

Questions and Answers (Laundry Renovation) ANSWERS

Question 1: (Referencing sheet MH401 of drawings) - Since the VA does not use Optimum Start on the AHU's should this be removed from the DDC Points List?

Answer: YES. REF PROJECT REVISIONS LIST NOTE 2

Question 2: (Referencing sheet MH401 of drawings) - Should under DDC Points List "Notes: 1. Provide a complete new DDC System with Web Based Control" be changed to read "The existing DDC System is Siemens Apogee System"? This would avoid confusion related to the new work which is tied into the existing DDC System.

Answer: REF PROJECT REVISIONS LIST NOTE 2

Question 3: (Referencing sheet MH401 of drawings) - "Control Wiring Signals" are listed in a table are less than what the VA standards are currently. The VA uses industry control wiring signals provided by Siemens that are better than the ratings in the table. I guess I answered this question in that since the Siemens is better than the listed we meet and exceed the require already.

Answer: REF QUESTION 2 ANSWER

Question 4: (Referencing sheet MH401 of drawings) - The DDC Architecture is incorrect, so can a note be issued to clarify stating that "the Controls contractor shall use only Siemens Apogee on the existing Siemens Apogee DDC network".

Answer: REF QUESTION 2 ANSWER

Question 5: In areas of the existing building that are already sprinkled, and the drop ceilings are going to be replaced, do the sprinklers and or escutcheon plates need to be replaced as well?

Answer: REFER TO NOTE 9 ON THE PROJECT REVISIONS DOCUMENT.

Question 6: Sprinkler spec references painting section as related areas and painting sections states all metals need to be painted, does this include sprinkler pipe, and if it does, is it the responsibility of the painting contractor or the sprinkler contractor?

Answer: SEE QUESTION 5 ANSWER.

Question 7: Please provide more details related to the epoxy patch and sealing existing slab. Is there a specific type of product that is required/desired?

Answer: (A SPECIFIC BRAND IS NOT SPECIFIED.) NOTE THE CHANGES TO THE FINISH SCHED. WHICH MINIMIZES THE REQUIREMENT FOR THIS PRODUCT. A QUALITY EPOXY CONCRETE PATCHING COMPOUND IS REQUESTED.

Question 8: There are several pieces of equipment to remain in the Laundry Area. Will the epoxy patch and seal be required under this equipment?

Answer: REF PROJECT REVISIONS DOCUMENT NO. 13. FL DEMO AND SEAL HAS BEEN REMOVED IN THE EQUIPMENT AREAS.

Question 9: Who will be responsible for moving Laundry carts to allow for epoxy patch and seal?

Answer: SEE QUESTION 8 ANSWER

Question 10: Will the epoxy patch and seal be required to be performed in phases?

Answer: NO. REF QUESTION 8 ANSWER.

Question 11: Will there be any infection control required for this project?

Answer: REFERENCE PROJECT REVISIONS DOCUMENT NO. 10.

Question 12: Are we to relocate the existing benches and lockers into the new Men's and Women's Locker Rooms or will this be performed by others?

Answer: THE LOCKERS ARE TO BE REMOVED AND REINSTALLED BY THE VA.

CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE BENCHES AND REINSTALL IN NEW LOCKER RMS.

Question 13: Will the existing restrooms on the Ground Floor that we will be tying into be placed out of service during construction?

Answer: REFER TO THE (CONTRACT SCHEDULING AND PHASEING DOCUMENT) PROVIDED.

Question 14: On the scope of work to demolish all existing flooring, setting beds and adhesives (Key Note 8 on AD101, Key Note 3 on AD102 and Key Note 1 on AD103), and the subsequent Epoxy patch and seal of the existing concrete floors (Key Note 8 on AE101 and AE102 and Key Note 5 on AE103), what will be the directed work times and area availability of the existing Laundry Facility? I.e. will this work be done after removal of all the laundry equipment while the building is not in operation or will the Contractor be required to perform this work in small sections utilizing barrier walls and other Infection Control measures while the Laundry Facility is fully operational? This same question of area and time availability for the existing Laundry Facility would also apply to the wall painting scope of work that is stated as Key Note 1 on AE101, AE102, and AE103.

Answer: FINISH WORK HAS BEEN REMOVED IN THE MAIN LAUNDRY PROCESSING AREA. REF PROJECT REVISIONS DOCUMENT NO. 13

Question 15: The existing contractual period of performance of 120 calendar days does not allow adequate time to perform all of the work included in this contract. With the extended amount of time of 10-12 weeks for equipment delivery on the mechanical equipment and the significant amount of foundation and structural work required on the building addition, it will take more than 120 calendar days to reach substantial completion. Would the Government change the POP to 300 days to include a more accurate time of completion for this work?

Answer: NEW CONTRACT TIME IS 240 DAYS.

Question 16: Drawing GI001 has a list of Deductive Alternates #1 through #4. The list of deductive alternates doesn't match the Bid Schedule found on Page 5 of the Solicitation. Which is the correct Bid Schedule of Alternates/Deducts to use for the bid?

Answer: FOLLOW THE BID SCHEDULE FROM THE SOLICITATION, FROM THE CONTRACTING OFFICER.

Question 17: During the replacement of each AHU, will any temporary air or conditioning be required to be provided under this contract?

Answer: REFER TO THE SCHEDULE OF WORK AND PHASING DOCUMENT. EXISTING UNITS REMAIN UNTIL CHANGEOUT IS READY AND WORK DONE AS SCHEDULED.

AC HAS TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE OCCUPIED AREAS WHEN VA IS WORKING .
CAREFUL SCHEDULING, PLANNING WILL MINIMIZE DOWNTIME OF THE AC
EQUIPMENT.

Question 18: Under the Base Bid, with the replacement of 5 AHUs, will there be any required phasing of number or order of AHU to be replaced at a time?

Answer: REFER TO THE (SCHEDULE OF WORK AND PHASING DOCUMENT) PROVIDED

Question 19: On sheet MH103 Enlarged Mechanical Room-Duct-New-Work. The plan shows Four New Condensing Boilers to set. The Plan shows a 12" round coming off and going to Outside. Is this a Flue for the Boiler or intake air? Are we to tie to existing Boiler flue? If new Boiler Flue is to be ran, what size does the flue need to be and what is the routing? Lastly , if new boiler flue is to be ran and routed to outside of building will it need to be Extended above the roof line of the Building?

Answer: REFER TO PROJECT REVISIONS DOCUMENT NOTE 12.

Question 20: Sheet ED101 -103 in the "general Demo notes" #9 makes it sound like there is to be NO reuse of any of the existing conduit or wire. Sheet EL101-"New Work notes" #1 states that the new fixtures mount to the existing ceiling and the new fixture counts match the existing fixture counts that are to be demoed---Does this mean that new conduit shall be ran for the new lighting? Or will we just be putting a new light in place of an old one and reusing the existing circuitry that is in place now? (since the counts match, it seems that is the intent, but the notes don't state that). If new conduit/wire is required, is it to be surface mounted to the existing ceiling? Please advise

Answer: REFER TO PROJECT REVISIONS DOCUMENT NOTES 11B AND 16.