

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

An Invitation for bid for
Purchase and Delivery of Scientific, Specialty, Liquid and Industrial Gases

New York State Department of Health
Wadsworth Center

IFB No. 1306260840

Questions and Answers

1) What is the average number of deliveries per day?

The information in section B. Background - Current Utilization - will have to suffice.

The WC purchases approximately 1,210 liquid gas cylinders, 22,000 gallons of liquid nitrogen in bulk, and 1,800 industrial, scientific and specialty gases cylinders annually. There are approximately 2,400 orders placed annually.

The volume/usage totals provided are based on previous years purchasing and are meant to be representative of volumes/types purchased. The totals do not represent a commitment or guarantee to utilize a specific quantity of cylinders or the purchase of any specific quantity of industrial gas.

2) When the new contract starts how will the change out of the old vendors gas cylinders on hand work, all at once?

Please refer to the Invitation for Bid:

C. **DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS**
b. **Delivery, Return and Transition**

In particular the eighth bullet states:

- ***The transition period during which the previous vendor's cylinders will be in the WC facilities will be significant. The vendor awarded this contract will be responsible for moving the previous vendor's empty cylinders from the laboratories/work areas and delivering them to and safely securing them in a designated staging area at each facility.***
 - ***This will be done each time the delivery person sees a cylinder marked as empty and whenever a request is received from the WC Contract Manager or designee.***

3) In the section titled Proposal Requirements on page 8 it states Attachment 9 needs to be completed. We cannot seem to locate this attachment within the document or on the website. Can you please let us know if we need to complete Attachment 9 and if so where we can find the document?

Attachment 9 was eliminated and will not be a requirement.

4) In addition to this, we do not have Attachments #7 and #8. Do these exist and if so where can we find them?

There are no Attachments #7 or #8 for this Invitation for Bid.

In reference to Attachment 8 please note that IFB Section D. *Mandatory Site Visit, Proposal Requirements and Method of Award; 2. Proposal Requirements; Bullet c.* erroneously refers to Attachment 8. The reference to Attachment 8 has been eliminated – the corrected IFB section is shown below:

- c. *Submission of Attachment 6, Gas Bid Market Basket Sheet. Bidders must provide a price for all products in sizes and quantities exactly as listed. ~~in Attachment 8.~~ Bids that do not include a price for all products will be disqualified. Bids which add alternative products, quantities or sizes will be disqualified.***

5) What size is the Bulk Liquid Nitrogen tank (gallons) at the David Axelrod Institute?

The bulk liquid nitrogen tank at the David Axelrod Institute holds 1500 gallons.

6) Do you own the Bulk Liquid Nitrogen Tank at the David Axelrod Institute?

The Wadsworth Center owns the bulk liquid nitrogen tank at the David Axelrod Institute.

7) If you do not own the Bulk Liquid Nitrogen Tank, is there a facility fee or monthly fee for the tank?

The Wadsworth Center owns the bulk liquid nitrogen tank at the David Axelrod Institute.

8) Who is responsible for maintaining the Liquid Nitrogen filling station (scales, hoses other equipment)?

The Wadsworth Center is responsible for maintaining the Liquid Nitrogen filling station, scales, hoses and other equipment.

9) What is the current method for placing your orders at all facilities?

**Orders are emailed to the contract vendor throughout the day.
Monday – Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00PM, excluding state holidays**