GENERAL NOTES:

1.THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT CONSIDER DEMOLITION AND ALTERATION NOTES TO BE ALL–INCLUSIVE. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSPECT AND ASSESS EACH AREA AND TO FULFILL THE INTENT OF THE DESIGN INDICATED BY THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. REFER TO SPECIFICATION SECTION 010000 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE VA MEDICAL CENTER FOR WORK RESTRICTIONS. CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE DEMOLITION DRAWINGS AND NOTES WITH HVAC, ELECTRICAL, FIRE PROTECTION AND PLUMBING DRAWINGS AND NOTES. PATCH OR REBUILD ANY AREAS TO REMAIN THAT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED OR DISTURBED BY HVAC, ELECTRICAL, FIRE PROTECTION AND PLUMBING DEMOLITION.

2.REMOVE ALL EXISTING CONSTRUCTIONS AND FINISHES NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK AS DEPICTED ON THE DRAWINGS. INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ITEMS SHOWN ON THE PLANS WITH DASHED LINES. NECESSARY DISCONNECTS AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS SHALL BE INCLUDED. PATCH AS REQUIRED ALL CONSTRUCTIONS TO REMAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS. WHERE CONTRACTOR IS DESIGNATED TO MAKE REMOVALS, DISPOSITION OF MATERIALS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. VERIFY WITH VA MEDICAL CENTER, THE DISPOSITION AND REMOVAL OF ANY COMPONENTS OF SALVAGEABLE VALUE.

3.THE CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY ALL CONDITIONS AND DIMENSIONS WITHIN THE CONTRACT LIMITS AND NOTIFY THE COTR IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING OF ANY DEVIATION FROM CONTRACT DOCUMENTS NECESSITATED BY FIELD CONDITIONS OR ITEMS NOT DEPICTED ON THE DRAWINGS.

4.ALL REMOVALS AND SALVAGE, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OR REQUESTED BY THE VA MEDICAL CENTER SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CONTRACTOR.

5.PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY WORK, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PERFORM A COMPLETE TESTING AND BALANCING OF AIR HANDLING UNIT 3–AH–60 AND 3–EF–160 TO VERIFY THE CAPABILITY TO ACHIEVE 19,200 SUPPLY CFM AT 7.0" WC TOTAL STATIC PRESSURE AND 18,900 EXHAUST CFM AT 2.5" WC TOTAL STATIC PRESSURE WITH ADJUSTMENT TO THE EXISTING VFDs AND MOTOR SIZES. IF THESE CAPACITIES CANNOT ACHIEVE THE NEW DESIGN CAPACITIES, THE CO5. NTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AND DESIGN ENGINEER IN WRITING IMMEDIATELY FOR DIRECTION.

6.ALL MECHANICAL SUPPORTS AND STRUCTURAL CONNECTIONS SHALL BE OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN LOADS AND TO RESIST THE DEFORMATION CAUSED BY SUCH LOADS TO WHICH THEY ARE SUBJECTED SUCH AS CHANNEL, FRAMING, BEAMS, FOR HYDROSTATIC HEAD AND IMPACT LOADS AS APPLICABLE.

7.PRIOR TO ANY DEMOLITION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE BRACING AND MAINTAIN THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING AND ITS SYSTEMS AS REQUIRED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPPORT OF ADJACENT STRUCTURES DURING DEMOLITION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ALL TEMPORARY SUPPORTS, ETC., WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO PREVENT COLLAPSE, DEFORMATION, DEFLECTION OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF DAMAGE. REPAIR SPRAY FIREPROOFING DAMAGED DURING DEMOLITION WORK TO ITS REQUIRED ASSEMBLY AND FIRE RATING.

8.ANY FLOOR/WALL OPENINGS SHALL BE PROTECTED AND SECURED DURING DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION.

9.PROVIDE FIRE/SMOKE DAMPERS IN ALL FIRE/SMOKE RATED WALL/FLOOR DUCT PENETRATIONS WITH ACCESS DOOR AS REQUIRED.

10.PATCH ALL FINISHES TO MATCH EXISTING, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GYPSUM BOARD, PLASTER, ACOUSTIC SYSTEMS, WOOD TRIM, COVERS, BASE, PANELS, RAILS AND WAINSCOT. FOR ALL SURFACES SCHEDULED TO REMAIN, PATCH AND MATCH SURFACES DISTURBED BY DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT OR UTILITIES. INSTALL PATCHING TO MATCH ADJACENT WORK IN FINISH, STRUCTURAL QUALITIES, COURSING OF MASONRY, AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS. VERIFY MATCH OF NEW FINISH MATERIALS TO EXISTING IN COLOR, TEXTURE,THICKNESS, CUT, ETC CENTER PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. PROVIDE OTHER MATERIALS TO MATCH EXISTING WHEN REQUIRED. (TO BE APPROVED BY VA MEDICAL CENTER). PATCH EXISTING WALLS GYPSUM DRYWALL OR PLASTER TO MATCH EXISTING OF SUFFICIENT THICKNESS TO MAINTAIN UNIFORM WALL THICKNESS. ALL EXPOSED PORTIONS OF WALL SHALL BE FINISHED WITH THREE (3) COATES OF SPACKLING, SANDED AND LEFT IN A PAINT READY CONDITION. WHERE APPLICABLE, LEVEL ALL EXISTING FLOORS AS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE NEW FLOOR FINISHES. INSTALL REQUIRED TRANSITION PIECES BETWEEN VARIOUS FLOOR FINISHES SUITABLE FOR CONDITIONS, MEETING ADA REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE VA MEDICAL CENTER. MATCH EXISTING WHEREVER POSSIBLE. PATCH SURFACES TO COMPLY WITH FIRE RATINGS, SMOKE–TIGHT RATINGS, ACOUSTICAL CRITERIA AND OTHER PERFORMANCE CRITERIA INDICATED.

11.MAINTAIN ACCESS TO EXITS AND EXIT STAIRS AT ALL TIMES. FIRE ALARM AND SMOKE DETECTION SYSTEM SHALL REMAIN OPERATIONAL AT ALL TIMES. PROTECT SMOKE DETECTORS AS REQUIRED AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH CODES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION. REFER TO MEDICAL CENTER CONTRACTOR HANDBOOK FOR WORK RESTRICTIONS.

12.ALL DEMOLITION SHALL BE PERFORMED IN A SAFE AND ACCEPTABLE MANNER TO ALL AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION AND THE VA MEDICAL CENTER. A FIRE WATCH SHALL BE PROVIDED IF ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS ARE THOUGHT TO BE PRESENT OR POSSIBLE. COMPLY WITH GOVERNING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR POLLUTION CONTROL. THOROUGHLY CLEAN ADJACENT AREAS OF DUST, DIRT AND DEBRIS CAUSED BY DEMOLITION WORK. BEFORE NEW WORK BEGINS, RETURN ADJACENT AREAS TO CONDITION FOUND PRIOR TO START OF DEMOLITION WORK.

13.ALL WORK SHALL BE DONE IN PROTECTED SPACE. NO DUST OR DIRT SHALL TRAVEL FROM CONSTRUCTION AREA TO ADJACENT AREAS. TEMPORARY DUST/INFECTION ARTITIONS SHALL BE ERECTED PRIOR TO START OF WORK. COORDINATE WITH REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN SPECIFICATION TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL/INFECTION CONTROLS. CONTRACTORS SHALL REVIEW PROVISIONS TO CONTROL AIRBORNE DUST WITH INFECTION CONTROL DIRECTOR, FACILITIES–BUILDING MANAGER AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER. COORDINATE ADDITIONAL FILTRATION OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AS DIRECTED BY COR AND VA PERSONNEL.

14.PROVIDE TEMPORARY PARTITIONS PROTECTION (RATED AND/OR NON–RATED) AS REQUIRED. REVIEW LOCATIONS OF TEMPORARY PARTITIONS PROTECTION WITH VA MEDICAL CENTER AND COTR PRIOR TO START OF WORK.

15.IF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS ENCOUNTERED OR SUSPECTED TO BE PRESENT, CONTRACTOR SHALL STOP WORK AND INFORM VA MEDICAL CENTER IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ENCOUNTERED OR THOUGHT TO BE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. THE VA MEDICAL CENTER, AFTER RECEIVING WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL INSTRUCT CONTRACTOR ON HOW TO PROCEED.

16.NEW WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL IMPACT AREAS NOT BEING RENOVATED. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE NEW PIPE, DUCT, AND RELATED ELECTRICAL CONDUIT RUNS SUCH THAT IMPACT IN NOT RENOVATED AREAS IS MINIMIZED. ANY AND ALL DAMAGE TO EXISTING FINISHES DUE TO DEMOLITION OR INSTALLATION OF NEW WORK SHALL BE RESTORED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION WITH NEW MATERIALS THAT MATCH EXISTING ADJACENT SURFACES IN TYPE, MANUFACTURE, COLOR, GAUGE, SIZE AND AS APPROVED BY VA, REFER TO AND COORDINATE WITH ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND FINISHES AND MATERIALS.

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