

Lab Analysis RFP FAQ:

**In what format should proposals be submitted?**

- Proposals must be provided in Word format or searchable PDF with a font size no smaller than 11 pt. Note: The only section of the proposal that has a page limit is the work plan narrative (maximum of 6 pages). Please reference the “Submission” section of the RFP for additional information.

**What information should be gathered from these soil analyses? Straight nutrient, pH, and organic matter analysis or are there any other types of special testing you would like to consider?**

- The selected contractor will provide reports to NFWF on the following metrics:
  1. Total carbon and nitrogen via dry combustion;
  2. Inorganic carbon on select samples via modified pressure calcimeter;
  3. Aggregate stability via slaking image analysis;
  4. 24-hour carbon mineralization potential via alkaline trap or gas analysis;
  5. Oven-dry weight of samples for calculation of bulk density (680 cm<sup>3</sup> core volume);
  6. Particle size analysis via hydrometer with wet sieved sands; and
  7. Soil pH via 1:1 soil-water slurry.

Laboratory contractors should refer to [Soil Health Institute's Standard Measurement Methods](#) for additional detail.

**How are laboratories selected by NFWF?**

- Following proposal submission and the RFP closure, a panel of NFWF and Farmers for Soil Health partners will review the proposals. Applicants may be asked to modify objectives, work plans, or budgets prior to final approval of the award. Only one award will be made for this project.