

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Great Lakes Health Care System

Replace Switchgear, Building 21  
VA #537-14-110

TO: "ALL BIDDERS OF RECORD"

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM OF THE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS BY INSERTING ITS NUMBER IN THE PROPOSAL FORM. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY SUBJECT BIDDER TO DISQUALIFICATION. THIS ADDENDUM FORMS A PART OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. IT MODIFIES THEM AS FOLLOWS:

**PARKING:**

VA will not provide parking spaces for the use of the contractor. Contractor can park vehicles in the parking garage at prevailing rates.

**PRE-BID QUESTIONS:**

1. **Question:** *Were any soil borings taken?*
  - a. **Reply:** add: the contractor will provide 6 (six) 2" soil borings not less than 6 feet deep at locations in area surrounding building 21, with final location to be coordinated with the COTR. Analyze for VOC, SVOC, pesticides, asbestos, metals, pH and other testing required to classify per Title 35 IL Administrative Code to confirm the classification of the soil for disposal
2. **Question:** *Did any soils testing take place as to determine the proper means of disposal?*
  - a. **Reply:** add: The excavated soils are to be taken from the site and disposed. This soil is not Clean Construction and Demolition Debris (CCDD) but does qualify for Subtitle D (construction and industrial) landfill. The contractor shall include the cost for special hauling and special disposal including record documentation. This addendum supersedes other sections of the plans and specifications that are in conflict with same.
3. **Question:** *Detail 1 on sheet EGI-100 expansion joint shows using pre-molded filler and joint sealants at the joints of sidewalk, please confirm if both are intended at the joints.*
  - a. **Reply:** yes

4. **Question:** *Note 1 on sheet EGI-100 states contractor to repair disturbed areas is this just for GC and their sub-contractors on this contract or are we to assume repairs from other entities...i.e. ComEd?*
  - a. **Reply:** The main areas where ComEd will be working is grass and it is expected that ComEd will damage same. The contractor is to include restoration of the grass damaged by ComEd and ESG. That area is shown as note 1 on sheet 537-21-EGI-100. No other existing planting in that area.
5. **Question:** *Note 5.4 on sheet EGI000 has contractor replacing fuel used during shutdowns, in regards to volatility in prices for purchasing fuel would VA consider establishing a Fuel Allowance / Contingency to be used on this project?*
  - a. **Reply:** no allowance and no contingency
6. **Question** *Please provide specifications for 03 Concrete, 04 Masonry, 06 Roofing, 09 Painting, and 31 Excavation.*
  - a. **Reply:** decline request as the project concrete and painting is not large and adequately explained and specified on the plans.
7. **Question:** *Is there an existing roof warranty that needs to be maintained during the roof repairs for the removed exhaust fan?*
  - a. **Reply:** the specification requires that contractor walk the site with the COTR to establish and record the existing condition. This work does not extend existing roof warrantee.
8. **Question:** *Please elaborate on Note D10 on Sheet AD-101 regarding what is desired for the permanent closure.*
  - a. **Reply:** waterproof galvanized insulated cap that goes over the existing exhaust fan curb.
9. **Question:** *Please provide architectural and structural drawings for the Pit Box Extension.*
  - a. **Reply:** declined, the final work depends on switchgear and pit box manufacturer selected, however special notice to detail 21 on sheet 537-21-EP-102
10. **Question:** *Is a sump pit required in the pit box?*
  - a. **Reply:** no
11. **Question:** *Please provide a specification and structural drawing for any rebar that may be required.*
  - a. **Reply:** none is required
12. **Question:** *Please provide a structural drawing for all misc. steel items.*
  - a. **Reply:** declined, the final work depends on items such as stair, switchgear, pit box manufacturer selected, however special notice to detail 2 on sheet 537-21-AP101 and detail 21 on sheet 537-21-EP-102
13. **Question:** *Please provide interior and exterior elevations indicating the extent of the masonry work required.*

- a. **Reply:** declined, the final work depends on switchgear manufacturer selected, however special notice to detail 21 on sheet 537-21-EP-102
14. **Question:** *What is the desired brick color and manufacturer?*
- a. **Reply:** there are no record documentation for brick color and manufacturer. The contractor shall submit samples for COTR review. We understand that there are options and shades. Provide multiple sources and samples for consideration.
15. **Question:** *Is refurbished or reconditioned electrical components allowed?*
- a. **Reply:** All electrical equipment is to be new, never before used and of recent model and style
16. **Question:** *can the manufacturer of the medium voltage switchgear be different than the manufacturer of the medium voltage breakers?*
- a. **Reply:** Switchgear manufacturer shall match breaker manufacturer
17. **Question:** *do we have to name the separate independent scheduling consultant at time of bid spec 010000 part 1.2A?*
- a. **Reply:** Refer to spec 013216.5 part 1.3A. Special notice to be taken see note 5 on sheet 537-21-EGI-000
18. **Question:** *is the VA coordinating with the utility?*
- a. **Reply:** The contractor is responsible and include all effort required to contact and coordinate with the utility per notes 6 and 7 on sheet 537-21-EGI-000. The AE or the VA will not provide coordination and will be an observer.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1