## Tennessee Department of Agriculture Consumer and Industry Services Ag Inputs

VMRD Testing Kits

Invitation to Bid Specifications

## Invitation to Bid

This Invitation to Bid is for the provision of VMRD testing kits.

## **Background Information**

The State of Tennessee (hereinafter referred to as "State") intends to secure a provider (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor") to supply VMRD test kits for the Kord Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory. These goods are being requested to allow the State to provide affordable testing to livestock owners, hopefully removing financial burden from an already struggling industry.

Many veterinary diagnostic kits are manufactured as species-specific products, so there may not be commercial alternatives for each item we require. Where acceptable alternatives do exist, we utilize existing contracts (such as our agency's contract with IDEXX). Other kits are selected based on their improved sensitivity and/or selectivity for pathogens/antibodies. The performance criteria (e.g. accuracy, precision) of the kits are paramount when selecting any diagnostic platform, and validation data is available for each kit provided by VMRD.

## **Contract Term and Delivery Requirements**

Contract term will be for sixty (60) months. The provider shall be able to provide all test kits listed in Attachment A.

All deliveries will be made to 436 Hogan Road, Porter Building, Nashville, TN 37220 Deliveries shall be made within 2 business days unless overnight delivery is requested.