

RFP #268403

Questions & Answers

1. QUESTION: What is the estimated volume?
ANSWER: Rough estimate based on historical data for all sample analysis identified in the SOW is about 5,000-8,000/year. Again, this is an estimate and not a guarantee and is subject to change based on IH activities during the year.
2. QUESTION: Is there a current contract in place with another laboratory? If so, can you disclose the incumbent and the current pricing matrix so we can be as competitive as possible?
ANSWER: There are current contracts in place for the most of the SOW analysis requirements in this solicitation; however, there has been a change from the SOW for those contracts vs this one as some of the analysis were performed by an onsite lab that was recently shut down at DOE's direction. Also the current Subcontracts were out of extension options thus requiring a re-bid. Current support for specific sample analysis as qualified for was provided by Center for Laboratory Science (a joint venture at our local community college with small business), and ALS. Pricing is proprietary per the subcontracts, but in general was per a published price list with a slight incentive, or per a DOE ICPT agreement or GSA Schedule. And we will continue to use these mechanisms if available and exist.
3. QUESTION: Do you have any example EDDs and QA packages we can review?
ANSWER: Yes, the EDD is provided as a separate file.
4. QUESTION: Can WRPS clarify when (or which) of the tests on Attachment B need to include the sampling media as a cost of the analysis?
ANSWER: The only method that requires media on Attachment B is Nitrous oxide badges. Media is required for nitrosamines and is ordered separately, pricing should reflect either the per sample analysis inclusive of the media, or pricing for the sample analysis without the media, but cost for the media separately if that is an option Offeror wishes to provide. Again, all anticipate charges must be identified for evaluation and inclusion in the eventual Subcontract Compensation Schedule.
5. QUESTION: Can WRPS provide a list of DL/RL for all of the other tests in Attachment B?
ANSWER: Yes, attached is the RL limits for analytes identified in Attachment B. For PCB's please list what can be reported for each aroclor by your lab for our evaluation.
6. QUESTION: Can MSA provide any demo/overview information to review on how we would interface/upload results to the WRPS site?
ANSWER: IH database cannot be accessed by outside laboratories. A separate database called HEIS can be accessed externally; however, this data does not enter into HEIS.
7. QUESTION: Can WRPS clarify the TAT required for tests?
ANSWER: In general TATs are per the commercial practices, however, we ask for pricing for shorter TATs should they be requested so that pricing is established and shorter TATs are recognized as available by our folks if required and so invoice auditors can appropriately pay the invoice when received. Pricing should be proposed for all turnaround times from 24 hour-10 days, ensuring the normal TAT you utilize is identified as such. All potential services/materials, if accepted, will need to be identified in the eventual subcontract BMA for proper invoice payment when invoices are submitted and processed and thus no surprises or scrambling to approve so invoice will pay.
8. QUESTION: Can WRPS clarify for the requirement to have a copy of all analytical deliverables for a year, is electronic (PDF, Excel, CSV, etc.) acceptable? Is hard copies required to be saved of all items, or can we save scans/electronic only copies?

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ANSWER: Electronic records are acceptable, however, must be able to reproduce the reports for one year.

9. **QUESTION:** Can WRPS provide a list of all of the methods they prefer the lab to utilize for all of the target analyses?

ANSWER: NIOSH methods are preferred if they exist. Some methods are not available in a NIOSH approved method and the proposal should list what method is available to be used.

10. **QUESTION:** Should we assume all samples submitted will have a measurable level of radiological activity? If so, can you let us know the expected range of radiological activity by isotope? Min., Max, and Avg.?

ANSWER: Very few samples for this contract have measureable amounts of radiation. Some will not be releasable though and taken in radiation area, thus shipped as radioactive material (but in many cases DOT non-rad). All are considered low-level and most likely minimum level activity. Radiological License should be provided with proposal to ensure it meets the low-level thresholds.

11. **QUESTION:** Will WRPS consider using NAICS code #561210 Facility Support Services or #562910 Site Remediation Services which are the same NAICS codes used for the current contracts on WSCF & 222-S respectively?

ANSWER: These NAICs codes are inclusive of additional activities besides just sample analysis, which is what this scope is for only, and our IH sample analysis activities are not classified in every case as site remediation activities.

12. **QUESTION:** Will WRPS consider establishing with the winning vendor a local (Tri-Cities) sample receiving office to reduce costs related to shipping, packaging, etc.?

ANSWER: A question more for DOE, as that would be added scope and funding issue not currently in our Prime scope.

13. **QUESTION:** Can the proposer subcontract any of the work scope?

ANSWER: Subcontracting will not work without our approval because any lab that performs sample analysis on behalf of WRPS will need to be deemed accredited and qualified prior to being able to receive samples and run analysis. Use of an affiliated lab, may not be considered subcontracting, however, all labs performing sample analysis work on behalf of WRPS will need to be approved for use by WRPS QA department.