

VA Puerto Rico, Phase 3 (Building One, Seismic Corrections Project)

VA101-15-R-0057-A00005

Request for Information

RFI #	Discipline	Drawing/Spec	Request for Information/Clarification	Government's Response
1	Bid Schedule		This solicitation contains over 2,400 pages of specifications, over 2,000 pages of appendices, and over 700 drawings. The project also contains highly complicated phasing and sequencing procedures which need to be thoroughly vetted and understood. Four weeks is not enough time for Contractors and Subcontractors to properly digest this amount of information, to price the associated work, and to submit a high quality proposal to the government proving a solid understanding of the detailed project requirements. We respectfully request a one month extension to the bidding period.	The Due date for receipt of offers is extended until 2:00PM, EST, August 11, 2015. Due date for receipt of RFIs is extended until July 28, 2015
2	Structural Steel	Spec 05 12	Can the AISC Certification requirement for the steel fabricator be eliminated? In place of the AISC Certification, would it be acceptable if we can demonstrate that a fabricator has in place a quality control program for meeting IBC requirements and compliance with AISC recommendations and standards?	AISC certification is required.
3	Civil	GS1-300	Drawing GS1-300 note 2 under "concrete pavement" says "match concrete color of adjacent existing concrete to best possible extent. Color to be approved by the Owner." Please provide this color and product.	The color allowed shall be typical gray concrete.
4	Structural	SD5-501D, detail E8	Detail E8 on SD5-501D states 1" topping over membrane. What is the membrane material?	Membrane material is EPDM. See AS6-203D
5	Asbestos Abatement	02 82 11, 02 82 13, 02 83 33	Please confirm that the Government is the generator of all pre-existing hazardous materials and will sign transportation manifests as such.	Yes

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6	Technical Submission	RFP Section B.5, Subfactor 1.1 & 2	If the Offeror provides documentation in the RFP technical response which proves to the VA that the Offeror is under the same ownership and shares the exact same resources (management, safety, quality control, financial, home office staff, equipment, training, company policies, etc...) as its affiliate/subsidiary companies, can the experience/past performance of these affiliate/subsidiary companies be used for Factor 1.1 & 2 responses for the Offeror?	Yes
7	Extended Warranties	07 13 52	Section 1.6 is calling for a 2 year warranty on the bituminous sheet waterproofing. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
8	Extended Warranties	07 53 23	Section 1.6 is calling for a 5 year warranty on the roofing. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
9	Extended Warranties	07 53 24	Section 1.6 is calling for a 5 year warranty on the roofing. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
10	Extended Warranties	07 84 00	Section 1.6 is calling for a 5 year warranty on the firestopping. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
11	Extended Warranties	07 92 00	Section 1.8 is calling for a 2 year warranty on the exterior sealants. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
12	Extended Warranties	08 51 13	Section 1.7 is calling for a 10 year warranty on the aluminum windows. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
13	Extended Warranties	08 71 00	Section 1.4 is calling for extended warranties on the door hardware. Please confirm if these warranties can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
14	Extended Warranties	08 71 13	Section 1.4 is calling for a 2 year warranty on the door operators. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes

15	Extended Warranties	08 80 00	Section 1.8 is calling for extended warranties on the glazing. Please confirm if these warranties can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
16	Extended Warranties	09 65 16	Section 1.9 is calling for a 2 year warranty on the resilient flooring. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
17	Extended Warranties	10 26 00	Section 1.3 is calling for a 5 year warranty on the wall and door protectioth. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
18	Extended Warranties	12 24 00	Section 1.6.A is calling for a 25 year warranty on the roller shade chain. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer.	Yes
19	Extended Warranties	13 08 50	Section 1.08 is calling for a 20 year warranty on the dampers. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer.	Yes
20	Extended Warranties	13 49 00	Section 1.6a is calling for a 2 year warranty on the lead lined doors. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
21	Extended Warranties	23 40 00	Section 1.3b is calling for an extended warranty on the filers. Please confirm if this warranty can be provided by the manufacturer and/or installer in lieu of the Prime Contractor.	Yes
22	Structural	03 30 00	Specification 03 30 00-2.2.5 calls for Moisture Vapor Emissions sealer. Please verify this is required for all newly installed concrete (Infills, new slabs,etc). Please verify this is also not required on the 1" topping (ARDEX).	MVE sealer not required for concrete work on this project. Delete reference to this MES
23	Structural	SD1-105D	Drawing SD1-105D, Note 6 under demolition key notes says "replace with concrete at time of deck pour, see E4/SD5-501D." There are 10 column locations called out on drawing SD1-105D. The detail provided on E4/SD5-501 D doesn't indicate the height to which the concrete should be replace above slab. Should the new column be wrapped in new concrete to the new raised 4th floor (2'6" above existing 4th floor)?	Concrete should be poured to the height of the raised fourth floor, such that shaft walls for the remaining shaft be built from that height. See SS5-510D for details.

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24	Electrical	26 32 13 & Drawing ES6-101R	Specification Section 26 32 13 , Engine Generators indicates the installation of a new deisel generator. However, the documents do no show a new generator to be installed. Drawing ES6-101R indicates a connection to the existing Generator #2. Please clarify if a new generator is to be installed. If so, please indicate the size and location of the new generator with details.	A new generator is not part of the work. Delete all reference to a new generator Set.
25	Electrical/Audio Visual	EC-001	Please confirm that televisions & video teleconference equipment is not to be furnished and installed for this project. If so, please provide a specification for the televisions and video teleconference equipment.	Televisions and Video Teleconference is not furnished by this project. Delete all reference to Tele and Video equipment.
26	Electrical	GS1-200	Drawing GS1-200 indicates the removal of existing generator #4 and the associated components to be turned over to the VAMC. Please clarify the details to what location the generator is to be moved to after demolition. In addition, please clarify if the generator is to be moved in parts or as a whole.	Delete all reference to removal of Emergency Generator #4
27	Electrical	EC-001	Drawing EC-001 indicates a Distributed Antenna System (DAS). However, there is not a specification section nor an indication of a DAS throughout the drawings. Please clarify if a DAS is to be installed.	DAS system is not part of this project. Delete all reference to DAS system removal.
28	General Requirements	01 00 00	There are two sets of Division 01 00 00 specifications included. There is a stand alone file titled General Requirements with VA101-15-R-0057 included in the header. In the Specs Volume 1 02 file, the same specs are included with VA-101-09-RP-0180 in the header. Please confirm the stand alone file with the current solicitation number in the header is the correct Division 01 00 00 to use.	The Solicitation Header VA101-15-R-0057 is the correct number for this requirement
29	Solicitation	B.4	Please confirm how many copies of Volume II are to be submitted with the offer. (SF1442 calls for an original and 5 copies, as does Volume I instructions, but Volume II doesn't clarify).	Volume II shall consist of one (1) Hardcopy and 1 CD
30	Solicitation	B.4	Please confirm if the price schedule included in the CD format can be blank at bid time. Subcontractor pricing is often submitted very close to the overall deadline, and it becomes very difficult to replicate this	Yes

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31	Solicitation	B.5, 1.3.b	<p>The organizational chart in the mgmt approach is asking for a list of all proposed major subcontractors. In order to evaluate each potential subcontractor, the Prime Contractors need to consider their qualifications, experience, and pricing (similar to the process the VA uses to evaluate Prime Contractors). This process is very difficult to complete at bid time. Please confirm if the Prime Contractor can list up to 3 subcontractors for each trade. In addition, please define "major" subcontractors (i.e. over 5% of total contract value, over \$1M, etc...)</p>	<p>The Offeror's mgmt approach must include the actual subcontractors that will perform under the resultant contract. Instructions are spelled out under B.5,1.3.b Major sub-contractors would include: Demolition, Structural Steel, Abatement and Mechanical.</p>
32	Solicitation	B.5, Factor 3	<p>Please confirm if the material, labor, and equipment breakdown is for the Prime contractor's costs only, or if it is required for the sub-contracting costs as well.</p>	<p>The cost breakdown is for the Prime Contractor but must include cost for proposed subcontractors</p>
33	01 00 00	1.2.A	<p>The specifications state CLIN's 0001-0004 are the Base Bid, and 0005-0006 are Add Alternates. The Price Schedule does not indicate this. Please confirm that CLIN's 1-4 are indeed the base bid, and 5-6 are add alternates.</p>	<p>Offerors shall follow the pricing format on Page 06 of the RFP document. This requirement does not include Add Alternates</p>
34	01 00 00	1.2.B	<p>Item XIX is calling for a full time 24/7 OSHA trained safety/fire watch person from NTP to final completion. This same requirement shows up in all of the CLIN descriptions. Please confirm this full-time 24/7/365 person, with no other responsibilities, is required even when there is no work progressing on the project site (1,095 CD x 24HR/CD = 26,280 Hours of continuous fire watch).</p>	<p>Fire watch and Osha Trained is not required to be the same individual.</p>
35	01 00 00	1.3	<p>Please confirm if the electronic documents provided after award will be in CAD format?</p>	<p>At this time, the Government can not guarantee the format of the electronic documents.</p>
36	01 00 00	1.4.C.4	<p>Please clarify if the trained guards and fire watch can be the same person, or if they need to be two separate positions. If they are separate positions, paragraph 1.4.C.1 says the guards are needed after hours, on weekends, and holidays. C.4 states they are needed 24/7/365. Please confirm which is the requirement.</p>	<p>It can be the same person if the person qualifies for all requirements.</p>

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37	01 00 00	1.4.F.2	Please confirm how many designated parking spots the VA will provide. There are some notes on GS1-200 related to parking, but the designated area appears to be where the new parking garage is being erected.	No parking will be allowed on the VAMC premises. Contractor's employees must park outside the VAMC
38	01 00 00	1.8	Section 1.8 states that the total project duration will be 38.5 months maximum. The SF1442 and numerous sections in the solicitation call for a 36 month project schedule. Please confirm if the overall schedule is 36 or 38.5 months. If it is 36, please clarify which Stage (1-4) is to be shortened to accommodate the quicker finish date.	The project duration is 1095 calendar days after the issuance of NTP
39	01 00 00	1.20.N	The narrative calls for a shower in the resident engineer's trailer complex. The diagrams on the following pages don't show a shower area. Please confirm if a shower is required.	yes
40	01 00 00	1.33	Please confirm if the 400 photos are required each month, or if 400 is the total number of photos taken on the project from start to finish?	Yes
41	01 00 00	1.34	Need professional final photos - (6) 16x20" framed color prints for Owner	Yes
42	01 00 00	1.38	Contractor required to access the VA TRIRIGA (facilities management)	Yes
43	01 32 16	1.2	Section 1.2 states the contractor shall have an authorized rep responsible for preparation of the network schedule. Section 1.3 says the contractor must engage an independent CPM consultant to perform this work. Who is to prepare and maintain the project schedule ... the contractor's employee or the independent consultant? If it is the contractor's employee, does that person need to be on site? Do they need to be full time committed to the schedule, or can they have other duties?	The CPM consultant must be responsible for all CPM actions. This authorized rep can be a consultant or an employee, but must be attend the required meetings with the SRE or his designee.
44	01 35 26	1.7	Is the Prime Contractor's SSHO required to be a full time position, or can they hold other duties?	The SSHO shall be a full time responsibility

45	01 45 29	1.1	Paragraph 1.1 states that the testing laboratory will be retained by the Contractor. 01 00 00, 1.2.D states that the testing laboratory will be retained by the VA. Please confirm who is to cover the costs for a testing laboratory ... the Contractor or the VA?	Testing Lab services shall be the responsibility of the contractor.
46	01 50 00	1.6/1.7	Section 01 50 00 states that all temp utilities must be paid for by the Contractor, and specifically that the temp electricity and temp water must be metered and paid for. 01 00 00, 1.25 E&F states that incidental electrical usage and all water usage will be available at no cost to the contractor. Please confirm which temp utilities are to be provided free of charge and which are provided at cost?	The contractor must secure independent utilities. The government will evaluate the need and availability of incidental services as needed for the benefit of the overall project performance. Incidentals will include small hand tool power or buckets of water.
47	01 50 00	1.8	Section 1.8 states that new toilet facilities can't be used w/o Owner's consent. Does the VA intend to let the Contractor use any permanent toilet facilities during construction, or will temporary facilities need to be provided from start to finish?	Temporary toilet facilities must be furnished by the contractor for their use from start to finish.
48	01 91 00	2.1	Section 2.1 states that the contractor is to provide the data logging equipment and software to test the equipment. Please confirm if this equipment and software is provided by the Owner's Commissioning Agent or by the Contractor.	This equipment shall be provided as a part of this contract.
49	Solicitation	A.7	Please confirm if the VA would be willing to host a second site visit for more contractors and sub-contractors to get a chance to tour the project site.	The VA will make arrangements for potential Offerors and Subs to view the construction site but under limited circumstances
50	Extended Warranties	09 65 16	Sections 2.1.U and 2.2.B are calling for a 5 year limited warranty. Please confirm this is a manufacturer's warranty.	Yes
51	Extended Warranties	23 73 00	2.1.M.1 is calling for a 5 year limited warranty on the epoxy immersion coating. Please confirm this is a manufacturer's warranty.	Yes
52	Extended Warranties	23 82 16	2.1.C.1 is calling for a 5 year limited warranty on the epoxy immersion coating. Please confirm this is a manufacturer's warranty.	Yes

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53	Extended Warranties	28 05 00	2.4.F is calling for a 10 year warranty on the surge suppression. Please confirm this is a manufacturer's warranty.	Yes
54	Extended Warranties	28 13 00	2.5.F.6 is calling for a 20 year pro-rated warranty on the battery back-up. Please confirm this is a manufacturer's warranty.	Yes