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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FORM

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Question(s) is/are regarding the drawings, specifications, technical data [☒]

Company Name and Offeror: Cable Links Construction

From (person submitting question): Fadi Qamhiyeh

Date of Inquiry: 3/31/15

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Proposal Inquiry:

Proposal RFI #1 – Per Sheet Note 1/AS201 and Sheet Note 7/AS301 – please provide solar panel manufacturer. DEFER TO VA

Proposal RFI #2 – Per Sheet Note 2/AS201 (removal and reinstall of existing satellite dish on roof.) Please clarify the type of satellite dish that is to be temporarily relocated and does it require a certain manufacturer/owner to actually move and reinstall to make sure it's in working order. DEFER TO VA

Proposal RFI #3 - We would like to use Firestone 80mil TPO membrane as an alternate to the EPDM sheet in the specifications section 075323. The EPDM seam is not as strong as the heat welded TPO membrane seam in our experience and the TPO membrane would be able to match the warranty specified. The cost will be equivalent to what is specified. I have included a product data sheet for the 80mil membrane. SEE RESPONSE TO RFI #3 BELOW.

Proposal RFI #4 – Per Mechanical General Note 6/MH101 (Access Panel install at hard lid ceilings). Will it be possible to provide a Reflected Ceiling Plan for all three floors to determine ceiling types for Access Panel Install, Drywall Repairs, etc.. REFLECTED CEILING PLANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. MOST AREAS ARE ACOUSTIC CEILING TILES. THIS NOTE IS PROVIDED IN THE UNLIKELY INSTANCE THAT A VAV BOX IS LOCATED ABOVE A HARD-LID CEILING (POSSIBLY AT RESTROOMS). THIS IS NOT ANTICIPATED BUT COULD OCCUR.

RESPONSE TO RFI #3 ABOVE; CONTRACTOR IS PROPOSING TO CHANGE THE ROOFING MATERIAL FROM 90 MIL EPDM TO 80 MIL TPO. THIS IS NOT AN RFI, BUT A REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTION FOR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATERIAL. ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSED ULTRA PLY TPO PLATINUM PRODUCT MEETS THE VA MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A TYPICAL TPO ROOFING SYSTEM, IT IS NOT WHAT WAS SPECIFIED. WHEN COMPARING TPO VERSUS EPDM, THEIR PROPERTIES, TEST RESULTS, AND ASTM STANDARDS CANNOT BE RECONCILED FOR A DETERMINATION OF EQUIVALENCY AS THEY ARE DIFFERENT PRODUCTS WITH DIFFERENT STANDARDS. THE SPECIFIED EPDM ROOFING SYSTEM WAS SELECTED BECAUSE OF ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH THE EXISTING EPDM ROOFING TO REMAIN. HAVING A NEW TPO ROOFING TIE INTO AN EXISTING EPDM ROOFING MAY PROVE DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY AT THE SPLICE JOINT. IN ADDITION, THE FLUID APPLIED COATING THAT IS TO GO OVER THE NEW AND EXISTING MEMBRANE NEEDS TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH BOTH. THERE ARE FLUID APPLIED COATINGS SYSTEMS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR EPDM MEMBRANES AND OTHERS FOR TPO MEMBRANES. A COATING THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH BOTH WOULD HAVE TO BE RESEARCHED AND PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR. FOR THESE REASONS WE DO NOT RECOMMEND CHANGING THE ROOFING MEMBRANE FROM EPDM TO TPO. HOWEVER, IF THE VA WISHES TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION, THE CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF ROOFING MEMBRANE COMPATIBILITY AND FLUID APPLIED COATING, MEET THE REQUIRED WARRANTY ON THE ROOFING MEMBRANE AND COATING SYSTEMS, SUBMIT ROOFING AND COATING SPECIFICATIONS AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE ROOFING DETAILS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.