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**POINT OF CONTACT**

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**DESCRIPTION**

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**AGENCY'S URL**

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**AGENCY CONTACT'S EMAIL**

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**PLACE OF PERFORMANCE**

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VA-20-0000780\_VA PHARMACY INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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**This is a request for information (RFI) only.** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Information & Technology (OI&T), Pharmacy Benefits Management has a requirement for a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) inventory management software that incorporates industry best practices would allow pharmacy personnel to manage the inventory through aligning the inventory with the current mission, optimizing the theoretical turn rate and minimizing shrinkage and spoilage rates leading to a more efficient and effective use of the pharmacy budget.

The COTS inventory management software shall be set-up and installed at each of the VA Medical Centers and CBOCs with a dispensing pharmacy for no more than 110 VA sites. VA requires COTS software only, hardware of any form is not a part of this requirement. The COTS inventory management software shall automate key parts of the ordering, receiving and payment process increasing accuracy and supporting maintenance of the drug file via database updates. The software must be able to develop a daily replenishment list based on minimum and maximum stock quantities to be sent to the pharmaceutical prime vendor (PPV) via an electronic data interface (EDI). Other EDI interfaces may also be used for invoicing, updating national drug code (NDC) number information, pricing, contract and other supply chain related information and send a manifest/bill of lading to be used not only for payment but to receive specific medication into the pharmacy inventory.

The software must also track items in stock by NDC and to group related NDC numbers to track the total quantity of each product. It should also be able to track the vendors used to supply product to optimize the ordering process. Pharmacy procurement personnel should also be able to update vendor information and inventory levels based on periodic physical count within the system and should be able to track inventory for specific practice areas within the pharmacy including, but not limited to inpatient pharmacy, outpatient pharmacy, community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) and other facility specific areas. It should support the enhanced ordering and storing processes that are required by the VA, DEA and other federal agencies for controlled substances and narcotics. A shrinkage rate report should be available for review by pharmacy management for possible diversion.

It is requested that all companies interested in participating in this effort please note their interest and provide indication of their respective capabilities to perform the effort described in the paragraphs below. **Also, please indicate your company’s socio-economic size status** for North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 541519 (e.g. Large Business, Small Business, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, Veteran Owned Small Business, Woman-Owned Small Business, Disadvantaged Small Business, and Hub-Zone Small Business) as well as include your company’s DUNS. If Service-Disabled or Veteran Owned Small Business, is your company certified in VA’s Vendor Information Pages ([www.vip.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vip.vetbiz.gov)) repository. It is also requested that the vendor respond to the following questions:

1. Provide a summary of your COTS pharmacy inventory management software and ability to meet the technical requirements as outlined above (not to exceed 10 pages) as well as your detailed specification for the COTS pharmacy inventory management software.
2. Provide your standard commercial licensing and price structure.
3. Provide examples (not to exceed 5 pages) of where your COTS pharmacy inventory management software has been utilized, including number of pharmacy locations.
4. Provide your recommendations for additional capabilities not listed above that the VA should consider

Please provide existing GSA schedule and/or GWAC (such as NASA SEWP)contract information in which you are a contract holder that can be utilized to procure this COTS software.

**This RFI is for planning purposes only and shall not be considered an Invitation for Bid, Request for Task Execution Plan, Request for Quotation or a Request for Proposal.** Additionally, there is no obligation on the part of the Government to acquire any products or services described in this RFI. Your response to this RFI will be treated only as information for the Government to consider. You will not be entitled to payment for direct or indirect costs that you incur in responding to this RFI. This request does not constitute a solicitation for proposals or the authority to enter into negotiations to award a contract. No funds have been authorized, appropriated or received for this effort. The information provided may be used by the VA in developing its acquisition strategy and Performance Work Statement. Interested parties are responsible for adequately marking proprietary, restricted or competition sensitive information contained in their response. The Government does not intend to pay for the information submitted in response to this RFI.

**Responses are due by 11:59PM EST, December 19, 2019. (Email all responses to** **Tinamarie.Giraud@va.gov** **and** **Carol.Newcomb@va.gov** **)**