

Request for Bid Information Response

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VA Project No.: 581-13-101

Project Name: Huntington VAMC –
Renovate Surgical Service and Upgrade Operating Rooms

Items 1-5 (Round 1) are per VA email dated 6/1/15.

1. Can you clarify where the hospital wants us to set the crane for the rooftop unit?
 - The most practical locations for the crane/s, will be seriously evaluated for application, be it on the east side of the building or southwest corner. To further clarify, the length of time of the crane placement in any location is more critical to VA operations rather than the location. It is practical to have a crane set at needed phasing points for demolition and/or delivery of new materials but not in one place for the duration of the project.
2. On drawing P2-MP1.01 note #2, how do we quantify for bidding purposes how much to allow for possible leaks and replacement of insulation? Can this be done on a T&M basis with the contractor that gets the job?
 - Allow for 200 linear ft of 2" specified insulation and quantity (10) fittings.
3. On plumbing fixture P-704 the schedule calls for the shower valve to have a mixing valve bypass for high temp flush, but the specs don't say anything about it. Which one do I go by?
 - Both. Provide unit as specified and additional keyed diverter valve called for in the schedule and shown on detail 8/P4.01.
4. In phase 4 area A drawing P4-PP1.01, new work shows an FD-R installed at the sterilizer, but the note says no new piping in the shaded area (scanner space below). Please clarify.
 - This floor drain is required for the equipment in the clean core. Required drain piping in the ceiling of the scanner area below must be minimized.
5. Spec sections 230511 and 232113 mention seismic restraints for non-structural components, and says refer to section 130541. I don't see that in the specs. Are seismic restraints required for this project?
 - Seismic restraints are not required for this project and the indicated specification references shall be deleted.

Items 6-9 (Round 2) are per VA email dated 6/1/15.

6. There are several notes on the mechanical drawings calling for us to review several long runs of pipe for leaks and to make any repairs and insulate as required. There is no way of knowing how much work is involved. Can the inspection of the pipe be a part of the base bid, but any repairs be done as a change order once the extent of the work is known?
 - Refer to #2 above.
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7. Is there glycol in the existing systems or chemicals of any kind that cannot be drained to the sanitary system?
- No.
8. Drawing P6.01 shows two (2) AGA and one (1) SGA. Nothing is shown for Pain Management. Three (3) AGA's?
- Med/Gas alarms for Pain Management shall be tied into the med/gas alarm panel in Control 3B-159.
9. Detail #1 on P4.02 shows an elaborate detail for a back flow preventer installation. However, there are only a few small BFP's shown on the drawings: 1/2" at two (2) ice-machines; 3/4" at one (1) Surgery Waste; and one (1) 3/4" and one (1) 1" at the two (2) sterilizers being relocated. Please clarify as to where the Detail #1 is required.
- Dual backflow preventers shall be provided for critical equipment surgery waste and sterilizers. Dual backflow preventers shall supply multiple sterilizers per detail 3/P04.02.

Items 10-13 (Round 3) are per VA email dated 6/1/15.

10. The Specifications Section 23-09-23 pg. 58; Item 1 – “Direct Digital Control System for HVAC - Electrical Wiring Installation” states that all wiring shall be in conduit. Since a lot of low voltage control wiring will be installed above accessible ceilings NEC Code would allow for plenum rated cabling in a number of areas. This would reduce the cost of installation significantly. The plenum rated cable would be installed in a professional manner and in accordance with NEC Electrical Code requirements. Please indicate if this type of wiring method is acceptable?
- Plenum rated cable is acceptable only for cable identified in the referenced specification section above.
11. The Specifications Section 23-09-23 pg. 58; Item 2 – “Direct Digital Control System for HVAC - Electrical Wiring Installation” refers to Section 26-05-21. That Section is not in the Specifications issued for this Project. Please clarify?
- The specification line incorrectly calls for reference to section 26-05-21 instead of intended reference section 26-05-19.
12. The Specifications Section 23-09-23 pg. 49; 2.12 – A.5 – “Control Cables” states that cabling should be tested & certified in writing to the VA and to conduct proof of performance testing on cabling. Typically this is required only for the Network cables not all Control Cables. This would add significant costs to the Project. Please clarify?
- Eliminate testing and certification for control cabling only as identified in the referenced spec section above.
13. Warranty for this Project is referenced in a FAR document which is not included in the Project Specification. Please provide the FAR / Warranty document for our review.
- FAR 52.246-21 Warranty of Construction is included in the solicitation.

Items 14-17 (Round 4) are per VA email dated 6/1/15.

14. Regarding wireless access points, does the pre-survey and post certification survey need to be done per phase, all- inclusive pre and then an all- inclusive post or a predictive survey for each phase and then an all- inclusive certification upon completion of final phase? Please clarify.
- All-inclusive pre-survey, followed by interim surveys after each phase to ensure completed area is covered. Finally, an all-inclusive post certification survey will be provided at conclusion of construction.

15. Reference drawing P2-EL1.01, OR #3 3B-139. Please identify light fixture on top right hand of surgical table layout. This fixture is not identified.
- Fixture in question is type A6, switch with the other "h" fixtures in the room.
16. Reference drawing P2-EP1.01. Please identify equipment being hooked up in 2 locations fed from circuit RPC-3A1-5. Panel schedule calls this to be receptacles but drawing has it listed a J-Box?
- RCP-3A1-5 serves auto-sensors at (2) sink locations in corridor and also provides power to several isolation monitors in the corridor.
17. Does the Huntington WV VAMC have a preferred MFG (Square D or Post Glover Halsey) of the surgical isolation panels & isolation monitors required for this project? Please advise.
- Square D is currently installed and is the VA preferred manufacturer.
18. How long will contractor be down between phases?
- Allow 2 weeks downtime between VA acceptance of phase 1,2 and 3, prior to contractor occupancy of phase.
19. Can you elaborate on the removal of fixed equipment in particular the Skytron booms and Steris sterilizer?
- The existing fixed equipment that is relocated is not a part of the construction contract. VA will enter contract to move the booms and for equipment. The contractor is responsible for site prep and coordination with Skytron to insure a proper installation of the booms. For example, the existing boom shall be relocated from an existing OR prior to activation of the new OR. However, Skytron must install new structural components in the new ceiling in order to facilitate a quick transfer and new utilities are formed around the locations.