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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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**FROM:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**SUBJECT:** PREBID RFI

1. Specification Section 32 84 00 and 32 90 00 refer to Irrigation and planting. Please provide landscaping/Irrigation Plan Sheets.

**HMC: Landscaping and Irrigation scope was removed from the project. Specification section will be deleted.**

2. Sheet CS100 – Legend item “C” indicates CMU Wall per detail A/CS401. Detail A/CS401 indicates 8x8x16 CMU Block and Faux Stone Veneer TBD.

a. Specifications do not include a section for the Masonry (Division 04). Please provide.

b. Specifications do not include a section for the Faux Stone Veneer (Division 04/09). Please provide.

**HMC: See new Section 04 05 13 Masonry Mortaring, 04 05 16 Masonry Grouting, 04 20 00 Unit Masonry, and 04 72 00 Cast Stone Masonry.**

3. Specification Section 01 57 19 – Part 1.1-D.1 refers to Appendix A for the Storm Water Pollution & Prevention Plan. Appendix A – SWPPP was not included in the Specifications issued on FBO.gov. Please provide Appendix A – SWPPP as noted in the specifications.

**HMC: Appendix A Storm Water Pollution & Prevention Plan is attached to this amendment.**

4. Specification Section 01 33 33 – Part 2 indicates the use of [www.submittalexchange.com](http://www.submittalexchange.com) for the use of electronic construction submittals, however it does not indicate who will pay for this service. Please clarify the cost for the use of this service is to be included in our cost proposal.

**VA: YES. ALL FEES SHALL BE PAID BY CONTRACTOR.**

5. During 12 KV shut down. How many Building will require temporary Generator or shut down.

**HMC: Contractor shall provide temporary power via portable generators and field hardwired connection to the following buildings during the time the existing high voltage switch #6 is to be turned off to facilitate new 12KV work for Mental Health #4 building. Information listed are ratings of existing 12KV transformers feeding the respective buildings.**

Outpatient bldg:	300KVA @ 120/208V 3-phase 4-wire.
Warehouse #32:	225KVA @ 120/208V 3-phase 4-wire.
Nursing home #31:	225KVA @ 120/208V 3-phase 4-wire.
Chiller #22:	1500KVA @ 277/480V 3-phase 4-wire.
Boiler bldg:	750KVA @ 277/480V 3-phase 4-wire.
Bldg #24:	500KVA @ 277/480V 3-phase 4-wire.
Mental Health 1:	300KVA @ 120/208V 3-phase 4-wire.

6. ES102 Note 13 & 14. There is no PIV connection at this location. Please clarify? Civil drawing CS300 shown different location.

**HMC: Refer to CS300. PIV is shown on site east of new building, south of new walk to parking lot.**

7. ES 002. Detail 7. Transformer Pad did not show environmental containment. Provide detail.

**HMC: Transformer detail has been revised to show equipment curb. See attached revised detail ES002 #7.**

8. Spec Section 08 80 00 calls out for the use of UFC 4-010-01 requirements, however, unless this is a mixed occupancy facility, the UFC does not apply and the building must meet the requirements of the VA Physical Security Design Manual (PSDM) which has its own specified pressure and impulse load criteria. The VA typically uses the same predefined load criteria for all cases, although it can potentially change depending on the facility classification. Please verify the building type for correct facility classification.

**HMC: Requirements referencing UFC 4-010-01 should be removed.**

9. Sheet CS100 - Legend Item I - Bike Rack per Site Furnishing - Bike Rack Specifications or approved equal; There is not a Bicycle Rack Specification listed in the project documents. Please provide.

**HMC: See new Section 12 93 00 Site Furnishings attached.**

10. Specification Section 05 12 00 Part 1.5-A calls for the Design of Connections of the Structural Steel, including submittal of structural calculations prepared and sealed by an engineer registered in the state where the project is located. Please confirm that this is not a design-build specification, the design is complete and engineered calculations will not be required as indicated.

**HMC: This is not a design-build project. However, shop drawings are required for structural steel. Refer to the same specification section 1.7 submittal requirements.**

11. Information for Insurance/Builder's Risk Requirements cannot be found in project documents. Please provide this information if Builder's Risk Insurance is required.

**VA: Contractor is to provide proof of insurance in the types and amounts that are considered industry standard for commercial and/or public works construction projects. Please refer to FAR 52.228-5 for the requirements of providing proof of insurance.**

12. Specification Section 07 56 00 – Fluid Applied Roofing references another project in the Heading – Replace B500 Damaged Roof – VA West Los Angeles Medical Center – Project No. 691-14-102WL. Please confirm that this specification section applies to this project.

**HMC: Confirmed, this specification section applies to this project. The heading will be corrected.**

13. Sheet AF201-Floor Finish Legend – Carpet and VCT1 Removed per Alt #4, to be replaced with "Alternate – Carpet CPT1" and "VCT1, 12x12". The plans and specification do not show an alternate Carpet or VCT to use. Also, what are we replacing with VCT since none was called out initially Lino #1 and Lino #2? Please Advise.

**HMC: Delete these references. Flooring will remain as indicated on AF201.**

14. Specification Section 09 73 20-Interior Cement Composite-Countertops references Specification 06 41 16, Casework in Part 1.1-B.2. Specification Section 06 41 16, Casework is not included in the Specifications. Please provide.

**HMC: The correct reference is Specification Section 12 32 00 Site Furnishings, attached.**

15. In order for the government to get lower pricing, can the bid time be changed to 2pm that day? 11am does not allow adequate time to get competitive pricing from subcontractors or suppliers which would lead to a less competitive price to the Owner. Most subcontractors and vendors are accustomed to 2pm bid time and many would not adjust to a different time. Or, can we submit the hardcopy proposal in advance of the bid time, with a revised price schedule via e-mail just before bid time?

**VA: The proposal deadline will be adjusted to 2:00 pm on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> for the entire proposal package.**

16. Will the grounds in and around the project be patrolled by VA security?

**VA: VA Police only perform routine perimeter patrol around the Hospital. The VA will not be responsible for the security of the job site. It is the Contractor's responsibility to take all measures to protect and secure the project site during construction.**

17. The solicitation for bid indicates there is a requirement for archaeologist. Are costs for the archaeologist to be included in the bid?

**VA: Yes. Archaeologist's fees to be paid by Contractor.**

18. The solicitation for bid indicates the archaeologist is to be on-site during ground disturbing activities. Are ground disturbing activities complete once the excavation is complete or do ground disturbing activities include trenching etc.?

**VA: Only during demolitions of the building foundation. No archaeologist needed during trenching.**

19. Bid solicitation indicates a soils report may be required. Should the costs for a soils report be included in the bid?

**HMC: Soils report was included in the project specification package. The report starts on page 1820 of the original specification set.**

20. Since LEED is a design and operational issue whose responsibility is it to actually achieve LEED silver?

**HMC: Refer to 01 81 11 Sustainable Design Requirements 1.2(A).**

21. Spec section 01 81 11-12 ends with paragraph 4.C and 01 81 11-13 starts with paragraph 4.E. Is there a paragraph D?

**HMC: No, there is no paragraph D. A correction will be made.**

22. CS100 indicates salvage Memorial Monument provided by VA. Is this to be installed as a part of this scope of work?

**VA: Removal and Re-installation of Salvage Memorial Monument will not be a part of this contract.**

23. Spec Section 07 51 00-13 paragraph 1.2E refers to a vapor barrier, section 07 22 00 Roof Deck Insulation. We are unable to locate the vapor barrier requirements or where this is to be installed. Please clarify.

**HMC: See wall sections on drawings.**

24. Spec Section 07 22 00 1.4 performance state to provide 3" polyisocyanurate roof insulation with a minimum R value of 7.2/in. AS950 details show the roof insulation as an R-8.6.6. Polyisocyanurate has an R-value of 5.6/in. Please clarify the total required R-value for the Polyisocyanurate insulation.

**HMC: For details 1, 6, 10, 11, 12 on AS950 delete references to R8.6.6. For specification section 07 22 00 Roof and Deck Insulation section 1.4 A. modify to read:**

**"A. Thermal Performance: Provide 3" polyisocyanurate roof insulation with a minimum R value of 5.7 per inch. Provide batt insulation below the deck with a minimum R value of R30."**

25. Spec Section 07 22 00 2.3 C and D, please clarify where the substrate and cover boards are to be installed.

**HMC: Cover board location is to be installed per 1/AS950. Substrate boards are to be installed as required by the manufacturer's instruction as required to meet the minimum specified standards. If not required by the manufacturer and all specifications are otherwise met, the substrate boards may be eliminated.**

26. 07 56 00 Fluid applied roofing. Please clarify. The heading on these pages appears to be for a different project at the Los Angeles Medical Center. Is this intended for this project?

**HMC: This specification section is intended for this project. The header will be corrected.**

27. AF201, floor finish legend says to replace carpet and VCT #1 with alternate carpet and VCT. What are the alternates for carpet and VCT?

**HMC: Please refer to the response to question #13 above.**

28. There is no specification for VCT. Please provide.

**HMC: VCT will not be used on this project. Please delete note on AF201 Finish Floor Legend that refers to Alternate number 4.**

29. On sheet AS401 there is an alternate that involves faux exterior stone. Since there is not a masonry specification section how do you want the stone priced?

**HMC: Please see the response to question #2 above.**

30. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shows a modular furniture workstations with no communications triangles indicating the cable requirements. Will there be voice/data cable and how many per station?

**HMC: ES312 notes 14 and 15 indicate the junction boxes with cabling connections to the modular furniture workstations panels. Contractor shall run cabling from the panels to the workstations to provide each workstation with two data connections. Contractor shall coordinate with the modular furniture provider.**

31. The plans indicate the property limits for purposes of LEED. What are the project limits in terms of fenced in area, laydown, etc.?

**VA: The LEED boundary and the project boundary are the same for this project.**

32. Spec section 01 00 00-21 paragraph 1.14D indicates the contractor will be required to provide two completed sets of as built drawings to the project engineer after each completed phase. Are those drawings returned for use in continued as built documentation or is the expectation at the completion of each phase two new sets of as built will be provided?

**VA: As-Built drawings will be returned to the Contractor upon completion of the as-built update – after each phase complete.**

33. Drawing CS100 Legend A – Concrete Seat Wall as per Detail G/CS400; please indicate where we can find it in the plan.

**HMC: Concrete seat wall was taken out. Revise note to read “not used”.**

34. Drawing CS100 Legend S – Concrete Mow-Strip as per Detail N/CS400; please indicate where we can find it in the plan.

**HMC: Concrete mow strip was taken out with deduct. Revise not to read “not used”.**

35. Drawing CS100 Note See Deduct Alternative #9, Item 2 by the CMU Wall – no indication about actual size of this paver. Please clarify.

**HMC: The legend on CS100 calls out the paver. Please see the fourth legend for paver information.**

**HMC: Electrical Supplemental Instructions:**

**1. Refer to Specification 26 05 33 Raceway and Boxes for Electrical Systems page 4 paragraph 2.1 Material: Minimum conduit size shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " instead of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".**

**2. Refer to Specification 26 36 23 Automatic Transfer Switches. Automatic transfer switch for this project shall have isolation/bypass feature.**