

**Subject: Research and Laboratory Services Support to The Lugar Center, Republic of Georgia and Azerbaijan and the US European Command (USEUCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR).**

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**1.0 DISCLAIMER:** This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a solicitation. Neither unsolicited proposals nor any other kind of offers will be considered in response to this RFI. Responses to this notice are not offers and will not be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked Proprietary will be handled accordingly. Responses to the RFI will not be returned. At this time, questions concerning the composition and requirements for a future RFQ will not be entertained.

**2.0 SUBJECT:** United States Army Medical Research Directorate – Georgia (USAMRD-G) has a need for a single award Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract to support Research Support and Administrative Services.

**3.0 BACKGROUND:** United States Army Medical Research Directorate – Georgia (USAMRD-G) is under Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR). WRAIR's mission is to conduct biomedical research that is responsive to Department of Defense and U.S. Army requirements. This mission includes the delivery of lifesaving knowledge, technology, and medical materiel products that sustain Warfighter readiness and combat effectiveness. WRAIR's focus on research and surveillance for the Warfighter affects all aspects of its operations as military medical research priorities differ from those of the civilian sector. Specific infectious disease surveillance and research lines of effort include:

1. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
2. Febrile and vector-borne infections (FVBI)
3. Enteric infections (EI)
4. Respiratory infections (RI)
5. Bacteriophage Research
6. One Health Research

In 2009, the Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP) engaged the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC), following a request from the Government of Georgia to establish a long-term U.S. presence at the Richard G. Lugar Center for Public Health Research (Lugar Center), which will serve as the cornerstone of the Georgian National Disease Surveillance Program. In January 2011, WRAIR, through its command channels, was tasked by the Deputy Secretary of Defense as the Executive Agent, to establish a medical research unit at the Lugar Center in Tbilisi, Georgia. The U.S. Army Medical Research Directorate-Georgia (USAMRD-G) was established under the command and control of WRAIR. A formal memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the NCDC provides clear guidance on the relationship between the U.S. Army and the Georgian Public Health Service. Relevant partnerships and agreements with the Georgian Ministries of Defense; Labor, Health, and Social Affairs; and Agriculture, promote partnerships in global health engagement, advance Chief of Mission Integrated Country Team strategy and support DoD OCONUS medical research and surveillance laboratory mission requirements.

**4.0 RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS:** Review the attached **DRAFT PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT**. Respondents should specifically address the following in their capabilities statement:

- a. Ability to perform the following at the location site in Tbilisi, Georgia (The Lugar Center), Azerbaijan and the US European Command (USEUCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR).

Scientific Support:

- Technical Lead in Infectious Disease Research and Program management
- Clinical Research Principal Investigator Services
- Microbiological Principle Investigator Services
- Virological Principle Investigator Services
- Entomology Principle Investigator

Clinical Research Support:

- Bioinformatics Support Services
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control Support Services
- Geography Information System (GIS) Technical Support services
- Research and Laboratory Technical Support Services
- Entomology Support Services
- Animal Use Research
- Human Resources

Operational Support:

- Program and Operational Management
- Human Subjects Research Protection
- Grantsmanship and business agreement development
- Translation Services
- Logistics, Biomedical Equipment and Supply Support Services
- Transportation Support Services
- Facilities Management Support
- Safety Support Services
- Training
- Administrative and Clerical Support Services
- Contingency

- b. Confirmation from respondent can perform services under the coded **NAICS of 541715**

**5.0 CONTACT INFORMATION:** All information regarding Capabilities Statements or any other proprietary information relative to this RFI shall be submitted to Mr. Sharew Hailu via email at [sharew.hailu.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sharew.hailu.civ@mail.mil) no later than 10:00 a.m. E.S.T. on Thursday, 26 August 2021.