



TO: Interested Bidders,  
DATE: Friday, December 13, 2024  
SUBJECT: RFPB0001866 Strain Gage

The information contained herein shall become part

#### CLARIFICATIONS TO THE BID SPECIFICIATONS:

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As a public institution, WSU is required by policy to promote a fair and competitive procurement environment. The office of purchasing generally awards contracts to qualified suppliers and contractors after the completion of a competitive RFP. Additionally, our purchasing policies require us to purchase from contracted suppliers whenever possible.

The working contract for custom order gages is an extension of contract W0001566. W0001566 was awarded as a result of a bid in November 2018. The current RFP is for a contract to replace W0001566. At the conclusion of the current contract W0001566, no more extensions will be offered and the upcoming contract will be awarded based on the results of RFP B00001866. An RFP is not considered to be "awarded" until a contract is executed between WSU and the Contractor.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RELATED TO THE BID SPECIFICIATONS:

Question #1: Is there a specific product that we are supposed to Bid on for this opportunity? We will normally have specific part numbers, and we can then provide a quotation for those part numbers. I do see Appendix C that lists the discounts that we are willing to provide to Wichita State but there are no specific part numbers that are listed just groups of products.

Answer #1: WSU NIAR is requesting a standard discount on proposals for the purchase of strain sensors for a wide range of applications, including but not limited to stress analysis gages for static and fatigue testing applications, high temperature strain sensors, and crack detection sensors. Additional sensors of interest are transducer class gages, embedded sensors, and other special purpose sensors for measuring mechanical responses of a test coupon or structure. Quantities may range from an individual sensor or package of sensors to several thousand.

Suppliers may also quote a discounted rate on accessories for these sensors such as connectors, cabling, data loggers, acquisition, filters, signal conditioners, software, installation tools and supplies, and other hardware.

The intent of this solicitation : is to establish an oncall, multi-award contract for Strain Gages and Accessories and Calibration/Repair Services on an as needed basis. This is for an open ended contract between a supplier and WSU to furnish an undetermined quantity of goods and/or services in a given period of time at the lowest price available through their catalog at discounted prices.