What do you need to know from your laboratories, when it comes to providing high-quality, consistent and reliable PFAS data? Here are some suggested questions you might ask (as they apply to your project objectives):

1. What is your current turnaround time for reporting? _____
2. What PFAS methods do you offer? _____
3. Will you provide your PFAS method SOPs? _____
4. Which certifications do you have for your PFAS methods? *(Please note that the UCMR3 program has expired and there is no EPA approval for drinking water laboratories.)*
5. Are you DoD-ELAP accredited? *This can be asked even if it's not a DoD project. Obtaining the accreditation ensures that the lab has taken a number of steps to show their quality program is rigorous enough to handle nearly any type of project.* _____
6. How long have you been analyzing samples for PFAS? _____
7. What matrices do you have experience with? _____
8. Do you offer the new revision of the drinking water method - 537.1? _____
9. What PFAS can you report from/for each matrix? _____
10. What are your Reporting Limits (RL)? How do you define an RL? _____
11. What are the low and high points of your calibration range? _____
12. How do you handle dilutions? _____
13. How are your method(s) modified to address non-finished drinking water matrices? _____
14. What is your extraction method? _____
15. Is EnviCarb used? If so, for all sample types? _____
16. Does the laboratory utilize an internal standard method? If so, how many internal standards are you including? _____
17. Are you including isotopically-labelled standards? If so, how many? _____
18. How has your lab addressed the issue of ion suppression and ion enhancement in complex sample matrices? _____
19. What are your criteria for a positive analyte detection? _____
20. What batch QC do you include? _____