

**MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase #0301-50**  
**RFx # 3150001919**

The Mississippi State Department of Health anticipates purchasing the item(s) listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase shall follow the procedures outlined below.

Commodity or commodities to be purchased (make, model, description):

The Mississippi Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) currently performs the QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus (QFT Plus) to aid in the detection of *M. tuberculosis* infection. QFT is an interferon  $\gamma$  (IFN $\gamma$ ) release assay (IGRA) which measures the cell-mediated response to specific TB antigens in whole blood. QFT is a modern alternative to the 110 year old tuberculin skin test (or Mantoux test) and is highly accurate and unaffected by Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccination (2–4). Patients may be tested in a single patient visit, with objective results, eliminating the need for two-step testing that is required by the tuberculin skin test. The MPHL would like to purchase reagents that are FDA approved to perform IGRA testing in its laboratory on human patients using the QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus test.

Product List Number	Product Description	Product Price (Kit)	# Kits (Annual)	Extended Price
622536	QFT-TB Gold Plus Tubes, 50 each (Nil, TB1, TB2, Mitogen)	\$835.50	300	\$250,650
622130	QFT-TB Gold Plus ELISA, 2-Plate Kit	\$88.00	150	\$13,200
622832	QFT-TB Gold Plus ELISA Reference Lab Pack	\$888.00	1	\$888.00
622433	QFT-TB Gold Plus Dispenser Pack, 25 Ct.	\$421.75	1	\$421.75

Explanation of the need to be fulfilled by this item(s) and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

The Mississippi Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) currently performs the QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus to aid in the detection of *M. tuberculosis* infection on human patients using the Qiagen DS2 and DSX instruments. All reagents and quality control products must be FDA approved for testing on human patients. The Qiagen QFT is the only FDA approved IGRA test that can be performed in-house.

Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

The reagents for the QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus are manufactured only by Qiagen. Qiagen does not use distributors in the clinical market and sales directly to laboratories.

Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:

- Estimated Cost: \$265,159.75 per year (based on the current volume of IGRA tests performed by the MPHL)
- The MPHL receives 5%-25% discount off list price.
- Shipping fees are waived.

Explanation of the efforts taken by the department to determine this is the only source and the

efforts used to obtain the best possible price:

- Qiagen is the sole manufacturer and sole vendor of these products and sells directly to laboratories.
- No other test reagents are FDA approved to perform QFT tests on human patients in-house.
- All applicable discounts were explored and applied.

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the commodity listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity shall submit a written notice to: Jennifer Dotson, Mississippi State Department of Health Purchasing Department, 570 E. Woodrow Wilson, Room 134 Underwood Building, Jackson, MS 39216 or P. O. Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215-1700.

Responses may be hand delivered, via regular mail, overnight delivery or by e-mail:

[jennifer.dotson@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:jennifer.dotson@msdh.ms.gov). The envelope or e-mail should reference the sole source number.

The notice shall contain a detailed explanation of why the commodity is not a sole source procurement. Appropriate documentation shall also be submitted if applicable. The enclosed form (OSS) may be used if you so desire.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, Mississippi State Department of Health determines that the commodity in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then Mississippi State Department of Health will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If Mississippi State Department of Health determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, the Mississippi State Department of Health will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. Mississippi State Department of Health will have the burden of proving that the commodity is only provided by one (1) source.

Notices/objections, etc. will be accepted at any time prior to: \_February 11 , 2019 at 3:00 p.m. (CST)





November 26, 2018

Joann Young

Laboratory Section Director – Immunology

Mississippi Public Health Laboratory

570 E. Woodrow Wilson Dr.

Jackson, MS 39216

Dear Joann,

Please find your 2019 pricing below, valid through December 31, 2019:

Item #	Description*	Current Pricing	New Pricing 01/01/2019	Estimated number	Extended Price
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Shipping is waived

Annual Quote Total [USD]

\$

Once again, I look forward to working with you to eradicate TB! Let me know if you need any additional information.

Best regards,

*Olivia L Lawdins*

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