

REFERENCE: Solicitation # VA256-13-R-1853, Rental/Lease Mobile MRI Unit

The following questions were received:

1. Access to MRI location. Can the tree beside the entrance be removed if needed?
The live oak trees are not to be disturbed.
2. Equipment, solicitation states new never used Siemens 1.5T Magnetom Espree Open Bore unit? Siemens does not produce the Espree so we need to determine whether to quote a used mobile Espree or a new unit that is equivalent.
New unit that is equivalent.
3. Does the conduit for the communication wires have to run from server to trailer or can we use the cable tray in the building and use conduit from cable tray to trailer?
Communication wires can be run in cable tray in hospital and in conduit outside of hospital.
4. Is there plans and specifications that can be provided for the required canopy construction?
Base design and construction considerations for the canopy based on the scope of work, technical specifications provided and drawings in the RFP.
5. Contract documents state that after hours work will be required for power outages/electrical work. Will after hours/weekend work be allowed for general construction activities as well?
After hours/weekend work approved ahead of time (3 to 5 days prior notice) with the VA- COR will be allowed.
6. Contract documents state for the contractor to provide all preventative maintenance, service calls, transportation, parts, and labor for the project. Note that these activities are to only be done by the MRI manufacturers trained employee's to work on such machines. Therefore, this scope will have to be contracted out to the MRI manufacturer by the contractor and not performed with the contractors own labor forces. Please confirm this is acceptable.
Confirmed.
7. Is there a requirement or preference to have painted steel, galvanized steel or aluminum for the handrail system?
Handrails are to be aluminum.
8. May a pre-engineered system to be used for the canopy? (ie. Peachtree, Tennessee Valley)
A pre-engineered system may be used for the canopy with a submittal approved by the VA-COR.
9. Does the canopy need to overhang the entry to the MRI Trailer?
Yes, the canopy needs to overhang entrance to trailer.
10. Can the ramp and canopy system be anchored to the existing concrete paving with epoxy or expansion anchors?
The ramp and canopy needs to be constructed in accordance with the International Building Code, latest edition, and meet or exceed the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard (ABAAS).
11. Are the Veterans Administration ADA requirements for handrails more stringent than current standard ADA requirements?
VA regulations for handicap accessibility (ABAAS) are typically more stringent than ADA requirements. See the following web site location: <http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/>