

Amendment # 005 Response to RFI's

1. Drawing No. S-1001, General Note X.1 states an independent testing agency and special inspectors will be retained by the VA... Specification section 01 45 29, paragraph 1.1 states testing activities and inspection services are to be provided by a Testing Laboratory retained and paid for by the contractor. In the case of the structural steel, is the inspection and testing to be provided by the VA or the Contractor? If by the contractor, we assume a 3rd party Testing Laboratory for an AISC Certified fabricator is not required.

Answer: Drawing S-1001, Note X1 is incorrect. Please follow Specification Section 01 45 29, paragraph 1.1. Testing activities and inspection services are to be provided by a Testing Laboratory retained and paid for by the Contractor.

With regards to the second part of the question, please refer to Specification Section 05 12 00 Structural Steel Fabrications which requires AISC Certification of fabricators and fabrications. The submitter's assumption is not correct. A 3rd Party Testing Laboratory, under the Contractor, will provide all testing and inspection for Structural Steel including AISC Fabricator Certifications.

2. RFI #1 The requirement that 15% of the work must be self-performed by the General Contractor has been revised to 12% by Amendment #4. In order to determine the 12% value, do we subtract the value of the plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical work from the total Value of the work and multiply by 12% to determine the value of work that must be self-performed to meet the requirement? May the employees of other subcontractor SDVOSB concerns be included in meeting this requirement per Para 4.14 © (3) of the solicitation?

Answer: **Disregard** the power point slide regarding **FAR 52.236-1**. In the case of a SDVOSB set aside, **FAR 52.219-27 (d) (3) applies**- "A SDVOSB business concern agrees that in the performance of the contract for general construction, at least 15 per cent of the cost of the contract performance incurred for personnel will be spent on the concern's employees, or employees of other SDVOSB concerns."

3. RFI #2 No spec. has been issued for the Pneumatic system. The Drawings call for an alternate to provide the system. Please clarify.

Answer: See attached revised **Table of Contents** and **Pneumatic Tube System Specification**.

4. RFI #3 Exterior Sun Control systems is listed in the specifications but this section is not included nor is it shown on the drawings. Please clarify.

Answer: Disregard all references to Sun Control Devices.

5. Please provide the Mfr of the existing Switch gear as follows:
Substations (in basement); Switchboards; Panelboards; Paralleling Sw Gear (central plant);
Generator/ATS; Lighting Control; Fire Alarm System; Lightning Protection System:

Answer: This is not a sole-source requirement, so no name brands are provided. Equipment must meet the requirements of the contract documents.

6. Please provide the Mfr of the existing Nurse Call equipment or indicate if we can use an equal system or device, as follows:

Bed interface; Patient Station; Emergency Pull Station; Staff Station; Duty Station; Master Station; Corridor Light; Zone Light:

Answer: This is not a sole-source requirement, so no name brands are provided. Equipment must meet the requirements of the contract documents.

7. Please provide the Mfr of the existing Security equipment or indicate if we can use an equal system or device as follows:

Control Panel; Card Readers; Push Button Panic; Keypad; Intercom; IP Fixed Dome Camera's

Answer: This is not a sole-source requirement, so no name brands are provided. Equipment must meet the requirements of the contract documents.

8. Please provide the Mfr of the existing Tele Communications equipment or indicate if we can use an equal system or device as follows:

Cable Types; Patch Panel; Cabinets; Racks; Faceplate; RJ 45 Jacks; Cable Managers (horizontal & vertical)

Answer: This is not a sole-source requirement, so no name brands are provided. Equipment must meet the requirements of the contract documents.

9. Please provide a Light Fixture Schedule with the part #'s & Mfrs desired and or a list of existing fixtures with part #'s & mfrs for each light fixture. The existing fixture schedule & specs are not clear on what is required.

Answer: This is not a sole-source requirement, so no name brands are provided. Equipment must meet the requirements of the contract documents.

10. There are both interior and exterior signs for this project. The quantities for the exterior are clearly noted but the quantities for the interior signs are not. I'd like to know where this information can be found either in the drawings or specs or otherwise.

Answer: Interior sign locations are per the VA Signage Guidelines located in the Technical Information Library (TIL).

11. RFI #4 Corridor CG11; Are the payphone counter and cell phone charging counter part of the millwork scope by GC or owner furnished with the telephone. Refer to elevation 7/AE-414 and sheet AQ-111 Ga4.

Answer: They are part of the millwork scope by GC.

12. Question 1: re C3. Technical Proposal Requirements (page 12 of 106)

a. Corporate Project Experience

This section lists five required sub-factors;

My question is do we answer these questions for each proposed project or do we complete only the GENERAL CONTRACTOR REFERENCE FORM?, or both?

Answer: Please do both.

13. Question 2: re: GENERAL CONTRACTOR FORM (Solicitation Page 14)

The first line item requests the "OFFER" – was it supposed to read OFFEROR or are you requiring the OFFER (title) of the project.

Answer: This should read "OFFEROR" or "NAME OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR"

14. Extended Warranties called for in the solicitation - the following warranties in excess of 5-years in the specifications that specifically modify the "Warranty of Construction", FAR clause 52.246-21 for the General Contractor reads as follows:

- 10 years Aluminum Windows (p. 480)
- 10 years Door Closers and Continuous Hinges (p. 488)
- 20 years Ceramic Fitted Glass (p. 524)
- 10 years Insulating Glass (p. 524)
- 20 years ICU Sealants (p. 524)
- 10 years Integral Blind Units (p. 524).

Answer: All of the above warranties should read "5 years".