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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING TECHNOLOGIES ASSESSMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

In May 2015, the Department of Defense (DoD) Joint Biological Tactical Detection System (JBTDS) program office selected the Chemring Detection Systems (Charlotte, NC) ATHINA platform for its suite of technologies. The suite consists of a modular set of aerosol detector, collector, and identifier components. Before the award, the JBTDS program office engaged its combat developers and recognized a desire, particularly for those from the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) and the Marine Corps communities, to include sample surface collection requirements and near-real-time presumptive identification capabilities. To help determine how to meet this potential need, a request for information (RFI) was issued to solicit input from both industry and federal vendors. The RFI, titled W911SR-15-ESSRFI, was posted on 12 March 2015 and closed on 10 April 2015.

This RFI received responses from nine industrial vendors and one government vendor. The responses ranged from technologies for collection or identification only to integrated collection and identification technologies. To evaluate and categorize the submissions, a subject matter expert (SME) panel, consisting of eight members from across the biodefense community, convened on 12 May 2015 at U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. The SME panel represented a variety of disciplines including end-users, CBRNE trainers, and biological and chemical specialists. This report summarizes the SME panel assessment of the submitted technologies with regard to their applicability to JBTDS.

The analysis was based on the RFI responses and the SME knowledge and experience. The analysis of each technology was captured in a criteria table (Table 1) that categorizes and scores a comprehensive list of attributes including physical characteristics (e.g., size, weight, etc.) and performance characteristics (e.g., ease of use, JBTDS compatibility, etc.). Each technology was analyzed using an adjustable scoring matrix that was specific to the needs of the JBTDS program. This scoring matrix was designed to assess the time from collection to identification, number of biological warfare agent (BWA) targets, size, JBTDS identifier compatibility, ease of use, maturity, and consumable storage requirements. The JBTDS program placed an emphasis on technologies with both surface collection and integration with an identification device to minimize human interface. The customer need was also driven by the need for operation in mission-oriented protective posture (MOPP) IV and for compatibility with the JBTDS identifier.

Although the SME panel scored technologies based on their fit into the JBTDS program needs, the criteria table clearly shows how these scores and the weight applied to each specific attribute were obtained. This was important because the requirements of sample collection and rapid biological identification missions are usually unique. By breaking out the scoring weight, also known as the “attribute weight”, it is the hope of the panel that this analysis might serve as a foundation for other Federal agencies that seek to advance their capabilities in these areas.

2. COMPANY SUBMISSIONS

2.1 Alexeter Technologies Rapid Assessment Initial Detection (RAID) 8 Kit

Vendor: Alexeter Technologies,
LLC; Wheeling, IL
Phone: 877.591.5571
Website: www.alexeter.com

The Alexeter Technologies RAID 8 bioterror detection kit (Figure 1) is used to screen environmental samples for the simultaneous evaluation of eight biological threat agents. The RAID 8 is a multichannel, lateral-flow immunochromatographic device that is partnered with the Alexeter collection swab for sample collection.

The Alexeter RAID 8 kit is a straight-forward, surface-sampling device that simplifies the process from that used with the current DoD biological sampling kit. It reduces the number of inoculation points from eight to two. As noted by the SME panel, the small size of the RAID 8 kit makes it suitable for carrying in tactical situations and amenable for analyzing samples while wearing MOPP IV gear. A disadvantage of the system is that the collection and identification processes are not integrated into one unit. The SME panel was also concerned with the volume available for downstream analysis. Table 1 outlines the overall score of the RAID 8 kit.



Figure 1. Alexeter RAID 8 kit.

Table 1. Alexeter Technologies RAID 8 Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	15	10	100	100
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	no. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	8	7	70	70
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	<2	10	100	200
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	45 g	10	100	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					7 × 0.5 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					9 × 6 × 0.25 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDS Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	<1	1	10	80
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDS uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDS combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Separate	7	70	310
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	No leakage	10	100	
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	

PBS: phosphate buffer solution; N/A: not applicable; PPE: personal protective equipment

Table 1. Alexeter Technologies RAID 8 Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	110
	Federal/defense availability	10	National stock number (NSN) availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal System	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency System	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					None	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					None	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					None	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL													920

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ANP Technologies Nano Intelligent Detection System (NIDS)

Vendor: ANP Technologies, Inc.;
Newark, DE
Phone: 302.283.1730
Website: www.anptinc.com

The ANP Technologies, Inc. NIDS rapid biothreat detection system (Figure 2) is used to detect BWAs in environmental samples. Three five-plex* NIDS assays that cover 11 BWA targets and a handheld reader are fielded by the U.S. Army SOCOM, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and National Guard units within 50 states in the United States. These targets include *Bacillus anthracis* spores, vaccinia (smallpox), botulinum A toxin, ricin toxin, staphylococcal enterotoxin B (SEB) toxin, *Yersinia pestis*, *Coxiella burnetii*, *Brucella* spp., Venezuelan equine encephalitis (VEE), and *Vibrio cholerae*. These assays demonstrate true multiplex capability, high sensitivity, low false-positive rates, and no hook effect. All of these results have been fully validated by a third party.

The base technology that ANP staff utilize in the NIDS multiplexed assays is termed “nanomanipulation” or the use of surface-modified dendritic polymer scaffolds to improve lateral-flow assay performance for the detection of target pathogens or protein biomarkers in liquid matrices. The nanomanipulation technology provides a dramatic increase in the sensitivity of the assays and virtually eliminates false-positive responses from nonspecific binding reactions. The system also includes an automated handheld reader capable of reading and analyzing the assays under all lighting conditions and then storing the results as an electronic record. The SME panel was concerned about decontaminating the reader after exposure to a BWA without losing functionality of the electronic device. Table 2 outlines the overall score of the NIDS assays.

* Plex, multiplex (a type of assay that simultaneously measures multiple analytes).



Figure 2. ANP Technologies NIDS instrument.

Table 2. ANP Technologies NIDS Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	15	10	100	100
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	no. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	5	7	70	70
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	1	10	100	110
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	10.1	1	10	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					2 × 2 × 8 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					5 × 4 × 2.5 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	7	10	100	170
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Separate	7	70	250
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	No leakage	10	100	

Table 2. ANP Technologies NIDS Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Ease of Use	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	250
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	110
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info Only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					SAR reader collection materials and buffer	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					3 AA	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					6 h	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												860	

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BBI Detection BWA Integrated Multiplex Assay and Sampling System (IMASS) Instrument

Vendor: BBI Detection; Madison, WI
Phone: 608.310.4105
Website: www.bbidedetection.com

The BBI Detection BWA IMASS (Figure 3) is a handheld, portable instrument that consists of a set of eight lateral-flow immunoassays (LFIs) positioned radially within a cylindrical holder. The device runs eight tests simultaneously from one sample and provides results for all eight biothreat agents (*B. anthracis*, ricin toxin, *Francisella tularensis*, *Y. pestis* [Plague], *Burkholderia mallei*, *Brucella* spp., botulinum toxins A and B, and SEB) in 15 min. The multiple-LFI IMASS housing was designed to cause little-to-no impact on sensitivity over a similar single-LFI test that involves a more simplistic housing. All tests are standard sandwich LFIs. One benefit of the IMASS instrument is that the collection and identification are integrated into one unit. The robust and rugged ergonomic design makes the BWA IMASS instrument easy to use, even when wearing MOPP IV gear. The device is easily decontaminated by immersion after sampling because the sample is fully contained. BBI Detection personnel claim that a technology update of the original BWA IMASS instrument, the NG IMASS instrument, is in development (Technology Readiness Level-6) and will contain 10–12 LFI strips. The current version of the IMASS used British-developed assays, but BBI Detection personnel claim that the NG IMASS instrument will be compatible with Critical Reagent Program LFI strips.

The SME panel determined that the BWA IMASS instrument had a strong potential for utility in a surface collection and identification mission. The integrated sampler and identification technology significantly reduces the manipulation efforts needed by a user wearing MOPP IV. The SME panel expressed a concern that only minimal amounts of fluid sample could be extracted from the IMASS instrument for follow-on analysis with the JBTDS identifier. In addition, the buffer for the current BWA IMASS instrument was provided in a dropper bottle that was separate from the integrated sampler and identifier. Table 3 outlines the overall score of the IMASS instrument.



Figure 3. BBI IMASS instrument.

Table 3. BBI Detection BWA IMASS Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	15	10	100	100
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	no. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	8	7	70	70
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0.2	10	100	200
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0.2	10	100	
	Collector Size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					5 × 2 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only						N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	1.4	7	70	140
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Integrated	10	100	400
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Easy	10	100	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No Leakage	10	100	None	10	100	

Table 3. BBI Detection BWA IMASS Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Ease of Use	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Easy	10	100	400
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	110
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal System	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency System	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					PBS bottle	N/A	N/A	Info Only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs. Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					No	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					\$130.00	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					\$127.00	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					3 in. ²	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												1070	

2.4

BioMatrix Sciences InnovaPrep and Biomeme One3 Systems

Vendor: BioMatrix Sciences, Inc.;
Rancho Santa Fe, CA
Phone: 508.451.4444
Website: www.biomatrixsciences.com

The BioMatrix Sciences InnovaPrep (Figure 4) handheld instrument is a manually operated, universal extraction kit that is specifically designed for the extraction, cleanup, and concentration of biological agents from surface liquids, powders, and debris. For identification, the InnovaPrep is paired with the Biomeme one3 instrument, which is a simple-to-use handheld, quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) device that delivers results in 45 min or less. A disadvantage of the system is that the collection and identification processes are not integrated into one unit. Concern was also expressed regarding operation of the smartphone-based Biomeme one3 while individuals are wearing MOPP IV gear. Table 4 outlines the overall score of the InnovaPrep system.

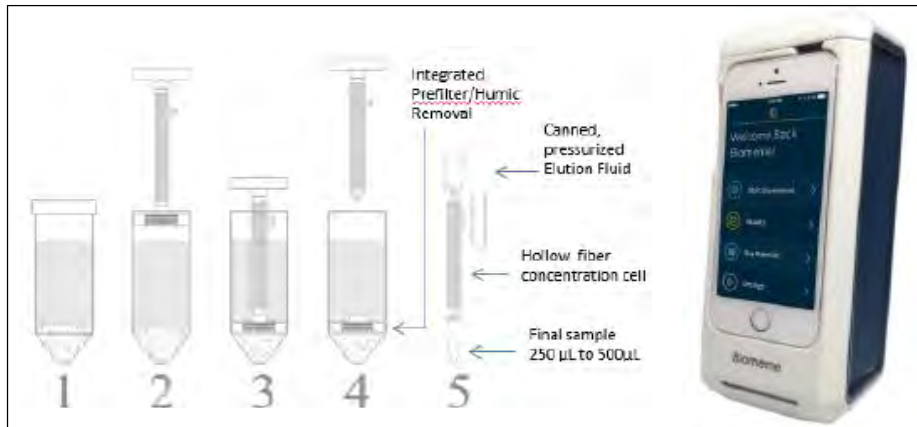


Figure 4. BioMatrix Sciences Innovaprep and Biomeme one3 systems.

Table 4. BioMatrix Sciences InnovaPrep and Biomeme One3 Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score	
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)		
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20-45	≤20	10	100	>45	1	10	10	
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	no. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	6	7	70	70	
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2-5	<2	10	100	<1	10	100	200	
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2-5	<2	10	100	<1	10	100		
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only						2 × 2 × 8 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only						5.25 × 2.5 × 1.5 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1-6	>6	10	100	6 mL	7	70	140	
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70		
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Separate	7	70	160	
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70		
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	Likely leaks	1	10		

Table 4. BioMatrix Sciences InnovaPrep/Biomeme One3 Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Ease of Use	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	110
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					PCR reagents	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Collector is single use	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/No	Informational only					Battery	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					8 runs	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					Instrument is \$5–8.5k; Assays are \$19/test	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					Unknown	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL 740													

2.5

InnovaPrep Rapid Filter Elution Kit

Vendor: InnovaPrep, LLC;
Drexel, MO
Phone: 816.619.3375
Website: www.innovaprep.com

The InnovaPrep Rapid Filter Elution kit (Figure 5) is a user-friendly disposable device that can be used for a variety of environmental sample types, including solids, powders, liquids, soils, insects, liquids, and surfaces. The device provides sample cleanup and concentration and is compatible with many identifier platforms, including PCR, immunoassay, LFI, other immunoassays, gene sequencing, culturing, flow cytometry, and many other classical microbiology and rapid methods. One disadvantage of the system is that it is used for collection only. Table 5 outlines the overall score of the Rapid Filter Elution kit.



Figure 5. InnovaPrep Rapid Filter Elution kit.

Table 5. InnovaPrep Rapid Filter Elution Kit Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	0	0	0	0
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	No. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	0	0	0	0
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	8 oz	10	100	100
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0	0	0	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					11 × 6 × 4 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	6	7	70	170
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	Tris	10	100	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Only collection	1	10	160
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No Leakage	10	100	Leaks	1	10	
	MOPP IV operable	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	

Table 5. InnovaPrep Rapid Filter Elution Kit Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	110
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					Buffer	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					No	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					\$19.90	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												590	

2.6

Meso Scale Diagnostics (MSD) Cartridge Reader

Vendor: Meso Scale Diagnostics, LLC; Rockville, MD
Phone: 240.314.2600
Website: www.mesoscale.com

The MSD cartridge reader platform (Figure 6) is a compact, portable instrument that processes single-use cartridges to perform multiplexed immunoassay identification on environmental and clinical samples. The new instrument platform utilizes the MSD Multi-Array technology, which combines sensitive electrochemiluminescence detection with array-based measurements that are made on carbon ink surfaces. The instrument can process a wide variety of sample types and is targeted at applications such as biothreat detection, biodosimetry, infectious disease diagnostics, and clinical biomarker measurements. Table 6 outlines the overall score of the MSD cartridge reader.



Figure 6. MSD cartridge reader.

Table 6. MSD Cartridge Reader Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor Supplied Information			Overall Score	
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)		
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	20–25	7	70	70	
	Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	no. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	20	10		100
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	<2	10	100	110	
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	17.5	1	10		
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only						N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only						9 × 8 × 14 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDS Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	0	1	10	80	
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDS uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70		
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDS combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Separate	7	70	250	
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10		
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks		No leakage	10	100	No leakage	10	100		
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70		

Table 6. MSD Cartridge Reader Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	<6 months	7	70	80
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					Pipette or swab	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	2–8	7	35	35
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					4 runs	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												725	

2.7

Q-linea Aquila 1000 Instrument

Vendor: Q-linea AB; Uppsala, Sweden
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Website: www.qlinea.com

The Q-linea Aquila 1000 instrument (Figure 7) can provide fully automated, 24/7, random-access monitoring of biothreat agents in the air. The Aquila platform is currently configured for spore detection, but it can be adapted for identification of bacteria, viruses, and toxins in the same sample with state-of-the-art sensitivity. No sampling-collection instrument was proposed by the vendor to be used in conjunction with this identification technology. Table 7 outlines the overall score of the Aquila 1000 instrument.



Figure 7. Q-linea Aquila 1000 instrument.

Table 7. Q-linea Aquila 1000 Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	>45	1	10	10
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	No. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	>10	10	100	100
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0	0	0	10
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	>5	1	10	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	0	0	0	0
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	0	0	0	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Only identification	1	10	130
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	No leaks	10	100	
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10	

Table 7. Q-linea Aquila 1000 Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	6 months to 1 year	7	70	80
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					PCR reagents	N/A	N/A	Info Only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	2–8	7	35	35
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Instrument is multiple use	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					110 or 240V	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												365	

2.8

QuickSilver Analytics All-In-One Sample Collection Swab

Vendor: QuickSilver Analytics
Inc.; Abingdon, MD
Phone: 410.676.4300
Website: www.chembiokits.com

Personnel using the QuickSilver Analytics all-in-one sample collection swab device (Figure 8) are able to perform sample analysis while wearing MOPP IV gear. A disadvantage of the system is that it is used for collection only. The SME panel also had a concern with the volume that was available for downstream analysis. Table 8 outlines the overall score of the all-in-one sample collection swab.



Figure 8. QuickSilver Analytics all-in-one sample collection swab.

Table 8. QuickSilver Analytics All-In-One Sample Collection Swab Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	0	0	0	0
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	no. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	0	0	0	0
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	2 oz	10	100	100
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0	0	0	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					7 × 0.5 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	0.6	1	10	80
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Only collection	1	10	250
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	No leakage	10	100	
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	

Table 8. QuickSilver Analytics All-In-One Sample Collection Swab Criteria Table (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	> 1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	110
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN Unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					None	N/A	N/A	Info Only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration, high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs Multi-Use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					\$31.17	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												590	

2.9 QuickSilver Analytics Biological Sampling Kit (BiSKit)

The QuickSilver Analytics BiSKit (Figure 9) is designed to sample surfaces for bacteria, viruses, and toxins and to deliver a sample in a liquid with sufficient volume for extensive testing and archiving. This kit is designed to minimize cross-contamination when multiple samples are taken, to be transportable following sampling, and to safely capture the liquid sample in a collection vial that can dispense fluid drop-wise for analysis. A disadvantage of the system is that it is used for collection only. Table 9 outlines the overall score of the BiSKit.



Figure 9. QuickSilver Analytics BiSKit.

Table 9. QuickSilver Analytics BiSKit Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	0	0	0	0
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	No. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	0	0	0	0
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	10 oz.	10	100	100
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0	0	0	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					6.5 × 7 × 2.5 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	>6	10	100	170
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Collection only	1	10	100
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	Leaks	1	10	
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10	

Table 9. QuickSilver Analytics BiSKit Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	170
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Federal stock number	7	70	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					Buffer	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/No	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					\$55.21	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					10 ft ²	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												590	

2.10 QuickSilver Analytics Bulk Bio Collection (B2C) Kit

The QuickSilver Analytics B2C kit (Figure 10) meets Method A of *Standard Practices for Bulk Sample Collection and Swab Sample Collection of Visible Powders Suspecting of Being Biological Agents from Nonporous Surfaces*, ASTM International (West Conshohocken, PA) standard E2458-10. A disadvantage of the system is that it is used for collection only. Table 10 outlines the overall score of the B2C kit.



Figure 10. QuickSilver Analytics B2C kit.

Table 10. QuickSilver Analytics B2C Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	0	0	0	0
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	No. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	0	0	0	0
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	12 oz	10	100	100
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0	0	0	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					13 × 14 × 4 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	>6	10	100	170
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	PBS	7	70	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Collection only	1	10	250
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	No leakage	10	100	
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Moderate	7	70	

Table 10. QuickSilver Analytics B2C Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score	
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)		
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	Immediate	10	100	110	
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10		
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only						Bags, chain of custody form, tubes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50	
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only						Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only						No	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only						N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only						\$34.70	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only						N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only						Yes, bulk material	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only						Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												680		

2.11

SRC Aklus Shield Kit

Vendor: SRC, Inc.; Syracuse, NY
Phone: 315.452.8000
Website: www.srcinc.com

The SRC Aklus Shield collection consumable kit (Figure 11) consists of an InnovaPrep filter, elution container, elution lid, and elution fluid. Electret filters, produced from dielectric polymer fibers, develop an electrical charge that substantially increases the collection efficiency of the filter. The 52 mm electret filter can also be used as a manual surface wipe to extract particles from all types of surfaces and absorb unknown liquids. The Aklus Shield system can also be used to sample debris, soil, or vegetation.

For this study, SRC personnel submitted a separate identifier, which is a re-engineered Biomeme PCR identifier, and integrated five of the three-well thermal cyclers together into an environmentally hardened case. The SRC staff also extended the operational temperature of the Biomeme system so that it will work from freezing (32 °F) to hot (104 °F) environments. The identifier was also hardened to survive the other challenges of a military environment, such as shock, vibration, and electromagnetic interference.

Although this system uses five independently controllable thermal cyclers with their associated smart phones, the operator has to push only a single button to start the analysis. The center iPhone camera is used to read a barcode on the assay pack to automatically set each thermal cycler core temperature–time profile and to identify the assays are in each well. The extremely simple operation of the SRC Aklus Shield device, its small size and easy-to-carry configuration, and assays that require no sample cleanup, all combine to support multiple identification runs at any location in the operational area by a single operator. With this 15-well design, the system can simultaneously run assays for 10 targets with controls. In the case of the JBTDS program, these 10 targets included six qPCR assays, one reverse transcriptase-qPCR (RT-qPCR) assay, and three toxin assays. The identifier in the SRC system can be configured to meet user needs. Table 11 outlines the overall score of the Aklus Shield kit.

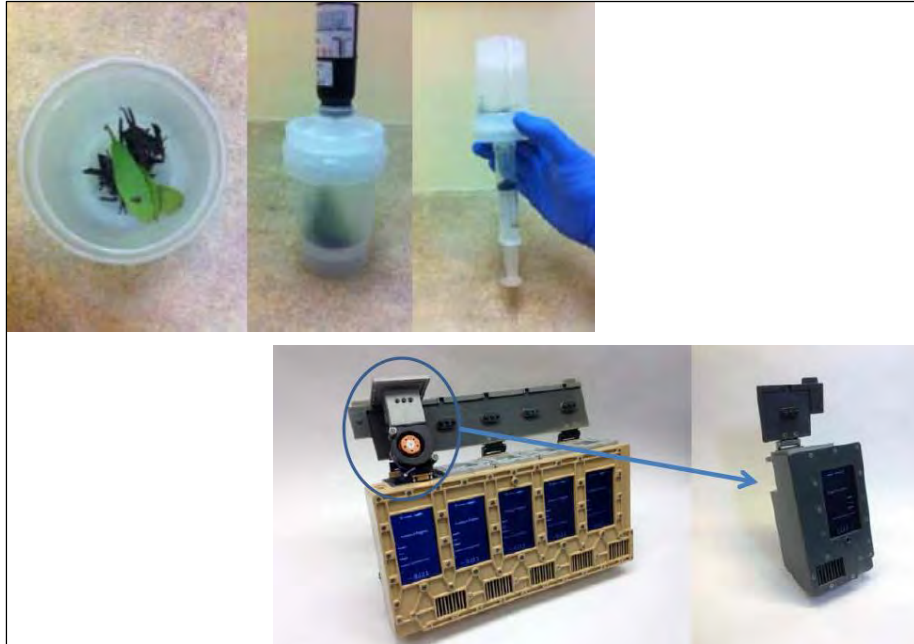


Figure 11. SRC Aklus Shield kit.

Table 11. SRC Aklus Shield Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score	
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)		
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20-45	≤20	10	100	>45	1	10	10	
Number of Targets per Sample	Multiplex capability	10	Number of targets per identification run	No. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	10	10	100	100	
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2-5	<2	10	100	8 oz	10	100	200	
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2-5	<2	10	100	<2	10	100		
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only						11 × 6 × 4 in.	N/A	N/A	Info Only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only						4 × 4 × 7.5 in.	N/A	N/A	Info Only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1-6	>6	10	100	6	7	70	170	
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	Tris or PBS	10	100		
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Separate	7	70	100	
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10		
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	Leaks	1	10		
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Difficult	1	10		

Table 11. SRC Aklus Shield Criteria (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	6 months	7	70	80
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					PCR assays	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration, high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2-8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/ multi	Informational only					Collector is single use	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					Battery	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					4 runs	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					\$19.90	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of Surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling Area Size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected.	ft ²	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												710	

2.12

U.S. Army Mano Sampling Kit

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The U.S. Army Mano sampling kit device (Figure 12) facilitates biological sampling by personnel using a single hand. The fundamental design of the kit greatly simplifies surface-sampling tasks performed while wearing MOPP gear in a hazardous environment. A major advantage of this one-handed sampling device is that after completing the surface-sampling, the device is easily turned inside out to become its own transport container, thus accelerating sampling tasks and reducing waste. The kit was designed to sample a variety of surface types and uses buffers that are known to be compatible with current DoD detection technologies. This sampling kit is versatile because it can be used to collect samples from traditional surfaces (e.g., wood, tile, plastic, steel, concrete, glass, and plastic), and it is capable of absorbing liquid samples off these surfaces as well. Finally, the Mano sampling kit is designed to give the operator or end-user the ability to perform “grab” and bulk sampling. A disadvantage of the system is that it is used for collection only. Table 12 outlines the overall score of the Mano sampling kit.

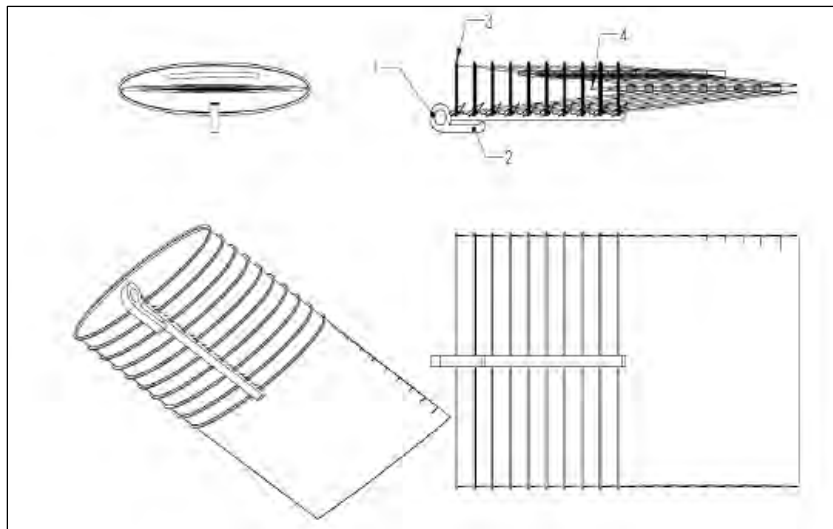


Figure 12. U.S. Army Mano sampling kit.

Table 12. U.S. Army Mano Sampling Kit Criteria

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		VendorSupplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Time from Collection to ID	Time from collection to identification	10	User-described need is for near real-time identification	min	>45	20–45	≤20	10	100	0	0	0	0
	Number of Targets per Sample	10	Number of targets per identification run	No. of targets	<5	5+	10+	10	100	0	0	0	0
Size	Collector weight	10	Approximate weight of collector	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0.151 lb	10	100	100
	Identifier weight	10	Weight of identifier	lb	>5	2–5	<2	10	100	0	0	0	
	Collector size	Info only	Approximate size of collector	ft ²	Informational only					7.75 × 5.5 × 1.5 in.	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Identifier size	Info only	Approximate size of identifier	ft ²	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
JBTDs Identifier Compatibility	Sample volume	10	Volume provided from collector/identifier for follow-on identification	mL	0	1–6	>6	10	100	0	0	0	0
	Buffer compatibility	10	The current version of the JBTDs uses a Tris-based identification buffer	Major component	Other	PBS	Tris	10	100	0	0	0	
Ease of Use	Integrated sample collection and identification	10	JBTDs combat developers have described user desire for rapid sample collection and identification in one system	N/A	Only collection or identification	Collection and identification separate	Integrated	10	100	Only collection	1	10	310
	Tactical fit	10	Shape and ruggedness	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Easy	10	100	
	Sample security in transport	10	Collected sample has little potential for cross-contamination or risk to operator	N/A	Leaks	N/A	No leakage	10	100	No leakage	10	100	
	MOPP IV operability	10	Sample collection and identification tasks can be performed in MOPP IV PPE	N/A	Difficult	Moderate	Easy	10	100	Easy	10	100	

Table 12. U.S. Army Mano Sampling Kit Criteria Table (Continued)

Category	Attribute	Attribute Weight (1 to 10)	Description	Method of Measure	Grading Scale			Ideal Instrument		Vendor-Supplied Information			Overall Score
					Low (1)	Medium (7)	High (10)	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	Claim	Grade	Score (Wt × Grade)	
Maturity	Availability	10	Timeline until commercially available	Months	>1 year	<6 months up to 1 year	Immediately	10	100	>1 year	1	10	20
	Federal/defense availability	10	NSN availability	Availability	NSN unavailable	NSN in Federal system	NSN in Defense Logistics Agency system	10	100	Unavailable	1	10	
Consumables Storage Requirement	Ancillary equipment	Info only	List ancillary equipment requirement for operation of this instrument	List ancillary equipment	Informational only					None	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Consumables requirements	5	Special conditions required for consumables (e.g., refrigeration and high humidity)	Conditions	<2 °C	2–8 °C	Room temperature	10	50	Room temperature	10	50	50
Single vs Multi-Use	Single vs multi-use	Info only	The instrument is reusable	Single/multi	Informational only					Single	N/A	N/A	Info only
Power	Power requirements	Info only	Battery required	Yes/no	Informational only					None	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Power requirements	Info only	Battery charge life	h	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Costs	Quoted cost	Info only	Collector cost	\$	Informational only					Not provided	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Purchase cost	Info only	Identifier cost	\$	Informational only					N/A	N/A	N/A	Info only
Sample and Surface Versatility	Types of surfaces	Info only	Can the device support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.	Yes/no	Informational only					Yes	N/A	N/A	Info only
	Sampling area size	Info only	The size of the area from which the samples can be collected	ft ²	Informational only					Variable	N/A	N/A	Info only
GRAND TOTAL												480	

3. DISCUSSION

The members of the JBTDS program recognized a need for combat developers to improve sample surface collection and presumptive identification technologies that are available to the warfighter. This RFI was conducted to survey the commercial marketplace for tactical, lightweight, biological environmental sampling technologies that could satisfy this need (Table 13). Analysis of the RFI submissions was weighted to emphasize the time from sample collection to identification, number of targets per sample, multiplex capability, size, JBTDS identifier compatibility, ease of use, maturity, and consumable storage requirements. As a result, submissions with both collection and low-cost, single-use identifiers were ranked the highest. Several submissions included collection capability and identification with a multi-use instrument; however, these instruments did not meet the intended mission requirements, such as ease of use, small size, and low cost. Based on its analysis, the SME panel concluded that the BBI BWA IMASS and the Alexeter RAID 8 systems should be further evaluated with a more-comprehensive, third-party laboratory analysis that compares these devices to the current DoD biological sampling kit. However, if the JBTDS program office chooses to explore traditional collection-only technologies for surface sampling, the SME panel recommended further evaluation of the QuickSilver B2C and the Innovaprep Rapid Filter Elution kits. The InnovaPrep collection system is recommended over the QuickSilver All-In-One or QuickSilver BiSKit, despite their similar scores, because the InnovaPrep system is already part of the selected JBTDS system. Therefore, if the InnovaPrep system was selected, it would reduce the logistical footprint of the system through commonality. As with the integrated collection and identification technologies, a third-party laboratory analysis would be advised to verify performance of these technologies.

Table 13. RFI Summary Response Criteria

Category	Collection with Single-Use Identifier		Collection with Multi-Use Identifier				Collection Only					Identifier Only
	BBI BWA IMASS	Alexeter RAID 8	ANP NIDS	BioMatrix Innovaprep/ Biomeme One3	MSD Cartridge Reader	SRC Aklus Shield	QuickSilver B2C	InnovaPrep Rapid Filter Elution Kit	QuickSilver BiSKit	QuickSilver All-In-One	U.S. Army Mano Sampling Kit	Q-linea Aquila 1000
Time from Collection to Identification	100	100	100	10	70	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Number of Targets Per Sample	70	70	70	70	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
Size	200	200	110	200	110	200	100	100	100	100	100	10
JBTDS Identifier Compatibility	140	80	170	140	80	170	170	170	170	80	0	0
Ease of Use	400	310	250	160	250	100	250	160	100	250	310	130
Maturity	110	110	110	110	80	80	110	110	170	110	20	80
Consumables	50	50	50	50	35	50	50	50	50	50	50	35
Total Score	1070	920	860	740	725	710	680	590	590	590	480	365

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

B2C	bulk bio collection kit
BiSKit	Quicksilver Analytics biological sampling kit
BWA	biological warfare agent
DoD	Department of Defense
IMASS	Integrated Multiplex Assay and Sampling system
JBTD	Joint Biological Tactical Detection System
LFI	lateral-flow immunoassay
MOPP	mission-oriented protective posture
MSD	Meso Scale Diagnostics
NIDS	Nano Intelligent Detection System
NSN	national stock number
PBS	phosphate buffer solution
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
plex	multiplex (assay)
PPE	personal protective equipment
qPCR	quantitative polymerase chain reaction
RAID	Rapid Assessment Initial Detection kit
RFI	request for information
RT-qPCR	reverse transcriptase-quantitative polymerase chain reaction
SEB	staphylococcal enterotoxin B
SME	subject matter expert
SOCOM	Special Operations Command
VEE	Venezuelan equine encephalitis

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APPENDIX: Request for Information



66--This market survey seeks to gather current, off-the-shelf, and future biological technologies for tactical and sensitive site exploitation for biological warfare agents (BWA) by the U.S. Armed Forces.

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OBJECTIVE

This market survey seeks to gather current, off-the-shelf, and future biological technologies for tactical and sensitive site exploitation for biological warfare agents (BWA) by the U.S. Armed Forces.

The purpose of this RFI is to conduct a market survey of tactical lightweight biological environmental sampling technologies from private industry. The Joint Product Manager for Biological Detection Systems' (JPdM-BDS) intent is to explore environmental surface sampling technologies with an identification capability that minimizes human interface.

DESCRIPTION (JBTDS)

The Joint Biological Tactical Detection System (JBTDS) will be employed as a modular set of capabilities (detector, collector, and identifier) that function independently or as a set of components that provide biological aerosol detection, collection, identification and reporting. JBTDS will also provide a separate environmental collection capability able to support environmental surface sampling tasks for tactical and sensitive site exploitation.

REQUIREMENTS

Collected samples must be compatible with follow-on confirmatory identification using the following technologies and methods: Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), immunoassay, gene sequencing, culturing, etc... There must be enough collected sample remaining after identification to be used for further confirmative identification, which is approximately 6 ml of phosphate buffer saline (pbs). The time from point of collection to identification should be less than 20 minutes.

The device should be operable by one person in Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) IV with minimal training.

The device should support tactical carry with a weight of no more than 2 lbs.

The identifier sensitivity should be equal to immunoassay identification levels.

The environmental sampler must collect liquid and dry samples.

The identifier must have the capability to identify up to 10 Biological Warfare Agents (BWAs).

Sampling Capability: o Surface (Threshold): The device must support all types of surface sampling to include but not limited to: tile, concrete, wood, glass, stone, plastic, etc.. o

Vegetation and Soil (Objective): The device may support samples collected from vegetation and or soil.

PERFORMANCE DATA

1. Provide a brief description of the technology of your hardware broken out as a collector and identifier (if applicable).
2. State the size in length, width and height (cubic inches).
3. State the operational total weight with all components in pounds (lbs).
4. If battery power is required, how many hours can the hardware operate before battery change or charge is required. Describe the power source of the item.
5. State the various types of environmental sampling (e.g. soil, vegetative, multi surface, etc.) that is compatible with the collector / identifier. If there are multiple devices or adapters for collection of different types of environmental sampling, please list those as well.

6. State the various types of tests performed and corresponding results for identification of biological agents. Describe the state of the biological agent (liquid, solid) and the environment it was sampled from (soil, vegetation, solid surface, porous surface). Provide trial numbers, dates, and locations of testing.
7. State whether the device is single use (consumable) or multi use.
8. Identify what identifications technologies are potentially compatible with the collected sample from the collector (e.g. PCR, immunoassay, Lateral Flow Immunoassay (LFI).
9. Identify any consumables (e.g. buffers, filters, etc.) and any ancillary equipment (e.g. laptop, remote controller, etc.) that is needed to operate the detection and/or collection equipment.
10. State the length of time it takes for the collected sample to be identified.
11. For each device, state the size of the area that samples can be collected from.
12. State the amount of sample able to be collected with one device.
13. State the amount of sample that is needed for identification with the integrated identifier.
14. State the number of BWAs the identifier is able to successfully identify.

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