

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY 9987

Information Required by Senator Nelson
from Department of Defense

3. QUESTION:

On what percent of contracts awarded do you do laboratory analyses of pre-award samples?

ANSWER:

For Medical Materiel, pre-award samples are evaluated on approximately 9% of the contracts awarded. For drugs the rate is closer to 5%. Laboratory analysis of pre-award samples is performed in order to supplement the currently available information and/or pre-award survey and assist the Contracting Officer in determining if a prospective contractor is responsible. The need for samples is predicated upon the available quality history of the prospective contractor and/or the item being procured.

4. QUESTION:

How many man-years were devoted in FY 1973 to the inspection of drugs by DPSC? By DSA?

ANSWER:

DPSC - Approximately 6 man-years of the technical personnel assigned to the Quality Assurance Branch, DPSC were devoted to the inspection of drugs.

DSA - DCAS personnel devoted to the inspection of drugs not readily available, and will be provided in second increment.

5. QUESTION:

What percentage of man-years of inspection time was devoted in the same years to:

Pre-award surveys?
In-process inspection?
Acceptance of product inspection?
Other?
In-store (Depot) surveillance?