

## Questions and Answers for VA258-15-R-0002 (VA258-15-R-0002)

**Submitted:** 3/31/2015 9:03:58 AM **By:** TOTAL TEAM CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 1 - Exhibit E-2 and E-3

Exhibit D states the following: "You should address your general self performance capability here as well as demonstrate it in the required Self-Performance work calculations on the Exhibit(s) E-1, E-2 and/or E-3 seed project you wish to participate on". Could not locate Exhibit E-2 and E-3. Can you please provide.

**Answered On:** 4/1/2015 11:27:03 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Exhibit D of this solicitation, under item 1.C of the exhibit - Capabilities, incorrectly lists Exhibits E-1,E-2, and E-3. For solicitation VA258-15-R-0002, there is ONLY one seed proto-typical project and the correct Exhibit to address that proto-typical project is Exhibit E-1.

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**Submitted:** 3/31/2015 9:05:54 AM **By:** TOTAL TEAM CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 2 - Category D

Solicitation states that task orders under Category D will range up to \$25M. Page 11 of 215 in the Solicitation notes Category D is from \$5M - \$10M. Which is correct?

**Answered On:** 4/1/2015 11:31:09 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-The correct dollar range for potential Category D task order award project MAY go from \$5 Million to \$25 Million as shown on form SF 1442. Page 11, under section 00010 Notes is incorrect and should be increased to \$25 Million to match the SF 1442 info. A correction section 00010 Notes is attached to Amendment A00001 and is now incorporated into this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 3/31/2015 3:28:17 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 3 - CAT increase at a later date

Would the government consider allowing a successful offeror for a particular CAT the opportunity, at the option year, to "apply" for a greater CAT, if their bonding ability and project capabilities supported it? For instance, allowing a CAT B offeror the opportunity, at the option year, to apply for consideration to compete for CAT C projects.

**Answered On:** 4/1/2015 11:41:39 AM

**Answer:** VA Response- VA could, at time of Option Renewal of the base contract, review a potential request from said Contractor. If VA requested supporting documentation is provided and substantiated, Contractor may be included to additoin or potentially removed from business Categories if past performance and business conditions call for such actions to be reviewed.

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**Submitted:** 3/31/2015 3:28:57 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 4 - PPQ requirement

It states on Exhibit A "\*\*\*\*Note - Past Performance questionnaire will NOT be required for this MATOC solicitation". It is unclear to us how the government intends to evaluate our past performance. Can the offeror, include within its proposal, previously completed past performance questionnaires or CPARS evaluations, if they exist, to demonstrate acceptable past performance?

**Answered On:** 4/1/2015 11:38:30 AM

**Answer:** VA Response- To conduct the performance risk assessment, the Government may use data provided by the offeror, and data obtained from other sources. The Government may but is not limited to: evaluate present and past performance information through the use of questionnaires completed by the offeror's references; use data independently obtained from other Government or commercial sources, including, but not limited to Government

databases; rely upon personal business experience with the offeror; and use the information provided in the Offeror's Past Performance Relevancy (Exhibit A). Contractor may provide previously completed past performance questionnaires or CPARS evaluations, if they exist, to support their case to the technical evaluation team for the Exhibit A projects your firm is proposing.

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**Submitted:** 3/31/2015 3:29:47 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 5 - VHA sample form inclusion location

The NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036 page 5 states "Optional Sample form for Bidder/Offeror to Complete & Submit with Bid/Proposal". Does the government wish us to include this information within our proposal. If so, which volume should this document be located?

**Answered On:** 4/1/2015 12:17:44 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036 safety deliverables MUST be completed for the proto-typical seed project (E-1) for 649-13-101 SCI Clinic Conversion. These deliverables also support the contractor's Technical Proposal Evaluations under point 6 "Safety". These deliverables MUST be placed into Electronic Binder 3-Vol 3 Technical Information.

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**Submitted:** 3/31/2015 3:30:55 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 6 - Submission per CAT requirements

If the offeror intends to submit on various CAT projects are we to submit complete volume 1, 2, and 3 for each CAT even though there is only one seed project or can we submit one volume 1 (price proposal) to encompass all CAT projects the offeror intends to pursue?

**Answered On:** 4/1/2015 1:37:20 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 1 Volume 1: Price Information for Proto-typical Seed Project E-1 (649-13-101 SCI Clinic Conversion) as the response to this solicitation VA258-15-R-0002 as there is ONLY one proto-typical seed project which will cover the need for this solicitation for all business Categories A-B-C-D as clarified in the solicitation further on page 94 under Proposal Content item 1.4.1. Each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 2 Volume 2 for Past Performance and one Electronic Binder 3 Volume 3 for Technical Information that will clearly be used to support the Contractor's position as to why the business Category sizes being requested by the prospective Contractor should be awarded. This will properly allow the Technical Evaluation Team to review the documents provided to make proper selection judgements.

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**Submitted:** 4/1/2015 10:35:53 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 7 - Bonding capacity evaluation

Section 00010 Dollar Value of Project states "Caution to Contractors: Each contractor must have sufficient bonding capacity for the ranges selected". It appears after reviewing the Instructions to Bidders that no information is being requested to confirm the offeror's bonding ability. How is the government going to evaluate bonding capability of the offeror for the Dollar Value categories the offeror is pursuing? Should we be including a document from our bonding agent confirming our bonding ability?

**Answered On:** 4/1/2015 11:49:52 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA now requests that prospective prime contractors provide letters from their Bonding Agencies to support the business Category class in which they wish to participate. This letter MUST be provided in Electronic Binder 3-Vol 3 Technical Information in support of Technical Proposal review point 1 "Capability and Experience"

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**Submitted:** 4/2/2015 11:06:17 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question: 8** - Door schedule discrepancy

Sheet 117-A611, Door Schedule, Door 1B101A shows the door as a Type 4 automatic door. Under Door Types, this door is depicted as a single sliding door (2 panels). On Sheet 117-A111, this door appears to be depicted as a bi-parting door (4 panels). Please clarify the correct door type for this door.

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:36:07 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note that bi-parting door (4 panels) doors as shown on drawing sheet AD111 and A111 are INCORRECT. Door type and detailing for Automatic Door is correctly detailed and shown on drawing sheet 117-A611.

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**Submitted:** 4/2/2015 11:07:10 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question: 9** - Door schedule ADO

Sheet 117-A611, Door Schedule, Door 1B101 shows in the Comments column "ADO". Specification Section 08 71 00, Page 17 indicates this door is to receive Hardware Set #7, which includes no Automatic Door Operator. Please clarify the hardware set and operator status for this door.

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:40:00 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor should price these Automatic Doors, as detailed on drawing sheet 117-A611 Door Schedule WITH new Automatic Door Operator hardware - wiring-associated devices-installation for this project. Door Hardware Specification 08-71-00 page 17 -Hardware Group #7 is INCORRECT

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**Submitted:** 4/6/2015 10:48:39 AM **By:** MCGOLDRICK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CORPORATION

**Question: 10** - Seed Project Location Versus Bidding Region Location and Bid Bond  
PLs confirm that we MUST bid on the seed project to be considered responsive even if we do not select that region for MATOC work. PLs confirm that, in that case, we do not need a Bid Bond (for a project in a region we do not select and for which we will not be awarded)

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:46:13 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor is correct in the statement shown here. ALL potential Prime MATOC contractors MUST bid this proto-typical seed project (whether or not in the town they prefer to work or whether or not it is in your requested Business Size category) to be evaluated for a Base MATOC Contract. A Bid Bond WILL NOT be required for this proto-typical SEED Project. All potential Prime MATOC contractors MUST factor Payment and Performance bonds costs into their overall price for this project. A potential firm that does NOT want to work in Prescott would not be forced by VA to accept this project.

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 8:28:15 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question: 11** - NCO 4 Guide for VHA DIRECTIVE 2011-036 - Page 5 - Sample Form Requirements

There is an optional sample form for Bidder/Offeror to complete & submit with bid/proposal. Is this sample form to be filled out and submitted by each Contractor in their MATOC proposal response?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:50:33 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-The forms provided in the NCO 4 Guide, whether marked Sample or not, MUST all be completed by each potential Prime MATOC Contractor and submitted for this proto-typical seed project as part of your Technical Information in electronic binder 3 - volume 3 as part of item 6 "Safety"

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 8:52:47 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 12 - Exhibit C - Reference Questionnaires

Exhibit C is referenced throughout this solicitation. Is Exhibit C part of this solicitation?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:57:27 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA has eliminated the Exhibit C Past Performance Questionnaire from this MATOC solicitation. It is NOT shown in the list of attachments at the end of this solicitation. Any reference throughout the balance of the solicitation documents to requirement for an Exhibit C Past Performance Questionnaire submission is "Null and VOID"

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 9:30:16 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 13 - ER Dept status

Please confirm that the Emergency Department will be shut down / relocated when the contractor begins work in the area of renovations.

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 3:22:44 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-After successful task order award to successful Prime MATOC contractor, and before Notice to Proceed is signed by both parties, VA Prescott will be responsible to remove ALL rolling and non-attached equipment and materials from the work area to allow the successful contractor to begin demolition work. The area is planned to be vacated of staff and patients during the demo and re-construction work period and should be bid accordingly. Fixed items remaining should be noted on the current drawings as "Demo-salvage for VA" or "Demo-disposal by Contractor".

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 9:43:18 AM **By:** VANDAHL ENGINEERING & SALES, LTD.

**Question:** 14 - ACM Report

File VA258-15-R-0002-009 SCI Clinic Asbestos-Lead Report Cover-CAT B has no pertinent information regarding Asbestos Containing Material. Would the government please provide an ACM report outlining the conditions in the work area?

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 3:27:01 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-The 2 page solicitation attachment "SCI Clinic Asbestos-Lead Report Cover" was suppose to be exactly that -a cover document. Contractor to note that VA HAS provided the complete 35 page Lead Paint report on Building 117 and the complete 448 Asbestos report on Bld 117 for everything that the VA Prescott know about these conditions in this work area. Amendment P0002 will also re-post these same documents to make sure there is no confusion and contractor have full information to properly bid the demolition and hazardous materials portion of this project.

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 12:57:16 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 15 - Nurse Call

Sheet 117-TA111 indicates there are to be Nurse Call devices installed for this project. Will these devices report to a nurses station? If these devices are to tie into an existing system, will the VA provide the manufacturer name and whether there is a current maintenance contractor for this system? Will the VA provide specifications for the Nurse Call System?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 10:12:54 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note that the current Nurse Call System in Prescott is Hill ROM. There is NO further information that can be provided for this solicitation as to the exact model number of the current Hill ROM system. Contractor should assume there IS a current maintenance contract on this system, but details will only be provided to successful contractor after award. Clarification -There are 2 pull stations in this project solicitation: one each in patient and staff toilet (staff presumably would not need NC, but it is possible that a patient or visitor could use the staff toilet and need assistance) 3 duty stations: one in each exam/treatment room The new NC stations are added on to the existing system in Building 117, the major cost items (head-end) are already in place as existing infrastructure to this project. Duress or panic signals are to be initialed via VA provided computer keyboard and

computers that are connected to the wall data ports. Contractor is NOT required to furnish or install panic "button." for this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 12:57:38 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 16 - Access Control

Sheet 117-TA111 indicates there will be Access Control card readers installed for this project. Do these card readers report to any location? Will the VA issue specifications for the Access Control System?

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 1:34:04 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to provide and install new card readers that match existing system. Existing system is a Hirsch system and the individual card readers is by HID Corporation (ProxPoint Model 6005BKB00). These newly required card readers are to be furnished and installed by Prime MATOC contractor into a system located above the new construction area. Prime MATOC Contractor is to refer to Keynote 5, drawing sheet 117-TT111 for floor penetration and conduit - wiring requirement. Final installation and test to be properly coordinated with Prescott Engineering staff and Prescott VA Police Department after connection to the central system for proper commissioning and testing - acceptance of the new card readers.

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 1:55:37 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 17 - Testing Laboratory

Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services, Part 1.1 states that the Testing Laboratory will be retained by the VA. Please confirm the VA will engage the Testing Lab and that this will not be a cost to the Contractor.

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 3:42:58 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services, Part 1.1 states that the Testing Laboratory will be retained by the VA is INCORRECT. VA does NOT have the ability to hire these firms. Contractor MUST factor in their cost proposal the cost to hire required Third party material testing firms, underground utility locator services, and any Hazardous Materials monitoring and over-sight clearance services required for this work scope in this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 1:56:00 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 18 - EDMS

Section 01 00 00 - General Requirements, Part 1.5 Construction Security Requirements, Sub-Part D.7.a states that all project documents shall be scanned and tracked through Engineering Document Management Software (EDMS). Please confirm the VA will require the EDMS system for this project.

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:14:28 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Section 01 00 00 - General Requirements, Part 1.5 Construction Security Requirements, Sub-Part D.7 is INCORRECT as there is NO electronic document system that has been purchased for this project such as EDMS, Newforma, or Submittal Exchange. For bid purposes, document control will be exchanges via e-mail or disk for larger volume info transfer.

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**Submitted:** 4/7/2015 1:56:34 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 19 - Fenced area/Storage yard

Section 01 00 00 - General Requirements, Part 1.6 Operations and Storage Area, Sub-Part I states the contractor shall provide a chain link fence around the construction area indicated on the drawings. The drawings do not indicate the area to be fenced. Will the VA either describe or provide a drawing for the area to be fenced? Will the VA provide a storage yard

area for this project? If so, would the VA indicate on a Site Map where the area will be permitted?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:11:57 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Given the high potential for other construction project occurring at the same time on the Prescott campus as this project, the construction laydown area directly next to Building 117 will be extremely limited. The area that Prescott Engineering has agreed to for this project is a gravel area to the east exterior side of Building 117, in a gravel area between Bld 117 and the one story lab "bump out" building towards the front of the main hospital. Area away from the building towards the sidewalk area is also the extent of the fenced yard area for this project. From another map view, the gravel areas would be across from Building 12 and 13 as you look at Building 117. Construction fence with Green Screen is also the minimum requirement for an exterior laydown yard at Prescott.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 7:06:50 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 20 - Solicitation - Page 113 - Section 2.1.2.

Section 2.1.2. states the contract value, will be limited to \$100M in task orders per contract period to a single contractor. Is the intent of this \$100M in task orders per contract period inclusive of "all" task orders awarded to MATOC contractors or is it for a single contractor?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:07:13 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-No one single Base MATOC contract award to a single successful contractor would be allowed to carry more than \$100 Million in successful task orders on it. That would be the maximum dollar cap to any single awarded MATOC contractor over the life of this new 5 yr construction vehicle.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 7:22:34 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 21 - Amendment 1 - Section 00010 NOTES - Page 4 - Top of Page

Amendment 1 states "\*\*\*NOTE: ALL Contractors MUST submit a separate proposal for each Dollar Value Category for which they wish to be considered for award." However, in response to a previous RFI (see Question 6) on this topic, this response could potentially be misinterpreted. Just to be clear, is the expectation that only one Volume 1, one Volume 2 and one Volume 3 will be uploaded no matter how many categories are checked by the Contractor?

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 3:57:42 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Seperate pricing proposal language for each Dollar Value Category, as noted on page 11 of the solicitation, is INCORRECT as this final version of the solicitation ONLY contains ONE seed proto-typical project for pricing. This subject-topic is better clarified on page 94 of the solicitation and contractors are to focus on that wording. To be clear, Contractor is to present their pricing proposal for the seed project 649-13-101 SCI Clinic - Exhibit E-1 as noted on page 97 of the solicitation in Volume 1-Binder 1. VA will ONLY need one Volume 2 - Binder 2 for Past performance to support previous work to support the city areas and business size you are requesting and ONLY need one Volume 3 - Binder 3 for Technical information to support the city areas and business size you are requesting. (no matter how many city areas or business categories you are applying for)

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 7:37:39 AM **By:** GREENLAND ENTERPRISES, INC.

**Question:** 22 - Mailing Address for CD's

The address in Block 7 of the SF 1442 does not match the address provided for CD submissions, listed on Pages 94 & 95 of the solicitation. Please verify the correct address to mail the CD's.

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 4:03:28 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor is correct there is different info in two places. The info in Block 7 of the SF 1442 is INCORRECT. The correct mailing address for the CD disk

submission of Volume 2-Binder 2 for Past Performance and Volume 3-Binder 3 for Technical information is: Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix Contracting Office, 777 East Missouri Avenue - Suite 300, Phoenix AZ 85014 to the attention of Mr. Robert Kenny - Contracting Specialist. Early submission of CD Disks with this information (9 individual but duplicated disks) to this office before the proposal due date will be gladly accepted and kept confidential until proposal close. Hand delivery, courier, express mail or US Mail will be acceptable modes to receive these proposal deliverables to this office.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 7:38:55 AM **By:** GREENLAND ENTERPRISES, INC.

**Question:** 23 - Prototypical Proposal Offer Schedule

On Page 98 of the solicitation, Exhibit E-1 is described as the "Prototypical Proposal Offer Schedule," however, there is no document identified with that title either in the file name or appearing in the document. Also, the "Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet" and "Price Breakdown Sheet" do not utilize an Exhibit Name/# appearing in the documents. Please verify that the Price Breakdown Sheet is in fact the "Prototypical Proposal Offer Schedule" (Exhibit E-1) and the Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet is in fact Exhibit E-1A.

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 7:49:09 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-On page 98 of the solicitation, under 2.1.3.2, a Prototypical Proposal Offer Schedule is referenced. The correct name for this form that I used as an attachment to this solicitation is S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Pricing Breakdown Sheet-CAT B. This is the form that the Prime MATOC Contractor will fill out for the price submission on the 649-13-101 SCI Clinic E-1 proto-typical project and submit this into Electronic Binder 1 -Volume 1 Price Information. Attachment S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet-CAT B is ALSO an Exhibit E document that MUST be completed for the proto-typical seed project and submit this into Electronic Binder 1 -Volume 1 Price Information as well as a requested verification to the question posted above.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 7:40:16 AM **By:** GREENLAND ENTERPRISES, INC.

**Question:** 24 - Subcontractor Information and Exhibit B Requirement

Referencing the requirements listed on Page 99 of the solicitation, the offeror is required to "provide a list of major subcontractors" in the disciplines of plumbing, HVAC, electrical, roofing, and painting. These subcontractors are also required to "complete an Exhibit B 'Subcontractor Information and Consent' Form." The requirement appears again on the "Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet." Please clarify whether or not this requirement pertains to the overall MATOC or just the seed prototypical project. Also, would the government consider generalizing, limiting or even omitting these requirements of providing subcontractor names/information (on Page 99 of the solicitation, Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet, Exhibit D 3.B, and Exhibit A 2.A), as this information is difficult to determine for a 5-year MATOC spanning 3 states at 7 locations?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 8:40:18 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting clearly understands that few subcontractor can work over the multi-state region their solicitation and its corresponding base contract will cover. VA is looking for the Prime MATOC contractor to note here the key Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, roofing, and painting subcontractor that your firm has a strong and on-going relationship with. This information from Exhibit B will support the nature of the business relationships your firm strives to bring as a complete construction solution to any potential task order (that typically involves a number of these trade disciplines within their associated scopes of work). It is clearly understood that each noted subcontractor may or may not participate on each task order or at each city location your firm wishes to participate in. Prime MATOC contractors are encourages to provide information on subcontractor for each region -city area they wish to participate in to further show their understanding of the local trade subcontractor markets for each city area. The information collected from the Exhibit B

forms for Subcontractor information is intended to be used for the 5 year period of this MATOC contract vehicle. Subcontractors to be utilized on the proto-typical seed project WILL be listed by your firm on the S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet - CAT B to be submitted in Electronic Binder 1- Volume 1 - Price Information. VA will NOT consider generalizing, limiting or even omitting this requirement and has given clear guidance with this RFI response for subcontractor information.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 7:41:00 AM **By:** GREENLAND ENTERPRISES, INC.

**Question:** 25 - Exhibit F PPQ Reference

In Exhibit F – Proposal Volume Contents Aid, under “Electronic Binder No.2 – Volume 2,” it references an Exhibit C - Reference Questionnaires as well as states, “send out questionnaires to your former clients so responses reach contracting officer NLT closing date.” Please confirm that we are to disregard this, as the reference questionnaire is not a requirement under this solicitation.

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 7:30:34 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Exhibit F – Proposal Volume Contents Aid, under “Electronic Binder No.2 – Volume 2,” it references an Exhibit C Reference Questionnaires. This reference in this Exhibit F for this solicitation VA258-15-R-0002 has been ELIMINATED and this requirement will NOT apply to this solicitation. Please disregard this reference and ANY other reference to an Exhibit C Reference Questionnaires in the balance of ANY document in this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 7:51:05 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 26 - Seed Project Pricing

Regarding the pricing of the seed project, is the contractor required to submit pricing per their "Location of work" selected (i.e. El Paso rates and factors, Albuquerque rates and factors, etc.), or price it for the actual location of the seed project (which would be Prescott, AZ)?

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 4:21:46 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Prime MATOC contractor is to price the ONLY proto-typical seed project in this solicitation 649-13-101 SCI Clinic -Exhibit E-1 with the Prescott AZ Davis Bacon wage rate sheet (provided as an attachment to this solicitation as P07 -Prescott DB wage rates dt 3-13-2015 as noted on page 215 of the solicitation). This solicitation is NOT for a Job Order Contracting method where tasks and city rates are set up in advance. Each subsequent individual task order will have its own solicitation, its own scope of work, and its own Davis Bacon wage rates for the city and time it will be issued and awarded. As there is ONLY one seed project in this solicitation, VA will only be receiving one price sheet for this Prescott AZ seed project upon close of this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 10:30:36 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 27 - Clarification on subcontractor list

RFP Page 108, (4.2.1.6.1) asks the offeror to provide a list of major subcontractors who will be utilized throughout the life of the contract. Page 109, (4.2.1.6.4) also notes that the subcontractors shall have completed Exhibit B in Volume 2 to be considered. Since this MATOC covers (7) stations over a wide geographical region, not all subcontractors will be either willing or able to perform at every station. Will the VA confirm they are looking for a list of major subcontractors who will be utilized throughout the life of the contract, and that we need to submit subcontractors for each of the (7) locations the offeror chooses to select?

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 4:13:56 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting clearly understands that few subcontractor can work over the multi-state region their solicitation and its corresponding base contract will cover. VA is looking for the Prime MATOC contractor to note here the key Plumbing, Electrical,

HVAC, roofing, and painting subcontractor that your firm has a strong and on-going relationship with. This information will support the nature of the business relationships your firm strives to bring as a complete construction solution to any potential task order (that typically involves a number of these trade disciplines within their associated scopes of work). It is clearly understood that each noted subcontractor may or may not participate on each task order or at each city location your firm wishes to participate in. Prime MATOC contractors are encouraged to provide information on subcontractor for each region -city area they wish to participate in to further show their understanding of the local trade subcontractor markets for each city area.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 12:22:40 PM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 28 - Schedule of Finishes

The VA has provided standard specifications for ceramic tile, resilient base, resilient tile, and resilient sheet flooring. The VA did not provide a Section 09 06 00 - Schedule For Finishes for this project. Will the VA provide information as to the product basis of design for all of the aforementioned finishes, that will correspond to the Room Finish Schedule found on Sheet 117-A611?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:23:07 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-There will be NO Section 09-06-00 Schedule for Finishes on this project. Successful contractor shall provide materials that meet the applicable Division 9 specification technical characteristics requirements at locations as indicated in the Room Finish Schedule on drawing sheet 117-A611. Contractor to factor into their pricing that VA will be allowed to select from the provided manufacturer's full color line, including any premium colors, after submittal review after award.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:33:01 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 29 - Temp wall

Do you have a temp wall plan & what is the accepted construction of the wall? plywood vs drywall vs fire rated plastic, bottom of ceiling vs bottom of deck, painted vs no paint.

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 3:03:53 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to find barrier guidance in the specification binder - Volume 1 under section 01-35-26 Safety-sub section 1.12 Infection Controls. Barrier adherence should be done to a minimum Class 3 (III) level as the balance of this building is planned to be active during construction and dust-dirt-noise-air movement must be contained to the construction area.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:35:12 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 30 - existing mortar bed

Is there a mortar bed at the existing rooms 1B-120 bathroom & 1B-121 HAC? If so do you have a detail?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 2:43:39 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Standard VA construction of this time period had tile set in a mortar bed (see note 11 on drawing sheet 117-AD11). VA nor the architect has specific details on this mortar bed area. Contractor should bid the project considering an existing mortar bed is under the current tile.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:36:10 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 31 - Roofing spec

Can you please provide a roofing spec?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 2:39:41 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note there will be NO roofing specification provided for this project. Work on this project consists of patching-repairing existing TPO roof material where affected by this project. TPO roof patch to be done by the approved means and methods of the TPO roof material chosen by the successful contractor under this solicitation and their specific means -methods on how to replace-repair areas of an existing TPO roof material.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:36:57 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 32 - earthwork spec  
Can you please provide a earthwork spec?

**Answered On:** 4/9/2015 2:36:45 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractors are advised to review project specification manual-volume 2-section 31-20-00 Earthwork starting on page 477 of the volume 2 spec binder for guidance in answering this question

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:38:26 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 33 - seed project scheduling  
would it be acceptable to use Microsoft project on this size of seed project?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 7:21:20 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-For this protot-typical seed project 649-13-101 SCI Clinic-Exhibit E-1, the use of Microsoft Project as the scheduling tool for the Prime MATOC Contractor will be acceptable to VA

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:39:40 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 34 - handrail & corner guards  
Can you please identify the location of the corner guards and Handrails?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 8:14:29 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Architect claims there are NO handrails as part of the work scope of this project. Prime MATOC contractor is to furnish-supply-install corner guards on ALL exterior corners in cooridors 1B100A and 1B100B and ALL areas of Waiting Room 1B101.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:46:23 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 35 - Med gases  
Will there need to be a live tap for the med gases or are there valves that can shut down the system?

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 4:07:37 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-According to Prescott Engineering, the medical gas system is LIVE, and there is no valve close for a shut off. Prime MATOC contractor should factor into their seed project proposal price to include proper labor, materials, and coordination time for a LIVE tap into an active medical gas line for this project.

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**Submitted:** 4/8/2015 4:56:32 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 36 - nurse call, security & fire alarm systems  
what is the existing brand of nurse call, security and fire alarm systems?

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 1:19:55 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Prescott existing Nurse Call system is Hill ROM, Prescott existing card reader security is Hirsch with the individual card readers as HID Corporation (ProxPoint Model 6005BKB00), and the existing fire alarm system is a Notifier

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**Submitted:** 4/9/2015 10:35:26 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 37 - Telecom keynotes

Sheet 117-TT121, Telecom Keynotes #1 instructs the Contractor to move existing 2-post rack and re-route cabling to new rack location. Will the VA provide an estimate of how many cables are existing and of which type (fiber or copper)?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 9:19:55 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note there is one (1) Optical Fiber SynSys Hybrid Cable consisting of 36 SM optical fibers and 36 50/125 LOMM optical fibers. The cable which is Fiber SenSys armored Hybrid is terminated in the LIU fiber patch panel located in the existing 2-post. The 2-post rack is located in the penthouse 10 feet from the location of the new IT room, the incoming fiber passes over the location of the new IT room which allows it to be relocated without re-terminating. There are no other cables going to the existing IT rack. The first floor telco / IT closet room 1B110 has to remain in-tact and remain operating at all times as it serves the rest of bld-117, only the phone and data lines located inside the project work area will be removed back to the patch panels in room 1B110.

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**Submitted:** 4/9/2015 10:35:53 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 38 - Fiber termination

Sheet 117-TT121, Telecom Keynotes #1 instructs the Contractor to terminate fiber in existing FDU. Will the VA provide the type of fiber to be terminated?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 9:22:10 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note there is one (1) Optical Fiber SynSys Hybrid Cable consisting of 36 SM optical fibers and 36 50/125 LOMM optical fibers. The cable which is Fiber SenSys armored Hybrid is terminated in the LIU fiber patch panel located in the existing 2-post. The 2-post rack is located in the penthouse 10 feet from the location of the new IT room, the incoming fiber passes over the location of the new IT room which allows it to be relocated without re-terminating. There are no other cables going to the existing IT rack. Optical fibers are presently terminated on patch panels in the existing 2-post rack. Patch panels are to be carefully removed, the existing rack is to be relocated and the cable is to be properly re-routed to back to the relocated 2-post rack. The optical fiber patch panels, previously removed, are to be re-installed. No optical fiber needs to be terminated or re-terminated unless it is damaged and or does not pass final tests. The first floor telco / IT closet room 1B110 has to remain in-tact and remain operating at all times as it serves the rest of bld-117, only the phone and data lines located inside the project work area will be removed back to the patch panels in room 1B110.

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**Submitted:** 4/9/2015 3:14:41 PM **By:** VETCON, LLC

**Question:** 39 - Contractor Licensing

Is the Contractor required to have the appropriate General Contractor's license for the jurisdictions in which they intend to apply for under the MATOC?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 8:56:24 AM

**Answer:** VA Response- This new Technical Proposal requirement will NOT apply to Texas based Potential Prime MATOC contractors as the state of Texas does NOT issue STATE commercial general contractor's licences. Potential Prime MATOC contractors MUST have and provide a copy of, at time of proposal due date for this solicitation, a current and valid STATE commercial general contractor's (NOT TRADE Contractor) license (at a minimum) for the state where their home office resides or listed in the VETBIZ database. Potential Prime MATOC contractors MAY have valid state commercial general contractor licenses in the states this solicitation covers BUT THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. This is a new Technical Proposal evaluation document being required for this solicitation that should be submitted by your firm into BOTH Electronic Binder 1- Volume 1 Price Information AND Electronic Binder 3 - Volume 3 Technical Information to support evaluation subfactor 1 -Capability and Experience (noted on page 107 of solicitation). This commercial general contractor's license will be used

by the VA as one of a number of determination of responsibility documents used to evaluate your firm's participation in this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/9/2015 3:20:32 PM **By:** GLEN/MAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

**Question:** 40 - Question 28

Is there a temp wall plan?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 10:08:22 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to find barrier guidance in the specification binder - Volume 1 under section 01-35-26 Safety-sub section 1.12 Infection Controls. Barrier adherence should be done to a minimum Class 3 (III) level as the balance of this building is planned to be active during construction and dust-dirt-noise-air movement must be contained to the construction area. There is NO temp wall plan detailed in the solicitation documents. Prime MATOC contractor MUST provide safety-entry security-dust protection-Infection Control measures to the entire jobsite during the construction process. Contractor to price accordingly for the number and duration of the temp walls required on this project as part of the seed project pricing sheet for this proto-typical project.

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**Submitted:** 4/10/2015 3:38:58 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 41 - Exhibit B, "Subcontractor Information and Consent Form"

Page 99 of the RFP states, "Each major subcontractor and each Teaming Partner must complete an Exhibit B, "Subcontractor Information and Consent Form" to be considered for evaluation as part of the proposing Prime MATOC contractor technical proposal evaluation point." Can you please confirm that Exhibit B's are required for subcontractors proposed for the seed project ONLY?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 10:11:37 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Exhibit B is NOT just for the proto-typical seed project to clarify. VA Contracting clearly understands that few subcontractor can work over the multi-state region their solicitation and its corresponding base contract will cover. VA is looking for the Prime MATOC contractor to note here the key Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, roofing, and painting subcontractor that your firm has a strong and on-going relationship with. This information from Exhibit B will support the nature of the business relationships your firm strives to bring as a complete construction solution to any potential task order (that typically involves a number of these trade disciplines within their associated scopes of work). It is clearly understood that each noted subcontractor may or may not participate on each task order or at each city location your firm wishes to participate in. Prime MATOC contractors are encourages to provide information on subcontractor for each region -city area they wish to participate in to further show their understanding of the local trade subcontractor markets for each city area. The information collected from the Exhibit B forms for Subcontractor information is intended to be used for the 5 year period of this MATOC contract vehicle. Subcontractors to be utilized on the proto-typical seed project WILL be listed by your firm on the S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet -CAT B to be submitted in Electronic Binder 1- Volume 1 - Price Information. VA will NOT consider generalizing, limiting or even omitting this requirement and has given clear guidance with this RFI response for subcontractor information.

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**Submitted:** 4/10/2015 3:40:00 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 42 - CD Submission

Page 95 of the RFP requires us to submit 9 CDs of Volume 2, Past Performance and Volume 3, Technical Information to the CO by the proposal due date. We anticipate that subcontractors for the seed project will be selected at the last minute. Since this information affects both Volumes 2 and 3, would the VA consider letting us submit CDs to be due the day AFTER the proposal due date?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 10:46:04 AM

**Answer:** VA Response- Contractor is correct in their question that gathering info on new subcontractors for the proto-typical seed project 649-13-101 SCI Clinic - Exhibit E-1 will be very difficult as VA understands that critical subcontractors for the seed project will only be selected at the last minutes before proposal closing time and date. The date and time of delivery for the 9 CD of Electronic Binder 2-Volume 2 Past Performance and Electronic Binder 3 -Volume 3 Technical Information WILL NOT be changed. VA is specifically looking at the subcontractors that your firms already had used successfully in the past for the trades noted, and who may or may not, participate on this proto-typical seed project in Prescott AZ. Attachment S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Self Performance Worksheet, to be submitted in Electronic Binder 1-Volume 1 Pricing Information WILL show the specific key subcontractors you are proposing for the proto-typical seed project.

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**Submitted:** 4/10/2015 3:40:48 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 43 - Pricing information

Page 97 of the RFP states, Offerors shall provide all price information necessary to provide a meaningful basis for the Government's analysis and evaluation of price for the MATOC seed project(s) set forth in Section 00120 – Proposal Evaluation section (and as noted above in Item 2.1.3 )of this solicitation." Can you please clarify what information is needed for a "meaningful basis"?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 11:23:41 AM

**Answer:** VA Response -A VA price information review will be performed on the Prime MATOC contractor's proposed proto-typical seed project for a "meaningful basis" to determine a number of items :such as If an offeror proposes an unusually low price (when compared against the Government Independent Cost Estimate and other proposals received for the project). Price will also be Reasonableness and Realism as further defined on page 111 of the solicitation under items 5.3 and 5.4

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**Submitted:** 4/10/2015 4:01:59 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 44 - Bid Bond

Can you please verify if a Bid Bond will be required if we are not intending to perform in the Prescott, AZ location?

**Answered On:** 4/13/2015 4:28:38 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-As there will be sufficient Prime Contractor competition for this project and VA clearly understands that not every Prime MATOC contractor will or wants to work in Prescott AZ, there will be NO BID BOND requirement for the proto-typical seed project 649-13-101 SCI Clinic-Exhibit E-1. This is also supported on the SF1442 cover sheet, block 13 B "Bid bond or Offer Guarantee" is checked "Not required". Prime MATOC Contractors MUST factor into the proto-typical seed project the Payment and Performance Bond costs and requirement will still apply to ALL contractors submitting pricing on this project as this is part of a normal task order project cost item.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 11:41:18 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 45 - M&O Standards

Does NAVAHCS have in existence, a facility specific Maintenance and Operations Standards manual? From our past experience at other facilities in VISN 18, they have a M&O standard that frequently causes major disruptions to the construction process when not issued to the A&E and to contractors during the bid process. This is exceptionally important after reviewing the answer to the vendor portal question #28. If so, will the VA provide this manual for review by the Offerors?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 11:28:23 AM

**Answer:** VA Response -The Prescott campus does NOT have an "Maintenance and Operations Standards manual". All product information for the proto-typical seed project 649

-13-101 SCI Clinic Exhibit E-1 had been incorporated into the plans and specifications for this seed project. Products provided by the Prime MATOC Contractor for this seed project in Prescott MUST meet the requirements as set forth in the operating characteristics of the contract solicitation documents provided for this project.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 11:43:42 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 46 - Contractors License inclusion location

At the Site Visit, it was mentioned that Offerors should provide a copy of their contractor's license. Where and in which volume would the VA prefer the contractor's license to be inserted?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 8:57:37 AM

**Answer:** VA Response- This new Technical Proposal requirement will NOT apply to Texas based Potential Prime MATOC contractors as the state of Texas does NOT issue STATE commercial general contractor's licenses. Potential Prime MATOC contractors MUST have and provide a copy of, at time of proposal due date for this solicitation, a current and valid STATE commercial general contractor's (NOT TRADE Contractor) license (at a minimum) for the state where their home office resides or listed in the VETBIZ database. Potential Prime MATOC contractors MAY have valid state commercial general contractor licenses in the states this solicitation covers BUT THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. This is a new Technical Proposal evaluation document being required for this solicitation that should be submitted by your firm into BOTH Electronic Binder 1- Volume 1 Price Information AND Electronic Binder 3 - Volume 3 Technical Information to support evaluation subfactor 1 -Capability and Experience (noted on page 107 of solicitation). This commercial general contractor's license will be used by the VA as one of a number of determination of responsibility documents used to evaluate your firm's participation in this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 11:49:20 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 47 - Dollar Value Category content requirements

Areas of consideration states \*\*\*NOTE: "ALL Contractors MUST submit a separate proposal for each Dollar Value Category for which they wish to be considered for award." Can you please confirm that we are to submit a separate Past Performance and Technical proposal for each dollar value category? Should they be submitted as separate binders or be contained within one binder (separated by indexing)?

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 2:16:45 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 1 Volume 1: Price Information for Proto-typical Seed Project E-1 (649-13-101 SCI Clinic Conversion) as the response to this solicitation VA258-15-R-0002 as there is ONLY one proto-typical seed project which will cover the need for this solicitation for all business Categories A-B-C-D as clarified in the solicitation further on page 94 under Proposal Content item 1.4.1. As a CORRECTION to the wording on page 11 of the solicitation "Contractors MUST submit a separate proposal for each Dollar Value Category for which they wish to be considered for award" NOW each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 2 Volume 2 for Past Performance and one Electronic Binder 3 Volume 3 for Technical Information that will clearly be used to support the Contractor's position as to why the business Category sizes being requested by the prospective Contractor should be awarded. This will properly allow the Technical Evaluation Team to review the documents provided to make proper selection judgements.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 1:20:17 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 48 - CD Submission

Pages 94 and 95, sections 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 of the RFP states that prospective offerors shall submit copies of the Electronic Binder No. 2 - Volume 2, Past Performance and Electronic Binder No. 3 - Volume 3, Technical Information on 9 CD Disks. Can you please clarify if the

requirement is for a total of 9 CDs for the entire proposal or if the VA wants 9 CDs for each category the offeror is bidding on?

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 2:32:07 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Each prospective Prime MATOC Contractor shall create a CD disk containing Electronic Binder No. 2 – Volume 2, Past Performance data (in one or multiple PDF segments) complete to support ALL of the business work categories your firm is proposing on and Electronic Binder No. 3 – Volume 3, Technical Information (in one or multiple PDF segments) complete to support ALL of the business work categories your firm is proposing on. One CD disk would then contain your firm's entire past performance documentation and technical documentation that supports the entirety of your firm's proposal (again same information that you will also enter into the VA Vendor Portal system in small enough files sizes to fit into the VA Vendor Portal System). Your firm will then copy the complete disk 9 times and submit a total of 9 duplicated CD disks for the VA Technical Evaluation team to review your proposals for Past Performance and Technical data evaluation. There is NO LONGER a requirement to provide data for each separate business category that you wish to propose for as noted in previous RFI responses. Your Past Performance and Technical Data information should clearly support the CAT A-B-C-D levels that your firm is requesting to perform in.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 1:39:54 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 49 - Proposal Submission

During the site visit it was stated that offerors should only submit 1 proposal for all Dollar Value Categories, but page 11 of the RFP states that "ALL Contractors MUST submit a separate proposal for each Dollar Value Category for which they wish to be considered for award." Can you please confirm that we are only required to submit a total of 1 proposal for this solicitation.

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 2:34:37 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 1 Volume 1: Price Information for Proto-typical Seed Project E-1 (649-13-101 SCI Clinic Conversion) as the response to this solicitation VA258-15-R-0002 as there is ONLY one proto-typical seed project which will cover the need for this solicitation for all business Categories A-B-C-D as clarified in the solicitation further on page 94 under Proposal Content item 1.4.1. As a CORRECTION to the wording on page 11 of the solicitation "Contractors MUST submit a separate proposal for each Dollar Value Category for which they wish to be considered for award" NOW each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 2 Volume 2 for Past Performance and one Electronic Binder 3 Volume 3 for Technical Information that will clearly be used to support the Contractor's position as to why the business Category sizes being requested by the prospective Contractor should be awarded. This will properly allow the Technical Evaluation Team to review the documents provided to make proper selection judgements.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 2:01:57 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 50 - Past Performance

At the site visit it was mentioned that offerors should only submit 1 proposal for this solicitation. Page 98, section 2.2.1, of the RFP indicates that we need to provide "at least five (5) general construction projects". Since we are to only submit 1 Proposal, can you please clarify if the minimum number of projects required to be submitted is still 5 projects per Dollar Value Category ( 5 for Category A + 5 for Category B + 5 for Category C + 5 for Category D = 20)?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 10:32:22 AM

**Answer:** VA Response - Prospective Prime MATOC contractor should provide the required MINIMUM 5 general construction projects for the highest dollar value business category your firm is interested in bidding for. These MINIMUM 5 general construction projects would need

to clearly support your firm's ability and capability to successfully perform at the highest dollar value business category being requested. If your firm is deemed acceptable at the highest dollar value business category being requested, this will properly allow the Technical Evaluation Team to review your documents for selection judgement of the potential lower business dollar value classes as well.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 3:13:05 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 51 - FedBizOpps.gov  
Solicitation VA258-15-R-0002

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 10:54:30 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-This question is "NULL & VOID" as there is no proper question to be responded to.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 3:13:06 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 52 - FedBizOpps.gov  
Solicitation VA258-15-R-0002

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 10:54:53 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-This question is "NULL & VOID" as there is no proper question to be responded to.

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**Submitted:** 4/13/2015 3:18:42 PM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 53 - Solicitation not showing on FBO.gov  
Currently fbo.gov website does not show solicitation VA258-15-R-0002 when conducting a search. Can you make this solicitation available once more on the fbo.gov site?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 10:53:24 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting is aware, as of Monday April 13, 2015, that somehow the solicitation has been MOVED from the active FBO postings to Archieve. Calls have been placed to FBO to "un-Archieve". Best hope currently is that placing Amendment 2 out (shortly) will bring it back out of Archive state.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 7:31:12 AM **By:** D SQUARE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

**Question:** 54 - Testing Laboratory  
Exhibit D – Technical Proposal Data 5B states "Provide the names of testing laboratories to be used and the procedures for test data report." Does the government wish to see all testing laboratories that may be used, for each specific location the offeror is pursuing throughout the life of the MATOC, or merely for the seed project?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 11:14:43 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting clearly understands that testing subcontractor can work over the multi-state region. VA is looking for the Prime MATOC contractor to note here the key Testing Lab subcontractor that your firm has a strong and on-going relationship with. This information from Exhibit D- Item 5B will support the nature of the business relationships your firm strives to bring as a complete construction solution to any potential task order (that typically involves a number of these trade disciplines within their associated scopes of work). It is clearly understood that each noted that a Testing Lab subcontractor may or may not participate on each task order or at each city location your firm wishes to participate in. Prime MATOC contractors are encouraged to provide information on subcontractor for each region -city area they wish to participate in to further show their understanding of the local trade subcontractor markets for each city area. The information collected from the Exhibit D- Item 5B form for Testing Lab subcontractor information is intended to be used for the 5 year period of this MATOC contract vehicle.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:02:56 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 55 - Proposal Submission

The RFP, Amendment 0001 and RFIs are not clear as to whether or not separate proposals are required for dollar values categories being pursued. If multiple proposals are required for each dollar value being pursued, that would result in the VA having to review and evaluate the same proposal multiple times, which does not seem efficient or cost-effective for the VA or for Offerors. Experience and past performance on a \$10M project for Category D, should clearly demonstrate an Offeror's ability to perform on a \$4M project for Category C, and so on. Furthermore, a project management approach (Capabilities, Experience, Personnel, Subcontractors, Scheduling Methodologies, Safety, QC & Infection Control) proposed and implemented for \$5M-\$25M projects (Category D) also indicates the ability to implement the same project management approach on smaller projects (i.e., Category A, B, & C).

QUESTION 1A: Will the VA confirm that Offerors pursuing multiple dollar value categories are to submit only ONE complete proposal (Vol 1, 2 & 3); and QUESTION 1B: Offerors pursuing multiple dollar values should submit projects demonstrating experience in the highest dollar value category being pursued, and those higher dollar-valued projects will automatically demonstrate and qualify the Offeror for lower dollar-value categories being pursued.

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 3:08:40 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 1 Volume 1: Price Information for Proto-typical Seed Project E-1 (649-13-101 SCI Clinic Conversion) as the response to this solicitation VA258-15-R-0002 as there is ONLY one proto-typical seed project which will cover the need for this solicitation for all business Categories A-B-C-D as clarified in the solicitation further on page 94 under Proposal Content item 1.4.1. As a CORRECTION to the wording on page 11 of the solicitation "Contractors MUST submit a separate proposal for each Dollar Value Category for which they wish to be considered for award" NOW each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 2 Volume 2 for Past Performance and one Electronic Binder 3 Volume 3 for Technical Information that will clearly be used to support the Contractor's position as to why the business Category sizes being requested by the prospective Contractor should be awarded. This will properly allow the Technical Evaluation Team to review the documents provided to make proper selection judgements. Prospective Prime MATOC Contractors providing their Past Performance and Technical Information for business Category C & D dollar size project success would be a potential indicator that the Technical Evaluation team would need to address for the success of the firm with the smaller dollar category projects.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:03:40 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 56 - Proposal Submission

Page 11 of 215 in the RFP, as well as Section 00010 Notes (page 4 of 4) provided with Amendment 0001, states, "All Contractors MUST submit a separate proposal for each Dollar Value Category for which they wish to be considered for award." However, Q&A #6, provided with Amendment 0001, states, "Each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 1 Volume 1: Price Information for Proto-typical Seed Project E-1 (649-13-101 SCI Clinic Conversion) as the response to this solicitation VA258-15-R-0002 as there is ONLY one proto-typical seed project which will cover the need for this solicitation for all business Categories A-B-C-D as clarified in the solicitation further on page 94 under Proposal Content item 1.4.1. Each prospective Contractor is to provide ONLY one Electronic Binder 2 Volume 2 for Past Performance and one Electronic Binder 3 Volume 3 for Technical Information that will clearly be used to support the Contractor's position as to why the business Category sizes being requested by the prospective Contractor should be awarded. This will properly allow the Technical Evaluation Team to review the documents provided to make proper selection judgements." QUESTION: Will the Government please confirm that even if Offerors proposed on multiple Dollar Value Categories and multiple locations, only ONE Volume I, Volume II and Volume III should be submitted (i.e., if the Offeror wishes to be considered for multiple business Category sizes, the Offeror's ONE proposal can be used

to demonstrate the Offeror's position as to why the requested business Category sizes should be awarded.)?

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 3:15:19 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA confirms even if Offerors proposed on multiple Dollar Value Categories and multiple locations, only ONE Volume I, Volume II and Volume III should be submitted

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:04:24 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 57 - Past Performance Requirements

Page 95 of the RFP Solicitation, paragraph 1.5.1, second sentence states, "The due date for receipt of Past Performance Questionnaires from Offeror's references is the same as the date and time set for the receipt of proposals shown in Block 13 of the SF 1442." However, at the bottom of Exhibit A, there is a large note that states, "Note - Past performance questionnaires will not be required for this MATOC solicitation." Please confirm that PPQs are not required, but may, as indicated in RFI #4 provided within Amendment 0001, be provided to support the case to the technical evaluation Team for the Exhibit A projects.

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 11:52:12 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Wording on page 95 of the solicitation paragraph 1.5.1, second sentence states, "The due date for receipt of Past Performance Questionnaires from Offeror's references is the same as the date and time set for the receipt of proposals shown in Block 13 of the SF 1442." requirement has INDEED been ELIMINATED for this solicitation as confirmed in RFI #4 response. VA confirms that PPQs are not required for this solicitation, but may, as indicated in RFI #4 VA response, be provided to support the business case to the technical evaluation Team for the Exhibit A projects as to the strength and relevance of a past performance in support of future performance under this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:04:43 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 58 - Past Performance Requirements

Please confirm that projects submitted in Volume 2, Past Performance Information, should be relevant to the proposed work anticipated under the IDIQ MATOC and not specifically relevant to the Prototypical Seed Project.

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 10:40:30 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Prospective Prime MATOC contractors should be relevant to the proposed work anticipated under the IDIQ MATOC during the upcoming 5 year period of 2015-2020. Past projects that are similar or relevant to the Prototypical Seed Project 649-13-101 would be greatly beneficial to the Technical Evaluation team in making an overall review of your firm's past work.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:05:24 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 59 - Period of Performance for Seed Project

Will the Government please provide a contract period of performance for the Prototypical Seed Project so Offerors may correct develop the CPM schedule, as requested in Vol III, Exhibit D, Scheduling Methodologies

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 3:35:17 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-The Period of Performance for the proto-typical seed project 649-13-101 SCI Clinic will be 220 days AFTER VA Contracting provides field Notice to Proceed letter to contractor.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:06:19 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 60 - List of Subcontractors

Would the VA please confirm that the list of subcontractors provided in Exhibit A, Part 2, and

Exhibit D, Specific Personnel, are only applicable to the Seed Project and not the life of the MATOC IDIQ, as trying to list and identify potential subcontractors for the life of a 5-year IDIQ Contract with multiple dollar value categories and seven (7) different locations throughout three (3) states: 1) prohibits and restricts Offerors from evaluating and awarding subcontractors based on a Best Value approach and their ability to perform specific Task Order project scopes and requirements, which are yet to be determined; and 2) Would greatly exceed the maximum of three subcontractors per discipline, if pursuing multiple locations and multiple dollar value categories.

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 3:27:24 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting clearly understands that few subcontractor can work over the multi-state region their solicitation and its corresponding base contract will cover. VA is looking for the Prime MATOC contractor to note here the key Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, roofing, and painting subcontractor that your firm has a strong and on-going relationship with. This information from Exhibit B will support the nature of the business relationships your firm strives to bring as a complete construction solution to any potential task order (that typically involves a number of these trade disciplines within their associated scopes of work). It is clearly understood that each noted subcontractor may or may not participate on each task order or at each city location your firm wishes to participate in. Prime MATOC contractors are encourages to provide information on subcontractor for each region -city area they wish to participate in to further show their understanding of the local trade subcontractor markets for each city area. The information collected from the Exhibit B forms for Subcontractor information is intended to be used for the 5 year period of this MATOC contract vehicle. Subcontractors to be utilized on the proto-typical seed project WILL be listed by your firm on the S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Self-Performance Calculation Worksheet - CAT B to be submitted in Electronic Binder 1- Volume 1 - Price Information. VA will NOT consider generalizing, limiting or even omitting this requirement and has given clear guidance with this RFI response for subcontractor information. VA is NOT looking to, in any way, prohibit or restrict the Prime MATOC contractor from making or receiving proposals from other than those subcontractors (for the proto-typical seed or or other potential task orders in the future) the Prime MATOC contractor wishes to present to the VA in this solicitation

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:06:57 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 61 - List of Subcontractors

Would the VA please confirm that Subcontractor Information and Consent Form is only applicable if Offerors are using a subcontractor and/or Teaming Partner to help qualify the Offeror's past performance history (i.e., if the Prime qualifies with their own projects, Offerors only need to list potential subcontractors (a max of 3 per trade/discipline) that may perform on the Seed Project, and therefore do not have to include a Subcontractor Information and Consent Form)?

**Answered On:** 4/15/2015 3:54:35 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting clearly understands that few subcontractor can work over the multi-state region their solicitation and its corresponding base contract will cover. VA is looking for the Prime MATOC contractor to note here the key Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, roofing, and painting subcontractor that your firm has a strong and on-going relationship with. This information will support the nature of the business relationships your firm strives to bring as a complete construction solution to any potential task order (that typically involves a number of these trade disciplines within their associated scopes of work). It is clearly understood that each noted subcontractor may or may not participate on each task order or at each city location your firm wishes to participate in. Prime MATOC contractors are encourages to provide information on subcontractor for each region -city area they wish to participate in to further show their understanding of the local trade subcontractor markets for each city area. Contractor is INCORRECT in their statement above concerning ONLY providing information on potential subcontractors for the Seed project.

Major subcontractor or Teaming Partner information MUST still be provided in accordance with solicitation information shown on page 99 under sections 2.2.2 and sub items. The wording in 2.2.2 "utilized on this-these MATOC seed project(s)" is INCORRECT. the end wording in 2.2.2 should have been "utilized on this-these MATOC contract future task orders or seed project(s)"

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:07:14 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 62 - Number of Awards

How many awards is the VA anticipating making on this VISN 18 MATOC?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 11:33:49 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting will not comment on the minimum or maximum number of Prime MATOC contractors that may receive an award against this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:07:35 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 63 - Reporting Requirements for Personnel

In order to comply with VISN 18 MATOC IDIQ requirements, will the VA please provide the correct reporting structure for the Superintendent, Infection Control Manager and SSHO.

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 11:36:25 AM

**Answer:** VA Response - This question is vague and unclear. Please re-submit with what further you are wishing the VA to clarify on concerning reporting structure for the Superintendent, Infection Control Manager and SSHO

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:10:09 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 64 - Key Personnel

A contract of this size will require multiple QC Managers, Infection Control Managers and Superintendents and Safety Managers, and assignment of those individuals will be based on location of Task Order and scope of Task Order. Therefore, will the Government confirm that the key personnel listed in Exhibit D, and subsequent resumes/qualifications, are for proposed key personnel assigned to the Seed Project and not the VISN 18 MATOC IDIQ?

**Answered On:** 4/14/2015 11:44:33 AM

**Answer:** VA Response- For Exhibit D, Item 2 Organization, sub item 2B Specific Staff Memebers, VA wants to know about ALL the staff listed for these positions that is CURRENTLY with your firm. This requirement is NOT just for who you are proposing for the seed proto-typical project. The staffing review will be used to see staff members that may be used on any of the individual task orders assigned under a Base MATOC award for aaANY project issued for VISN 18.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:14:15 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 65 - Volume 1

Will the Government confirm that Exhibit E-1 and Exhibit E-1A are the only Exhibit E forms that need to be completed and included in Volume 1, Offer Documents and Price Information, directly after the Offeror and Section 00010 documents?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 1:49:30 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Prospective Prime MATOC contractor to complete and submit S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Pricing Breakdown sheet -CAT B AND S02 E-1 SCI Clinic Self Performance Calculation sheet- CAT B into the VA Vendor Portal ONLY to successfully complete Electronic Binder No.1 - VOLUME 1, PRICE/COST INFORMATION . This is also supported by reviewing Exhibit F Proposal Volume Content Binder Aid

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 11:36:35 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 66 - Bonding Requirements

What is the minimum individual and aggregate bonding levels required for Offerors. If an offeror is pursuing Category D at all 7 locations of work, we can assume that the Offeror must demonstrate an individual bonding limit of at least \$25M per project, but what aggregate level must Offerors demonstrate?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 11:55:58 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA is unclear from this question what the contractor is really asking. Prospective Prime MATOC contractors MUST provide the required bonding documentation, if required per individual task order requirement. What aggregate bonding level a Prospective Prime MATOC contractor should possess is NOT a VA directed determination.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 12:09:43 PM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 67 - Reporting Structure for key personnel

Exhibit D, #2 Organization, sub-paragraph 2B asks offerors to "indicate to whom the Quality Control, Safety and Infection Control Managers report (lines of authority). We have reviewed the RFP and specifications and only found the reporting requirements for the Quality Control Manager. Therefore, in order to ensure we are compliant, who does the Safety Manager report to and who does the Infection Control Manager report to for this IDIQ?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 2:43:18 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-From Exhibit D sub item 2B. Provide names, duties and levels of responsibility of key personnel to include the Project Manager, Site Superintendent(s), Quality Control Manager, Safety Manager and Infection Control Manager. Indicate to whom the Quality Control, Safety and Infection Control Managers report. (Lines of authority). VA is looking for the prospective MATOC contractor to clearly explain to the Technical Evaluation team what the lines of authority are for these listed staff members in your firm for any potential task order structure. VA is looking for your firm to tell us how a Safety Manager in your firm operates and their line of authority. VA is looking for your firm to tell us how an Infection Control Manager in your firm operates and their line of authority.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 12:23:40 PM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 68 - Key Personnel

The VA's answer to RFI #64 states, "For Exhibit D, Item 2 Organization, sub item 2B Specific Staff Members, VA wants to know about ALL the staff listed for these positions that is CURRENTLY with your firm. This requirement is NOT just for who you are proposing for the seed proto-typical project. The staffing review will be used to see staff members that may be used on any of the individual task orders assigned under a Base MATOC award for any project issued for VISN 18." However, under #3, Specific Personnel, sub-paragraph #3A, Offerors are to, "discuss the education, training and experience in managing construction projects of the key personnel listed in 2B (A resume may be submitted if it provides this information - Attachment 2). Just to clarify, based on the VA's answer to #64, Offerors should submit resumes for all the staff listed for these positions that is currently with our firm? That seems like an excessive amount of resumes to evaluate, as Offerors typically have several Project Managers, Superintendents, Quality Control Managers, Safety Managers and Infection Control Managers (could be upwards of 5 resumes per position, resulting in 25 resumes to review).

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 2:45:52 PM

**Answer:** VA response-Based on the VA's answer to RFI#64, prospective MATOC contractors should submit resumes for all the staff listed for these positions that is currently with your firm.

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**Submitted:** 4/14/2015 12:48:26 PM **By:** RMG CONSTRUCTION INC

**Question:** 69 - RMG Construction Inc.

Can we as a prime contractor use our Core Management's past performance qualifications (past relevant projects etc.) in order to qualify for the past performance section of the Technical Proposal Requirements in the RFP?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 2:35:56 PM

**Answer:** VA Response- Prospective Prime MATOC contractor to carefully read on page 100 of the solicitation, under item 2.2.3 Offerors lacking relevant Past Performance details to help answer this question

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**Submitted:** 4/15/2015 8:25:03 AM **By:** MCGOLDRICK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CORPORATION

**Question:** 70 - Subcontractor Information for Bidding Areas Versus Seed Project List Reference :Volume 2 Past Performance Information, para 2.2.2 on page 99 of 215 requires list of subs for the MATOC seed project. If we are not accepting award for the seed project, can we, instead of the seed project list, provide subcontractor information and Consent Forms for the city/area in which we ARE competing?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 12:51:57 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA Contracting clearly understands that few subcontractor can work over the multi-state region their solicitation and its corresponding base contract will cover. VA is looking for the Prime MATOC contractor to note here the key Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, roofing, and painting subcontractor that your firm has a strong and on-going relationship with. This information will support the nature of the business relationships your firm strives to bring as a complete construction solution to any potential task order (that typically involves a number of these trade disciplines within their associated scopes of work). It is clearly understood that each noted subcontractor may or may not participate on each task order or at each city location your firm wishes to participate in. Prime MATOC contractors are encourages to provide information on subcontractor for each region -city area they wish to participate in to further show their understanding of the local trade subcontractor markets for each city area. Major subcontractor or Teaming Partner information MUST still be provided in accordance with solicitation information shown on page 99 under sections 2.2.2 and sub items. The wording in 2.2.2 "utilized on this-these MATOC seed project(s)" is INCORRECT. the end wording in 2.2.2 should have been "utilized on this-these MATOC contract future task orders or seed project(s)"

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**Submitted:** 4/15/2015 12:09:18 PM **By:** ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXCAVATING, INC

**Question:** 71 - Section 00010 Notes-Areas of Consideration

Would the Government consider allowing a successful offeror to apply for additional areas of consideration (locations of work) at the optional renewal period for the contract?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 12:10:08 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA will NOT consider allowing a successful MATOC prime contractor, awarded under this solicitation, to ADD requested work areas of consideration to their base contractor AFTER award. Prospective Prime MATOC contractors are encouraged to closely review the areas of work consideration NOW that that they want to request for the 5 year life of this MATOC 2015-2020 contract vehicle as noted in your upcoming proposals for submission under this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/15/2015 1:20:49 PM **By:** ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXCAVATING, INC

**Question:** 72 - Office Location

Will the Government require the offerors to have a Bona Fide Office in the VISN 18 Network area?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 12:05:19 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA will NOT require the Prospective MATOC Prime contractor to have a Bona Fide Office in the VISN 18 Network area as part of the solicitation requirements for the MATOC 2015-2020 effort.

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**Submitted:** 4/15/2015 3:10:39 PM **By:** SYGNOS, INC.

**Question:** 73 - Proposal Submission Clarification

Please clarify if this is correct -Volume 1: PRICE - electronic submission only via eCMS (vendor portal) Volume 2: PAST PERFORMANCE - both electronic VP and 9 CDs Volume 3: TECHNICAL INFORMATION - both electronic VP and 9 CDs Can we include V2 and V3 in same CD; or are you requiring 9 CDs each for each volume, please clarify,

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 1:24:23 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-CORRECT - Volume 1: PRICE - electronic submission only via eCMS (vendor portal)(to protect Pricing Information from NOT going to any member of the Technical Review Team) Volume 2: PAST PERFORMANCE - both electronic VP and 9 CDs Volume 3: TECHNICAL INFORMATION - both electronic VP and 9 CDs. VA is hoping - expecting that ALL past performance and technical information deliverables generated by the prospective MATOC contractors to be able to FIT on one CD disk. If prospective MATOC contractors need a separate or additional CD disks to meet the solicitation deliverable requirement, PLEASE carefully label each disk as to what it contains for proper Technical Team evaluation of your deliverable documents.

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 8:41:03 AM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 74 - NCO 4 Guide - Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation Form

Q&A's 5 and 11 require us to complete and submit the sample Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation Form (Page 5 of the NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036). The sample form (Part 1) is asking for information for years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. Should this be changed to years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 12:00:35 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor is correct in that the "Sample Form for Bidder/Offeror" is out of date and needs to be corrected. The prospective Prime MATOC contractors should provide the most recent four previous years information (2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011) on this form for submission in this solicitation. Similarly prospective Prime MATOC contractors should provide the most recent EMRs for the most recent three previous years (2014, 2013, and 2012)

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 9:43:31 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 75 - NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036

The Optional Sample Form for Bidder/Offeror to Complete & Submit with Bid/Proposal, is asking for information from our OSHA 300 Logs for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. Are that the correct timeframe the VA is wishing to evaluate Offerors? Or should Offerors provide the most recent four previous years (2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011)? Similarly, are Offerors to provide EMRs for the most recent three previous years (2014, 2013, and 2012)?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 10:24:05 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor is correct in that the "Sample Form for Bidder/Offeror" is out of date and needs to be corrected. The prospective Prime MATOC contractors should provide the most recent four previous years information (2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011) on this form for submission in this solicitation. Similarly prospective Prime MATOC contractors should provide the most recent EMRs for the most recent three previous years (2014, 2013, and 2012)

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 11:01:22 AM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 76 - NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036 (#2 Pre-Award Contractor Responsibility, Step 1)

Will the VA confirm that NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036, page 2, #2 Pre-Award Contactor Responsibility, Step #1, will be completed by the Contracting Officer during the Evaluation Period?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 1:17:53 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA is changing, for this solicitation ONLY, the information on NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036, page 2, #2 Pre-Award Contactor Responsibility, Step #1 wording FROM "Contracting Officer" TO "Prospective Prime MATOC contractors" shall verify their firm's safety violations at the Department of Labor website location shown in this guide. A print out of this web site check needs to be printed out (as shown on pages 2 and 3 of this guide) as ONE of the deliverable under Electronic Binder 3- Volume 3 Technical under Item 6 -Safety so that the Technical Evaluation Team can review this information as part of your overall Safety technical package deliverable.

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 12:07:20 PM **By:** HUBZONE, CORP.

**Question:** 77 - Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation Form

On the NCO 4 Guide for VHA DIRECTIVE 2011-036, page 5, Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation Form, the years specified are 2008-2011. Are we allowed to change the years to 2011-2014 to make the form more current?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 2:06:15 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor is correct in that the "Sample Form for Bidder/Offeror" is out of date and needs to be corrected. The prospective Prime MATOC contractors should provide the most recent four previous years information (2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011) on this form for submission in this solicitation. Similarly prospective Prime MATOC contractors should provide the most recent EMRs for the most recent three previous years (2014, 2013, and 2012)

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 12:12:37 PM **By:** HUBZONE, CORP.

**Question:** 78 - NCO 4 Guide for VHA DIRECTIVE 2011-036

Is the Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation Form and OSHA 300 and 300a forms the only forms required to be turned in to the Safety portion of the Technical proposal from the NCO 4 Guide?

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 2:30:35 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA is changing, for this solicitation ONLY, the information on NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036, page 2, #2 Pre-Award Contactor Responsibility, Step #1 wording FROM "Contracting Officer" TO "Prospective Prime MATOC contractors" shall verify their firm's safety violations at the Department of Labor website location shown in this guide. A print out of this web site check needs to be printed out (as shown on pages 2 and 3 of this guide) as ONE of the deliverable under Electronic Binder 3- Volume 3 Technical under Item 6 -Safety so that the Technical Evaluation Team can review this information as part of your overall Safety technical package deliverable. As noted above, prospective MATOC Prime contractor MUST also provide their Insurance carrier EMR rates for the time periods requested AND the OSHA 300 and 300a forms as backup documents to your completed Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation form

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 12:57:32 PM **By:** COBURN CONTRACTORS, LLC

**Question:** 79 - Safety Submittals

Per the answer to Question 5, we are to submit the safety submittals for the Seed project within Volume 3. The question only addresses the submission of the sample Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation Form. Are we also to include a letter from our Insurance carrier

showing our EMR rates, and are we also to submit our OSHA 300 and 300a forms? Please verify what these required submittals consist of.

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 2:29:08 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-VA is changing, for this solicitation ONLY, the information on NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036, page 2, #2 Pre-Award Contactor Responsibility, Step #1 wording FROM "Contracting Officer" TO "Prospective Prime MATOC contractors" shall verify their firm's safety violations at the Department of Labor website location shown in this guide. A print out of this web site check needs to be printed out (as shown on pages 2 and 3 of this guide) as ONE of the deliverable under Electronic Binder 3- Volume 3 Technical under Item 6 -Safety so that the Technical Evaluation Team can review this information as part of your overall Safety technical package deliverable. As noted above, prospective MATOC Prime contractor MUST also provide their Insurance carrier EMR rates for the time periods requested AND the OSHA 300 and 300a forms as backup documents to your completed Pre-Award Contractor Evaluation form

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 1:04:56 PM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 80 - Seed Project - Type of wood to be used on doors to be provided. On drawing 117-A611, the door schedule calls for doors with the symbol (WD). Can you specify what type of wood should be used?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 9:06:04 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to focus on Interior doors are specified in Section 08 14 00, INTERIOR WOOD DOORS. All wood doors are to be solid core wood NWDMA Extra-heavy Duty (reference Paragraph 2.1) with factory transparent finish. These solid core wood doors should be Birch

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 1:24:57 PM **By:** NORTHCON, INC.

**Question:** 81 - Exhibit D - Attachment 1 & 2  
In Exhibit D - 2A. it references (Attachment 1) and 3A. references (Attachment 2) - I cannot find these attachments - Can you tell me where they can be located - Thank you.

**Answered On:** 4/16/2015 2:22:51 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Prospective Prime MATOC contractors to note in Exhibit D of the solicitation documents, there are two errors. Under Section 2.Organization at the end of sub item 2A it is noted there is an Attachment 1. This attachment does NOT exist for this solicitation and its submission is NULL & VOID. Under Section 3.Specific Personnel at the end of sub item 3A it is noted there is an Attachment #2. This attachment also does NOT exist for this solicitation and its submission is NULL & VOID.

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 3:32:45 PM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 82 - Exhibit B

Since Exhibit B, "Subcontractor Information and Consent Form", is mentioned and requested in both Volume 2 and Volume 3, are Offerors to submit these forms in both Volumes or may we insert in one volume and reference it in another volume (ie., include the forms in Volume 2 and reference them in Volume 3)?

**Answered On:** 4/20/2015 10:27:14 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Potential Prime MATOC contractor is STILL required to provide Exhibit B, "Subcontractor Information and Consent Form" deliverable information into Electronic Binder 2-Volume 2 Past Performance and Electronic Binder 3-Volume 3 Technical information.Potential Prime MATOC contractor should NOT just place the information in Electronic Binder 2-Volume 2 Past Performance and then state to "reference" this information in Electronic Binder 3-Volume 3 Technical information.

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**Submitted:** 4/16/2015 3:37:42 PM **By:** HERMAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

**Question:** 83 - Response to RFI 81

The Government stated in their answer to RFI 81, "Prospective Prime MATOC contractors to note in Exhibit D of the solicitation documents, there are two errors. Under Section 2.Organizational at the end of sub item 2A it is noted there is an Attachment 1. This attachment does NOT exist for this solicitation and its submission is NULL & VOID. Under Section 3.Specific Personnel at the end of sub item 3A it is noted there is an Attachment #2. This attachment also does NOT exist for this solicitation and its submission is NULL & VOID." Is the Government saying that the Organizational Chart to be submitted under 2A (titled as Attachment 1) and the Specific Personnel Resumes to be submitted under 3A (titled as Attachment 2) are no longer required and therefore should not be submitted as part of Volume 3, Exhibit D? Please clarify.

**Answered On:** 4/20/2015 10:09:19 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-The Organizational Chart to be submitted under item 2A of Exhibit D is STILL required to be submitted by Potential MATOC Prime contractors for this solicitation. VA, at one time, had a format they wanted the organizations chart to be done in (Hence the original note for an Attachment 1) but this specific format has been ELIMINATED for this solicitation. The Specific Personnel Resumes to be submitted under 3A is STILL required to be submitted by Potential MATOC Prime contractors for this solicitation. VA, at one time, had a format they wanted the organizations chart to be done in (Hence the original note for an Attachment 2) but this specific format has been ELIMINATED for this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/17/2015 9:43:19 AM **By:** VANDAHL ENGINEERING & SALES, LTD.

**Question:** 84 - Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) in exterior walls

According to the Asbestos survey that was posted on or about 15 April 2015 and the scope for the abatement is the actual construction of the exterior stucco walls to be remediated / partially demolished is unclear. For bidding purposes, will the VA provide information regarding what type(s) of substrate or sheathing is on the metal studs and if the substrate itself needs to be handled as an ACM?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 12:35:53 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note that Amendment A00004 will have NEW attachments for Asbestos specifications and better definition to cover this required demolition action in this project solicitation. Contractor to price accordingly now that complete IHI Environmental reports have been provided for both Asbestos and Lead based paint items in Building 117. Contractor to also note the following information presented by Prescott Engineering: 1. The contractor will have to take appropriate precautions (following the hazardous material specifications provided in Amendment A00004) of the demo and removal of Code 4 material, i.e. the tile mastic which contains chrysotile (ACM) and is Category 1 Non-Friable. See attached plan, basically the existing corridors and four offices and the entry vestibule are the areas of abatement. a. Rooms 1B-108, 112, skip to 126, 127, (skip 128), 129 thru 132 & 136 have Code 4 Asbestos-Containing Vinyl Floor Tile Mastic, which is in good condition. The black/yellow mastic has the >1% Asbestos. b. Also note carpet mastic rooms on east side, beige hatch, need abatement (see attachment ACM plan as part of Amendment A00004)). 2. The north stucco exterior where attachment or penetrations will be made the contractor to attach new wall to existing and removal of a small segment of the north wall will have to follow abatement guidelines for holes made or connections to this area. The stucco and wire mesh were installed over a composite brown fibrous material containing chrysotile called "Woodrock" no longer made. According to past records, the west wall and soffit was abated in the past and is clear of asbestos.

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**Submitted:** 4/17/2015 11:36:00 AM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 85 - NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036

We have attempted to view our firm's safety violations at the Department of Labor website

listed in the NCO 4 Guide, but when we submit our search the results page shows up with the words "Temporarily Unavailable". Does this mean that the website is currently down/not working?

**Answered On:** 4/20/2015 9:39:06 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-The OSHA website, as listed NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036 on page 2, appears to be working correctly as of 4-20-2015. Potential Prime MATOC contractors should try to visit that site often to see if they can get access and download the required deliverables from that website for this solicitation. There is an OSHA Help desk phone number listed at the bottom of the web page that should be contacted if a firm is having issues getting this site to work properly. This safety requirement will still be required as part of the deliverables of this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/17/2015 11:45:38 AM **By:** BEXAR-ADVANCED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 86 - NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036

When submitting a search for our firm's safety violations on the Department of Labor website, a page comes up stating "Temporarily Unavailable". Is this "Temporarily Unavailable" response due to our firm not having any safety violations during the past three years? If so, does the government want a print out of this page to satisfy the Pre-Award Contractor Responsibility requirement from the NCO 4 Guide?

**Answered On:** 4/20/2015 9:40:13 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-The OSHA website, as listed NCO 4 Guide for VHA Directive 2011-036 on page 2, appears to be working correctly as of 4-20-2015. Potential Prime MATOC contractors should try to visit that site often to see if they can get access and download the required deliverables from that website for this solicitation. There is an OSHA Help desk phone number listed at the bottom of the web page that should be contacted if a firm is having issues getting this site to work properly. This safety requirement will still be required as part of the deliverables of this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/19/2015 1:49:14 PM **By:** FOUR WINDS MECHANICAL HTC/AC INC.

**Question:** 87 - Teaming Question

For teaming projects, do both the prime and teaming company need to individually complete the Organization Chart, Key Personnel, and span of authority? Or do the listed items need to represent the composition of the Teaming Structure between the two companies?

**Answered On:** 4/21/2015 4:05:55 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Potential Prime MATOC contractor SHOULD provide the complete the Organization Chart, Key Personnel, and span of authority for BOTH your firm and your teaming partner as individuals could be potentially be pulled from either group for a specific project need so the Technical Evaluation Team will want to see all players from both organizations.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 5:24:35 AM **By:** POINTER CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 88 - Telecom Room - Exterior Construction

The details provided for the "Attic Penthouse" on drawing sheet 117-A112 and Section G4 on sheet 117-A511 does not seem to depict the full design of this Telecom room for exterior construction. Example the Section D4 on sheet 117-A512 reflects exterior wall construction using: BATT INSULATION (R-13 MIN.), STUCCO OVER METAL LATH, WEATHER MEMBRANE, 1/2" CEMENTITIOUS SHEATHING etc. Please provide direction for the wall construction of the "Attic Penthouse".

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 10:29:17 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note that the new penthouse Telecom Room is NOT exterior construction. The build out of this room will be in entirely existing enclosed space. Contractor to follow construction details shown on Section F1 on drawing sheet 117-A112

and Section G4 on sheet 117-A511. This is the extent of the construction information for this new room.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 5:25:06 AM **By:** POINTER CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 89 - Telecom Room - Floor or Roof Construction

The details provided for the "Attic Penthouse" on drawing sheet 117-A112 and Section G4 on sheet 117-A511 does not seem to depict the full design of this Telcom room for floor or roof construction. Please provide the desired construction type and method.

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 10:24:46 AM

**Answer:** VA Repsonse-Contractor to note that the new penthouse Telecom Room is NOT exterior construction. The build out of this room will be in entirely existing enclosed space. Contractor to follow construction details shown on Section F1 on drawing sheet 117-A112 and Section G4 on sheet 117-A511. This is the extent of the construction information for this new room.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 5:26:19 AM **By:** POINTER CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 90 - Route for the Continuation of the Feeder

On sheet 117-E401 Key Note 2 states "REFER TO SHEET 117-E121 FOR CONTINUATION OF PANEL FEEDERS." Is this sheet missing, please clarify the route for the continuation of the feeder.

**Answered On:** 4/21/2015 4:21:28 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-On drawing sheet 117-E401 Key Note 2 states "REFER TO SHEET 117-E121 FOR CONTINUATION OF PANEL FEEDERS. The correction to thish Key Note 2 should be REFER TO SHEET 117-EP121 FOR CONTINUATION OF PANEL FEEDERS. There is NO missing electrical drawing sheet known for this solicitation.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 8:45:39 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 91 - Drawing A111, Keynote 3. Solid Surface Counters.

Can dimensions be supplied for the solid surface counters? It is not shown on the drawing.

**Answered On:** 4/21/2015 3:46:43 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Intent is to have Potential Prime MATOC contractor furnish and install Solid Surface Countertop. What is missing from detail on drawing sheet is that there is to be a lockable 3 drawer base cabinet unit also provided and installed by contractor at either end of the counter and a 3 drawer base cabinet,lockable, in the center of the countertop area. This requirement for the 3 drawer cabinets appies at the counter shown in room PSA 1B102 at the front and rear of this room to match the two locations that Keynote 3 on drawing sheet 117-A111 shows. Further dimensions of the counter-top or base cabinets is unanavailable, and Contractors are to provide their best bid with this information provided and details in the specification binder.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 8:46:51 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 92 - Drawing A311, Cabinetry. Drawing C1 and C2.

Cross sections of the cabinetry are show, but no lengths. Can lengths be supplied?

**Answered On:** 4/21/2015 4:30:22 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Potential Prime MATOC contractor to reference elevation F6/sheet 117-A311 for cabinet lengths in Room 1B103. Base cabinets in Room 1B105,1B112, 1B114 (section C2) are to be 36 inches wide (refernece question 94)

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 8:47:58 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 93 - Drawing A311 F6

Can a height dimension be supplied for this cabinetry?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 10:32:48 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to focus on section C1 height info on drawing sheet 117-A311 for answer to this question.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 8:48:39 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 94 - Drawing A311: C1, C2, and F6.

Can locations be supplied on the drawings where this material will be installed?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 10:46:53 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractors to note that section C1 and section F6 on drawing sheet 117-A311 apply to casework required in Conference Room 1B103 -see drawing sheet 117-A111. Section C2 applies to base cabinets for lavatories (sinks) in Exam and Procedure Rooms

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 8:49:43 AM **By:** TL SERVICES, INC.

**Question:** 95 - General Conditions for Seed Project

Drawing AD111 makes no mention of hazardous materials, nor does the seed project specification. However, the asbestos report does make mention of hazardous materials in some of the rooms in the seed project. Can you clarify the expectations for hazardous materials abatement on this project?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 12:37:14 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note that Amendment A00004 will have NEW attachments for Asbestos specifications and better definition to cover this required demolition action in this project solicitation. Contractor to price accordingly now that complete IHI Environmental reports have been provided for both Asbestos and Lead based paint items in Building 117. Contractor also to note statement for hazardous materials on cover sheet drawing 117-G111. Contractor to also note the following information presented by Prescott Engineering: 1. The contractor will have to take appropriate precautions (following the hazardous material specifications provided in Amendment A00004) of the demo and removal of Code 4 material, i.e. the tile mastic which contains chrysotile (ACM) and is Category 1 Non-Friable. See attached plan, basically the existing corridors and four offices and the entry vestibule are the areas of abatement. a. Rooms 1B-108, 112, skip to 126, 127, (skip 128), 129 thru 132 & 136 have Code 4 Asbestos-Containing Vinyl Floor Tile Mastic, which is in good condition. The black/yellow mastic has the >1% Asbestos. b. Also note carpet mastic rooms on east side, beige hatch, need abatement (see attachment ACM plan as part of Amendment A00004)). 2. The north stucco exterior where attachment or penetrations will be made the contractor to attach new wall to existing and removal of a small segment of the north wall will have to follow abatement guidelines for holes made or connections to this area. The stucco and wire mesh were installed over a composite brown fibrous material containing chrysotile called "Woodrock" no longer made. According to past records, the west wall and soffit was abated in the past and is clear of asbestos.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 8:55:56 AM **By:** FIREWATCH CONTRACTING OF FLORIDA LLC

**Question:** 96 - Contractors License

In question 39 the VA stated that we are to provide a copy of our General Contracting license. This has not been a requirement on other projects or MATOC's working for the federal government. Can you confirm it is a requirement to participate in this MATOC and provide the regulation information.

**Answered On:** 4/20/2015 12:08:00 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-RFI question 39 and VA response, the VA stated that we are to provide a copy of our General Contracting license. This is CORRECT for this solicitation as a Technical Requirement item for this MATOC.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 11:31:03 AM **By:** UNITED BUILDERS, LLC

**Question:** 97 - Keynote 17 on Sheet 117-AD111

This keynote points to a square box in Room #1B-113. Please clarify that this keynote is correct and that stucco removal is required.

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 10:52:51 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor to note to DELETE Keynote 17 on drawing sheet 117-AD111 as this was an INCORRECT reference

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 1:14:14 PM **By:** POINTER CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC

**Question:** 98 - Temporary Interior Signs

The specifications indicate temporary interior signs in section 01 58 16 however there does not appear to be any permanent signage such as rooms. Please verify.

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 2:14:56 PM

**Answer:** VA Response-Contractor is CORRECT. Interior signage drawing sheet and interior signage specification are MISSING. Amendment A00004 will provide an Interior Signage specification and sample photo of the typical room number -hallway number sign that should be priced the the Contractor for Furnish and Install. Contractor to furnish and install one of these "typical" room mnumber-room information information sign for every room listed on drawing sheet 117-A611

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 2:53:29 PM **By:** UNITED BUILDERS, LLC

**Question:** 99 - VA management based on cost of project?

With respect to Question No. 2, the VA's answer came back that "Category D Task Order Award project May go from \$5 million to \$25 million as shown on Form SF1442...." It is our understanding that all jobs within the MATOC cannot exceed \$10 million for a single project. Any projects over \$10 million we understand are managed out of the federal Washington VA. Please clarify.

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 11:05:52 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-The correct dollar range for potential Category D task order award project MAY go from \$5 Million to \$25 Million as shown on form SF 1442. Page 11, under section 00010 Notes is incorrect and should be increased to \$25 Million to match the SF 1442 info. A correction section 00010 Notes is attached to Amendment A00001 and is now incorporated into this solicitation. VA has been alerted there MAY be changes to the VA MINOR construction process that would increase the cap from the current amount of \$10 Million that local stations can award to a new potential MINOR maximum cost of construction up to \$25 Million that local stations can award. This new MATOC contract vehicle for 2015-2020 is preparing for that event if it takes place during the time period of this new MATOC contract.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 2:54:20 PM **By:** UNITED BUILDERS, LLC

**Question:** 100 - Past performance questionnaires

With respect to Question No. 4, regarding past performance questionnaires; the VA is NOT requiring any past performance questionnaires. Please confirm this to be the case. In addition, in the VA's answer, it goes on to say: "[t]he Government may use data provided by the offeror, and data obtained from other sources. The Government may but is not limited to: evaluate present and past performance information through the use of questionnaires completed by the offeror's references; use data independently obtained from other Government or commercial sources, including, but not limited to Government databases; rely

upon personal business experience with the offeror; and use the information provided in the Offeror's Past Performance Relevancy (Exhibit A)." Does this answer mean that we should submit relevant letters of reference from either VA contracting officers or other clients, architects from commercial projects in the past five years? Without having letters of recommendation, how does the VA go about verifying the contractor's qualifications and experience?

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 11:40:55 AM

**Answer:** VA Response- To conduct the performance risk assessment, the Government may use data provided by the offeror, and data obtained from other sources. The Government may but is not limited to: evaluate present and past performance information through the use of questionnaires completed by the offeror's references; use data independently obtained from other Government or commercial sources, including, but not limited to Government databases; rely upon personal business experience with the offeror; and use the information provided in the Offeror's Past Performance Relevancy (Exhibit A). Contractor may provide previously completed past performance questionnaires or CPARS evaluations, if they exist, to support their case to the technical evaluation team for the Exhibit A projects your firm is proposing. Potential Prime MATOC contractor MAY include relevant letters of reference from VA contracting officers, signed paper past performance reports from other VA project (not entered into the CPARS evaluation system) or other clients-architect performance or evaluation reports from commercial projects completed in the past five years.

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**Submitted:** 4/20/2015 2:55:19 PM **By:** UNITED BUILDERS, LLC

**Question:** 101 - RE Question 17 - more specific scope narrative

With respect to Question No. 17. With respect to the answer from the VA already given, can the VA provide any specifications, or a scope narrative in determining what the cost of these services are? As is stands, the VA's answer leaves much to interpretation.

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 10:59:50 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-Section 01 45 29 - Testing Laboratory Services, Part 1.1 states that the Testing Laboratory will be retained by the VA is INCORRECT. VA does NOT have the ability to hire these firms. Contractor MUST factor in their cost proposal the cost to hire required Third party material testing firms, underground utility locator services, and any Hazardous Materials monitoring and over-sight clearance services required for this work scope in this solicitation. There is no further clarification to this answer. It has been VA standard practice on Prescott projects that Contractor will HIRE any required outside testing labs and third party inspection firms required to complete a project. This will hold true again for the proto-typical seed project in this solicitation 649-13-101 SCI Clinic Exhibit E-1

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**Submitted:** 4/21/2015 1:21:05 PM **By:** GCH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

**Question:** 102 - Amount of CD's Needed

Do you want 9 CD's for each Volume 2 & 3 with a total of 18 CD's? Or do you want 9 total CD's that will include Volume 2 & Volume 3.

**Answered On:** 4/22/2015 11:14:37 AM

**Answer:** VA Response-CORRECT - Volume 1: PRICE - electronic submission only via eCMS (vendor portal)(to protect Pricing Information from NOT going to any member of the Technical Review Team) Volume 2: PAST PERFORMANCE - both electronic VP and 9 CDs Volume 3: TECHNICAL INFORMATION - both electronic VP and 9 CDs. VA is hoping - expecting that ALL past performance and technical information deliverables generated by the prospective MATOC contractors to be able to FIT on one CD disk. If prospective MATOC contractors need a separate or additional CD disks to meet the solicitation deliverable requirement, PLEASE carefully label each disk as to what it contains for proper Technical Team evaluation of your deliverable documents. Again, the goal -hope of VA is that Potential Prime MATOC contractor can fit ALL of their past performance items and technical information solicitation deliverables

onto ONE disk which could then be replicated by your firm 9 times for enough copies for the Technical team evaluation members.

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