

1. **QUESTION:** On plan M-202 the preheat coils for the VAV's refer to page M-503 note #4, this note shows a two way control valve schematic with a hot water pump labeled HWP 3. This piping schematic is to be used typical of all VAV coils of that type. The question we need clarification on is whether or not each VAV coil of this type get a HWP3? If not, then is HWP3 a single house pump to push water through all of the coils? **VA RESPONSE:** The VAV boxes will not get preheat coils. The air handler will have the preheat coil. The reference on sheet M202 to detail 4 on sheet M-503 is incorrect. The detail to use for the VAV box reheat coils would be detail 5 on sheet M-503. **THE AIR HANDLING UNIT PRE-HEAT COIL GETS PUMP HWP-3 FOR FREEZE PROTECTION, AS SHOWN ON DETAIL 4/M-503. THE REHEAT COILS DO NOT GET A CIRCULATING PUMP AND SHOULD BE PIPED ACCORDING TO DETAIL 5/M-503.**
2. **QUESTION:** Is this a ARRA DOMESTIC ONLY? **VA RESPONSE:** ARRA - American Recover and Investment Act.
3. **QUESTION:** Does the Wyoming Preference for workers apply to this Federal Project. (if it does then we have to advertise for the work through the Wyoming Workforce Service Program for 10 working days for qualified workers.) **VA RESPONSE:** No
4. **QUESTION:** Will electrical power be available for use by the contractors? **VA RESPONSE:** Yes.
5. **QUESTION:** Is the General Contractor or the asbestos abatement contractor responsible for the asbestos air clearances or will the VA have their own hygienist? **VA RESPONSE:** Air clearances are required immediately after the gross removal of all asbestos materials and prior to any additional construction trades performing work in the area or occupancy of the area by the VA. Prime or abatement contractor shall be responsible for providing third party hygienist, documentation, and clearances to the VA COR.
6. **QUESTION:** In regards to Building 3 Section 028333.13 (page 10) paragraph 3.3.A states to see the Lead-containing Paint Removal Scheduled attached, but there is no list except for the Northern Industrial Hygiene's (NIH) Survey. Are we to bid on NIH's list of LBP items as the specified removal schedule? **VA RESPONSE:** Check section 028333.13 (page 11) paragraph 3.6, LEAD-CONTAINING PAINT REMOVAL SCHEDULE. NIH survey is for additional information only.
7. **QUESTION:** In regards to Building 9 there is no lead-based paint specification although NIH's survey shows LBP items in the building. Please clarify for bidding purposes. **VA RESPONSE:** No LBP removal in B9. NIH survey is for additional information only.
8. **QUESTION:** Will the Director Suite be emptied and available to the contractor? **VA RESPONSE:** The VA will move the furniture out, staff will also be relocated and the suite will be made available to contractor.

9. **QUESTION:** Will the VA move the furniture out of B3 or will the contractor have to do this? **VA RESPONSE:** The VA will move the furnishings out of B3.
10. **QUESTION:** The bid date moving forward may create an extremely difficult time getting the VA the best price and proposal. May the date be moved back to the original date of November 18th? **VA RESPONSE:** No.
11. **QUESTION:** A bid time of 10 am creates problems for the electrical subcontractors. The suppliers read the date and then the electrical suppliers especially don't get their pricing to the subcontractors until after noon. Please change the time to 2 PM. **VA RESPONSE:** No
12. **QUESTION:** The Proposal per clause 1.5B is limited to 30 pages. May the Gant Chart of schedule be excluded from this page limit? This project is only one contract but involve many phases over two separate buildings. A detailed schedule may limit the proposal development. **VA RESPONSE:** No.
13. **QUESTION:** The Past Performance Questionnaire is being sent to past Project Clients today. The November 6th date may pose a problem for the questionnaire return. Please extend the bid date. **VA RESPONSE:** No.
14. **QUESTION:** Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.2 "STATEMENT OF BID ITEMS" differs from the Page 7 & 8 of the Scope of Work. Please Clarify. **VA RESPONSE:** This is a combined project – the statement of work under the heading "Work Will Include" , Paragraph A, covers the base bid for both B3 & B9, Paragraphs B, C, and D cover B3, Paragraphs E, F, and G cover B9. The specification section 01 00 00, paragraph 1.2 covers items that are specific to either B3 or B9, depending on which spec book you look at (B3 or B9). The language has not changed.
15. **QUESTION:** Section 01 33 23 paragraph 1.10 requires all submittals including samples to be sent to Kenneth Hahn in Omaha. Is this correct? Both cost are increased and the ability of the local COR to review is restricted. **VA RESPONSE:** Yes. **THIS IS THE VA MASTER SPEC. I WOULD PREFER THAT A SINGLE SAMPLE BE SHIPPED TO KHA FOR REVIEW, WITH THE REMAINING SAMPLES BEING SUBMITTED TO THE COTR. THIS SAVES US FROM HAVING TO SHIP SAMPLES BACK. ALSO, I WOULD PREFER THAT THE SUBMITTALS ARE TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO KHA AND THE COTR SIMULTANEOUSLY, WITH THE RETURNED SUBMITTALS TRANSFERED BACK TO THE CONTRACTOR AND VA ELECTRONICALLY AS WELL. I DON'T KNOW IF THE VA WILL ACCEPT THE ABOVE, OR IF WE NEED TO COMPLY WITH THE MASTER SPEC REQUIREMENTS. MAYBE WE CAN PLAY IT BY EAR AS THE PROJECTS GET UNDER WAY,**

BASED ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR AND THEIR ABILITY TO PROPERLY MANAGE THE SUBMITTAL PROCESS.

16. **QUESTION:** Section 01 08 11 Sustainable Design Requirements requires not only the normal LEED logs and material recycling but in paragraph 1.5 A 6. Requires calculation of the material cost for the project etc. Very extensive record keeping. Section B of the same states all cost submitted within 60 days after preconstruction meeting. The Section OWNERS PROJECT REQUIREMENTS paragraph 4 A States..."The Renovate Administration Space for Dental Clinic B9 project will utilize the LEED 2009 Commercial Interiors (LEED-CI 2009) rating system. Comment the above are similar but with slightly different requirements. Is B9 building the only portion of this project that the Sustainable applies against? **VA RESPONSE:** Sustainable Design Requirements specifications can be found in Section 01 81 11 for both B3 and B9.
17. **QUESTION:** Will a LEED AP be necessary for the production of these documents? **VA RESPONSE: SPEC SECTION 01 81 11, SUSTAINABLE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS, DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT A LEED AP OVERSEES CREDIT DOCUMENTATION.**
18. **QUESTION:** Please Provide the LEED Score Sheet for the project. This is needed so we may know which and how many points are required and under the control of the contractor. **VA RESPONSE: THIS PROJECT IS NOT INTENDED TO ACHIEVE LEED CERTIFICATION, AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED WITH THE USGBC. SPEC SECTION 01 81 11 SHOULD ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**
19. **QUESTION:** B-9 - Plan Page P102 attic plan:
The water supply for the humidifier H-2 calls for a Reduced Pressure Vacuum Breaker. Please clarify if this backflow assembly is to be a Reduced Pressure Assembly or Pressure Vacuum Breaker. **VA RESPONSE:** Must use Reduced Pressure Zone. Please see sheet M503. **THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE MUST BE A REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW PREVENTER, WHICH SHALL DRAIN TO THE NEAREST FLOOR DRAIN.**
20. **QUESTION:** B-9 - Plan Page P201 dental water connection detail:
The water supply for the Sterilsil System calls for a Reduced Pressure Vacuum Breaker. Please clarify if this backflow assembly is to be a Reduced Pressure Assembly or Pressure Vacuum Breaker. **VA RESPONSE:** Must use Reduced Pressure Zone. Please see sheet M503. **THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE MUST BE A REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW PREVENTER.**
21. **QUESTION:** B-9 - Plan Page P201 dental water connection detail:
A reduced pressure backflow assembly or a pressure vacuum breaker can produce water outside the assembly through normal operation of the assembly. Please advise as

where to drain this water in case of a backflow situation. **VA RESPONSE:** Drain over to nearest floor drain. Please see sheet M503. **THE REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW PREVENTER SHALL EITHER DRAIN INTO THE TAILPIECE ABOVE THE SINK TRAP OR BE PIPED DOWN TO A FLOOR DRAIN IN THE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT ROOM DIRECTLY BELOW THE BREAK ROOM.**

22. **QUESTION:** Page 10, Factor 1, Item #3 - *“Key Personnel Experience/Qualifications – MUST show documentation and demonstrate that the contractor has experience with Infection Control Risk Assessments and corresponding mitigating measures, and experience with Interim Life Safety Measures.”* What specific documentation does the Government want to show that the contractor has the experience with ICRA and ILSM? **VA RESPONSE:** The Government is looking for past history of work experience. Provide example and reference job completed that demonstrate experience with ICRA and ILSM.

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23. **QUESTION:** 1/A403 calls for a HSS 4 x 4 x 1/4 column. Please provide a detail for the top and bottom of this column (what is the base detail, do we need a footing/pad, what is the saddle/top detail at the beam)? **VA RESPONSE: SEE ATTACHED DETAIL.**
24. **QUESTION:** 10/A406 calls out for opening to be infilled with reinforced concrete. Please provide requirements of reinforcement. **VA RESPONSE: SEE ATTACHED REVISED DETAIL 10/A-406.**
25. **QUESTION:** 10/A406 calls for treated 2 x to be anchored to CMU. Please confirm there is no CMU at this location and that this is reinforced cast in place concrete. **VA RESPONSE: REINFORCED CONCRETE INFILL IS CORRECT. DELETE REFERENCE TO CMU WALL.**
26. **QUESTION:** M400, M401, M402, M403, & M404: What operating system is required for the tie-in to the existing system? **VA RESPONSE:** You may tie in to the Trane Front end or Siemens Front End.

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27. **QUESTION:** A101 first floor key note 10, please provide a detail at the base and top for this column. **VA RESPONSE: SEE ATTACHED DETAIL.**

28. **QUESTION:** M400, M401, & M402: What operating system is required for the tie-in to the existing system? **VA RESPONSE:** You may tie in to the Trane Front end or Siemens Front End.
29. **QUESTION:** What brand, type and color of bathroom stalls? **VA RESPONSE: SEE SPEC SECTION 09 06 00, SCHEDULE FOR FINISHES, PAGE 5, FOR BASIS OF DESIGN.**
30. **QUESTION:** Are we supplying toilet accessories, if so what brand and model #? **VA RESPONSE: SEE SPEC SECTION 10 28 00, TOILET, BATH, AND LAUNDRY ACCESSORIES, PAGE 8, FOR BASIS OF DESIGN.**
31. **QUESTION:** On bldg.3 page A 101 note #12 it calls for a 48" high wall protection, I can't find where it goes or what it is. **VA RESPONSE: NOTE 12 IS REFERENCED IN JANITOR 008. SEE SPEC SECTION 09 06 00, PAGE 5, FOR BASIS OF DESIGN. SEE SPEC SECTION 10 26 00, WALL AND DOOR PROTECTION, FOR PRODUCT.**
32. **QUESTION:** Corner guards what type, and drawing show them on some corners, or is it all corners? **VA RESPONSE: CORNER GUARD LOCATIONS ARE NOTED ON THE DRAWINGS. SEE SEPC SECTION 09 06 00, PAGE 5, FOR BASIS OF DESIGN. SEE SPEC SECTION 10 26 00 FOR PRODUCT.**
33. **QUESTION:** Last comment for now, drawing are calling for ceiling hung partitions. With these we need to install 4" channel lying flat with kickers to the deck above and angle bracing (Welded), just above the ceiling framing. It is installed before the ceiling framing. And before drywall we will have to drill the channel and install all thread ceiling bolts for the partitions. **VA RESPONSE: THIS IS A WOOD FRAME STRUCTURE. THE RESTROOM GYPSUM BOARD CEILINGS ARE INSTALLED TIGHT TO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE WOOD FRAMING. THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE REQUIRED WOOD BLOCKING FOR INSTALLATION OF CEILING HUNG PARTITIONS.**