

**RFI Questions and Government Responses.**  
**Solicitation # 36C25218Q9704**  
**550-18-106 Update Asbestos Baseline Survey**

1. The SOW Project Scope (1) (c) Refers to sampling previously identified Presumed ACM while (1) (d) refers to sampling previously identified non-ACM where there is reason to believe asbestos may be present.  
1.c. and 1.d. were edited to be more clear. 1.c. intent is to take a sample for any PACM (the word “previously” was taken out) that was not tested and shown to contain ACM, 1.d. intent is to verify PACM has been tested negative before taking a sample, so it has been moved to the ‘Asbestos Management Survey’ section; II.4.b.
2. Does VA have an estimate of the number of samples to be collected so that all contractors are bidding on a similar SOW or should a unit rate per sample be provided?  
We believe a good estimate for the number of samples is about 300. Please use the floor plans and Federal regulations to accurately determine appropriate number of samples for a given length or area per homogeneous area.
3. As discussed in the pre-bid conference, two buildings are not included in the previous survey data. Does the VA have an estimate of the number of samples to be collected for these buildings, or should a unit rate per sample be provided here as well?  
There are actually four buildings that are not included in the previous survey: 14, 19, 25, and 49. The SOW has been edited to show this more clearly. We estimate approximately 300 total samples would be taken for all buildings involved.
4. The SOW does not specify whether newly identified materials not included in the previous surveys are to be sampled. All references are to previously identified materials, regardless of asbestos content. Are newly identified materials to be sampled and does the VA have an estimate for the number of samples?  
Yes. Our intent is to have a complete survey, using the previous surveys and other documentation for reference only. Yes, newly identified PACM is to be sampled per Federal guidelines. See A. and B. for number of samples.
5. Regarding SOW Project Scope (4) (j) and (5) (a) – As discussed in the pre-bid conference, please verify that the Certified Asbestos Project Designer should be Management Planner and that the Project Designer is not a requirement of this project.  
This has been corrected. The only certification requirements are those identified in State and Federal requirements. For the survey inspection, an Illinois-licensed Asbestos Building Inspector is required. The Asbestos Project Designer is not a requirement and has been removed. See updated SOW.
6. The SOW is titled Update Asbestos Baseline Survey but Project Scope (II) says the contractor shall complete a baseline asbestos management survey. Is this a baseline survey or update to a baseline survey; this statement says update and then says baseline which one is correct?

It is titled 'Update Asbestos Baseline Survey' because we already have a baseline survey that has been updated several times through 2010. We would like for this new survey to incorporate the locations and test results for the still remaining ACM, but not by simply revising the old survey. This new survey will not incorporate the old documentation, but completely replace it. We need an easier way to track exact amounts and locations of ACM with an ability to update the documentation as ACM is abated. This new baseline survey would also include four additional buildings and a report with drawings that utilize the appropriate National CAD Standard. Our current Asbestos Survey is provided as a reference.

7. Can we have an update list of buildings and floors?

Yes, the SOW has been revised to show buildings and floors, including attics, basements, and crawlspaces.

8. Is roofing part of this survey?

Yes. Since roofing materials are a common source of asbestos, roofing materials are included. We have several old buildings that are not a part of the previous surveys.