION NUMBER for electronic submittals. Bid times are either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, whichever prevails. Late bids will not be considered.

1.2 Responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an executed Procurement Affidavit, as provided by the Purchasing Division. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations.

1.3 Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within hours prior to bid opening. All bidders are responsible for frequently visiting the Purchasing web site to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

1.4 Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Purchasing Division. The County assumes no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions. All official correspondence in regard to this solicitation must be directed to, and will be issued by, the Purchasing Division.

1.5 Bidders finding any discrepancy in or omission from the specifications, in doubt as to meaning, or asserting that the specifications are discriminatory, shall notify the Purchasing Division in writing at once, but in no case later than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening of bids. Exceptions stated do not obligate the County to change the specifications. The Purchasing Division will notify all bidders in writing, by amendment duly issued, of any substantive revisions to specifications or instructions.

1.6 Unless a written exception detailing non-conformance to specifications is noted on the bid, any part number, product number, catalog number, etc., noted on the bid will be considered in full compliance with the specifications.

1.7 Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder’s acceptance of these General Instructions and the terms and conditions of the solicitation. Submission of a bid evidences bidder’s representation and warranty that the person submitting the bid response is authorized to act for and bind the contractor.

1.8 All original and duplicate bids/proposals and other attachments, related documents and correspondence, including all follow-up documents and correspondence, shall be typed or written in English. All prices/percentages and/or other monetary figures shall be in United States dollars.

1.9 Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals should be accompanied by an electronic version (Compact Disc) of the bid proposal in PDF format. It shall be the bidder’s responsibility to verify that the electronic version is complete. The electronic version of the non-successful proposal response will be the only version retained by Baltimore County. The Compact Disc must be labeled with the bid number, the bid title, and the bidder’s name submitting the response. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. This does not apply to Requests for Quotation.

1.10 Issuing Officer: The sole point of contact for the County for purposes of this solicitation is the Buyer, listed on the cover page; questions regarding any aspect of the competitive process must be directed to the Buyer, in writing.

2. Award of Solicitations

2.1 Any award pursuant to Requests for Quotation and Requests for Bid is made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following the public opening of bids under Section 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

2.2 Awards on Requests for Quotations and Requests for Bid will be made within sixty (60) days after bid opening unless otherwise indicated in this solicitation. No bidder will be allowed to withdraw a bid during that period.

2.3 The successful bidder may be required to give security or bond, as stated in the bid document, for performance of the contract.

2.4 When there is a conflict between the unit price or percentage and the extension, the unit price or percentage will prevail as the amount of the bid.

2.5 Cash discounts will be considered in determining awards. However, cash discount offers must allow not less than 30 days to be considered in bid evaluation. A bid offering a cash discount in a period of less than 30 days will be evaluated as a bid without a discount offer; however, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County shall make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept any payment terms with a period of less than 30 days.
2.6 Invoices against resulting order(s) must be submitted, in duplicate, to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204-4665. Invoices must show the vendor’s Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number, as appropriate, and order number and line number(s) that correspond with resulting order(s).

2.7 The County will not pay interest charges or other penalties for invoice payments.

2.8 Prices quoted shall be exclusive of all non-applicable Federal and Maryland State taxes. Tax exemption certificate will be furnished if required.

2.9 The County reserves the right to consider making payments via electronic funds transfers (EFT) on contracts for which this payment vehicle may be appropriate.

3. **Reservations**

3.1 The County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids received, and to make a whole award, multiple awards, a partial award, or no award, to best serve the public interest.

3.2 The County may waive formalities in bids as the interests of the County may require.

3.3 The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities by approximately twenty (20) percent to be purchased at the prices bid.

3.4 The County reserves the right to award solicitations or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or in such combination as to best serve the public interest.

3.5 The County may waive minor differences, irregularities, and technicalities in the specifications, provided they neither violate the specifications intent, materially affect the operation for which the items or services are being purchased, nor increase estimated maintenance and repair costs to the County.

3.6 At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection and photocopying, by the County, its employees or agents, of all records, information and documentation of the Contractor related to the subject matter of this contract, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits.

3.7 Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions of the contract, in the event the County is temporarily or permanently prevented, restricted or delayed in the performance of any or all of the duties and obligations imposed upon or assumed by it thereunder, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland or the Baltimore County Council, by a court of competent jurisdiction or by administrative delay not due to the fault of the County (and its members and agents) shall not be liable directly or indirectly for any claims caused to or suffered by the Contractor or any other person in connection with or as a result of such prevention, restriction or delay.

3.8 The County further reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of bidders to furnish the required services, and bidders shall furnish all such information for this purpose as the County may request. The County also reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder who is not currently in a position to perform the contract, or who has previously failed to perform similar contracts properly, or in a manner acceptable to the County, all of which shall be in the County’s sole discretion.

4. **Delivery**

4.1 Bidders shall guarantee delivery of materials in accordance with the delivery schedule stated in specifications. All items shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination/Inside Delivery, unless otherwise indicated, with delivery costs and charges included in the bid price.

4.2 The County reserves the right to charge the Contractor or vendor for each day the materials, supplies, or services are not delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule. The sum established by the specifications may be invoked at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent, said sum to be considered not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, and deducted from final payment, or otherwise, charged to the Contractor or vendor. This remedy is not exclusive but shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the County. These liquidated damages shall be in addition to any and all actual damages incurred directly or indirectly by the County, its agents, assigns, and contractors.

4.3 All bidders and vendors are to ensure that packaging materials used for this requirement are not made of non-recyclable Styrofoam (Polystyrene). Additionally, any materials used in packing to cushion, protect and ship are to be made of recycled, recyclable or biodegradable materials.

5. **Competition**

5.1 The name of any manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number mentioned in the specifications
is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type, and for no other purpose unless otherwise stated in the solicitation.

5.2 A bidder may offer a price on only one unit per line item. Even though two or more units may meet the specification, bidders must determine for themselves which to offer. Submission by a bidder of prices for more than one unit shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the bid for that specific item.

5.3 Bids which show omission, irregularity, alteration of forms or additions not called for, as well as conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced, may be rejected.

5.4 All bids must be accompanied by such descriptive literature as may be called for by the specifications or proposal.

5.5 If products to be provided to the County contain any substances that could be hazardous or injurious to a person's health, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) must be provided to the Purchasing Division. This applies also to any product used by a Contractor when providing a service to the County.

5.6 Specifications are based on County needs and uses, estimated costs of operations and maintenance, and other significant and/or limiting factors to meet County requirements, and to ensure consistency with County policies. Minimum specifications, and maximum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive bidders.

5.7 Unless multiple or alternate bids are requested in the solicitation, these bids may not be accepted. However, if a bidder clearly indicates a base bid, it shall be considered for award as though it were the only bid submitted by the bidder.

6. **Terminations**

6.1 Termination for Convenience: The County may terminate a contract, in whole or in part, without cause, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor. In the event of termination, without cause, the County shall advise the Contractor in writing of the termination date and of work to be performed during the final days prior to contract termination. The Contractor shall be paid for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice of termination. The Contractor will not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits, which have not been earned up to the date of termination. Payments to be provided on a lump sum basis shall be prorated by the County based on the services rendered or goods delivered up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice.

6.2 Termination for Default:

6.2.1 In addition to other available rights and remedies, the County shall have the right upon the happening of any default, without providing notice to the Contractor: 1) To terminate a contract immediately, in whole or in part; 2) To suspend the contractor's authority to receive any undisbursed funds; and/or 3) To proceed at any time or from time to time to protect and enforce all rights and remedies available to the County, by suit or any other appropriate proceedings, whether for specific performance or any covenant, term or condition set forth in the contract, or for damages or other relief, or proceed to take any action authorized or permitted under applicable law or regulations.

6.2.2 Upon termination of a contract for default, the County may elect to pay the Contractor for services provided or goods delivered up to the date of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the default, all as determined by the County in its sole discretion. If the damages exceed the undisbursed sums available for compensation, the County shall not be obligated to make any further disbursements hereunder.

6.3 Funding Out: If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support contract continuation in any fiscal year, the County shall have the right to terminate the contract without prior notice to the Contractor and without any obligation or penalty.

7. **Hold Harmless – Indemnification**

7.1 The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be incurred or made against the County, its employees, agents or officials resulting from any act or omission committed in the performance of the duties imposed by and performed under the terms of the contract. The Contractor shall not be responsible for acts of gross negligence or willful misconduct committed by the County.

7.2 The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be made against the County, its employees, agents or officials by any third party arising from the alleged violation of any third party's trade secrets, proprietary information, trademark, copyright, patent
rights, or intellectual property rights in connection with the contract.

7.3 Unless notified in writing by the County to the contrary, the Contractor shall provide defense for the County, its employees, agents and officials in accordance with this Article and in doing so the Contractor shall allow the County to participate in said defense of the County, its employees, agents and officials, to the extent and as may be required by the County and the Contractor shall cooperate with the County in all aspects in connection therewith. All filings, actions, settlements, and pleadings shall be provided to the County for comment and review prior to filing or entering thereof. No filing, action, settlement or pleading shall be filed or entered without the prior consent and approval of the County.

8. Minority/Women’s Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Notice: Baltimore County is seeking Minority, Woman and Small Businesses to bid on current solicitations as a prime or subcontractor. In accordance with the Executive Order 2017-003 dated July 27, 2017, “an overall goal of 15% of the cumulative total of all discretionary dollars spent in a fiscal year of County procurements is to be awarded to and/or performed by MBE and WBE firms.” Refer to the section entitled Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise Requirements (MBE/WBE) for the current required goal. MBE/WBE’s and Small Businesses are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

9. Authority

9.1 In case of disputes as to whether an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Purchasing Agent or authorized representative shall be final and binding on both parties. The Purchasing Agent may request the recommendation in writing of the head of the using agency, the Standards and Specifications Committee, or other objective sources.

9.2 Bidders desiring to appeal a decision of the Purchasing Division must deliver written protests to the Purchasing Division within 10 days of notification of award. The Purchasing Agent or designee will review the protested decision, examine any additional information provided by the bidder and respond in writing within 10 working days of receipt of written protests.

9.3 Instructions, Specifications, and Proposals are issued, and all bids, quotations, orders, and purchases are made pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Baltimore County Charter, and Article 10, Title 2 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, and regulations and policies established or prescribed by the Purchasing Division.

10. HIPAA: The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and shall execute a Business Associate Agreement as may be required by the County.

11. Reports: When required, reports prepared for Baltimore County should be printed on recycled and recyclable paper printed on both sides per Section 10-2-312 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

12. Terms of Contract

12.1 Any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be by and between the successful bidder and the County, and shall contain and incorporate, but may not be limited to, all terms and conditions of the solicitation, any amendments or changes thereto. Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the Contractor’s acceptance of the terms and conditions therein.

12.2 The provisions of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be governed by the laws and regulations of Maryland and Baltimore County.

12.3 Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder shall be brought only in the courts of Maryland, and the Contractor hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction. To the extent that the County is a party to any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder, such an action shall be brought only in a court of competent jurisdiction in the courts of the State of Maryland.

13. Severability: If any provisions in the contract are declared by a court or other lawful authority to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

14. Counterparts: The contract may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

15. Survival: The provisions of paragraphs 1.7 (Representations and Warranties), 4.2 (Damages), 7 (Indemnification), and 10 (HIPAA) shall survive delivery of commodities and/or performance of services.

16. No Waiver, Etc.: No failure or delay by the County to insist upon the strict performance of any term, condition or covenant of the contract, or to exercise any right, power, or remedy consequent upon
a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such term, condition, or covenant or of any such breach, or preclude the County from exercising any such right, power, or remedy at any later time or times.

17. Maryland Registration / Qualification Requirements:

17.1 Baltimore County verifies the company’s status with SDAT and may require the successful bidder to submit a Good Standing Certificate (also known as a “Certificate of Status”) issued by the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation’s (“SDAT”) Charter Division, and the State of Organization.

17.2 For information on registering to do business in the State of Maryland or to download SDAT related forms visit the Maryland Department of State Department of Assessments & Taxation at [http://www.dat.state.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dat.state.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/default.aspx). If you need additional assistance call (410) 767-1184.

17.3 Baltimore County requires the successful bidder to be in “good standing” (also known as Certificate of Status) with the State in which it is organized, and in the State of Maryland, under certain circumstances. Baltimore County verifies the successful bidder’s status with SDAT. Non-compliance to this section may result in a delay in contract award or rejection of a bid.

18. Eligibility of Candidates for Employment:

18.1 The E-Verify program is an internet-based employment verification system that allows employers to verify employee status against Federal Social Security and immigration databases.

18.2 Baltimore County encourages employers to utilize the E-verify program, or an equivalent system, as a means to help employers determine the eligibility of new hires.

19. Warranty:

19.1. Contractor warrants for one year from acceptance, or for such longer period otherwise expressly stated in the attached solicitation, all goods, services, and construction provided. This includes a warranty against any and all defects. The contractor must correct any and all defects in material and/or workmanship that may appear during the warranty period, even if discovered after the end of the warranty period, by repairing any such defect, (or replacing with new items or new materials, if necessary), at no cost to the County and to the County’s satisfaction.

19.2. Should a manufacturer’s or service provider’s warranty exceed the requirements stated above, that warranty will be the primary one used in the case of defect.

Copies of manufacturer’s or service provider’s warranties must be provided upon request.

19.3. All warranties must be in effect from the date of acceptance by the County of the goods, services, or construction.

19.4. The contractor warrants that all work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike manner, and the contractor must observe and comply with all Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances and regulations in providing the goods, and performing the services or construction.

20. American Manufactured Goods Required for Public Works:

20.1 The Contractor shall comply with Section 14-416 of the Maryland State Finance and Procurement Article which requires a contractor or subcontractor to use or supply American Manufactured goods in the performance of a contract for (a) constructing or maintaining a public work; or (b) buying or manufacturing machinery or equipment that is to be installed at a public work site, as the same may be amended from time to time.

20.2 This section does not apply: (a) if Baltimore County determines that: (i) the price of the American manufactured goods exceeds the price of a similar manufactured good that is not manufactured in the United States by an unreasonable amount; (ii) the item or a similar item is not manufactured or available for purchase in the United States in reasonably available quantities; (iii) the quality of the item or a similar item manufactured in the United States is substantially less than the quality of a comparably priced, similar, and available item that is not manufactured in the United States; or (iv) the procurement of a manufactured good would be inconsistent with the public interest; or (b) to emergency life safety and property safety goods.

20.3 The Contractor shall certify to Baltimore County whether the offered goods and/or services are provided in the United States.
Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification
(Substitute for IRS Form W-9)
COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Baltimore County, Maryland
Office of Budget and Finance
400 Washington Avenue, Room 148
Towson, Maryland 21204

Certification of TIN and business name are required for all successful bidders prior to issuing a contract or purchase order. Completion of SIDE 1 of this form is necessary to meet IRS regulations. All MBE/WBE vendors should also complete SIDE 2. For questions, call 410-887-3587.

SIDE 1

List your legal business name below, as shown on your income tax return. Sole proprietors should list their individual name as noted on your social security card. You may enter a business name on line 2. Other entities must list your business name as shown on Federal tax documents. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the business name line (2). For limited liability companies (LLC) that are owned by an individual, the owner’s name must be listed in the Name line (1) and the business name can be listed on the business name line (2). For limited liability companies that are corporations, partnerships, etc., enter the business name on Name line (1).

1. Name (as shown on your income tax return)

2. Business name, if different from above

Address
City State ZIP Code

Remittance Address, if different from above
City State ZIP Code

Contact Person Title

Phone Number ( ) - Ext: Fax Number ( ) -

E-mail address

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). Note, this is the TIN shown on your federal tax documents.

Social Security Number

OR

Employer Identification Number

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM BACK-UP WITHHOLDING

CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE TAX-EXEMPT, EXPLAIN:

Filing Status (Ownership) (LLC is not acceptable)
Individual Sole Proprietor
Corporation Partnership
Other: (explain)

CERTIFICATION:

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Signature of U.S. Person Date
### MBE / WBE Certification

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### Incorporation

| Incorporation State: ______________________________ OR Date Business Started _______ / _______ / ________ |

### Signature

I certify that the information shown on this registration is true and correct. I will advise the Purchasing Division immediately, in writing, of any change affecting this data.

Signature: ___________________________  Title: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
REQUEST FOR BID NO. B-1481
SALE OF RETIRED FORENSIC MICROSCOPE EQUIPMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. BACKGROUND.
   1.1 Baltimore County is selling forensic microscope equipment that is being retired. The equipment will be sold to the offeror who provides the highest price.

2. METHOD OF SALE.
   2.1 Award of this sale will be made on a total lump sum basis.
   2.2 The successful offeror will be required to pick-up the equipment from our location at the Public Safety Building, 700 East Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21286. Any removal transportation costs for removal of equipment shall be borne by successful offeror. There is a loading dock and elevator accessible at this location to aid in the removal of the equipment.
   2.3 Baltimore County will not arrange for shipment thru an independent carrier.
   2.4 The equipment will be available for pick up on a schedule mutually acceptable to Baltimore County and the successful Offeror. Pick-up of equipment shall be made within 30 days of payment.

3. ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL PROCESS.
   3.1 The cost of preparing Bids is the responsibility of Bidders.
   3.2 To be considered, Bids shall be received by the bid closing date and time to the following e-mail address: bid@baltimorecountymd.gov. The Bid Number should be referenced in the Subject Line of the e-mail. Bids may not be submitted by any other means. Bids that are mailed or otherwise delivered to the Purchasing Division (including emails which indicate links to locations where the bid may be downloaded) and/or emails sent to any other Baltimore County email address will not be accepted.
   3.2.1 DO NOT CARBON COPY (cc) the buyer on the bid submission.
   3.3 Late Bids will not be considered. Bidders are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last minute to submit bids. The time stated on the auto-receipt (described below) will be definitive of the time of receipt. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted. Bidders are advised that the County cannot receive email attachments greater in size than twenty-five (25) megabytes and this size limitation may be further reduced by requirements of the Bidder’s email provider which are beyond the control of the County. Bidder should consider separating any large bid attachment into multiple parts and emailing each part separately. In such case, Bidder will note that each email is 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc. Multiple part bids will not be considered unless all parts are received by the bid closing date and time.
   3.4 After submitting a Bid to bid@baltimorecountymd.gov, and upon successful receipt by the County thereof, Bidder will receive an auto-receipt email. This receipt is proof that the bid has been received by the Purchasing Division and should be retained for Bidder’s records. In the case of a bid submitted in multiple parts as described in 3.3, an auto-receipt email will be generated for each part. The County has no obligation to consider any Bid for which an auto-receipt was not generated.
3.5 As with any system, power outages or technology problems may arise that are outside of the County’s control and could affect your submission. The County will not be held accountable for such issues that may delay the transmission of any Bid.

3.6 The County reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in conjunction with Bids.

4. **GUARANTEES.**

4.1 Although the equipment being offered for sale was in good working order when removed from service, Baltimore County offers no guarantees as to the performance of the equipment offered for sale. Equipment is offered on an “as is, where is” basis.

5. **PAYMENT.**

5.1 Offerors may be required to provide cash or certified check in US dollars. Once payment has cleared, arrangements can be made for pick-up of equipment.

6. **QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES; ADDENDA.** Any inquiries relative to this solicitation should be directed to Tom Acree, Assistant Buyer at 410-887-2265 or e-mail at tacree@baltimorecountymd.gov.

6.1 If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFB, addenda will be posted on the web site at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing.

6.2 Offerors must acknowledge, in writing, receipt of all addenda in the text of their proposals. All official correspondence in regard to the specifications should be directed to and will be issued by the Purchasing Division. Offerors are cautioned that the County assumes no responsibility for oral explanations or interpretations of solicitation documents.

6.3 The deadline for written questions pertaining to this solicitation is seven (7) working days prior to the due date of proposals.

7. **UTILIZATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY’S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

7.1 Baltimore County’s First Source Hiring Agreement requires that developers, contractors, and employers utilize good faith efforts toward employing economically disadvantaged Baltimore County residents in newly created positions on applicable projects. These efforts are supported by Baltimore County’s workforce development system, a partnered network of business and economic development professionals, education and training providers, and human service agencies working together systematically to provide a ready supply of qualified workers to employers with hiring needs.

The Contractor may use Baltimore County’s Department of Economic and Workforce Development as a “First Source” for training and recruitment of employees. To utilize “First Source” the Contractor/vendor may notify the Department of Economic and Workforce Development of employment opportunities to present qualified candidates to the Contractor/vendor for consideration. The Contractor/vendor may use reasonable efforts to consider qualified Baltimore County residents who are either unemployed or under-employed for all available positions. For additional information call 410-887-8000 or visit: http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/economicdev/business/workforce/recruiting-retention.html
8. **MWB/WBE and/or ECONOMIC BENEFIT FACTOR.**

8.1 The Economic Benefit Factor is included to determine if there are any new jobs being created or provides social responsibility to Baltimore County (as first preference) and/or Maryland its constituents. Examples of economic benefits to be derived from a contract shall include any of, but not limited to, the following. For each factor identified below, identify the specific benefit and contractual commitments and provide a breakdown of expenditures in that category:

8.1.1 The number and types of jobs for Baltimore County and/or Maryland residents resulting from the Contract. Indicate job classifications, number of employees in each classification and aggregate payroll to which the Offeror has committed, including contractual commitments at both prime and, if applicable, subcontract levels. If no new positions or subcontracts are anticipated as a result of this Contract, so state explicitly;

- Placement or employment in High Growth Areas of Employment
- Retention and Average Earnings – Fiscal Performance
- Serving Veterans
- Strengthen Local Workforce Economy

8.1.2 Subcontract dollars committed to Baltimore County and/or Maryland minority-owned and women-owned businesses,

8.1.3 Other benefits to the Baltimore County and/or Maryland economy which the Offeror promises will result from awarding the Contract to the Offeror, including contractual commitments. Describe the benefit, its value to the Baltimore County and/or Maryland economy, and how it will result from, or because of the Contract award. Offerors may commit to benefits that are not directly attributable to the Contract, but for which the Contract award may serve as a catalyst or impetus, and

8.1.4 Provide your firm’s policies with regards to the commitment to social responsibility. Submit examples. Include any examples in the Baltimore County vicinity.

9. **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS (MBE/WBE).** The resulting minority and women business participation requirement for this contract is 0%.

9.1 Each Contractor must comply with all Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) participation requirements. Included with this solicitation package are copies of the County’s MBE/WBE policy and provisions and M/WBE participation schedule forms. All MBE/WBE participation forms must be completed, executed, and returned with the bid, proposal or qualifications if a goal has been assigned. MBE/WBE participation forms are available online at [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/mwbe](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/mwbe) or you may contact the buyer on the solicitation.

9.2 It is the intention of the contract that the Contractor complies with the required participation levels on a cumulative basis for the full term of this agreement. The successful Contractor shall estimate the participation level (for the full term of the contract) for each subcontractor and/or suppliers listed on the participation schedule.

9.3 The Prime shall make a genuine good faith effort to comply with the Baltimore County MBE/WBE minimum participation goal even if the Prime Contractor has the capability to complete the work with its own workforce. However, the percentage requirement may vary. The Prime shall make a good faith effort to obtain MBE/WBE subcontractor participation. The selected MBE/WBE subcontractor(s) must perform a commercially useful function when it is
responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. Certified Minority-owned or Certified Women-owned Prime may count their participation for up to 50% of the solicitation goal. Certified firms must make a good faith effort to obtain MBE/WBE subcontractor participation of the remaining portion of the goal. Example: 20% MBE/WBE participation goal. Certified Minority-owned or Certified Women-owned firm bidding as the prime may count for 10% of the goal provided they are self-performing the work. The remaining 10% must be subcontracted to a MDOT and/or City of Baltimore certified firm.

9.4 All primes and MBE/WBE sub-contractors are required to report monthly to the County through an online MBE/WBE Compliance Portal (PRISM). The portal can be found under Compliance Reporting for Prime and Sub-Contractors at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/mwbe. The prime must provide a contact person and contact information for the MBE/WBE compliance reporting. If the prime cannot submit his/her report on time, he/she will notify the County MBE/WBE office and request additional time to submit the report. Failure to report in a timely manner may result in a finding of noncompliance. The County in its sole discretion may require additional reports regarding MBE/WBE. Questions regarding the use of this system can be directed to the MBE Office at mwbe@baltimorecountymd.gov or call 410-887-3407.
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
REQUEST FOR BID NO. B-1481
SALE OF RETIRED FORENSIC MICROSCOPE EQUIPMENT
Due Date: 04/20/20, Time: 2:15 P.M.

PROPOSAL SIGNATURE COVER PAGE

SUBMISSION OF A BID/PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION EVIDENCES THE BIDDER’S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN. THIS PAGE MUST BE PROPERLY SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN THE FIRM WHO REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID/PROPOSAL MUST INITIAL ANY ALTERATIONS IN FIGURES ON THIS FORM IN INK.

COMPANY NAME: __________________________________________________________
ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

TELEPHONE: ______________________ FAX: ________________________________

SIGNED: ______________________ DATE: ________________________________

PRINT NAME: ______________________ TITLE: __________________________

TAX ID NUMBER (FIN/SS#) ______________________ EMAIL: ____________________

Is your company a certified Minority Business Enterprise? Bidders must complete the applicable Minority Participation Affidavit attached.

Initial to confirm that a complete electronic version of the bid proposal response is included in the bid package.

Is your firm in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the employment of undocumented worker? If YES, check here ______

NOTICE: A notice required to be delivered shall be deemed to have been received when such notice has been sent to the following address and individual:

____________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

F.O.B. Destination (unless otherwise stated herein).

Delivery shall be made within ________ calendar days after receipt of order.

Payment Terms: ______________________________ Cash discounts for less than 30 days will not be considered in determining awards. However, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County should make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept payment terms with a period of less than (30) days.

If your firm is not already receiving email notification of new solicitations and amendments, you may register for email notification on the County’s web site at http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing.
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COMPANY NAME: ________________________________

FED ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO. ____________________
ATTACHMENT 1

SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

Model: JEOL 6480LV with Airlock Chamber

Resolution: HV: 3.0nm (at 30kV and 6mm WD); LV: 4.0nm in low vacuum mode
Magnification: 5X to 300,000X
Accelerating Voltage: 300V to 30kV

COMPUTER CONTROL:
- 3.2GHz Pentium IV DELL Workstation, 512MB RJMM, Windows XP Pro operating system, 18.1" flat panel display, 80GB IDE hard drive, CDRW/DVDRW, 3.5" 1.44MB floppy drive, and one Ethernet card
- Mouse control of all SEM functions

PC CONTROLLED FUNCTIONS:
- Vacuum sequence:
  - Automatic pressure control for LV operations
  - Auto-focus Tracer automatically adjusts focus as stage Z is moved
  - Auto-contrast and brightness
  - Auto-stigmation
  - Auto-gun control (bias, filament & alignment)
  - User login with stored settings and recipes
  - Storage of up to 2000 "recipes" of microscope operating conditions

IMAGING SYSTEM:
- GUI image display mode resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels
- Slow scan frame store with 640 x 480 x 8 bit, J280 x 960 x 8 bit, and 2560 x J960 x 8 bit resolution
- High speed frame store with 640 x 480 x 8 bit resolution
- Frame averaging and pixel integration
- Look-up table image enhancement functions including gamma
- Screen measurement via mouse drag and drop or moveable cursors
- Pseudo color image display
- Digital zoom magnification
- Dynamic focus linked to kV and mag
- Image storage (save to disk) with auto sequencing of file name with four-digit extension (BMP, TIFF, JPEG)
- Image database storage software including thumbnail albums, search functions, measurement, phase analysis, montaging & report generation
- Real time reduced raster
- Interface for external scan control
- Full screen/full resolution image display
- User customizable toolbar. Buttons for commonly used functions

ELECTRON OPTICS:
- Electron gun and pre-centered filament
- Auto-bias with manual override
- Two-stage zoom condenser lens
- 60° conical objective lens
- Differential pumping aperture for LV operation
- Three-step externally adjustable final aperture
- Electromagnetic image shift (±50µm) with mouse click centering, click/center/zoom or drag & drop
- Electromagnetic beam blanking (automatic after image acquisition)

ELECTRON DETECTORS:
- Everhart Thomley detector for secondary electron imaging.
- Three-segment solid-state backscattered electron detector for Compo, Topo and Shadow Mode imaging
STAGE AND SPECIMEN CHAMBER:
- Five axis asynchronous motorized and automated (speed linked to mag)
- Tilt eucentric at all working distances
- Motion by joystick, keyboard entry and/or mouse
  a. X= 125mm, Y= 100mm, z; 75mm (5-80mm WD)
  b. Tilt = -10° to 90°
  c. Rotation = 360° continuous with computer controlled eucentricity
- Specimen holder
- Eight chamber ports for various accessories such as BEI, EDS, and WDS (0mm WD, 35° TOA)
- EBSD (Port is perpendicular to tilt axis), JR Chamberscope, etc.
- Storage of up to 2000 stage points
- Software safety limits linked to specimen holder plus grounding alarm
- Stage position graphic showing X, Y, Z, R, T positions
- Backlash correction
- Click center zoom function - allows a mouse click on a feature to bring that feature to the center or move to center and zoom mag X 3
- Stage stepping field-by-field movement with user-definable overlap
- Storage of two reference low magnification images for point and Shoot navigation utilizing snap shot

VACUUM SYSTEM:
- 420 l/sec diffusion pump
- Two JOO 1/min roughing pumps (one for LV)
- Digital vacuum gauge for 1V pressure readout
- Fail-safe vacuum monitor
- Operating pressure of 5x10^-6 to 2.0 Torr

Spare Wehnelt Cap (600153428)

Water Recirculator (Water-Cooled)
Closed-loop water recirculator with a water-to-water heat exchanger. Used for cooling the DP-system.
(R033ACGNSK1)

GW INFRARED CHAMBERSCOPE
Integrated with SEM PC Monitor via Picture in Picture (PIP).
The chamberscope image is displayed as in inset on the microscope viewing monitor. The image is sizeable from 640 X 480 to 80 X 60 and may be moved to any position on the viewable area of the monitor. The Infrared Lamps may be turned off or on by computer control.(OW-CHAMBERSCOPE)

Airlock Chamber System:
Rapid sample exchange system allows up to a 6-inch diameter sample to be loaded without venting the chamber

Secondary Electron Detector for Low Vacuum
Allows collection of secondary electrons in variable pressure mode

Miscellaneous tools and sample mounts

Denton Carbon Coater (condition unknown; never used)