

Vendor Questions

Renovate SPS

10/16/2013

Question 1: Is the Upper (EPDM) & Lower (BUR Membrane) Roofs are still under warranty? Please provide Manufacturer and Roof Installer information to maintain existing warranty.

Answer 1: *Details on the two roofs affected by this project:*

Lower Roof

Installed: 2009

Manufacturer: Garland

Installer: Sky Way

Warrantied Until 8/11/2029

Warranty Number: 900398-C

Upper Roof

Installed: 2011

Manufacturer: Carlisle

Installer: Weather Guard

Warrantied Until 12/26/2031

Warranty Number: CMD1103289

Question 2: Who is the HVAC control company?

Answer 2: *The current HVAC control company is Trane. The local contact is 518-785-1315.*

Question 3: What is the expected start date?

Answer 3: *The current HVAC control company is Trane. The local contact is 518-785-1315.*

Question 4: Will the hot & chilled water pipes need to be replaced in place or is there available space to replace adjacent to the existing?

Answer 4: *The expectation is that the hot and chilled water piping in the warehouse and adjacent corridor will need to be replaced in place. If it is determined by the installer that parallel lines can be run, that will be acceptable. Otherwise, chilled water will need to be replaced during heating season and hot water will need to be replaced during cooling season. Given some of the space limitations, it is recommended that the hot water pipes be replaced first. The final taps inside the warehouse will need to be carefully coordinated with the hospital.*

Question 5: Will any flooring be involved?

Answer 5: *There will be flooring removal/ replacement in the project and the flooring schedule can be found on drawing A14.1. Also see abatement drawing H1.1.*

Question 6: Is the vertical chase clear?

Answer 6: *The existing IT/M.E.P. chase (northeast corner of the building) has intermediate platforms at most floor levels. See drawing S1 and M1.4 for more information. It is not an obstruction free chase. Offsets and coordination will be required as well as relocations and temporary removals as shown on the mechanical and electrical drawings. While the VA has investigated the feasibility of this, the contractor shall apply their own means and methods to get through the shaft. Work on each level of the chase must be coordinated with both IT and the adjacent medical department. Work on the 7th floor must be coordinated with both IT and an out-leased (non-VA) inpatient department. Work on floors that require existing ductwork to be taken out of service temporarily must be coordinated with IT, the HVAC shop, the VA Safety department and the adjacent medical department. All coordination happens through the COR.*

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Question 7: Is the work going to be 1st shift or 2nd shift?

Answer 7: *Table of project areas and the permitted work shifts:*

<i>Kitchen</i>	<i>7pm to 6am –Kitchen clean and ready by 6AM every day.</i>
<i>Warehouse</i>	<i>4pm – 12am</i>
<i>ICU</i>	<i>12pm-8pm</i>
<i>Emergency Department</i>	<i>4pm-12am</i>
<i>Basement D-wing</i>	<i>1st Shift OK</i>
<i>Sub-basement</i>	<i>1st Shift OK</i>
<i>Basement Core and A-wing</i>	<i>4pm-12am</i>
<i>IT/MEP Shaft</i>	
<i>1D</i>	<i>4pm-12am</i>
<i>2D</i>	<i>12pm-8pm</i>
<i>4D</i>	<i>4pm-12am</i>
<i>5D</i>	<i>4pm-12am</i>
<i>7D-leased space</i>	<i>10am-6pm</i>
<i>8D</i>	<i>12pm-8pm, prefer Thursday and Friday</i>
<i>9D</i>	<i>8am-4pm</i>
<i>10D</i>	<i>4pm-12am</i>
<i>11D</i>	<i>4-pm-12am</i>
<i>Building Exterior</i>	<i>No vibration; no blocking roadway, patient parking or building access between 7am-4pm, Monday through Friday. City of Albany noise ordinance in effect 10pm-7am.</i>

Question 8: What is the vendor information for Fire Alarm System and BMS Control System?

Answer 8: *Alarm & Suppression services the fire alarm. Local number 518-399-5110. Trane Company services the BMS system, local number 518-785-1315.*

Question 9: Is replacement or modification of the fire alarm a part of this project?

Answer 9: *There is fire alarm work in this project, see drawing F2.1.*

Question 10: How do you get materials into the sub-basement?

Answer 10: *There are two main options for access to the sub-basement. First, there is a Bilco-style door to the sub-basement with a vertical ladder and some steps, providing direct access between the exterior and the sub-basement under D-wing; it is shown on several drawings. This access is in an active patient parking area and access will be restricted to off-hours (no access between 7am and 4pm, Monday through Friday). Second, there is a secondary loading dock located at the sub-basement level for the hospital Housekeeping department (west of the main warehouse loading docks); coordinate access with Housekeeping through the COR.*

Question 11: Is there any specific spec for duct construction for the specialty exhaust duct work? There is none is the HVAC duct and Casings specs or on the plans.

Answer 11: *The special exhaust noted on plans is standard duct construction. It is labeled special exhaust to identify that it is dedicated exhaust to the roof.*

Question 12: We have 2 ducts running up to the upper roof thru the IT chases.

how many stories above the 11th floor remain?

is there a drawing that shows the 2 new exhaust fans on the upper roof?

we request a detail as to how these fans are to be installed on the upper roof.

Answer 12: *The roof where the exhaust fans are to be installed (upper roof) is approximately 14' above the 11th floor level. The two new exhaust fans on the upper roof are shown on drawings A4.1 and S2, including installation details.*

Question 13: Is the equipment scheduled on Drawing P0.3 owner furnished and installed (except for "RR" – Emergency Shower)? Will the contractor's responsibility be rough in only? Will final connections be by the contractor?

Answer 13: *For further clarification on the purchase/install requirements of all equipment in this project, see both drawing A0.4 and the attached "SPS Equipment 10-14-2013" table. Equipment that is indicated to be installed by the contractor is a complete installation, with both rough in and finished installation.*

Question 14: Drawing P2.2, Note 31 – "provide 5 micron sediment filter and non-atmospheric vacuum breaker" – we cannot find a specification or schedule information for this. Please advise.

Answer 14: *Endoscope preprocessing sink item LL requires contractor to assemble unit and a provide power outlet, filter and backflow preventer as indicated on addenda drawings E1.3, P0.4, P1.2.*

Question 15: Drawing P2.2, Notes 32 & 33 – “Provide non-medical vacuum and compressed air outlet” – cannot find a specification or schedule information for this. Please advise.

Answer 15: *For non-medical vacuum and compressed air outlets: gas and vacuum specification have been added: 226200, 226300.*

Question 16: Please provide names of manufacturers that provide the reverse osmosis treatment system.

Answer 16: *In regards to the reverse osmosis systems, please note that there are two reverse osmosis systems.*

Question 17: Note 17 on drawing P2.1 calls for RO water to decon sink from RO treatment system, however the drawing does not show any piping. Please provide a drawing along with pipe sizes.

Answer 17: *One is relocated from the existing SPS in phases by an authorized representative (An authorized representative is Mr. Jeff Carrig, Getinge Albany Office, 518-281-0435, jeff.carrig@getingeusa.com). The contractor must install roughin for the relocated unit. The authorized representative will provide the piping from the R.O. unit to the SPS equipment.*

Question 18: Drawing P0.4 show CPVC piping for reverse osmosis water, in conflict with §22 67 19.16 ¶2.1H which indicates that either PVC Sch 80 or stainless steel piping should be used depending upon pressure. Please clarify required piping. If the piping follows the specifications, please provide pressure.

Answer 18: *The second R.O. unit is new and serves the subbasement clean steam generator. This unit is entirely provided by the contractor. A supplier for this unit is Mr. Jeff Carrig, Getinge Albany Office, 518-281-0435, jeff.carrig@getingeusa.com.*

Regarding note 17 on drawing P2.1 for RO water to Decon Sink - piping from the RO unit to the RO fixtures is to be provided by an authorized installer (An authorized installer representative is Mr. Jeff Carrig, Getinge Albany Office, 518-281-0435, jeff.carrig@getingeusa.com). The contractor is to install noted conduits for the authorized installer to pull RO tubing through.

Regarding drawing P0.4 Reverse Osmosis Detail and Specification 22 67 19.16: Reverse-Osmosis Water Equipment piping should be CPVC SCH80. Specification 22 67 19.6 2.1H

reference to SS piping is piping used in factory constructed components. The RO water supply to the clean steam generator should connect with an 18" long braided flexible hose. An addendum is issued to update the specification to note CPVC and to show the hose connection on drawing M0.3.

Question 19: Drawing number C1.0, specification 31 23 19: what is the depth of existing ground water level?

Answer 19: *Ground water level is expected to be below the lowest excavation for tanks.*

Question 20: Are any permits required and who is responsible?

Answer 20: *Any permits required (e.g. abatement) are the responsibility of the contractor. No excavation permits are required beyond OSHA; all work is on federal property.*

Question 21: Is VA providing all utilities for the construction duration?

Answer 21: *See availability and use of existing VA utilities is delineated in 010000 General Requirements, section 1.22.*

Question 22: Specification 11 71 02; Laboratory washing and sterilizing equipment -- Specification specifies sterilizer enclosure panel, pass through window and sterile processing workstations.

Please provide drawings of existing sterile equipment those are need to be enclose with stainless steel panel, including provision of new doors, pass-through window and sterile processing work station.

Answer 22: *Regarding the sterile equipment details on the contract drawings:*

Enlarged plan 3/A7.3 and interior elevations 7/A8.5 and 3/A8.7 should have sufficient information (along with item 2.1 of Section 11 71 02) to price the sterilizer enclosure panels. Successful bidder may request additional information if necessary.

See 4/A7.1 and 10/A12.1 for pass through window information.

See 1/A0.4 for sterile processing workstation locations (tagged as 'A8' at (6) locations in room D9a – Prep/Sterilize).

Question 23: Is it ok to email proposal? If not can we get an extension on Bid due date from 10/21 to 10/23?

Answer 23: *Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope either in person or by mail and must be received by the VA no later than 1:30 pm on 10/21/2013. No time extension will be granted. All bids will be publically opened at 1:31pm on 10/21 at 2875 Union Road, Suite 3500, Cheektowaga, NY 14227.*

Question 24: Is this project Tax Exempt?

Answer 24: *See FAR 52.229-3 as incorporated by reference in the solicitation.*