

STATEMENT OF WORK

Conduct qualitative respirator fit testing and respirator training. Industrial hygiene services to perform respiratory fit testing and training for N-95 particulate respirators and powered air purifying respirators (PAPR) at the University Drive and Heinz Facilities. The vendor awarded the contract will need to be available during the months of July through September at the discretion of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

There will be a total of sixteen (16) scheduled sessions throughout the two campuses of VA Pittsburgh Healthcare Center. The exact days will be provided on an as needed basis and at the discretion of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Each session will consist of an eight (8) hour period. A 30 minute break can be arranged in the middle for the vendor to be present for 8.5 hours. These sessions will start as early as 5:00 AM or end as late as 8:00 PM. These times are open sessions available for all employees to show up at any time. Vendor shall be capable of fit testing multiple employees at the same time. Potentially, an average of 20 employees could show up per hour. The vendor will need to be able to accommodate fit test times with as little as one week notification.

The fit testing and training must be conducted in accordance with NIOSH, the selection and use of Particulate Respirators, and OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.134 Respiratory Standards. The fit testing must be conducted using the saccharine solution protocol found within 1910.134 Appendix A. All supplies will be provided for fit testing by VAPHS including saccharine (sensitivity and fit test solutions), nebulizers, hoods, and respirators. Vendor should have taken the OSHA 2225 respiratory protection course or equivalent and provide certifications.

The training shall include the following topics: use of the respirators, donning and doffing, limitations and maintenance of its use.

Prior to fit testing, all employees are required to fill out the VAPHS forms. Then after fit testing, all forms need to be complete. These requirements will be supervised by the vendor. The vendor shall ensure all fields on the forms are filled out by the employees.

The VAPHS specific roster and sign-in sheet must be used by the vendor for those who attend the training. The sign-in sheets must be submitted to the Industrial Hygienist by the close of business the next day following the fit testing. A written report shall be provided to the Industrial Hygienist within 5 business days of completion of each eight hour session. In addition, a spreadsheet shall be sent to the COR with the names, service line, date of fit test, and size/type of respirator passed on.