



**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)  
VA251-15-B-0145**

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PROJECT TITLE:	Expand East Parking Structure	
PROJECT LOCATION:	Department of Veterans Affairs VA Medical Center 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. Ste. M-2200 Ann Arbor, MI 48105	
SUBMITTED BY:	DBC	City/State:
PHONE NO.:	248-914-7859	

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REPLY NEEDED BY:		

<p><b>INFORMATION NEEDED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) When is this project expected to be awarded?</li> <li>2) If it will be awarded this fall/winter are contractors to include winter conditions or will the project be suspended until spring?</li> <li>3) The transplanted canopy trees surrounding the new addition cannot be planted until the end of the project. It is highly likely they would die between initially dig up and final planting unless a temporary nursery is set up. Please review the tree item and advise on what the VA would like us to do.</li> </ol>
<p><b>REPLY:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Project to be awarded in the late summer/fall of 2015</li> <li>2) Bid as if construction to commence upon construction award</li> <li>3) Bid according to drawings and specifications to ensure tree relocation sustainability.</li> </ol>

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	8/13/15	C-501 Signage Detail - L-101 Landscape Plan
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<b>INFORMATION NEEDED:</b>
<p>While looking through the sign package and prints on the above mentioned project, I see "No Parking Fire Lane" signs, Sheet C-501, I do not see them called out on any of the landscape plans as far as qty and location. I also noticed symbols "○—○" for some 2 post signs on sheet L101 but do not see them referenced anywhere, are these existing or new?</p>
<b>REPLY:</b>
<p>Provide six signs/posts per the signage detail on C-501. Locations to be determined in the field with engineer.</p>

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RFI NO.:	<i>1</i>	DATE:	<i>8-13-15</i>	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE:	<i>A-501 and 055000 Metal Fabrications</i>
REPLY NEEDED BY:	<i>8-18-15</i>				

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

*Please see attached RFI sheets since all questions could not fit within this box.*

**REPLY:**

(1) Reference specification, for prefabricated items, use only fabricators that are registered and approved to perform such work without special inspection per the latest edition of the Michigan Building Code, chapter 17. (2) Reference specification section 055000, railing tube wall thickness shall be no thinner than the existing railing system at the East Parking Structure. (3) Eliminate the coring of railing post sleeves, shown on drawings for cast-in-place walls. Provide aluminum sleeves for all railing posts. The dimensions of the sleeve section shall be no greater than the size of the post plus 1.5 inches. (4) Reference specification section 055000 regarding size and thickness of channels. Reference existing railing construction at the East Parking Structure for acceptable appearance. (5) Reference elevation drawings and existing railing construction at the East Parking Structure. (6) Use welded or nonwelded construction to match existing railing construction at the East Parking Structure. Provide finish to match the existing construction at the East Parking Structure. (7) Yes, domestically sourced materials are required for this project. (8) Provide signed and sealed engineering calculation for railing design by a Michigan licensed professional engineer. (9) Stay within the limits of construction as shown on the civil drawings. (10) The area within the construction limits may be closed for the duration of the project per the agreed upon completion date.

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## Request For Information

Project Name / Number: VA Expand East Parking Structure  
Date: 8/13/2015  
Specification Section: 055000 Metal Fabrications  
Print #: A-501 Guardrail Details and Sections  
FFC RFI #: 1

Question:

1. Please see attached Building Code RFI attached to this RFI sheet in the email we have sent.
2. Please provide wall thicknesses for all tubular/extruded rails and posts.
3. A rectangular core drill and the requirement for a rectangular tube sleeve larger than the rectangular tube posts is either going to be very, very difficult or impossible to achieve and crazy expensive. Can the precast contractor provide rectangular formed voids in their wall sections for us to grout directly into without a sleeve? If not, please specify what size sleeves to use for each type of post and how to achieve the rectangular core drilled hole.
4. Please provide more information and detail for the sleeve assemblies. What size and thickness channel? What size and thickness of tabs? How do the tabs go through the tube rail to get to the post? Are the tabs to fit snug on the outside of the posts for a drilled and tapped connection on two sides? Much more information is required to properly quote this.
5. Is there a maximum spacing of railing sections for sleeves or expansion?
6. Spec section 055000, Part F. Finish calls for the **finish to match existing**. Right below that, it gives multiple finish options including mill, clear anodized, color anodized and painted. Please inform the bidders of which finish is correct to use that does match existing. We "highly" recommend not anodizing this welded railing system because the welds will be discolored and will not match the adjacent material.
7. Please confirm if domestically sourced materials are required for this project.
8. Please confirm if signed and sealed engineering calculations are required.
9. Please provide the location(s) allowed for delivery and staging of railing sections.
10. Is there any phasing required for this project or because it is new construction for the expansion, phasing is not required?

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