

Solicitation VA251-15-B-0054 - Renovate Nutrition & Food Service

RFI's and RESPONSES

Date: May 1, 2015

- 1. In Appendix A asbestos report it states all tile bedding compound is to be assumed, does this meet all the quarry tile flooring need to be abated?**

Response – The Battle Creek VAMC has the bedding compound tested. The Bedding Compound does NOT contain ACM. Abatement of the Bedding Compound under the quarry tile will not be required.

- 2. Who holds the roof warranty for building #5?**

Response – The existing roof is held by TREMCO.

- 3. How many days will be needed by the VA between phases?**

Response – Depends on the phase. The contractor should expect 2-3 weeks between phases.

- 4. Throughout the Kitchen and Dining Areas the ceramic floor tile bedding compound is assumed to be asbestos. Can samples be taken for this bedding compound? In the past this materials has always been found to be non-asbestos.**

Response – A sample of the flooring bedding compound has been tested. The results indicate the bedding compound does NOT contain ACM. Abatement of the Bedding Compound under the quarry tile will not be required.

- 5. There is little information on the plans regarding the Fire Alarm System. The specs refer to an installation of a fully addressable system extended from a non-addressable system. The specs also say devices not SHOWN TO BE REUSED SHALL BE REMOVED. Can we get clarification of the extent of the new system and the brand of the existing?**

Response – The only new work associated with fire alarm is the connection to the new kitchen hoods. Detail 01/5-ES6. Otherwise the existing devices are only affected if the new sheeting is being applied to the wall as described in the shaded keyed note on Sheet 5-ES5. Existing fire alarm system is Cerberus Pyrotronics.

- 6. During the walk through some of the panels were observed to have breakers that appeared to have over heated. We have concerns regarding the condition of the older panel boards. Not all panels were opened for inspection.**

Response – The scope of this project does not include replacing existing panelboards. Most of the new branch circuits associated with this project do call for new breakers. Unless otherwise determined by the VA COR, the existing panelboards shall not be replaced.

- 7. Please confirm LB-MM feed breaker (stand alone enclosure) is not included and currently has a shunt trip installed.**

Response – LM-MM circuit breaker enclosure is existing and is located in Transformer Room 003A as shown on Sheet 5-ES4. There is a shunt trip sticker on the front of the enclosure.

- 8. Are the existing surface mounted electrical, plumbing and fire suppression items to be recessed behind the new Hygienic wall panels or can they remain surface mounted?**

Response – In regards to electrical devices, refer to shaded keyed note on Sheet 5-ES5 attached.

- 9. Is 180 calendar days a realistic contract period with 7 phases, turnover time required between phases and upfront submittals? Seems like over half of the contract period is already consumed?**

Response – the construction period of performance has been revised to 360 calendar days.

- 10. Are the kitchen hoods and fire suppression system to be provided and installed by us, or is this part of someone else's scope?**

Response – Hood and fire suppression system are by the Food Service Equipment Contractor.

- 11. Items 402 and 402A are these existing? They just say relocated on the plan.**

Response - #402 & 402A – units are existing.

- 12. Items 401 A, 401B, 402 and 402A, these are not noted as existing on the plan, are we to provide?**

Response - #401A, 401B, 402 & 402A are all existing.

13. Item 111B, this is on the plan but not found on the schedule, what is it?

Response – Item #111B is the existing food bank compressor and is to remain in it's current location. There is no work associated with the item.

14. Please confirm that providing Food Service Equipment is to be part of GC bid.

Response – Food Service Equipment shall be included as part of the GC bid.

15. Regarding salvage, we will need to know what, if any, FSE the owner wants to keep. This is important because there may be a salvage value to figure into the bid. See note 3 on 5-FS1. See note 17 on 5-FS4.

Response – No items to be salvaged. All walk-ins and hood are to be removed pursuant to the demolition schedule on sheet 5-FS1. All walk-ins and hoods are to be discarded.

16. Pertaining to the Altro Whiterock, there is cost difference between white and a chosen color. The color on the prints is TBD.

Response – Where Finish Schedule indicates the color as TBD, this should be interpreted as 'to be selected by VA during the submittal process from manufacturer's full range of standard colors.'

End of Responses