1.0 CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS

1.1 To ensure the highest standard of care is maintained at all times, only those firms with established reputations for quality workmanship in the field of asbestos consulting, design, inspection, and testing shall be considered for work at any University of Manitoba owned or occupied facility.

1.2 Before a firm may be considered for work at any University of Manitoba owned or occupied facility, they must first be able to demonstrate compliance with each of the requirements as set out below or as may reasonably be requested of them, by the University, as part of any request for proposal or similar solicitation of services.

2.0 EXPERIENCE

2.1 The firm, as well as all senior project officers, consultants and any supervisory staff, who may have occasion to offer services in association with the firm’s involvement at the University, must have a minimum of five (5) years prior experience in the field of asbestos control and remediation.

2.2 The firm’s senior project officer or consultant assigned to any project involving the design and preparation of any project specific specifications, drawings, etc., shall furnish evidence of having provided similar services in association with a minimum of five (5) other projects of similar size and complexity.

2.3 All senior project officers, consultants, any supervisory staff and all project inspectors must hold a recognized certificate proving attendance at an asbestos management course of a minimum three (3) day duration.

2.4 All project inspectors must have a minimum of three (3) years experience in the field of asbestos control and remediation and must also have performed inspection and air monitoring services on a minimum of five (5) other asbestos abatement projects of similar size and complexity.

3.0 CAPABILITIES OF THE FIRM

3.1 To avoid any unnecessary delay in the work, the firm must be capable of providing an experienced and duly accredited technician on site for the analysis of all PCM air samples as performed following the NIOSH 7400 test method. In such instances, the results of any air sampling must be available to all parties within two (2) hours of the sample being collected.

3.2 The firm must be able to successfully demonstrate its ability, and willingness, to staff the project with sufficient, and duly qualified staff members, when and as required, so as to avoid any possible delay to the performance of the work.

3.3 All supervisory staff, in addition to the firm’s senior project officer or consultant assigned to the project, must be able to be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day a week basis, to respond to any emergencies that may arise.

3.4 The firm must also be able to demonstrate its ability to provide competent asbestos related consulting services including, put not limited to the following items.

   .1 Comprehensive asbestos surveys.
   .2 Collection of air, bulk, and surface dust samples.
   .3 Detailed risk assessments.
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.4 Preparation of site specific recommendations concerning any required remedial action.

.5 Preparation of site specific specifications, drawings, etc.

.6 Project management and administration.

.7 Inspection of active asbestos abatement work.

4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE

4.1 All services provided by the firm, including any inspection or air monitoring services, shall be under the supervision of a Registered Occupational Hygienist (ROH) who shall be responsible for the firm’s quality assurance program and final interpretation of all air sampling and any other test data.

4.2 The firm, as well as the individual technician performing any bulk sample analysis, shall be accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), for selected test methods for the identification of asbestos in bulk samples.

4.3 The firm, as well as the individual technician performing the analysis of any air samples by Phase Contrast Microscopy (PCM) shall be accredited by one or more of the following agencies.

.1 The American Industrial Hygiene Association’s Asbestos Analysts Registry (AIHA AAR).

.2 The Institut de recherché Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST).

4.4 Programs, such as the American Industrial Hygiene Association’s Proficiency Analytical Test Program (AIHA PAT), that qualifies the lab only, are not acceptable.

5.0 INSURANCE

5.1 In addition to providing evidence of coverage for any General Civil Liability Insurance, Property Damage Liability or Automobile Insurance policies requested of them, by the University, the firm must also have in place, an Errors and Omissions policy, endorsed to provide coverage for pollution or discharge of pollutants to air, soil, or water, including asbestos, with a minimum coverage of $5,000,000.00 per occurrence.