

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)

Questions and Answers for RFQ 196164 - Environmental Services Modification Number 3

Q1. Air samples are going to be collected from interior or exterior?

A1. Air samples will be collected from the interior.

Q2. Is selection based on low quote?

A2. Award will be based on low quote.

Q3. Under testing it states that we “must conduct a blank test at each location”. We are uncertain what is meant by blank test. Do you mean a trip blank? Could you please clarify. There are many different types of blanks and we want to make sure we are doing and costing the right thing.

A3. The NLRB wants confirmation that the equipment is operational at the beginning of testing. Whatever is the most economical means to confirm this requirement will be acceptable to the NLRB.

Q4. How will sampling at the 14 sites coordinated? By that I mean, is there any order or sequence of site visits or do we set the schedule and visit order (e.g., NY site on April 2, Baltimore site on April 3, Cleveland site on April 4, etc.)? Also, do we just call the contact and state what DATE and TIME we will be at their site or will they set the day and/or time?

A4. The order of preference, as well as the date and time for conducting the test can be established by the awarded contractor. If the awarded contractor experiences any difficulties, there will be a NLRB Headquarters point of contact assigned to this project at the time of award that will provide assistance.

Q5. Will the contact at each site escort us to the sampling locations, or are we to search the area and sample where we think might be appropriate?

A5. The point of contact for each site will escort the awarded contractor through the office space.

Q6. The air flow rate of **0.5 to 2.5 LPM** is consistent with personal air sampling. For area air sampling (NIOSH 7400) the flow rate **should go as high as 16 LPM**. This way the sampler takes 4 to 5 times less sampling time. Please confirm flow range rate.

A6. The flow range rate is 0.5 to 2.5 LPM.

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Q7. I understand that the flow rate is .5-2.5 L/m, but what is the required volume to be collected for each sample?

A7. The SOW indicated that, where possible, a sufficient air volume for each air sample is required to be collected to yield between 100 and 1,300 fibers per square millimeter on the membrane filter. As a result, the air flow volume will have to be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the location within the office that the industrial hygienist will be obtaining samples. This is something the industrial hygienist performing the test will have to determine.