

Question and Answer | Fisher House Remodel | VA259-14-B-0712

1. **Question:** What level of hardware is required for bathrooms? Are they privacy or passage?
Answer: Hardware for all bathrooms should be privacy. Rooms 1A and 1B need to be able to be locked from the bedroom side as well.
2. **Question:** Please clarify what work is expected with 'remove faucet'. Does it include shower and sink? **Answer:** The vanity sink faucet and hot/cold water handles should be removed and replaced.
3. **Question:** Please clarify 'remove shower fixtures' - plumbing or curtain rod included? **Answer:** Remove shower fixtures include the hot and cold water and tub faucet. Shower curtain will have to be removed and reinstalled due to replacing the tile surround in the tub/shower.
4. **Question:** Is there an expectation of damaged wall or floor behind ceramic tile removed?
Answer: There is no expectation that there will be wall or floor damage behind the tile. This cannot be guaranteed since there are many variables that affect what condition the wall is in when tile is removed.
5. **Question:** Can you provide a plan of typical bathroom? **Answer:** The bathroom's range in sizes – so there is not a typical bathroom.
6. **Question:** Are all the bathrooms the same? **Answer:** In general, no – however, the Fisher House has a few that are the same –but not all bathrooms are the same layout and size.
7. **Question:** Does the valve for the shower fixture include replacing the mixing valve? **Answer:** Yes, mostly likely.
8. **Question:** Will work on a bathroom need to be completed in its entirety by the end of each weekend activity? **Answer:** Yes – work on a bathroom will need to be completed in its entirety by the end of the weekend activity.
9. **Question:** Are the tubs porcelain or fiberglass? **Answer:** porcelain.
10. **Question:** In the site visit the owner indicated that have purchased plumbing fixtures for replacement in the bathtubs. The new fixtures are "Moen" which are a different manufacturer that what is existing which would mean that the mixing valves would need to be replaced as well. Do the new fixtures purchased by the owner come with the mixing valve? **Answer:** We believe so, but if they do not, new mixing valves will be purchased by the VA.
11. **Question:** The Scope of Work section B indicates to remove wall scones, door knobs, faucets, soap dispensers and shower fixtures. Section C indicates to install these items but does not indicate whether we are reinstalling the all items removed or purchasing and installing new items. Please clarify which items are new, existing and/or owner provided contractor installed.

Answer: The following items will be provided by Fisher House:

- **Vanity Lights** – quantity is 8
- **Toilet Paper Holder**- quantity is 8
- **Tub/Shower faucets**- quantity is 7
- **Towel Bar**- quantity is 8
- **Standard wall light**- quantity is 24
- **Mirror**- quantity is 8

These items will have to be provided by the contractor:

- **Replacement towel holder** – not the towel bar – but the flat item that is attached to wall where towels can be folded and stacked
- **Vanity faucet and handles**
- **Door knobs**
- **Cabinet knobs**

- Question:** Has the building construction areas been tested for asbestos/lead paint? Should we assume in our bids that no abatement or testing is required? **Answer:** Per the National Fisher House Foundation, the house was built in 1993 and use of asbestos/lead paint was illegal and would not have been used. The need for abatement or testing should not be an expectation.
- Question:** During the site walk there was no way to determine how many layers of wall paper are existing in in each room, should we assume 1 layer to remove? **Answer:** Yes, assume 1 layer of wallpaper.
- Question:** The dining room area is called out to texture the walls after wall paper removal. What type of texture or drywall finish level is desired? i.e., orange peel, knockdown, smooth, etc? **Answer:** Smooth texture is requested.
- Question:** There were two rooms that had the larger bathrooms with corner tubs, one was 1a and 1b which shared the the bathroom and there was another that had the same size bathroom but did not share a room. Can you provide the room number for the that room? **Answer:** Room 1A and Q1B share a bath.
Room 2 is the other room that had the same size bathroom.
- Question:** What is the Period of Performance? **Answer:** The Period of Performance is 60 calendar days from issue of NTP.
- Question:** What days can work be completed at the Fisher House? **Answer:** Performance of the project shall be completed Thursday- Sunday, 8am-5pm.
- Question:** Are there specifications or drawings for this project? **Answer:** No, there are no specifications or drawings.
- Question:** Are payment and performance bonds required? **Answer:** Yes, payment and performance bonds are required.
- Question:** Are dimensions for the rooms provided? **Answer:** No dimensions shall not be provided.