



**AB617 Pollutant Monitoring Project
(New River, Calexico, CA)
Questions and Answers
November 19, 2020**



- 1. Question:** Does the District already have a particular location in mind? This could aid in costing out power drops and other assorted preparation tasks.

Response: The final selected location will need to be in close proximity to the New River, within the City of Calexico, and adjacent to the United States-Mexico International Border or the Nosotros Park/Little League Field.

- 2. Question:** It seems the District is interested in continuous data for ammonia and hydrogen sulfide while VOC and PCB data would be obtained through discrete sampling. Is this the correct interpretation?

Response: The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) is interested in continuous data for ammonia and hydrogen sulfide. The Proposer should explore both avenues of monitoring for VOC's, fugitive and discrete. As for PCB data collection, discrete sampling should follow all federal guidelines found under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulation § 761 in general and specifically Subparts A, N, O, P, Q, R, and T.

- 3. Question:** For VOCs, are there any particular compounds the District is interested in or should we assume a standard TO-15 analysis?

Response: Using Method TO-15 only analyzes a subset of the EPA modified list of HAPS of 187. In total this method looks at 97 volatile organic compounds. It would be in the best interest of the Proposer to include the analysis using Method TO-15 and the methods necessary to collect all the 187. This will provide a rounded point of discussion for ICAPCD staff. The Proposer should keep Compendium Method TO-14A and the list of VOC's in the EPA's Contract Laboratory Program in mind when writing up the proposal, since these are used for superfund sites.

For EPA's List of HAPS, please follow this link: <https://www.epa.gov/haps/initial-list-hazardous-air-pollutants-modifications>.

- 4. Question:** For PCBs, are there any particular aroclors the District is interested in?

Response: At this point the Proposer should look to the requirements of Title 40 CFR §761.61 and concentrate on those aroclors mixtures that are associated with Subparts A, N, O, P, Q, R, and T.

- 5. Question:** Is the proposer responsible for providing a climate-controlled shelter for housing the instruments?

Response: Yes; the Proposer is responsible for providing a climate-controlled shelter for housing and securing the instruments.



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6. **Question:** Is the proposer responsible for supplying power to the station, or is line power available?

Response: Yes; the Proposer is responsible for supplying power to the station. Also, line power may or may not be available depending on the final selected location for this monitoring project.

7. **Question:** Has a monitoring location been pre-determined, or is the proposer responsible for selecting a location?

Response: A monitoring location has not been pre-determined. The final selected location will need to be in close proximity to the New River, within the City of Calexico, and adjacent to the United States-Mexico International Border or the Nosotros Park/Little League Field. While there will always be considerations for the functionality of the monitoring location that is selected, the final decision will be made by the ICAPCD on the on the selected location.

8. **Question:** *Will there be multiple monitoring locations during the 6-month period?*

Response: No; the intent is to setup the temporary monitoring platform at one (1) location during the 6-month period of this monitoring project.

9. **Question:** The RFP does not mention monitoring site selection or providing power to the monitoring equipment. Therefore, we assume the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (District) will select and provide the site, and will provide the power connection and pay the power bill for the monitoring - is that correct?

Response: The Proposer is responsible for providing the power and costs associated with powering the monitoring equipment.

10. **Question:** Do you have the exact location or a more-specific area for the monitoring site?

Response: The final selected location will need to be in close proximity to the New River, within the City of Calexico, and adjacent to the United States-Mexico International Border or the Nosotros Park/Little League Field.

11. **Question:** Will the ultimate contract for this work be of the fixed-price or time-and-materials type? Can you provide an example contract for this project for us to review before submitting our proposal?

Response: The contract for the work carried out by the Proposer for this monitoring project will be a time-and-materials type of funding agreement. Given the specific goals and parameters of this project, an example contract is not available at this time. The final contract will be drafted by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) after a proposal is selected.



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12. Question:

Since the RFP requests us to submit our costs using the Contractor Cost Sheet in Exhibit B, can you provide an Excel version of the Contractor Cost Sheet or do you want us to use the Word version?

Response: The Proposer will submit costs using the Contractor Cost Sheet in Exhibit B, which is in the Microsoft Word format.