

**RFQ: VA244-17-Q-0426**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Contractor Question / Comment</b>	<b>Government Response</b>
1	Will this project be 30 continuous days of asbestos abatement and monitoring? Or will the schedule be broken up?	No. The schedule will be broken up depending on the abatement contractor's schedule. As per the SOW, the duration of the contract will be "180 calendar days from the effective date of the contract."
2	Does this solicitation entails the VA Professional Industrial Hygienist (VPIH) role, i.e. will the on-site industrial hygiene technician be performing the VPIH duties during the abatement?	The Industrial Hygienist will not be performing the VPIH duties during the abatement.
3	Will the on-site industrial hygiene technician be performing only air monitoring services or performing abatement supervision on the abatement crew?	The Industrial Hygiene technician will only be performing air monitoring services IAW the SOW.
4	Is there any licensing requirement for the on-site industrial hygiene technician in order to perform the environmental background monitoring, environmental monitoring, and clearance monitoring? The State of Pennsylvania does not require any licensing for collecting air samples but require an asbestos supervisor license for supervision of abatement activities or crew.	Yes. The Industrial Hygienist technician shall be NIOSH 582 certified.
5	Has any abatement specifications for the removal of asbestos materials being issued or will be issued in the future?	Abatement specifications for the removal of asbestos materials has been issued to the abatement contractor.
6	Will there be any requirement of TEM clearance sampling after the removal of asbestos-containing materials in any phase of the project?	There is no requirement for TEM clearance sampling after the removal of asbestos-containing materials in any phase of the project.
7	What is the required sample turnaround time?	The Government requires samples to be read onsite within 2 hours of taking the sample.
8	Approximately how many work areas and final clearances for each of the; 1) Lab Reno area, and 2) Canteen Reno area.	The contractor shall provide 2 reports total; One final report for the Lab renovation area, and one final report for the Canteen renovation area.
9	If the requirement is for 30, eight-hour days, why is the pricing sheet based on number of samples and not on a daily rate?	Payments will be based on work performed and not on the time spend onsite.
10	Is there a rationale for 3 background, 3 environmental and 3 clearance samples per day?	This will depend on the project size. A maximum of three samples will be needed. Usually a sample is taken at the entrance, and two locations away from the project to judge staff exposure. Background Samples are taken before the

		work starts; environmental samples are taken during the project, and clearance samples are taken after the project is completed and before the site is turned back over to the medical center.
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