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Q1	Please amend bid form to allow entries for Deductive Bid Items #1 and #2. Please confirm that these bid items are included in the BASE BID, and that the deductive bid items are just that – subtractive.
A1	Yes the deductive bid items #1 and #2 are deductive bid items – subtractive, per notes 8 and 9 on drawing 22T1.1..
Q2	Is the offeror (contractor) required to submit technical proposal? There is no guidance on how the offeror would draft/develop/prepare the technical proposal. Please clarify this.
A2	No technical proposal is required, only price proposal
Q3	Construction completion time is given only 60 days. Given submittal preparation, VA submittal review/approval and logistic (purchase & delivery of material) would take long lead-time. Assuming that 60 completion date given is 60 days after NTP or 60 days after the contractor mobilizes his job material in handy? Can NTP be held up until the contractor is ready for actual performing the work? Will time extension be granted in the event that the contractor encounters the logistical issue?
A3	Construction completion time is 217 days from NTP
Q4	Please confirm that the allowable work/construction hours are....5pm - 6am Monday-Thursday. Thus working 4 days, 10 hours per day with 1 hour lunch.
A4	Allowable construction work hours are from 5pm to 6 am Monday through Thursday and 6pm Friday to 6pm Sunday on weekends after facility is unoccupied. Shutdowns are to occur from 6pm Friday to 6pm Sunday, and 6pm to 6am Monday through Thursday. Refer to drawing 22T1.1 notes 20 and 21.
Q5	SF 1442, Block 10, First Paragraph sentence states: “Contractor shall conduct a thorough review of existing drawings, field investigation to determine actual conditions and interviews with appropriate engineering and using service personnel.” We are unclear as to the actual meaning or expectations for the later half of this sentence. This is a Bid-Build delivery method for a fully designed project. Does the VA expect each and every contractor submitting an offer to schedule interviews with “appropriate engineering” staff, and to schedule interviews with “using service personnel” prior to submitting an offer? Will the VA schedule mass interviews with the right people for all bidding contractors? If these personnel provide instructions other than those in the solicitation, are we to follow those directions? In the interest of procurement fairness, and reasonable practicality, we respectfully request that this sentence be clarified, facilitated by the VA as to its requirements, modified, or completely removed.
A5	No the VA does not expect bidders to conduct interviews during the bid solicitation stage of this procurement, only submission of request for information (RFIs) . Once the NTP is issued the Contracting Officer, COTR, Using Service and AE will meet periodically for Progress meeting.
Q6	Drawing No.s 22E1.4 & 1.5, Panel Schedules. Due to the size of the font and the quality of the PDF file the text for both of these pages is very hard to read. To accurately price them out we are requesting a better copy of these pages be provided.

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A6	New .pdf is posted in Amendment 2 along with clearer copy of drawings
Q7	<p>Our project team has developed the following questions in regards to the above mentioned project:</p> <p>2. Plan sheet 22E1.4 Key Note 2 states the following: “All branch wiring shall be disconnected and pulled back to source. Associated conduits shall be reused as much as feasible.”</p> <p>In order to properly estimate the quantity of work associated with this key note it would extremely helpful if the government could provide the contractor with as-built drawings showing the existing building’s power plan. Can the government provide the contractors with existing as-builts or better quantify the work that will need to take place at each panel requiring re-circuiting? Please advise.</p>
A7	Refer to demolition sheets for existing circuit numbers from panels to source, including all lighting and outlets. Exact locations of conduits are unknown. Panels, outlets and wiring are being replaced.
Q8	Plan sheets 22E3.3 & 22E3.2 state that the Lighting Branch Circuits in various areas of the building shall be home run to the local lighting panel. General Note #1 on the aforementioned plan sheets states to replace all existing lighting branch circuit conductors with new #12 AWG. Is the contractor to install new lighting home runs to the various lighting panel in question or is the contractor to simply pull in new conductors into the existing conduits? Please advise
A8	Contractor to pull wires in existing conduits, however conduits and wires will need to be added for occupancy sensors.
Q9	Plan sheet 22E1.3 shows the contractor pulling in a new electric feeder wire from Power Panel 1B to Building 24’s Main Building Panel. Unfortunately, I have been unable to locate Building 24’s Main Panel on the plan sheets. Please indicate where this panel is located so an accurate feeder takeoff can be assembled
A9	Refer to drawing E22E1.6, the panel in Building 24 is located approximately in the middle of Building 24, 1st floor. Conduit is routed as shown from B22 on sheet 22E2.5, then underground to Building 24
Q10	Will ALL the duplex receptacles cover plates on this page (entire 1st floor) be required to be changed to stainless steel and etched with the circuit number and not just in rooms 116 and 117? Please advise.
A10	Refer to new work drawings 3.1 through 3.8, The lighting drawings 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 general notes number 2, state: “Remove lighting switches and replace with stainless steel covers. Etch covers with the name of panel and circuit in black letters.” This would be all switch covers. Power drawings 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, and 3.8 general notes number 1, state: “All receptacle outlets shall be new with stainless steel cover plates using the same location as those removed per demolition plan. Etch covers with the name of panel and circuit in black letters”
Q11	<p>Plan sheet 22E1.4 Key Note 2 states the following:</p> <p>“All branch wiring shall be disconnected and pulled back to source. Associated conduits shall be reused as much as feasible.”</p>

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A11	<p>Refer to demolition sheets for existing circuit numbers from panels to source, including all lighting and outlets. Exact locations of conduits are unknown. Panels, outlets and wiring are being replaced.</p>
Q12	<p>Is there a plan or specification for scope of infection control work? There is a note about completing the Infection Control Checklist, but no other details.</p>
A12	<p>Reference Specification 01 00 01:</p> <p>Contractor shall become familiar and comply with site procedures as referenced in this specification.</p> <p>Attch 14 Pre Construction Risk Assessment .doc</p> <p>All construction personnel and subcontractors shall view Infection Control Video before performing any construction activities at the VA. Contractor shall keep a log of training and provide a copy to the COR. Contractor shall purchase Building on the Plan: Infection Prevention for Construction Personnel from Envision Incorporated at envisioninc.net or approved equal for training proposes.</p> <p>Contractors can refer to the following sites to find Infection Control –Construction films:</p> <p>http://www.apic.org/ (“Resources”, then “Store”, then “Audio-Video Media”, then type in “Construction”).</p> <p>http://www.envisioninc.net/index.php/programs/topics/category/construction_in_healthcare/. Click on “Part of the Plan: “Infection Prevention for Healthcare Professionals During Construction & Renovation”.</p> <p>Infection Control Videos found on the You Tube website are not acceptable and shall not be allowed for training purposes</p>
Q13	<p>Are there any limitation on worker parking at the site during work hours? Will parking and a laydown area adjacent to the building be made available?</p>
A13	<p>Parking shall be in Parking Lot X (north of B22). Laydown area shall be across the street from B7. East of Parking Lot X and West of the Golf Course.</p>
Q14	<p>Please verify that the contractor shall take possession of all gear and wire that is salvaged during the demolition operations.</p>
A14	<p>Yes, the contractor shall take possession of gear and wire that is to be demolished or removed.</p>
Q15	<p>We did not see any Hazardous testing or inspection. Have all areas where work will take</p>

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	place been previously certified free of lead and asbestos? Will those certifications be available?
A15	There is not a copy of testing available