

VA259-14-R-0009 ANSWERS TO BIDDERS QUESTIONS
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Services (PM&RS) and Prosthetics Center

1. **Question: Section 010000 1.23 PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION-**A recent GJ VAMC construction project included an similar specification and the Q&A indicated alternate criteria to satisfy the photo documentation , see below:

Question: 1.31 E and F: To clarify, online access and IT support will be required during the performance period? Who shall have online access?

Answer: *The Contractor can satisfy the VA's intent for photo documentation with the following directives:*

- 1. The Contractor shall take photos, of sufficient quality to meet megapixel and other technical requirements, at the direction of the Contracting Officer or other designated VA Staff member. The Contractor shall coordinate as needed with the Contracting Officer or other designated VA staff member to ensure adequate documentation for the project.*
- 2. The Contractor shall make available throughout the performance period, photo documentation by CD-ROM or secure FTP site at intervals specified by the Contracting Officer or other designated VA Staff member. The Contractor shall include in the project close-out documents, a complete project photo documentation submittal.*

Due to the substantial costs associated with and limited (if any) local availability of a qualified photographic contractor, would similar modification to the requirements of this section be allowed for this project? If so, please specify.

Answer: This project will adhere to the General Requirement Specifications and the Photographic Documentation section, with the exception of the Building Information Modeling (BIM) interface requirement. See question number 29 below for clarification.

2. **Question: Section 010000 1.14 RESIDENT ENGINEER'S FIELD OFFICE-**

- a) Is this for the VA Engineer (COR)? If so, with permanent office already located on site, is this still going to be required?
- b) Given the limited space available and assumed ongoing adjacent construction of the Parking Structure, where would this unit be located on the site and are utilities water, sewer, electrical available at the location and at what distance from proposed location.
- c) Item L.5- Will all the furnishing requirements of the office as identified be required, i.e lavatory/toilet? Will any modification to furnishings be allowed?
 - i) What kind of alarm system is considered sufficient and would it require connection to an existing facility system?

Answer: The Resident Engineer's Field Office is not required.

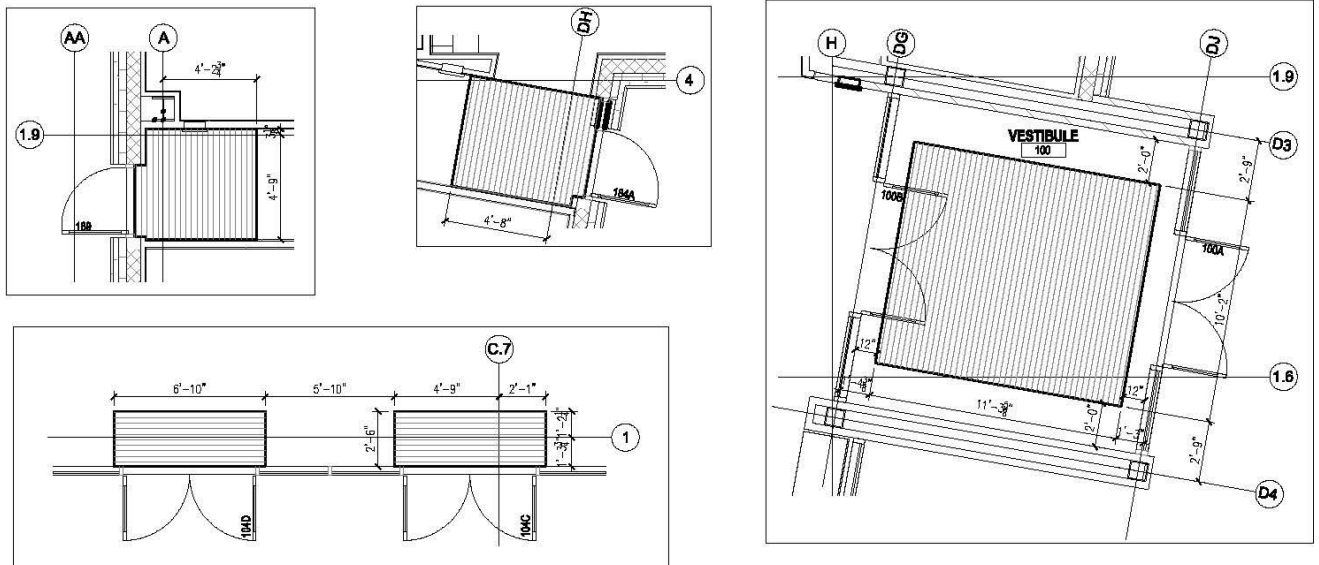
3. **Question: In drawing 38-CG-101** it states Dock Lift Beacon "BTAD-40-606" while in Section 111220 it specify Beacon "BTAD-50-608" Ground Scissor Dock Lift. Please verify what Dock Lift to be used.

Answer: The specification is correct (Beacon "BTAD-50-608" Ground Scissor Dock Lift).

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4. **Question:** In drawing 38-SF-101 note 5 – See architectural plan for sizes and locations while in drawing 38-AI-101 Entrance floor grilles, see structural for dimension. Please provide sizes for the entrance floor grilles and specification.

Answer: For size of entrance floor grilles see sketch SK-1 below and specification Section 09 06 00, Finish Materials Schedule: 12 4816 Floor Grilles Construction Specialties “Peditred WR G4” 7304 Sandstone or Acceptable Substitution.



1 FIRST FLOOR - FLOOR GRILLE DIMENSIONS
1/4" = 1'-0"

RE: 38-IN-101



5. **Question:** In drawing 38-IN-102 indicates stainless steel acoustic panels and acoustical panels, please provide specification and details

Answer: See Specification Section 09 84 33.

6. **Question:** In the table of contents 098433 says Sound Absorbing Wall Units but the Spec Section 098433 indicates Acoustical Metal Baffles. Please clarify if Section 098433 is for Acoustical Metal Baffles.

Answer: Specification Section 09 84 33 is for Acoustical Metal Baffles.

7. **Question:** In Section 090600 Decorative Metal (DM-1) states not used but in drawing 38-IN-301 indicates Decorative stainless steel accent panel (DM-1). Please clarify if DM-1 is to be used.

Answer: Section 09 06 00, Spec Division 05 50 00, under the “Notes” column shall read: “Security and Check In Desks”. Refer to D1/38-IN-301 and D4/38-IN-301.

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8. **Question:** Please provide specification 122113 for Horizontal Louver Blinds and its locations

Answer: Per Section 09 06 00, Material List Division 12 2113, there are horizontal louver blinds required “throughout”. “Throughout” shall mean on “all glazed openings located on exterior walls except Waiting 101, Conference 1 – Room 176, Conference 2 – Room 177, Conference 3 – Room 178 and glazed doors and sidelites. (Waiting 101 receives no blinds or shades). Gym 104 doors shall not receive blinds, but the sidelites next to and window WF-07 between doors 104C and 104D shall receive blinds. Glazing noted as “Glazing 2”, clerestory windows, located above “Glazing 1” view level windows, shall not receive blinds.”

9. **Question:** Please provide specification 12 24 13 for Roller Shades

Answer: Per Section 09 06 00, Material List Spec Division 12 2413 there are “Mecho roller shades, blackout pattern”. Roller shades are to be provided on the glazed openings located on exterior walls of Conference 1 – Room 176, Conference 2 – Room 177 and Conference 3 – Room 178, covering both clerestory and view windows to provide black out capability for all glazed openings in these rooms.

10. **Question:** In Drawing 38-IN-101, Room 142 has 2 doors, the door schedule indicates only 1 door (door no. 142A) Please provide door schedule for the other door.

Answer: Exterior Door 142B is shown on Sheet 38-AI-101. It is listed at the bottom of the Door Schedule on Sheet 38-IN-503.

11. **Question:** In Drawing CG-201 detail 2 calls for gravel path while LP-102 detail 6 calls for concrete walk 4’thk, please clarify.

Answer: 38- LP-102 Detail 6 is correct (Conc. Walk - 4” Thick).

12. **Question:** Please identify column section and size on Grid DA-D1, DB-D1, DC-D1, DE-D1 and DF-D1.

Answer: The column section and size is HSS12X6X5/8.

13. **Question:** Smoke Detectors are not shown on plans. Please provide locations/details for the smoke detectors.

Answer: Smoke detection is only provided for the air handling unit via duct mounted smoke detectors. General building smoke detection is specified. Please see the FPE design analysis provided in the specifications.

14. **Question:** Solicitation Submittal Process/Submission Procedures-Item a.: Please specify type of binding acceptable in lieu of ring binders, i.e. Plastic Comb, Double Loop Wire, Coil, Velobind, Thermal Binding. **Answer:** In lieu of ring binders, acceptable type of bindings include: plastic comb, double loop wire, coil, velobind, and thermal binding.

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15. **Question:** Scope of Work Item 9 page 6 of 80: given limited space and assumed ongoing adjacent construction, will approved off-site material storage be allowed?

Answer: Yes. However, there are two designated locations for potential staging areas on-site. The following are to be coordinated with and approved by the Resident Engineer; 1. North of the PM&RS building; and 2. West of the PM&RS building (see attached potential staging area(s) exhibit).

16. **Question:** Are any permits e.g. Electrical, plumbing, building required?

Answer: The Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) in Appendix B of the Stormwater Management Plan will not be required. All other requirements within the Stormwater Management Plan for the PM&RS/Prosthetics Building project will be required.

17. **Question:** Is the required Pricing Schedule the same as Certified Cost or Pricing Data?

Answer: The pricing schedule is not the same as certified cost or pricing data. Certified Cost or Pricing Data is not required.

18. **Question:** Is there a summary of total cost by element of cost or pricing data threshold?

Answer: No, there is no summary of total cost by element of cost or pricing data threshold.

19. **Question:** Is an Identification of any incurred costs for work performed before submission of proposal listed in the Pricing Schedule acceptable by the Department of Affairs?

Answer: No costs prior to award are to be included in the pricing schedule.

20. **Question:** What will be the procedure for change orders, modifications, and/or claims?

Answer: Change Orders, Modifications and Claims shall be addressed with the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) and the Contracting Officer (CO) to determine acceptability if deemed outside the scope.

21. **Question:** Is there an index of all Certified Cost or Pricing Data and information accompanying available? Is FAR Table 15-2 appropriate to use? **Answer:** No index for Certified Cost or Pricing Data is required nor shall any be provided.

22. **Question:** Who is the contact for any questions regarding project drawings?

Answer: Questions regarding project drawings are to be directed to the VA Resident Engineer.

23. **Question:** Does Solicitation No. VA259-14-R-0009 reflects all specific requirements by the Department of Veterans Affairs? **Answer:** Yes.

24. **Question:** For required Standard Forms submittals, are the most current revised SF's to be used? e.g. SF25 & SF25A? These are GSA Performance and Payment Bond submittal forms.

Answer: Contractors shall always use the most updated SF forms, i.e. SF 25 and SF 25A.

25. **Question:** What are the requirements for retaining the different Testing Agencies?

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Answer: The Contractor shall coordinate with the VA's 3rd Party Construction Materials Testing Agency, as stated in the Specification Section 01 45 29 Testing Laboratory Services, Subsection 1.1 Description.

26. Question: What file extension is to be used for Submission of Proposals on CD? e.g. .pdf, .doc, etc. **Answer: File extensions shall be in PDF form only.**

27 Question: As addressed in Subfactor 2.2-Schedule and Project Work Plan, what baseline date should be used in creating the Critical Path Method Schedule? **Answer: When creating the schedule use the dates listed in the basis of evaluation for Subfactor 2.2. "For scheduling purposes, assume an award date of July 31, 2014, and note that the project has firm operational need date of August 15, 2015."**

28. Question: What is the Solicitation Number for the PM&RS, Prosthetic Building? **Answer: The solicitation number is VA259-14-R-0009. It has been brought to the Government's attention, that on the SF 1442, solicitation # VA2590-14-R-0009 is listed but starting at the Table of Contents, solicitation # VA259-14-R-0104 is referenced. To clarify, the correct solicitation # is VA259-14-R-0009 with all applicable amendments, specs and drawings.**

29. Question: Is there a VTC (vehicle track out control) measure? Has the VA considered the alternative to the VTC and it's standard BMP? **Answer: Yes, there is a VTC measure. The Initial/Interim VTC's are identified in Appendix A of the Construction Stormwater Management Plan near the beginning of the specifications. The Resident Engineer will consider alternatives to the VTC.**

30. Question: In regards to the Interior Furnishings for the Prosthetics Center, whom will be specifying and coordinating the Furniture needs? **Answer: Interior furnishings are not a part of solicitation VA259-14-R-0009.**

31. Regarding the photographic documentation requirements:

Question: How many months the project will be under construction?

Answer: 12 months.

Question: How many Pre-Existing documentations are requested?

Answer: The number of Pre-existing documentations (pictures) will need to be coordinated and determined by the Commercial Photographer and General Contractor. The Contractor shall meet the requirements of the General Specification Section 010000, 1.23, B., 4.

Question: How many Pre-Slab Utility documentations are requested (number of pours)?

Answer: The number of documentations (pictures) will need to be coordinated and determined by the Commercial Photographer and General Contractor. The Contractor shall meet the requirements of the General Specification Section 010000, 1.23, B., 6 & 13.

Question: How many Wall & Ceiling MEP documentations are requested (number of inspections)? **Answer: The number of documentations (pictures) will need to be coordinated and determined by the Commercial Photographer and General Contractor. The Contractor shall meet the requirements of the General Specification Section 010000, 1.23, B., 7 & 14.**

Question: Also, in your requirements for Photographic Documentation under point G,

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you are asking for BIM requirements for the Permanent Record. How necessary is that to your needs and can we submit a proposal to you without it?

Answer: BIM requirements will no longer be necessary. Permanent Record shall have interface capabilities with Contract Drawings.

