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RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-001	Specifications	CLO	9/5/2013	9/5/2013	9/12/2013
Question:	RFI No. 2 Spec. Section 102800 Toilet, Bath, and Laundry Accessories The following items are shown but not specified, and shown as "CF/CI"; (A4995) Diaper Changing Table (A5080) Paper Towel Dispenser (A5090) Sanitary Napkin Disposal (A5200) Toilet Tissue Dispenser The Following item is Shown but not in the Equipment Schedule or Spec's; (A5090.a) Unknown Item – See Toilet Room# 9024W Please provide a specification for the above item .				Answer:	Refer to Addendum #2, revised Section 102800 for performance based specification for items above.		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-002	Seismic Restraints	CLO	9/5/2013	9/5/2013	9/12/2013
Question:	Spec. section 130541-1.2A refers to drawing 1-SJ-001-Anticipated Seismic Design Parameters and Interstory drifts. Drawing 1-SJ-001 exists, but there is nothing regarding seismic restraints shown. Please provide details of your requirements for the various items of work listed in paragraph 1.3.				Answer:	Specification section 13 05 41 Seismic Restraint Requirements for Non-Structural Components is a delegated design specification. There are many ways that the systems noted can be braced, the contractors professional engineer is to provide complete shop drawings and calculations regarding the restraint systems utilized, per section 1.5. The design parameters were given on drawing 1-SJ-001.		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-003	Manufacturers & Model Numbers	CLO	9/5/2013	9/5/2013	9/12/2013
Question:	Spec. section 117000-Healthcare Equipment. Please provide manufacturers and model numbers.				Answer:	"Refer to specification section 117000-Healthcare Equipment for all performance based requirements to be met for various listed equipment."		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-004	Manufacturer Name	CLO	9/5/2013	9/9/2013	9/12/2013
Question:	The specifications do not name of the manufacturer(s) of the 2 type of windows on the 9th floor. There is extensive repairs and replacement of parts for these window on this project. We recommend the replacement of all windows on the 9th floor as a better alternative to repairing windows. Please advise how we are to proceed.				Answer:	General note #14 that pertains to exterior windows has been revised to read as: "All windows and associated hardware, internal window shade assemblies and operators to be removed and replaced. Protect and repair all exterior wall openings including flashing, sealant and insulation for window removal and replacement. Coordinate insulation, sealant and attachment with new window manufacturer. Refer to Specification Section 085113 Aluminum Windows." Refer to Addendum #2.		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-005	Questions	CLO	9/5/2013	9/9/2013	9/12/2013
Question:	1. Please provide the required forms for the bid bond, and the performance/payment bond. 2. We take exception to General Construction Note 314, drawing 1-AE-109-N & add #1. There should be an allowance for these items so that everyone is bidding the same thing				Answer:	1. The required forms can be found at the GSA Forms Library. Standard Forms (SF) 24, SF25, and SF25A. 2. General note #14 that pertains to exterior windows has been revised to read as: "All windows and associated hardware, internal window shade assemblies and operators to be removed and replaced. Protect and repair all exterior wall openings including flashing, sealant and insulation for window removal and replacement. Coordinate insulation, sealant and attachment with new window manufacturer. Refer to Specification Section 085113 Aluminum Windows." Refer to Addendum #2.		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-006	Bid Date	CLO	9/5/2013	9/6/2013	9/12/2013
Question:	RFI #1---Due to the size of this project and complexity of preparing our estimate and proposal we request the bid date be extended 2 weeks to September 30th.				Answer:	Proposals are due at 3:00pm on October 1, 2013. Proposals are to be delivered directly to the Medical Center.		

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RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-007	Questions	CLO	9/5/2013	9/13/2013	9/12/2013
Question:	Please provide us with Bid Bond Form which is missing in Bid Documents.				Answer:	1. The required form can be found at the GSA Forms Library. Standard Form (SF) 24.		
	2. Spec. paragraph 2.3 (page 23 31 00 -6) calls for Duct Liner providing. Please locate Duct Runs with Acoustical Liner and provide Lengths of those and thickness of Liner.					2. No ductwork requires liner		
	3. The mentioned above paragraph 2.3 does not permit Duct Liner Using for Supply Air Ducts. But Linear Slot Diffuser Plenums are depicted with " Internally Lined Insulation " on Drawing 1-MH505 (Detail B8). Please clarify this discrepancy.					3. The VA standard detail calling for internally lined insulation shall be edited to eliminate lining.		
	4. What are Dimensions and Metal Thickness (Gauge) of Intake and Exhaust Plenums in 10th Floor Mechanical Room (Drawing 1-MH401) ? Are these Plenums Double- Wall Construction ? Then, what are Dimensions of OA Intake Louver ?					4. General notes 4 and 5 call for the pressure class for these items. The gauge is a function of the pressure class liner No, however the intake plenum should be insulated The intake louver shall be 12 inches deep, roughly the full size of the building opening (approximately 84x80)		
	5. Shall Duct Access Doors be provided to serve Re-Heat Coils integrated with VAV Terminal units ?					5. Yes		
	6. Shall Access Doors be provided in Ceiling and Walls against Re-Heat Coils and Dampers ? Which Trade (GC or HVAC) is responsible for Furnishing and Installation of these Doors ?					6. All Re-heat coils and dampers are located above ATC ceiling and shall be installed above ATC ceiling		
	7. Please provide us with List of acceptable HVAC Equipment Manufacturers .					7. VA does not allow naming specific manufacturers (except where a waiver is approved by VA). Only as directed by VA, names of manufacturers used as HVAC basis of design may be provided.		
	8. Are Drip Pans underside of FCUs, Induction Units, VAV Units with Re-Heat Coils required ?					8. The fan coil unit and induction unit specification (23 82 00) calls for their drain pans to be provided at the factory. VAV Units with Re-Heat Coils do not require drain pans.		
	9. What Company is Vendor of Existing Fire Alarm System for 9th Floor ?					9. The vendor of the existing Fire Alarm System (Honeywell/Notifier) presently installed in the facility is Primary Colors Contracting, Inc. and their contact information is as follows. 740 Veterans Highway Hauppauge NY 11788 Tel Nos. (631) 656-5333		
	10. Please provide Catalog Numbers on the Lighting Schedule (Electrical Drawings).					10. Per VA design standards, Lighting fixture manufacturer's and associated catalog numbers cannot be listed on the contract documents. Refer to Drawing. EL-601 Luminaire Schedule, General Lighting Notes, Specific Keyed Lighting Notes for performance based lighting fixture information.		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-008	Sign type IN-GR	CLO	9/6/2013	9/9/2013	9/13/2013
Question:	1. On sign type IN-GR there is no drawing of this sign type for sign numbers 102,133,142,165,177,247,257 & 311.				Answer:	1. Please refer to Addendum #2, Sheet 1-AG100		
	2. On sign type IN-GR1 there no drawing for sign number 173					2. Please refer to Addendum #2, Sheet 1-AG100		
	3. On sign type IN 19.01 there no drawing for sign numbers 196 & 202					3. General note #14 that pertains to exterior windows has been revised to read as: "All windows and associated hardware, internal window shade assemblies and operators to be removed and replaced. Protect and repair all exterior wall openings including flashing, sealant and insulation for window removal and replacement. Coordinate insulation, sealant and attachment with new window manufacturer. Refer to Specification Section 085113 Aluminum Windows." Refer to Addendum #2.		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-009	Walk Through	CLO	9/6/2013	9/6/2013	9/13/2013
Question:	At the walk through it was noticed that the demo contractor had not filled in many floor and wall areas where partitions were removed. These aren't shown on the plans. In order that all contractors are bidding the same job, please provide quantities or an allowance for this patch work.				Answer:	"Contractor is responsible for filling in all floor voids and/or patching and prepping any existing floors to receive new finishes. Contractor is responsible for providing a floor leveling throughout. Refer to general demo notes #14 and 15 on drawings 1-AD209-N, 1-AD109-S, 1-AD109-W and general construction notes #12 and 13 on drawings 1-AE109-N, 1-AE109-S, 1-AE109-W."		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-010	Drawing #A1506	CLO	9/6/2013	9/6/2013	9/13/2013
Question:	As per our conversation, we are currently looking for access to drawing # A1506. This drawing does not appear on the list on the FBO website				Answer:	Drawing should have been Page 67 or 67 in the Architectural drawing package. Drawing is provided as an attachment in Amendment 2.		
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-011	Roofing & Siding Panels	CLO	9/6/2013	9/9/2013	9/16/2013
Question:	Reference spec. section 074000. Please advise where the roofing and siding panels are shown.				Answer:	Detail E2/1-AE503 was revised in addendum #1 to no longer include a metal panel assembly. Specification section 074000 has been deleted from Project Manual accordingly.		

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RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-012	Spec Section 055000	CLO	9/6/2013	9/9/2013	9/16/2013
Question:	<p>1. Spec section 055000 1.1B1. What are 12, 14A, 14C referring to?</p> <p>2. You have specified fin tube enclosures in spec section 055000. You have also instructed the HVAC contractor to provide them. Are they to be bought with the fin tube package, or separately by the G.C.?</p>				<p>Answer: 1. References to 12, 14A and 14C are deleted. Please refer to Addendum #</p> <p>2. Fin tube enclosures are deleted from Specification Section 055000. They are specified in Section 238200 Convection Heating and Cooling units. Refer to Addendum #2.</p>			
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-013	Spec Section 033053	CLO	9/6/2013	9/9/2013	9/16/2013
Question:	Spec. section 033053 par. 3.6 Resurfacing floors. Is the removal of existing floor to 1" below finish necessary for the entire floor area? Since a topping is being applied per spec. 035416, this doesn't seem necessary, or desirable.				Answer: "Contractor to prepare a level floor surface by means of floating to accommodate the specified floor finishes."			
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-014	Window	CLO	9/10/2013	9/11/2013	9/18/2013
Question:	<p>1. Reference Add 2 new windows. Are new windows to match existing? Is so provide elevations, sizes, jamb profiles. Are any to be operable? A window schedule is required.</p> <p>2. Drawing MH-505 is included with Add 2. What are the changes from the original set?</p> <p>3. Since there are no details of the new windows, will the solid surface sill still be required or will the aluminum cover it?</p> <p>4. Please provide jamb and head details of the new windows with all fastening requirements.</p> <p>5. At existing windows to be removed, is there any exposure to asbestos caulking or plaster?</p> <p>6. In order to caulk the exterior, some sort of hanging scaffold will be required. Does the owner have a window washing rig that can be used?</p> <p>7. Will a bridge be required to protect against possible falling matter due to the window removal?</p> <p>8. The new window requirement will seriously impact the completion date. Will the 270 days be increased?</p> <p>9. We are requesting a minimum of a 2 week postponement to deal with Add 2.</p>				<p>Answer: 1. All existing windows are to be removed and replaced. Contractor to field verify window size and quantity. With the exception of the windows at the elevator lobby, all new windows are to be casement and match the existing casement type (including color and hardware). A photo of the existing casement window type is attached for reference. Windows at the elevator lobby are to match existing. A photo of the existing window is attached for reference.</p> <p>2. Detail B8 on drawing 1-MH505 was revised to eliminate liner of supply plenum, and calls for "INSULATED PLENUM" instead. The detail revisions are bubbled in addendum #2.</p> <p>3. Yes, new windows to include a solid surface sill. Refer to detail F11-A1506 for the sill condition at the elevator lobby.</p> <p>4. Head and jamb fastening requirements to be coordinated per window manufacturer as listed in note 14 included in the A109 drawing series of addendum #2.</p> <p>5. Contractor should assume multiple layers of asbestos caulking exist which will need to be removed as part of the window replacement</p> <p>6. No</p> <p>7. Yes</p> <p>8. No</p> <p>9. Proposals are due at 3:00pm on October 1, 2013. Proposals are to be delivered directly to the Medical Center.</p>			
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-014.1	Window Replacement Follow Up	NEW	9/16/2013		9/24/2013
Question:	Item Number PB-014. Answer from Cannon states that windows will be provided in the same size and configuration as existing. According to the recently updated window specifications, new windows shall be AW-65 Casement. Most manufacturing limitations for vent size of operable casement windows is 36" x 60" (See AAMA Guidelines). The existing project windows without bottom transoms exceed that size by a good margin. Please advise if all windows can be provided with bottom transoms Photos referenced in PB-014 of the Cannon RFI Response document are not attached. Please provide.				Answer: See window details on drawing 1-AE109.1. Photos are attached.			
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-015	Drawing 1-PD208N Clarification	NEW	9/13/2013	9/17/2013	9/23/2013
Question:	Drawing 1-PD208N-Demo note 1-If pipes are to be removed to the underside of the 8th floor, this will mean removing ceilings and shafts on the 7th floor. Please provide information as to existing conditions on the 7th floor.				Answer: This is a typo. The note should read underside of 9th floor, there is no work in the 7th floor ceiling.			
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-016	Windows - Existing Condition	NEW	9/17/2013	9/17/2013	9/24/2013
Question:	Reference is made to ADD #3-page 3 of 3. The answer regarding new windows. Note references enclosed photos. We do not see them. Please advise.				Answer: The referenced photos are attached to this response. Please note that a follow up response will be provided related to RFI 14 which also refers to the window type and coordination with the existing condition.			

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Question:	Where the hoist is to be placed, adjacent to the host on the west side there is a double egress door:			Answer: 1: Yes, both leaves need to active. 2: Yes, building foundation ends at the plane of the wall and that the plaza area in front of the double egress door is on grade and not above the building basement. 3: Metal trim which forms the sill, head and convector opening to be removed and replaced. Updated demolition drawings and details will be provided.				
	1.Do both leaves need to be active for egress, or will one suffice? 2.Please confirm that the building foundation ends at the plane of the wall and that the plaza area in front of the double egress door is on grade and not above the building basement. 3.Please confirm that the metal surround which forms the window trim, sill, head and convector opening stays in-tact, and is to be re-used in the installation of the new window.							
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-018	Spec Sec. 102123 Privacy Curtain	NEW	9/16/2013	9/17/2013	9/24/2013
Question:	Spec. section 102123 is for curtain tracks only. The finish schedule shows a curtain. Do we figure both tracks and curtains, or tracks alone?			Answer: Privacy curtains are to be purchased and installed by the VA. The documents will be adjusted to clarify this. The specifications do not need to be revised.				
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-019	Wall Protection	NEW	9/17/2013	9/17/2013	9/24/2013
Question:	One of the subs has a question in regards to the Dupont Corian Wall Protection Sheets. He needs information on how it should be installed. Do you want the seams to be invisible (glued on, which is much pricier)?			Answer: Solid surface wall protection sheet is used a total of about 347 locations, and is available in lengths of 144". There are 8 locations where it needs to be seamed. A tongue and grooved seamless ("invisible") joint is required at these locations. A drawing is attached for reference locating the areas that are greater than 144".				
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-020	Proposal Requirements	NEW	9/17/2013	9/17/2013	9/24/2013
Question:	Proposal requirements page 11 of 80 Volume II-Tabs 3 and 4 seem to be the same regarding bid guarantee and bid bond. Is this correct?			Answer: Yes, you must provide a bid bond. Tab 3 is titled Representations and Certification and bid guarantee. Tab 4 is titled Bid Bond.				
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-021	Demo Note and Misc. Ops Coord.	NEW	9/17/2013	9/17/2013	9/24/2013
Question:	1.)ODwg. 1-AD208-General Demolition Note #4: "Remove all floor etc.," does this apply to the 8th Floor? 2.)OWill there be any restrictions to access on any floor where work is shown? 3.)OIs any phasing required? 4.)OCan all work be performed during normal working hours? 5.)ODwg 1-AE109-N, General Note #14. Provide a quantity of damaged blinds and what repair is necessary or provide an allowance. 6.)OWe request postponement of the bid date to assess amendment #1 information and any items which may arise from the walk through on September 4th.			Answer: 1: The floor on the 8th floor will not be removed. The note will be revised and the drawing resubmitted. 2: Yes, follow the phasing plan. 3: Yes 4: Yes 5: Per Addendum #3 all windows are to be replaced, including the blinds. Contractor to verify the quantity in field. Refer to the responses of other RFIs, specifically #s 14 and 14.1 for additional information. 6: Proposals are due at 3:00pm on October 1, 2013. Proposals are to be delivered directly to the Medical Center.				
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-022	Window Replacement - Abatement	NEW	9/18/2013	9/24/2013	10/1/2013
Question:	Based upon a field inspection of the existing windows we feel the windows that are in place are comprised of panning that is wrapping an existing window frame. With that being said, you would have a substantial amount of concealed caulking. Does the VA have any records they could access to determine if the windows now in place are replacement or original windows? If they are replacement windows how are they constructed? If the caulking is asbestos you are talking about a substantial amount of work regarding the abatement window removal and the temporary window installation until the new product arrives.			Answer: The existing windows include a metal frame and stool that will be replaced. Addendum #4 will describe the removal and replacement in greater detail as well as include the following added to note #21 on the demo drawings: Contractor responsible for asbestos removal of the outer window panel and shall assume secondary asbestos removal of the internal window frame. Contractor to assume multiple layers of window caulking to include asbestos to be removed and replaced. The asbestos removal contractor shall coordinate removal of the window so that the building is not left open to water damage. Addendum #4 will be issued on 9/24/13. The current windows are replacements, but the VA does not have any records.				
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-023	Window Replacement - Asbestos Caulk	NEW	9/23/2013	9/24/2013	10/1/2013
Question:	Ed , just got off the phone with Maspeth Environmental Corp . They were the asbestos contractor that was on the prebid walk through . I was speaking to him concerning the window removal / asbestos caulking and the answers that came out in amendment #3 . He indicated that Im the only GC requesting pricing on this item . The other GC aren't pricing the removals as asbestos contaminated . Am I reading amendment #3 wrong ? Calcedo doesn't want to price themselves out of a job . Is there going to be further clarification on the caulking at the windows , so all the GC's will be on the same page ?			Answer: Addendum #4 will describe the removal and replacement in greater detail as well as include the following added to note #21 on the demo drawings: Contractor responsible for asbestos removal of the outer window panel and shall assume secondary asbestos removal of the internal window frame. Contractor to assume multiple layers of window caulking to include asbestos to be removed and replaced. The asbestos removal contractor shall coordinate removal of the window so that the building is not left open to water damage. Addendum #4 will be issued on 9/24/13.				
RFI	CD	VAMC	PB-024	Wood Door Custom Color	NEW	9/24/2013	9/24/2013	10/1/2013
Question:	Reference Wood Doors. Drawing 1-AF001. What does the custom color number refer to? Are the doors to be factory or field finished?			Answer: Custom color to match wood look laminate. Color to be factory finished.				