

1. We have been informed by a vendor that the "non penetrating pipe supports" for the 8" natural gas piping shown on the roof plan, drawing M-101 do not meet the "Earthquake Design Data" described on drawing S-101. Please advise how we should proceed with this portion of our bid.

VA Response:

The project's seismic design criteria requirements shall be followed as per specification 230541.

2. Detail D8 on Plan Page A-102 illustrates a 'Formed Metal Equipment Curb.' Plan Page A-101 Roof Plan illustrates that detail running under the edge of the Equipment Platform. Is this accurate, or is this detail meant for the (2) Sides of the Dry Fluid Cooler DFC-1?

VA Response:

RESPONSE: equipment curbs are to support the Dry Fluid Cooler (DFC). The location indicated on Sheet A-101 shows it overlapping the existing roof walkway pads. The path of the walkway pads is being reconfigured as noted by the pads drawn with a hatch pattern.

3. Is there a flow meter schedule available?

VA Response:

Flow meters are shown on drawing M-401. Basis of design flow meters are as follows;

Hot water return: max 320 GPM, 200°F

Natural Gas: max 10,104 CFH, 1 psig

4. Are liquidated damages associated with this project? If so, what is the daily rate?

VA Response:

Liquidated damages are not associated with this project.

5. Will we be provided with a specific envelope to submit our bid in?

VA Response:

No.

6. Spec Section 099100 PAINTING. There is a Painting Specification, but we are not sure what is to be Painted? We believe that the Structural Steel Platform and Railings are to be Galvanized and not field painted. Can you please elaborate as to the Scope of work the Painter would need to complete on this job?

VA Response:

1) The galvanized platform and railing are not field painted.

2) All exposed surfaces of the natural gas piping are required to be painted per the specification.

- 3) Painted surfaces that are damaged due to the routing of services through the building caused by the various trades are to be repaired and restored to existing or better condition.
7. Are there any 'Time Restrictions' as to when we can SET and UTILIZE a CRANE in the Loading Dock Area? Is this work restricted to Night hours? Is there a designated STAGING AREA that the GC will be able to utilize on the Site?

VA Response:

This is addressed in the Notes on drawing C-101.

8. Please confirm that the award of this project is based on price per section 2.10 Contract Award?

VA Response:

Per section 2.9, award will be made to the responsible bidder, whose bid, conforms with the solicitation submission requirements and whose price conforms with the price award factors announced in the solicitation. Responsible bidder includes submission of the requirements of the Bid Package in section 2.9 (B) (a-f). Failure to provide any of these requirements may lead to being considered nonresponsive.

9. Is there any additional information regarding submission of EMR as identified in the solicitation document?

VA Response:

Section 2.9 (B)(f) shall be revised as follows:

Per VHA Directive 2011-036 Safety and Health During Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Violations: For an offeror to be eligible for an award, the offeror shall have no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat, or one (1) willful OSHA or EPA violation(s) in the past three (3) years and have an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) of equal to or less than 1.0. If an offeror's current EMR number is greater than 1.0 then the offeror is ineligible for a contract award. Offerors shall submit documentation that their company has had no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat, or one (1) willful OSHA or EPA violation(s) in the past three (3) years and have an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) of equal to or less than 1.0. If the EMR number does not exist, the offeror should contact their Insurance Company to receive documentation regarding their EMR and then submit this information with their bid to the VA. Failure to provide this documentation will result in the offeror being considered non-responsive.