

April 1, 2020

TO: All Interested Vendors
FROM: Joshua Hitch, Strategic Sourcing and Acquisition Services
RE: Response to Questions for Solicitation IFB88876JAH

This list of Questions and Responses #1, dated April 1, 2020, is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named solicitation. The statements and interpretations of contract requirements, which are stated in the following questions of potential bidders/offerors, are not binding to UMB, unless UMB expressly amends the solicitation.

Question: We are looking to participate in the attached bid. However I can't find the actual details of the microscope.

Answer: See Section III Subsection B. This solicitation is for a master contract to sell Zeiss equipment to the university. There is no singular Zeiss item we are procuring.

Question: Is this RFQ restricted only to Carl Zeiss Microscopy LLC and for the ZEISS Products?

Answer: Yes. Only Zeiss items will be included on this contract.

Question: Would it be possible to transmit our response via email due to the Coronavirus?

Answer: No, email bids are not accepted. The due date has been changed to May 7. Delivery should be completed per Section I subsection D.

Question: Under our last contract we offered our entire line of light microscopes, commodity codes 490-57 and 490-58, excluding electron and x-ray microscopes. Is this IFB for light microscopes only?

Answer: The University is looking to contract for Zeiss products excluding electron, atomic force, tapping probe, confocal, super resolution and surgical microscopy. See section III subsection C, letter D.

Question: Would you accept other brands if proven to be an equivalent product.

Answer: No, this bid is solely to enact a master contract for the Zeiss brand of microscopes per section III Subsection B.