

2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A00004	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 02-21-2014	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable) TBD
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6. ISSUED BY Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15 3450 S 4th Street Leavenworth KS 66048	CODE 00255	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office (NCO) 15 3450 S 4th Street Leavenworth KS 66048	CODE 00255
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) To all Offerors/Bidders	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. VA255-14-R-0034
	X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 02-10-2014
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
 (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. **FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER.** If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

AMENDMENT REASON: TO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PART 2 AND CLAIRIFICATIONS TO AMENDMENT A00003

A. ATTACHED IS THE PRE-BID SITE VISIT MINUTES PART 2.

B. AMENDMENT A00002 WAS NOT ISSUED. AMENDMENT A00003 REFLECTED A00002 ONLY ON THE PRE-BID MINUTES. PLEASE CHANGE IT. TO READ A00003.

C. COST WORKS IS UPDATED QUARTERLY AND NOT YEARLY. .

D. CONTRACTORS ARE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AMENDMENTS A00001, A00003, AND A00004 ON THE BACK OF THE SF 1442.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) BILLIE JO CHERICO
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED
	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)
	16C. DATE SIGNED

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
PART 2**

VA255-14-R-0034

AMENDMENT A00004

IDIQ JOC CONTRACT

Following are the questions received for the above-cited solicitation, and the answers are in red.

1. When a teaming arrangement is made with another company that is not a joint venture, can the Teaming Company's past performance and relevant experience be used for Factors 2 and 3?

Teaming arrangements are not acceptable, only Joint Ventures. This Joint Venture must be CVE certified and must have submitted Vets 100 reports in order to receive an award. The past performance and relevant experience will be evaluated only for the Joint Ventures. However, sub-contractors, that you have a teaming arrangement with, may be evaluated under Element 1a(3) – Key Subcontractors.

2. Referencing 3.6 Proposal Submittal Instructions, Volume 2 Tab "D" Payment and Performance Bonds; if proposing on multiple locations, what is the requirement to demonstrate bonding capability? Example does a company need to demonstrate a \$16 million bonding capacity to propose and receive award for four locations?

If you are bidding on four different locations and expect award on four different locations, you must have bonding capability up to \$16.

3. Referencing 3.6 Proposal Submittal Instructions, Volume 1 Element 1.a (1) Qualifications of Key Personnel; is it acceptable for an individual to perform multiple functions? I.e. perform PM/Superintendent and be the Competent OSHA Qualified person for task orders or must there be three separate individuals perform each respective function?

No, that is entirely up to you.

4. Referencing the Scope of Work paragraph 3.b.2; the requirements exclude Division 1 which includes "Construction Aides" and "Temporary Barriers". Temporary dust barriers are a significant requirement of the construction process in Hospital facilities. Please confirm that all Temporary dust barriers (to include temporary drywall barriers) and construction aides will not be allowed in task order estimates and must be included as a factor of the coefficient.

If you are using any of the items in Division 1, it belongs in the co-efficient, along with your profit and overhead and other items.

5. Equipment Rental is defined by some Contracting Offices to be part of Division 1. Can you please take a position on whether VISN 15 interprets Equipment Rental to fall under Division 1 and must be part of the coefficient or will be allowed as part of the pricing in task order estimates?

If a contract is awarded to you, you will **not** be using Division 1 pricing from RS Means. Any items in Division 1, belongs in your co-efficient. Please look at Proposal Submittal Instructions for Co-Efficients.

6. Referencing the Scope of Work Paragraph 3. Unit Price Book (UPB) fourth paragraph, "The R.S. Means will be updated each calendar year with the current edition of the cost data, not updated during the contract period." Cost Works has a quarterly update for pricing throughout the year. Is the intent of this sentence to not allow those quarterly updates or will the quarterly updates via Cost Works be allowed?

If Cost Works is updated quarterly, then those are the prices the government will honor.

7. Please clarify the application of Davis Bacon Wages. Will Davis Bacon wage rates be issued at the beginning of each option period and apply to all task orders within the option period or will the wage rates be issued per the latest published rate at the time of task order award for each individual task order?

Each time you receive an RFQ for a new project, you will receive the current Wage Determination for that type of work and facility. The Wage Determinations in the solicitation, was provided to give you visual of what will be used on the individual contracts.

8. Referencing the Scope of Work Paragraph 3.a Definition of UPB Price Items. Paragraph (1) defines "testing and balancing". RS Means section 23 05 93 includes testing and balancing for the items listed in the reference paragraph. Is it position of VISN 15 that RS Means Section 23 05 93 Testing and Balancing line items will not be allowed for use in estimating task orders?

The paragraph states that incidental nails, screws, weldments, and connections are already considered in the "Unit Price Line Number" cost, and you cannot double charge. So if 23 05 93 is for these incidental items, you may be using them only on rare occasions.

9. Can you provide the historical workload i.e. the number of task orders and total revenue completed on each facility during the previous contract?

At his point in time, this information is not available. I can say that the old contracts were for a maximum of \$3,000,000 per year, and for the most part, that was met at most of facilities.

10. Referencing 3.6 Proposal Submittal Instructions, element 1.a.(3) Key Subcontractors, the "Special Note for Multiple Offers" last sentence requires additional documentation and a cover letter. Please clarify what additional documentation is needed and what is required on the cover letter.

Please refer to Volume II – Contract Documents & Price Proposal, Paragraph 1 – Section I – Contract Documents, Tab A – Cover Letter. I believe if you read that, you will understand what a cover letter is. If you are bidding on more than one facility, you need a cover letter for each Volume II for each facility. The directions state that it should be no longer than 2 pages; name and address of organization submitting the proposal; name of facility you are bidding on; the name, address and phone number of personal who has the authority to make representations relative to the proposal; who can discuss or negotiate for the company;

11. Amendment A00003 states "A00003 and A00002", which is it?

At this time there are two Amendments A00001 and A00003, and this one will be A00004. Amendment A00002 was not issued due to computer problems. Also, it was noted that the pre-bid Minutes reflected A00002 at the top, please change this to A00003. Please acknowledge A00001, A00003 and A00004 on the back page of the SF 1442.

END OF QUESTIONS