



SPECIFICATIONS FOR

TENDER 0171-1723

**SUPPLY OF BENCHTOP TISSUE EMBEDDING SYSTEM
FOR WESTERN HEALTH**

CLOSING DATE: September 28, 2017

CLOSING TIME: 2:00 P.M. (Newfoundland Time)



Invitation to Tender for Supply of Benchtop Tissue Embedding System

1.0 General Provisions

1.1 Intent

This invitation to Tender for the supply of **Benchtop Tissue Embedding System** for the Laboratory Services Department at Western Regional Health Authority (Western Health). Delivery will be to our Corner Brook location.

1.1.1 Western Health reserves the right to order additional units at the same price for a period up to and including 31 December 2016. Other Health Boards within Newfoundland and Labrador may avail of this tender as needed.

1.2 Client Background

Western Health was established in 2005 and is responsible for the delivery of Health and Community Services in the Western Region.

1.3 Vendor Response

1.3.1 Vendor's tender must contain an Executive Summary which shall contain:

- a. A brief description of the product being quoted.
- b. The name, title and address of the Vendor's representative responsible for the preparation of the Tender.

1.3.2 All prices quoted for goods and services must be specified in Canadian dollars, FOB. All Tenders will be held to be valid for ninety (90) days following the Tender closing date.

1.3.3 Tenders must be received in full on or before the exact closing time and date indicated. **TENDERS RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

1.3.4 All costs relating to the work and materials supplied by the Vendor in responding to this Invitation to Tender must be borne by the Vendor.

1.4 Release of Information

1.4.1 While Tender is Open:

The names of individuals or companies who have picked up the tender documents will not be released.

Potential bidders can call Western Health to get clarification regarding the bidding process or product specifications.

1.4.2 At Tender Opening:

1. The names of the bidders, and overall bid price(s) will be read out.
2. Where the overall bid price(s) cannot be readily determined, no pricing will be released.

1.4.3 After Tender Opening:

1. No further information will be released until after the contract is awarded.
2. After award, only the name and bid price of the successful bidder will be made available.
3. Information will be made available for a 90 day period only.
4. Successful Awards will be posted on Web Site.

1.5 Communication During Tendering

- 1.5.1 All communications with Western Health with respect to this invitation to tender must be directed in writing to the attention of:

Mr. Paul Wight
Regional Director Materials Management
Western Health
1 Brookfield Avenue
Corner Brook, Newfoundland
A2H 6J7
Tel: (709) 637-5386
Fax: (709) 634-2649
Email: paulwight@westernhealth.nl.ca

- 1.5.2 Western Health may, during the assessment period, request meetings with the Vendors to clarify points in the Tender. No changes by the Vendor will be permitted after the Tender closing date.

- 1.5.3 Faxed Tender responses will be accepted with the condition that the original Tender documents are received at Western Health's

Materiel's Management Department no later than **Five** working days following the Tender closing date.

- 1.5.4 All bids must be sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked with Tender Name and Number to:
Materiel's Management Department, Western Health,
Western Memorial Regional Hospital, First Floor,
Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J7.
- 1.5.5 Bids submitted by electronic transmission (e-mail) will not be accepted.
- 1.5.6 Companies submitting fax Tenders are doing so at their own risk and the fax Tender must be at the public opening as specified in the Tender information. This Authority will not be responsible for in-house courier services if companies submit quotations by fax machine. The time stated on the fax Tender will become null and void since it is the responsibility of the company placing the Tender to have their Tender at the public opening, therefore, this Authority will not be responsible for any damages or liabilities.
- 1.5.7 In order to contribute to waste reduction and promote environmental protection, the Western Health will endeavour to acquire goods and services that support these principles, therefore, product(s) quoted should include:
- maximum level of post-consumer waste and/or recyclable content
 - minimal packaging
 - minimal environmental hazards
 - maximum energy efficiency
 - potential for recycling
 - disposal costs
- Without:
- reducing the quality of the product required or affecting the intended use of the product
 - significantly impacting the acquisition cost

1.6 Tender Acceptance

- 1.6.1 Any acquisitions resultant from this invitation to Tender shall be subject to the Public Tendering Act.
- 1.6.2 The Tenders shall be opened in the Private Dining Room at The Western Memorial Regional Hospital on the scheduled date and time.

- 1.6.3 Any Tender may be accepted in whole or in part. The lowest Tender may not necessarily be accepted and Western Health reserves the right to cancel the Tender call. Western Health shall not be held responsible or liable for the payment of any costs that are incurred by the bidder in preparing a Tender in response to this invitation to Tender.

2.0 **Product Specifications**

Benchtop Tissue Embedding Centre Specifications:

Must incorporate two separate systems for cold plate and heated paraffin embedding modules.

Must have large cold plate surface to accommodate at least 60 blocks.

Heated embedding module must have adjustable paraffin dispenser control with paraffin flow rate adjustment.

Must have hot plate with temperature range of at least 50 – 70 degrees Celsius.

Must have minimum 3 litre paraffin reservoir with temperature range of 50-70 degrees Celsius.

Must have base mold warming compartment.

Must have tissue storage compartment with programmable temperature range of 50-70 degrees Celcius and can accommodate a minimum 100 cassettes.

Must have well- lit tissue orientation area with integrated “Cold Spot” for tissue orientation.

Must have a heated removable paraffin waste tray.

Must have magnifying lens adjustable in any position with light illumination for specimen orientation.

Must be able to be foot switch operated and include foot switch or peddle switch.

Must support heated forceps and include heated forceps in cost.

Must include all accessories for proper and effective functioning such as power supply cords and user manuals.

Must include service manual or provide cost for an optional service agreement.

3.0 **Financial Considerations**

3.1 Please indicate the costs for the equipment before any applicable taxes. The price must include training if necessary and also indicate if any service contract options are available.

3.2 **Terms of Payment**

The Authority agrees to pay the full invoiced amount within 30 days following acceptance of the installed system by Western Health. Acceptance testing will be completed within 30 days following the complete installation of the system.

4.0 **Vendor Confirmation** (please sign)

I confirm that our Tender meets or exceeds the specifications detailed in this invitation to Tender. I also confirm that all specifications are included in the quoted price. Any items that are optional are noted accordingly.

Signed _____

Title _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

TENDER CHECKLIST

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DID YOU INCLUDE

HAS TENDER SUBMISSION BEEN SIGNED	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
COPY OF REQUIRED TENDER DOCUMENTS	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
COPY OF BROCHURES (IF REQUESTED)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
COPY OF WCB LETTER OF GOOD STANDING (IF REQUIRED)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
COPY OF PROOF OF INSURANCE (IF REQUIRED)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
AMOUNT OF TAX NOTED ON REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FORM	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
OPTIONAL PRICING FOR TRAINING INCLUDED	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: TENDER RESPONSES MAY BE REJECTED IF YOU ANSWER “NO” TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.