

Question 1: Are the points assigned based on the relative ranking within each category (ie lowest cost purifier is 40 points, next lowest 39 points, etc), or on a scale (ie 200 CADR 20 points, 100 CADR 10 points, etc) or another way?

Answer 1: Points will be assigned in a way that will evaluate applications relatively within each category. We are planning to create a scoring scale for each category after the proposal period has closed, since that will allow us to make the scoring breakpoints as broad or as narrow as necessary to help us best differentiate between proposals. For example, if all proposed units have operating noise thresholds within a few points of each other, then the scoring breakpoints would be narrow to capture those small differences.

Question 2: Is the specification for the dB the max dB level of the machine OR the fan speed at which we suggest running the machine? For example, if our air purifier meets the specifications on speed 2 (with a dB volume of 45 on speed 2), but the same machine has 2 additional fan speeds with higher dB ratings, is that still within the specification? As long as we tell you what fan speed to run the machine at?

Answer 2: We will be evaluating units based on the operating noise level on high. High may not necessarily mean the maximum speed. If the user manual has a speed that it defines as high, then the volume associated with that speed would be used on page 2 of the application for "Operating Noise Level on High". If the user manual does not define any speed as high, then the vendor can define it themselves. However, it would need to be above the median speed in order to be considered high.

If the unit's volume is at or below 45 dB at the suggested speed, but is above 45 dB on high, then I would recommend including both speeds and the corresponding volumes on page 2 of the application. A unit with a volume above 45 dB on high would be evaluated less favorably than a unit within that range, but it only needs to "have a noise threshold at or below 45 decibels" to be eligible. Since the suggested speed meets the 45 dB requirement, the unit would still be eligible.

Question 3: Is there an identified coverage area in square feet that is intended to be covered?

Answer 3: No, there is not an identified coverage area in square feet that is intended to be covered. However, units with ratings for larger spaces may be evaluated more favorable under the "Product Specifications" part of the award evaluation criteria.

Question 4: Are the units being shipped to one location? Or individual addresses?

Answer 4: We are planning to distribute units both by giving them away through public events and by having them shipped individually to each applicant's home address. Some units will be shipped to one central location for the event pick-ups, while other units will be shipped individually to each applicant's home address.

Question 5: Should shipping be factored into the line item price for air purifiers and filters?

Answer 5: No – please include the shipping cost per unit and replacement filters under “Device Shipping Cost” on page 2 of the application. The “Device Cost” and “Replacement Filter Cost” should not take shipping into account.

Question 6: It says to include 5 references, but the sheet for Exhibit F only leaves room for 3. Do you want 5 to still be included?

Answer 6: Please duplicate the Exhibit F page to include 5 references.