

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### BIOSAFETY LEVEL 4 (BSL-4) & ANIMAL BSL-4 SUIT LABORATORIES: PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION SERVICES

#### RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

##### QUESTION 1:

**Are persons or companies who currently work at or for Boston University or Boston Medical Center in any capacity (such as an employee, consultant, contractor, researcher, etc.) eligible to apply?**

##### ANSWER:

*Current employment or professional relationship with Boston University or Boston Medical Center in any capacity (such as an employee, consultant, contractor, researcher, etc.) may create an actual or perceived conflict of interest, which must be evaluated during the proposal review process. Applicants must disclose any current working relationship with Boston University or Boston Medical Center and may be asked to answer additional questions from BPHC's General Counsel's Office.*

##### QUESTION 2:

**The Scope of Service section of the Request for Proposal does not include one or more specific aspects of the Performance Verification (PV) process for a Biosafety Level 4 and Animal Biosafety Level 4 - Suit laboratory, such as Pressure Decay Testing.**

**Was this requirement omitted deliberately or should it be added in the Scope of Service as part of the RFP?**

##### ANSWER:

*The RFP is for a consultant who will assist BPHC in reviewing the documents/records of BU NEIDL's own annual performance verification process, and to assist BPHC in reviewing the mechanical systems (including physical assessment and maintenance records review) during the BLS-4/ABSL-4 Lab inspections. The successful consultant will not be required to conduct a performance verification of the BU NEIDL BSL-4/ABSL-4 Labs.*