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1	12/15/2014	Drawings for this job are posted as 8-1/2 x 11". Can you please have them posted to proper scale in order for us to print full size?	AKEA Response: AKEA's final Design Submittal to the VAMC on July 23, 2014 included 30"x42" design drawings. They have been attached .
2	12/19/2014	The drawings supplied in the bid package are 8.5" x 11". Is the VA going to supply full size drawings for this project?	AKEA Response: AKEA's final Design Submittal to the VAMC on July 23, 2014 included 30"x42" design drawings.They have been attached .
3	12/19/2014	Drawing G002, Demolition note 2 mentions the disposition and removal and salvageable materials. Please provide a list of items that need to be salvaged.	AKEA Response: AKEA did not identify any salvageable components. Contractor is responsible for the proper disposal of demolished materials. The note indicates contractor to "verify" with VA for approval prior to removal of components from property. This comment was referring to the mechanical equipment components that are in good working order that the VA may want to keep for future use.
4	12/19/2014	Drawing G002, Demolition Note 7 indicates matching new materials to match existing. Because of the aging process of the existing surface, contractor cannot guarantee an exact match in color and texture. Does Government have an objection to the issue?	AKEA Response: The VA Staff and AKEA will review shop drawing and product submittals to ensure that they are compatible and meet the specifications. The Demolition Note 7 includes "to the satisfaction of VA Medical Center prior to installation". AKEA notes the Pool Mechanical Room is an enclosed room; slight differences in finishes will not be observable between the inside of the room and the outside of the room.
5	12/19/2014	Note 9 mentions the jurisdiction of all other authorities for demolition work. Please identify the other authorities involved on this project	AKEA Response: The VAMC is a Federal Facility and they are the Authority having jurisdiction within the facility. Any demolition will be overseen by the VAMC and meet OSHA requirements, but not County or City authorities.
6	12/19/2014	Will government provide as built drawings at least for the project work area?	AKEA Response: AKEA has a few sheets of historical drawings that were used in the preparation of the design documents. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of the as-built drawings due the repairs and modifications done over the years. Any recent repairs completed after the July 23, 2014 Design Document Submittal will not be reflected on our drawings.
7	12/19/2014	Sheet G002 indicates the project completion time to be 150 days. Does this completion time reflect the construction phase only?	AKEA Response: 150 days refers to construction phase. Please refer to the Government solicitation for the total number of days allowed by contract.
8	12/19/2014	This project involves lots of demolition work requiring use of hammering/Jack hammering. Is there any restriction on use of certain equipment on this project?	VA Response: No restriction on certain equipment. AKEA Response: Special Care should be used in demolition around areas and systems to remain.

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9	12/19/2014	Sheet A110, schedule of finishes Note 1, mentions concrete overlay on existing damaged flooring. Does damaged floor needs crack sealing or patch work before concrete overlay work?	AKEA Response: Means and methods will be the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the finished product will Meet the intent of the drawings and specifications. However, we recommend at a minimum that the area is thoroughly cleaned, allowed adequate time for drying, and a complete application of a bonding agent be applied prior to any overlay work.
10	12/19/2014	Sheet A200, FF Plan shows bracing the roof support structure. Does support system need to be designed and stamped by a PE?	AKEA Response: For the New Aluminum enclosure at the breezeway, A building fabricator is required to pre-engineer the structure and submit the shop drawings for review and approval. The Shop drawings shall be designed/signed/sealed. For the existing enclosure, the bracing of the existing roof support structure was reviewed and designed by a structural engineer and should be followed during construction. However, we will require a bracing and shoring plan be submitted for review and approval prior to implementing the plan.
11	12/19/2014	Sheet A200, FF plan shows a note removing and refurbishing existing pool deck. Is the contractor responsible for patching and cracks sealing of the pool deck before re-coating the pool deck?	AKEA Response: Means and methods will be the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the finished product will Meet the intent of the drawings and specifications. However, we recommend at a minimum that the area is thoroughly cleaned, allowed adequate time for drying, and a complete application of a bonding agent be applied prior to any overlay work.
12	12/19/2014	Drawing A300, detail 6, shows 1/4"x6" wedge anchors driven to the existing deck? Would contractor be responsible for the integrity of the structure based on this detail?	AKEA Response: Means and methods will be the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that the finished product will Meet the intent of the drawings and specifications. However, we recommend that the contractor follow the design drawings and specifications.
13	12/19/2014	Drawing A400, Door and frame schedule shows Door type "A" only. Is the door type "A" typical for the doors 2 and 3? Please provide the detail for the door type for door frame 1.	AKEA Response: Per Sheet A400 all the doors are the same except exterior doors shall have an insect screen.
14	12/19/2014	Sheet S001, Geotech improvements note 6 mentions additional borings may be required with in the pool shell. Should contractor use an allowance of \$5000 for this item?	AKEA Response: If there is cracking or a hollow void within the pool itself requiring additional borings or corrective measures, that would be an unforeseen condition and would need to be addressed per the VA contract requirements.
15	12/19/2014	Technical Proposal – Factor 2 – Management Experience – Can CCASS evaluations be utilized in lieu of Past Performance Questionnaires or do we need to have our Clients send in the PPQs?	Past Performance Questionnaire responses have to come directly from your client. Whether or not you have your clients complete the questionnaires is completely up to your firm. It is the firms job to establish evidence of adequate and acceptable past performance. We will also utilize CPARs (CCASS) evaluations from your firm in addition to looking them up ourselves online. We will verify those submitted are accurate.

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16	12/26/2014	The Request for Information (RFI) deadline for this project is given as January 2nd. With the Holidays upon us and the shortened work weeks, holidays and vacations, subcontractor involvement and the time available to ask questions has been severely impaired. Will The VA please extend the RFI due date to January 9th?	The RFI deadline has not been extended. However, if an RFI is sent in late that is required to be answered in order for the project to be a success or to be fair to all involved it will be responded to. The proposal deadline has been changed by amendment.
17	12/26/2014	If there is a hazardous material survey for asbestos or lead paint available for this project work area, please forward to us for inclusion in the bidding process.	AKEA Response: AKEA's final Design Submittal to the VAMC on July 23, 2014 included a Design Analysis Report Appendix D which includes Limited Asbestos Survey Report and Limited Lead-Containing Paint Survey Report dated July 2013 by GLE Associates
18	12/26/2014	Drawing S001, note 1 states "refer to Summary Report of Limited Subsurface Exploration, VA Medical Center Therapy Pool...May 24, 2013". Will The VA please forward to us this report for our use as specified?	AKEA Response: AKEA's final Design Submittal to the VAMC on July 23, 2014 included a Design Analysis Report Appendix C which includes Summary Report of Limited Subsurface Investigation (May 2013) and Summary Report of Supplemental Recommendations (July 2013) by GSE Engineering
19	12/26/2014	Spec section 13 11 13 Pool General, 3rd page paragraph 1.5, A. requires prequalification of Pool Contractor to be received by Architect 14 days prior to bid due date on AIA Form A305. With the bid due date being January 23rd, this makes the Pool Contractor Prequalification due in the Architects hand by Friday January 9th. Can the Prequalification be handled via email? If so, what email address is preferred at Akea Inc Architects to be used for this? If required to be sent via regular mail, would the prequalification need to be sent 3 days earlier (January 6th) to guarantee delivery to Akea by January 9th or will a postmark on the envelope by January 9th be sufficient? Having this subcontractor chosen 2 days after the Holidays is problematic and reinforces question 1 above for extension of the RFI due date, but also the project bid due date as well.	AKEA Response: Qualifications and past performance to submit a proposal and perform the work are part of the VA Proposal guidelines and would not be part of the AE approval requirements. That specification statement comes from a pool specific AIA specification and that statement would not apply to a VA project.

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20	12/26/2014	Spec section 13 11 30 Pool Regenerative Media Filters, paragraph 1.5, B. states "all substitutions shall be submitted using the appropriate substitution request forms as provided under the substitution section in the Project Manual". There is no substitution section in the Project Manual or Specifications, however we are familiar with standard substitution requirements in construction that place an increased responsibility on the General Contractor to prove an alternate product to be equal to the specified basis of design product. Is this the nature of the substitution process for this project? If The VA has a substitution specification for this project, please provide it.	AKEA Response: The VA Staff and AKEA will review shop drawing and product submittals to ensure that they are compatible and meet the specifications. Any product substitutions will need to be noted on the submittal with a reference to the specification section that the alternate product meets.
21	12/26/2014	Spec section 13 11 30 Pool Regenerative Media Filters, paragraph 1.5, C. 4. States "other treatment systems will be considered only if a complete set of drawings and specifications detailing such equipment as it pertains to this project are submitted for evaluation fourteen (14) days prior to the bidding". This due date, again, falls on January 9th and as asked about in item 4 above, what is the method of delivery and requirement for postmarked date? How will it be possible to produce drawings and specs for alternate equipment in this limited time frame? Can the project bid due date be extended?	AKEA Response: The VA Staff and AKEA will review shop drawing and product submittals to ensure that they are compatible and meet the specifications. Any product substitutions will need to be noted on the submittal with a reference to the specification section that the alternate product meets. Contractor must follow the VA Proposal Requirements and be based on the bid documents included in the bid package and not an alternate design.
22	1/2/2015	There is carpentry, misc. metal work, stucco finish, new structural roof panels, Acrylic glazing, safety markings, man lift shown on the drawings but no specification sections are included in the specifications for these items. Please include the specifications for these items.	AKEA Response: Product requirements are listed in the specifications as well as the drawings. Breezeway Enclosure, Patient lift, and Stucco Finish are called out on the drawings, Markings will be on the Ceramic tile and are part of SECTION 13 11 61 POOL CERAMIC TILE
23	6-Jan-15	Per the technical proposal submission Factor 2- Management Experience, we are to have our previous clients submit a Past Performance Questionnaire directly to the government point of contact. Many of our clients will not complete Past Performance Questionnaires, or feel that their schedules are too busy to complete questionnaires. Will it be possible to use previously submitted questionnaires, CPARS, or CCASS evaluations in lieu of the questionnaires for submission?	Past Performance Questionnaire responses have to come directly from your client. Whether or not you have your clients complete the questionnaires is completely up to your firm. It is the firms job to establish evidence of adequate and acceptable past performance. We will also utilize CPARS (CCASS) evaluations from your firm in addition to looking them up ourselves online. We will verify those submitted are accurate.
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