

Questions and Responses – VA257-16-R-0050

Question: Does the Combined Synopsis/Solicitation under solicitation number VA257-16-R-0050 contain requirements similar to a current contract? If possible, please provide the current contract number. Or, is this a new requirement for the government?

Response: The services are similar to current contract number VA263-12-C-0004 at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, MN. The solicited requirement is not new for the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System; the services were last performed there in 2014.

Question: What is meant by Past Performance Evaluation?

Response: Prior to making a purchase or award a Contracting Officer must first make a determination of Contractor responsibility. See Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Part 9 – Contractor Qualifications. FAR 9.103(a) states that purchases shall be made from, and contracts shall be awarded to, responsible contractors only. (b) No purchase or award shall be made unless the contracting officer makes an affirmative determination of responsibility. Contracting Officers determinations of responsibility include Contractor conformance with the standards at FAR 9.104, which includes a satisfactory performance record. The government reviews the past performance of offerors by evaluating the records provided and those records found for the Contractor prior to making a determination of responsibility.

Question: What are the testing requirements for the Olympic Medical model 44 units (HEPA Leak, airflow, etc.)?

Response: The testing requirements for the Olympic Medical model 44 includes testing the efficacy of the HEPA filter, ensuring airflow remains laminar, and that the unit is maintaining the proper airflow, as per the manufacturers specifications.

Question: How many bacterial samples are needed in the cleanroom and how often? Currently it states bacterial sampling, monthly, quantity 12. Can we get a clarification on this? How many rooms to the cleanroom, hoods, etc.?

Question: On line items 1022 and 1023 you are requesting that bacterial and particle counting be done on the clean-room. The quantities on these item(s) only refer to how many times a year they are done; 12 (monthly) and 4 (quarterly) respectively.

How many clean-rooms are there? Typically, there would be at least an ante-room and clean-room (two rooms). This is important because the solicitation does not tell us how many samples need to be taken. If you want us to make that determination then we would need to know:

- How many rooms need to be sampled?
- Does this include hoods that need bacterial sampling (this is typically done with clean-rooms)?

Response: Monthly bacterial sampling is required. There are four (4) total samples that must be taken; two (2) fume hoods, inside one (1) clean room, inside one (1) anteroom.