

Questions – Answers

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Q1 We have a question regarding the Technical Rating in Annex C. For the following Factors, can you provide clarification regarding the term "article or report that has been published"?

Qualifications and Experience (45 points maximum)

- * The personnel proposed by the contractor possess the qualifications based on experience using and implementing the US EPAs Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems. One point will be awarded for each year of relevant experience up to 10 years. Five additional points will be awarded if the Bidder has experience with NAPS QA/QC related projects. (15)
- * The company has direct experience in similar projects. One half point will be awarded for each related ambient air QA/QC article or report that has been published, up to 30. (15)
- * The project team proposed has direct experience in similar projects. One point will be awarded for each related ambient air quality analysis article or report that has been published by project team members, up to 15. (15)

As a private sector firm we have produced hundreds of 'project reports' that pertain to ambient air quality and QA/QC but not 'refereed journal articles'. Would a listing of project reports written for private sector clients satisfy these requirements?

Q1 Under the statement of work, task 3 requires an on-site technical systems audit. Is there a preference as to the station where this will be performed or will the contractor be able to select a nearby NAPS station to perform this? You can appreciate that if this requires significant travel, it will put some contractors at a disadvantage to others.

Answers

- A 1** If the reports written for private sector clients are not publicly available, the bidder would need to provide sufficient details of the scope of work completed in each paper cited in order to evaluate whether these reports are relevant to the statement of work.
- A 2** We will try to accommodate the Contractor's preferred locations for conducting the audit but the timing and availability of audit locations will need to be negotiated and approved by the corresponding NAPS agency..
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