

ITEM OPPORTUNITY SYNOPSIS

Scouting Number:	2024-120
Name of the item to be scouted:	Nitrile Gloves
State item to be used in:	None

Describe the Item:

<p>Please describe the item application/the end use of the item.</p>	<p>Nitrile gloves are required by the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue mission critical operations to provide health care services to Veterans and beneficiaries, as well as to protect the VA workforce from several dangerous exposures. The use of nitrile gloves by VA personnel is in the best interest of the VA workforce and the broader public as gloves help to prevent or mitigate public health crises. Without nitrile gloves, the VA workforce would lack adequate protection against communicable diseases, as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as well as risk exposure to chemical and hazardous substances such as Fentanyl. By protecting the VA workforce against communicable diseases, and exposure to hazardous substances, the gloves also indirectly protect the broader public. The Supplier Scouting Synopsis for nitrile gloves is a market research effort to determine domestic manufacturers of nitrile gloves and their production capacities.</p>
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Supplier Information:

Type of Supplier Being Sought (select from the list below):

Manufacturer	x
Contract Manufacturer	
Distributor	
Other (Please Specify)	

Reason for Scouting Submission (select from the list below)

2nd Supplier	
Price	
Re-Shore	
Past supplier no longer available	
New Product Startup	
BABA	x
Other (Please Specify)	

Summary of Technical Specifications and Performance Requirements:

<p>Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)</p>	<p>The manufacturing process for nitrile gloves is dependent upon the manufacture's internal systems. The product must ultimately meet industry standards.</p>
<p>Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications of the item</p>	<p>The nitrile gloves must be: (1) 4 MIL, 5 MIL, and 6 MIL finger thickness; (2) disposable nitrile exam gloves that are powder and latex free; (3) ambidextrous, puncture, and chemical resistant; and (4) tested for protection against Fentanyl exposure. The surgical gloves must be: (1) synthetic rubber latex (nitrile) (Type 2); (2) free of talc; and (3) tested for sterility, free of holes, passing specific elongation and tensile strength testing.</p>
<p>List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components, if applicable</p>	<p>Nitrile butadiene rubber (NBR) is a key component of the gloves.</p>
<p>Are there applicable certification requirements?</p>	
Yes	
No	x
<p>Please explain:</p>	
<p>Are there any applicable regulations that apply to the production of this item?</p>	
Yes	
No	x
<p>Please explain:</p>	
<p>Are there any other standards / requirements?</p>	
Yes	x
No	

Please explain:	The standard is American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) D6319 for nitrile exam gloves, and ASTM D3577 for surgical gloves.
NAICS CODES:	
NAICS 1	339113 Surgical appliance and supplies manufacturing
NAICS 2	
Additional Comments:	
Additional technical comments:	
Volume and Pricing:	
Estimated Potential Business Volume (i.e. #units per day, month, year):	VA requires approximately 253,992,000 each exam gloves, and 26,000 each surgical gloves, in a 120-day period.
Estimated Target Price/Unit Cost Information:	Target prices are not available as VA is conducting market research to determine domestic manufacturers of nitrile gloves.
Delivery Requirements:	
When is it needed by? (Immediate, 30 days, 6 months, etc.)	The nitrile gloves are a continuous need.
Describe packaging requirements (i.e. individually/group packaging, etc.)	Product must be delivered undamaged with an industry accepted warranty.
Where will this item be shipped?	The nitrile gloves are used at many VA medical centers and clinics throughout the United States.
Additional Comments:	
Is there other information you would like to include?	The Supplier Scouting Synopsis for nitrile gloves is a market research effort to determine domestic manufacturers of nitrile gloves and their production capacities.