

Department of Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

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From: Chief, Engineering Service 138 (A)

Subj: Expand and Renovate Nuc Med and Radiology #541-14-101 Brand Name or Equal

To: VISN 10 Network Contracting Manager

Attn: Don Tam – Construction Procurement Manager, VISN 10

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to document the salient characteristics required of the “Brand Name or Equal” products.
2. The items listed in the attached “Brand Name or Equal” spreadsheet and the justifications are as follows.
 - 1) Patterned glass by Skyline Design. Specified glass is used in many other projects along “Main Street” and continuity of the design is imperative. Alternate glass would need to match the selected pattern in size, shape, and scale of pattern with etching on both faces of the glass.
 - 2) Touchless Paper Towel Dispenser by Georgia Pacific. Alternate dispenser will need to be battery operated, adjustable time and towel lengths, and accommodate VA’s standard roll size.
 - 3) Toilet Room Accessories by Bobrick. Alternate products would need to be fabricated of similar gage steel, have the same finish, and accommodate the VA’s standard toilet tissue, paper towel, and toilet seat cover products.
 - 4) Quartz base by Dupont Zodiaq. This product is being used throughout “Main Street” and will be adjacent to other existing product. Therefore it is critical for the color and proportions of the binder and aggregate to match the noted product.
 - 5) Quartz surfaces by Silestone and Cambria. These products were selected as part of a larger overall finish palette. Alternate products would need to match in binder and aggregate color and meet or exceed the specified characteristics for strength and stain resistance.
 - 6) Plastic Laminates by Lab Designs and Formica. Product is to be a high-pressure laminate, HGL Horizontal Grade. Alternate materials would need to match in performance quality, pattern, color, texture, and species of wood grain (on HDPL-2).
 - 7) Porcelain tile by Virginia Tile and Daltile. These products were selected as part of a larger overall finish palette. Alternate tiles would need to match in color, pattern, and size, and would need to meet or exceed the strength and slip resistance characteristics.
 - 8) Resilient base and transition strips by Johnsonite. Alternate material would need to match in size, thickness, profile, and color.

- 9) Resilient sheet flooring by Teknoflor. These products were selected as part of a larger overall finish palette. Alternate material would need to have an integral cove base, heat welded seams, minimum 6' wide rolls, and meet or exceed compression strengths, slip resistance, stain resistance, and other defining durability characteristics. Colors and patterns need to match those specified.
- 10) Resilient tile flooring by Luxury Tile Plank. Alternate tile floor would need to meet or exceed compression strengths, slip resistance, and stain resistance. Tiles need to be 4" wide and a minimum of 36" long. Species and color need to match specified product.
- 11) Rubber tile by Nora. Alternate tile floor would need to meet or exceed compression strengths, slip resistance, and stain resistance. Color of field and accent specks need to be similar to specified product and be complimentary to overall project color palette.
- 12) Modular Carpet by Mannington and Atlas. These products were selected as part of a larger overall finish palette. Alternate product would need to be complimentary to overall project color palette. Additionally, product needs to be similar in pile height and density, and needs to meet or exceed the performance characteristics and the warranty period.
- 13) Acoustic ceiling tile by Armstrong. Alternate tile needs have similar appearance, profile, and composition, and meet or exceed the acoustic properties of the specified product.
- 14) Handrail brackets by Julius Blum. These are a continuation of an installation along "Main Street" and need to match the existing in material, finish, and profile.
- 15) Wallcovering by Carnegie Xorel. This is a continuation of a product currently installed throughout "Main Street". Alternate product would need to match in color, texture, finish, durability, and cleanability.
- 16) Robe hooks and framed mirrors by Bobrick. Specified product is listed to establish a level of quality and appearance. Alternate product would need to meet the specifications in 10 28 00 and the quality and general characteristics of the Bobrick basis of design products.
- 17) Cam padlock hasps by Hafele. Basis of design product is used to establish quality and general appearance.
- 18) Coiling wood door by Woodfold-Marco. Basis of design product is used to establish quality and general appearance. Alternate product would need to meet specification 08 33 13 and have similar options for wood species and finish.
- 19) Fire resistant glazing by Technical Glass Products. Basis of design product intended to establish quality. Alternate product must meet specification 08 80 00
- 20) Light fixture by Electrix. Product is intended to match existing installations. Alternate product would need to be similar in size, have an adjustable asymmetrical specular aluminum reflector, be capable of being mounted continuous, and be capable of having gypsum board fastened directly to its frame.
- 21) Terrazzo by OA Bertin Co. This is a continuation of a product being installed in "Main Street" and must match the existing. Binder color and aggregate mix "recipe" would need to be matched by alternate installer.

- 22) Door hardware by ives, Falcon, LCN and others. Manufacturers are listed to establish product quality, function, and appearance. Alternate manufacturers will be accepted except for lock cylinders which are documented as a sole source.
 - 23) Drywall reveals by Pittcon. Alternate manufacturer needs to match material, finish, and profile.
 - 24) Ceramic tile adhesive by MAPEI. Product name specified to establish performance characteristics. Products with comparable characteristics will be accepted.
 - 25) Fire extinguisher cabinet by Larsen. Alternate product needs to be similar in size, shape, and construction.
 - 26) Metal panel ceiling by Ceilings Plus. This is a continuation of a ceiling installed throughout "Main Street" and needs to match in material, finish, profile, perforation size and spacing.
 - 27) *Metal Transition Strips by Schluter. Alternate product needs to be similar in profile, material, and finish.*
 - 28) *Paint by Sherwin Williams and Benjamin Moore. Alternate product needs to match selected color, finish, performance standards, and VOC.*
 - 29) *Corner guard by Korogard. Alternate product needs to be similar in material, color, finish, profile, and gage.*
 - 30) *Ball valve by Jomar. Alternate product needs to match size and materials.*
3. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Nick Carrozza at extension 821-6179 or Dan Ramer at 821-6166.

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