

1. On the bid walk it was mentioned that there is no Fire Suppression work to be done however there is a call out for it in the Solicitation Documents. Is an amendment planned to take that work out or is that work a part of the scope?
VA Response: All sprinkler mains and heads will be replaced in 415B under a separate contract. This project assumes some adjustments to heads may be necessary: use 5 heads to be adjusted.
2. The building has been gutted. Is the abatement scope of work limited to removing lead paint?
VA Response: The abatement scope is limited to lead paint as indicated in Specification Section 01 00 00.
3. Can the existing concrete floor slab remain?
VA Response: The floor slab in the basement is unchanged.
4. Visual inspection did not identify any specific rafters that required corrective work per note on drawing A201. Please identify any known rafters that require corrective work and specify the method to be used.
VA Response: No known rafters need corrective work.
5. The note on the plans asks for a 3 TON split system that delivers 3100 CFM of cooling. Typically the ratio of airflow to cooling is between 350-400 CFM/TON in a low % outside air application. They are asking for over 1000 CFM/TON. With the required cooling CFM, this new unit should be approximately 8-8.5 TONS.
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.
6. Is there any re-roofing involved in this project?
VA Response: No re-roofing. Patch at penetrations.
7. I was taking a quick glance at the drawings for this project and noticed that there isn't any mechanical equipment schedules in the mechanical drawings, so we don't know the size of the equipment.
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings. Basis of design: 2 Ton Unit system is YORK YZH02411C, MV12BN21C, MC43B3XC1; 3 ton system is YORK YZH03611C, MV16CN21C, MC43C3XH1. Equivalent systems by other manufacturers will be considered.
8. Drawing PL site plan showing a new underground cistern is not included with the bid documents.
VA Response: There is no underground system.
9. There is no Mechanical drawing showing HVAC equipment and associated piping in the mechanical room. The drawing is referenced but not included.
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.

10. RFI Outdoor Wheelchair Lift: The specifications and drawings conflict.
Drawings show a standard platform and gate doors with exterior enclosure.
An exterior lift that has a "gate door" is unenclosed because the gate travels with the lift. This would require an elevator operator to insure no one could get under the lift while it is in operation. An enclosed lift would have a lower level door and an upper level 42" gate. The enclosure would extend from the ground to a height 42" above the upper level per code.
Which type lift shall we price? The specification require a 90 degree side opening.
The drawing shows front and rear openings which we believe is correct, but please verify.
VA Response: The lift shall be enclosed with a lower level 42" high door and an upper level 42" gate. The enclosure will extend from the ground to a height 42" above the upper level per code.
11. Please confirm the size of the HVAC equipment listed on drawing M101. The cooling air flow doesn't match the 3 ton condensing unit and the total airflow at the registers doesn't match the heating or cooling design air flows shown on Drawing M101.
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.
12. What is the heat source for the HVAC system? Steam coil, Heat pump with electric auxiliary heat, or other?
VA Response: Steam coils, see revised mechanical drawings.
13. What is the minimum SEER rating for the evap. coil and condensing unit?
VA Response: Minimum 16 SEER for the 2 ton unit and 17 SEER for the 3 ton unit.
14. Is the air flow/ static pressure to be controlled by a VFD or bypass damper?
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.
15. What is the HVAC equipment voltage?
VA Response: See revised electrical drawings.
16. Are seismic restraints required for the HVAC equipment and duct work?
VA Response: No.
17. What type of exhaust system do you want for the toilet rooms.
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.
18. Are there any smoke or fire dampers required for the HVAC system?
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.
19. Where is the condensate line from the evap. coil to be piped too?
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.
20. Will the toilet exhaust system be used to remove the 300 CFM of outside air introduced into the space or will an additional exhaust fan be needed.
VA Response: See revised mechanical drawings.

21. Drawing E101 Lighting – Plan View Floor Plan indicates a reference to ‘See Detail 2’ in Living Room 415B1-3 at one of the Type A lighting fixtures and ‘See Detail 3’ in Living Room 415B2-1 at one of the Type E lighting fixtures. Details 2 & 3 have not been provided. Please review and address accordingly.
VA Response: See revised electrical drawings.
22. **Panel 415MDP** – Is this existing to remain, and be reconfigured to agree with Drawing E102 Panel Schedule? Please review and advise.
VA Response: This panel is to be replaced with a new 42 space, 225 A MCB panelboard. The panelboard shall comply with VA spec section 26 24 16. It shall have hinged door-in-door trim. It shall be flush mount and key lockable. Circuit breakers shall be rated 10,000A symmetrical.
23. **Telecommunications/TV Outlets** – Confirm termination point for service for 4Pair UTP Category 5 cables feeding Telephone outlets shown on Drawing E102. Confirm and advise conduit rough-in and cabling requirements and termination point for service for TV outlets shown on Drawing E102.
VA Response: The telecommunications cable shall be rated Cat 6 per the latest edition of the VA Communications Cable standard. The cables shall terminate in communication/data closet 413B2.
24. Drawing G 001 Scope of Work Note 4, indicates replacement of existing fire suppression system with new (Separate Contract). Does this mean all work associated with the removal, adjustments, and replacement of fire suppression system would be completed by others?
VA Response: Yes. Fire Suppression System is being replaced under separate contract.
25. This solicitation does not include any asbestos abatement, however from past projects similar to this project the window caulking was found to be positive. Has this been tested?
VA Response: Asbestos abatement performed under separate contract.
26. Drawing AD 100 General Note #3 indicates all work inside contaminated area shall be performed by an asbestos abatement firm. Where is the “Contaminated Area”?
VA Response: Note removed.
27. Drawing AD 100 Key Note 2 indicates existing paint on interior side of block face is positive for lead paint, however does not specify if we are to remove the paint or leave in place and cover with new construction?
VA Response: See revised note.
28. Detail 3 on Drawing A 102 refers to Structural Drawings, however none are included. Will you be providing structural drawings?
VA Response: Note removed, no separated structural drawings.
29. Detail 1 on Drawing A 201 includes a paragraph indicating downspouts to connect to cistern and refers to Drawing PL-4 that is not included in this package! Please advise, this same paragraph also refers to “Rafter Corrective Work”, is that work included in this solicitation? If so please provide additional information.
VA Response: No cistern, no known rafter corrective work.

30. Is the VAMC providing the new Kitchen Equipment?

VA Response: Yes

31. Drawing E101 Lighting – Plan View Floor Plan indicates a reference to ‘See Detail 2’ in Living Room 415B1-3 at one of the Type A lighting fixtures and ‘See Detail 3’ in Living Room 415B2-1 at one of the Type E lighting fixtures. Details 2 & 3 have not been provided. Please review and address accordingly.

VA Response: Details provided on revised drawing.

32. **Panel 415MDP** – Is this existing to remain, and be reconfigured to agree with Drawing E102 Panel Schedule? Please review and advise.

VA Response: See revised electrical drawings.

33. **Telecommunications/TV Outlets** – Confirm termination point for service for 4Pair UTP Category 5 cables feeding Telephone outlets shown on Drawing E102. Confirm and advise conduit roughin and cabling requirements and termination point for service for TV outlets shown on Drawing E102.

VA Response: The telecommunications cable shall be rated Cat 6 per the latest edition of the VA Communications Cable standard. The cables shall terminate in communication/data closet 413B2.

34. I am the IT Sales Executive for Hill-Rom that deals with our Nurse Call systems and I noticed this renovation job that you are working on and I wanted to see if there was any specification for Nurse Call in this solicitation. I see on the drawings where there are symbols for dome lights but I don't see any spec for it. I just want to make sure I'm not missing something.

VA Response: Nurse call not required for this project.

35. The domestic water piping is not sized on the drawings, can we get those sizes?

VA Response: See revised plumbing drawing.

36. Please provide the size of the existing domestic water line where the tie in is required.

VA Response: See revised plumbing drawing.

37. Will a new Backflow preventer be required?

VA Response: No

38. Is all the domestic water piping to be run in the crawl space with the exception of the mechanical room piping?

VA Response: Yes.

39. Can the sanitary waste and vent piping be installed with PVC or does it need to be NH cast iron?

VA Response: No PVC pipe will be used.

40. Specification Section 14 42 00, 2.5, Drive Mechanism is calling for an “Acme Screw unit with self-centering driven pulley”. The drive mechanism on the Acme screw is a nut and bolt. Hydraulic units have a self-centering driven pulley. Please specify which unit is preferable.

VA Response: It is possible to have an ACME screw secured at the top with a high quality, self-centering bearing which also supports the drive pulley. The preferred unit per specifications is an ACME Screw Unit.

41. Spec section 14 42 00, 2.4, Electrical and Power is calling for a battery back-up for emergency lowering which comes standard on a unit with a Hydraulic drive, while this feature is a costly upgrade for an Acme screw unit. Please specify if Government would like an Acme Screw Unit or a Hydraulic unit.

VA Response: The preferred unit per specifications is an ACME Screw Unit.

42. Specification Section 14 42 00, 2.3, A is calling for the lift to have a total travel capacity of 6 foot. The Project Drawings only show a need for the lift to achieve a 3'10" height. WV Code requires the lift to be in an enclosure if it exceeds 5 foot height capacity. Please advise if the lift is required to have a total travel capacity of over 5 foot.

VA Response: The lift will NOT require a total travel capacity of five (5) feet.

43. Drawing E101 Lighting – Plan View Floor Plan indicates a reference to 'See Detail 2' in Living Room 415B1-3 at one of the Type A lighting fixtures and 'See Detail 3' in Living Room 415B2-1 at one of the Type E lighting fixtures. Details 2 & 3 have not been provided. Please review and address accordingly.

VA Response: See revised electrical drawings.

44. **Panel 415MDP** – Is this existing to remain, and be reconfigured to agree with Drawing E102 Panel Schedule? Please review and advise.

VA Response: New panel. See revised electrical drawings.

45. **Telecommunications/TV Outlets** – Confirm termination point for service for 4Pair UTP Category 5 cables feeding Telephone outlets shown on Drawing E102. Confirm and advise conduit rough-in and cabling requirements and termination point for service for TV outlets shown on Drawing E102.

VA Response: The telecommunications cable shall be rated Cat 6 per the latest edition of the VA Communications Cable standard. The cables shall terminate in communication/data closet 413B2.

46. Are there test reports for the caulk on the windows that are to be removed? If there are and it is hot how do we proceed?

VA Response: Caulking removed under separate contract.

47. Are there test reports for the caulk on the roof of the porch to be demo'd out? If there are and it is hot how do we proceed?

VA Response: No samples of the caulking have been collected yet. The VA will collect samples and determine if it needs to be abated and whether it shall be a Change Order or under an existing IDIQ.

48. Drawing AD 100 states that the VA will employ an Industrial Hygienist and the specs state under 02-83-33.13 1.5 Quality assurance CIH Responsibilities: The Contractor shall employ a certified Industrial Hygienist. Who is to carry the Industrial Hygienist?

VA Response: If an industrial hygienist or area monitor required, it will be provided by the VA. The Contractor is responsible for any OSHA requirements affecting his work.

49. On the finish schedule for the floors where it references ¼" wood is that referring to new ¼" plywood being installed on what is existing now?

VA Response: See details. New 3/4" T&G plywood subfloor & 1/4" underlayment.

50. What is the basis of design for the wheelchair lift?

VA Response: Basis of design was 'Garaventa Lift - Genesis Vertical Lift'. An acceptable alternative will be considered.

51. On drawing G001 new work #4 states there is a replacement of existing fire suppression system with new (on separate contract). However, specs for the sprinkler system is included in this project which call out for coordination and layout drawings. Can you clarify what if any requirements for the sprinkler system are to be accomplished in this project?

VA Response: Sprinkler system replaced under separate contract.

52. The drawing A301 note 2 states size of appliances, sink, and exhaust fan are to be determined. Does this mean they are not included this contract? If they are to be a part of this contract could you please provide an equipment schedule.

VA Response: Appliances to be provided and installed by VA.

53. I see there is a laminate color in the specs. Although, the cabinet sections on the drawings call for "Melamine Rail and Stile" cabinet doors.

How should we price the cabinets? Should we price them as flat panel laminate doors, or rail and stile doors?

VA Response: Cabinets to have Melamine rail and stile doors.

54. I see there is a Corian color listed in the specs. Although, I do not see where Corian is required. The vanity tops are not labeled on the drawings. Are these tops to be Corian? If so, do they require Integral sink bowls?

VA Response: Plastic laminate vanity and kitchen counter tops.