

RFI's with Responses

Updated January 8, 2026	
1.	Confirm that all design documents need to be submitted as 8 ½ x 11 documents.
A.	<i>The submission is a digital file. Document format size is not limited to 8 1/2 x 11.</i>
2.	Does NIU have any prescribed air change rates for laboratory spaces?
A.	<i>Per ASHRAE 62.1 requirements, laboratory spaces shall be provided with the code required outdoor air ventilation rates dictated by table 6-1 for University/College Laboratories.</i>
3.	Are there preferred manufacturers for mechanical equipment where they can be accommodated?
A.	<i>Refer to the No Deviations list in the bridging documents for BAS requirements. Also refer to the NIU Construction Standards for mechanical equipment requirements.</i>
4.	What are the building's anticipated operating hours? Do these vary seasonally?
A.	<i>Proposed hours of operation are 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday. There is no seasonal variability to these hours. There will be occasional weekend and evening events. For energy calculation purposes estimate 1 weekend day per month and 4 evening events per month.</i>
5.	Page 39 of the bridging document states that mechanical equipment shall be selected to target EUI no higher than 25 based on a 70% reduction on baseline using ZEROTool. Please provide additional information on how this target was determined.
A.	<i>Please see RFI responses #17 and #29 from the 11/25/25 published RFIs. Additionally, the 70% reduction is based on AIA 2030 Goals for Net Zero as well as other industry standards such as Living Building Challenge.</i>