

**Questions and Answers for
Border Management Study – U.S.- Mexico Border
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Question #1:

Can you provide additional insight on the specific intended technologies or type of technologies that would be assessed with regard to their economic impact on screening procedures?

INL Response #1:

Intended assessments that may be pertinent include Non-Intrusive Inspection technology and Radio Frequency Identification technology.

Question #2:

What type of quantitative and qualitative data related to "strengthened detection capabilities" and "enhanced screening" will INL provide to the grantee?

INL Response #2:

INL can provide the number and capabilities of detection and screening technologies anticipated for deployment as needed.

Question #3:

What time period does the data cover?

INL Response #3:

If referencing question #2, this data will cover current and planned deployments.

Question #4:

What ports of entry does the data come from? If specific ports cannot be named at this stage, 3.1) how many ports will be evaluated? 3.1) Are any of these ports within California?

INL Response #4:

- a. The data will come from the POEs analyzed in the following areas: Matamoros, Reynosa, Laredo, El Paso and San Ysidro.
- b. Likely 5-10 ports.
- c. There are two ports in California that would likely be part of the project.

Question #5:

Will INL assist the grantee in obtaining non-publicly available information from ports of entry such as wait times per mode of transportation and traveler volumes per mode of transportation?

INL Response #5:

Confidential information sharing will be agreed upon by all interagency counterparts involved and determined with the grantee.

Question #6:

Will INL provide data to the grantee of the recommendations made by Sandia National Laboratories or will this be provided by Sandia National Laboratories?

INL Response #6:

INL will provide this information.

Question #7:

Will INL facilitate access to ports of entry for qualitative data collection?

INL Response #7:

INL can facilitate discussions with CBP to determine access.

Question #8:

Will INL provide the grantee with background information on how ports of entry were selected for "strengthened detection capabilities" and "enhanced screening"?

INL Response #8:

Information will be made available on a case-by-case basis.

Question #9:

Are there specific areas or states in Mexico where the public release in Spanish is preferred? 8.1)
Is it possible to organize more than one public release in Mexico?

INL Response #9:

No specific areas determined yet however the release should be available in English and Spanish.

Question #10:

Will INL designate a contact person other than yourself who we can speak to about data and other aspects of grant proposal preparation?

INL Response #10:

INL will designate a contact person that can either speak directly to the grantee or connect the grantee to the appropriate contact to speak about data and other aspects of the proposal preparation.