

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION
TO ENTER INTO A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT
(PUR 7778)**

This Notice of Intended Decision to Enter into a Single Source Contract is posted in accordance with Rule 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, and section 287.057(3), Florida Statutes.

AGENCY: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

TITLE: Veterinary Medical Research & Development, Inc. (VMRD)

Short description of the commodity or service desired: Laboratory Testing Supplies

CONTACT

Name: Edward Rondeau

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Internal tracking number, if any: SS 26 27 29

DMS Single Source number, if applicable: SS-16219

Date posted: July 1, 2026 Time posted: 3:00 PM

Commodity or Contractual Service (commodity or United Nation Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):
41101500 - Laboratory Blending and dispersing and homogenizing equipment and supplies

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):
Division of Animal Industry

Performance and/or Design Requirements (intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, as appropriate):
Purchase of USDA approved test kits exclusively manufactured by Veterinary Medical Research & Development, Inc. (VMRD). The Division of Animal Industry is required to use USDA licensed test kits for regulatory testing used to carry out the division's statutory.

Intended Single Source:
Veterinary Medical Research & Development, Inc. (VMRD)

Price:
Approximate Contract Amount: \$75,000.00
Approximate Amount up to: \$130,000.00

Justification for Single Source Purchase (what is necessary and unique about the commodity, contractual service, or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

VMRD, Inc is the sole source manufacturer and supplier of the USDA licensed Babesia caballi Antibody Test kit, cELISA and Babesia equi Antibody Test kit, cELISA for Piroplasmosis test; Prion Protein MAb Cell Culture Supernate. To achieve the division's statutory duties, the division must use specific instruments, and laboratory supplies to perform biologics testing.

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Christina McClure, Business Operations Manager, Division of Animal Industry

Erica Field, Assistant Director, Division of Animal Industry

Stephanie Bergozza, Purchasing Director II, Division of Administration

Joey B. Hicks, Director, Division of Administration

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to file a bond or other security within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Protests may be filed with the agency by:

Mail: Agency Clerk

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

The Holland Building

600 South Calhoun Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Email: AgencyClerk@FDACS.gov

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