

Solicitation 1000195041 – Journal Review

Q&A #1 to #5

Question #1:

As a general rule, Freelancer IS experts generally only access the free databases, like PubMed (Medline), Cochrane, etc. and do not have access to Embase, as it is costly to use. Is searching of Embase is expected?

Answer #1:

Embase may be among the electronic databases searched as part of projects under task authorizations. Searches in databases requiring subscription such as Embase may be executed by the Health Library of Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada, search results would then be delivered to the contract personnel via Refworks and/or DistillerSR.

Question #2:

Is access to RefWorks required? If so, is PHAC able to make this available to the team working on the contract, or will they have to have their own access?

Answer #2:

RefWorks is required. The Public Health Agency of Canada will provide access to RefWorks to contract personnel working on projects under task authorizations.

Question #3:

Will the PHAC library provide the articles that we request, or does the team performing the work have to buy them? This could get quite costly for those who do not have institutional access to literature.

Answer #3:

The Health Library of Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada will provide full-text of articles for projects under task authorizations.

Question #4:

Will the team be able to use PHAC's Distiller account?

Answer #4:

Yes, access to DistillerSR may be provided to select contract personnel working on projects under task authorizations.

Question #5:

How many reviews will be required each year?

Answer #5:

Two or three literature reviews on vaccines and related topics are expected each year, depending on scope and needs.