

**AMENDMENT NO. A00003 TO  
SOLICITATION NO. VA262-14-R-1082  
ATTACHMENT 1**

**Requests for Information (RFI) were received on or before the deadline specified in Solicitation No. VA262-14-R-1082. Contractors' RFIs and VA responses to the RFIs are as follows:**

**RFI No. 1:** After reviewing the RFP I have found no lead paint and Asbestos survey . Can you tell me whether one has been conducted and if so would you please supply us a copy of the survey . As you know this is very important in determining quantities to be removed by the environmental subcontractor.

**VA Response to RFI No. 1:** See attached document "**Attachment 2 – Asbestos Survey**". Also, the contractor should assume that the existing steel stage support structure contains hazardous materials such as lead paint and asbestos in spray-on fire proofing in addition to that identified on the attached documents. Contractor shall be responsible for abatement and disposal of ALL hazardous materials in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, policies and codes. Also, see attached "**Attachment 3 General Requirements – Specification Section 01 00 00.**"

**RFI No. 2:** What is the routing and/or distance between 600A distribution board 'DP-C' to existing 800A distribution board 'D1XB' and where are these located?

**VA Response to RFI No. 2:** See "**Attachment 4 – Panel Cards**," single line diagram and existing "as-built" drawing information.

**RFI No. 3:** E-001 Single Line Note 3 states " Shut down of existing panels and/or circuits without permission of the hospital is prohibited."

**Question:** How many circuits are affected by these panels that are not in the stage location that will have to stay energized while demo occurs?

**VA Response to RFI No. 3:** The number of circuits is irrelevant to Note #3. Contractor shall coordinate/obtain permission for any shutdown from the VA project manager prior to doing so. For information on panels and circuits, see VA response to RFI 2.

**RFI No. 4: Question:** There is a new existing panel located next to Panel CP, there are three threepole circuits coming out of this panel what do they serve and will they need to be temporarily energized during the demo?

**VA Response to RFI No. 4:** Service from the referenced "new existing" panel is irrelevant. In order to provide maximum flexibility to the VA, bidders shall include the cost necessary to either temporarily energize or de-energize this panel at the discretion of the VA project manager.

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**RFI No. 5: Question:** Is there a sequence of operations set in place to demo the 400 amp circuit breaker and reinstall the 600 amp circuit breaker in Panel D1XB?

**VA Response to RFI No. 5:** Subsequent to award, contractor shall provide a proposed demo workplan for review and approval by the VA Project Manager that sequences the electrical demo in such a manner as to prevent any interruption of service in the area served by the effective panels. Contractor shall include the cost of all labor, materials and workmanship to provide and execute the proposed/approved plan.

**RFI No. 6: Question:** Are we going to be allowed to torch cut the steel members, such as I-beams, and metal deck before removing?

**VA Response to RFI No. 6:** Yes, However, contractor shall execute the work with a required "hot work" permit and comply with all applicable VA regulations, policies, and codes for such work (which may include cutting, grinding, welding, etc.). See **Attachment 5 – NFPA 51B and 241 et. Al.**

**RFI No. 7: Question:** Will the demolition project area be empty of furniture, shelves, materials, etc. and ready for contractor to begin containment?

**VA Response to RFI No. 7:** The VA will remove all non-fixed items such as furniture, equipment, metal shelving, etc. A "non-fixed" item shall be one that is NOT mechanically fastened to a floor, wall or other permanent structure. The contractor shall be responsible to remove all other items including existing temporary partitions, electrical, kiln, etc.

**RFI No. 8: Question:** Is there an infectious control plan?

**VA Response to RFI No. 8:** Yes, please see "**Attachment 6 – Infectious Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) and Attachment 3 – General Requirements – Specification Section 01 00 00**" attached hereto. Contractor shall adhere to all applicable requirements identified therein.

**RFI No. 9: Question:** Has a hazardous survey been performed? If so will it be provided to the contractor in the RFP?

**VA Response to RFI No. 9:** Please review RFI #1.

**RFI No. 10: Question:** Can the exterior stairs on the north east side be closed down for debris removal?

**VA Response to RFI No. 10:** The stairs may be used for removal; however, the stairs may NOT be closed (as this is a part of the fire-life safety exiting plan). For information ONLY, a prior project used a trash chute and dumpster configuration to remove demolished materials at this location.

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**RFI No. 11: Question:** Is it okay to use a crane on the north side of Bldg. 1 along the North end service road to remove the steel I-beams?

**VA Response to RFI No. 11:** Yes, a crane may be used subsequent to the submittal to and approval by the VA of an OSHA – compliant “crane plan” and only used during off-hours as requested by the contractor and approved by the VA project manager. The contractor shall NOT be given extra time/an extension of the schedule for submittal and approval of the method if requested.

**RFI No. 12: Question:** Will the existing temporary walls located in the MP Stage project zone be available for the contractor to use at their discretion or will they be removed prior to the demo project start?

**VA Response to RFI No. 12:** The contractor may use the existing temporary partitions at their own risk and subject to compliance with the requirements of “**Attachment 5 - Infection Control Risk Assessment (IRCA)** and “**Attachment 3 – General Requirements – Specification Section 01 00 00.**” The contractor will be responsible for the removal of these partitions whether used or not. Please review VA Response to RFI #7.

**RFI No. 13:** Plan Notes 3 states " Existing panel to be relocated. Intercept all existing circuits in the ceiling space. Trace all panel circuits and identify circuits that are inactive/abandoned. Refer to the remodel plan for additional requirements."

**Question:** Where is this remodel plan? Will the remodel plan for additional requirements be provided to bidders in the RFP?

**VA Response to RFI No. 13:** “Remodel Plan” for this note refers to drawing #4 on sheet E-101 labeled “State Remodel Power Plan.” The existing panel shall be lowered in the vertical direction to insure that code-required access above finish-floor is maintained once the state is removed.

**RFI No. 14: Question:** There is no mention of demolition, rerouting or relocating fire alarm system, HVAC, or fire sprinkler system components or connections in the scope of work. Will the contractor be responsible for any of this scope of work?

**VA Response to RFI No. 14:** All above noted systems shall be cut and capped as required by the demolition project. In the event that it is discovered that demolition will affect a system causing it to fail outside the demolition area. The contractor shall advise the VA project manager and request further guidance.