

IFB VA701-15-B-0143 – BONHAM EXPAND & RENOVATE AMBULATORY CARE & LAB Q & A RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET

ITEM NO.	DATE QUESTION RECEIVED	DATE QUESTION ANSWERED	QUESTION	GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
1.	08-11-2015	08-19-2015	There is no flagpole height on the spec and we have no detail. If there is a flagpole on this project, please provide the height so we can price this job.	Add note to detail B6/AS503 - Flag pole to be 35'-0" in height.
2.	08-12-2015	08-14-2015	After careful review of the solicitation for the Expand & Renovate Ambulatory Care and Lab project at the Bonham, Texas VA Medical Center, we did not locate any information under the Bid Package Contents where a Technical Proposal is needed. Would you please confirm that there is NOT a Technical Proposal needed with this Bid Submission.	The project will not require a Technical Proposal. All of the requirements of the Bid Package Submission are included in page 10 of the solicitation under Bid Submission (B) Bid Package Contents.
3.	08-17-2015	08-17-2015	What is the date for bids to be submitted? The FBO listing currently says 8-14-2015.	The solicitation response date for this project is listed in the solicitation as September 10, 2015. That is the date to go by and not the response date listed in the FBO listing.
4.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	This IFB is advertised as a "total Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business set aside", does this mean all sub-contractors need to be SDVOSB or just the prime contractor?	The prime contractor must be a SDVOSB verified in CVE and be able to self-perform at least 15% of the work. There is not a limit on the sub-contractors for the project.
5.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	Division 28 references "existing ESS", what are these existing systems, access control and video surveillance VMS and cameras?	The Existing ESS system (Access Control) is a HIRSCH Electrosonics system. The owner will furnish and install all cameras and associated video surveillance system components. This contract includes wiring for the cameras only, wiring is identified on the drawings.
6.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	Is there a walk-thru scheduled to view existing conditions?	The pre-bid site visit was held on August 18, 2015. A copy of the sign in sheet was posted as Amendment A00001 on August 19, 2015.

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7.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	Are there prime contractors listed?	A list of prime contractors is not available. However, a copy of the site visit sign in sheet was posted as Amendment A00001 on August 19, 2015.
8.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	How many copies of the bid are required?	Only one hard copy of the bid is required. No electronic copies will be accepted.
9.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	When will construction start?	The project is targeted for award by the end of September. Construction will start within a month or two after that.
10.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	Will Microsoft Projects be required for the project schedule?	Microsoft Projects is not required. However, the project must have a detailed schedule and timeline. The schedule requirements in the solicitation and specifications must be followed.
11.	08-18-2015	08-19-2015	What is the budget for the project?	The magnitude of the project is between \$5 Million and \$10 Million.
12.	08-20-2015	08-20-2015	Can you provide the bid time for the above project?	1:00 PM EST on September 10, 2015 as listed on the SF 1442 of the solicitation.
13.	8-19-2015	08-20-2015	There is no abatement called out in the hazardous material drawings for the crawl space below the Police renovation area. Should the contractor take this to mean that no work is to take place in this part of the basement?	No work is to take place within the crawl space accessed by a hatch door under the police renovation area. This is a Confined Space requiring a permit for entry. Asbestos materials are presumed present. The chilled water lines located in this crawl space can be abandoned once they are cut and capped at the floor and at the basement foundation wall where the pipes enter the crawl space.

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14.	08-20-2015	08-27-2015	Is any of the face brick is coming down?	See Demolition Sheet AS101 for the demolition of existing exterior walls to be removed including the face brick. Exterior wall/face brick removal is also shown on Section Sheets AS305, AS306 and AS307.
15.	08-20-2015	08-27-2015	How much dirt is coming out 3" or 6"?	A minimum of 3" of contaminated soil is to be removed and then the area is to be tested and if positive for asbestos, an additional 3" of soil will need to be removed prior to encapsulation. Abatement Legend on Abatement Sheet HA101 indicates "Remove 3" of asbestos contaminated soil and encapsulate with penetrating soil encapsulant." Abatement Sheet HA100 indicates "Remove asbestos contaminated soil (minimum depth of 3"). Section 028211 page 43 of the specifications - 3.2.5.A.2 indicates " After 3 inches of soil has been removed, a visual inspection and soil sampling shall be performed by the VPIH to ensure the asbestos contaminated soil has been removed. If PLM samples show the presence of asbestos still in the soil, an additional 3 inches of the soil shall be removed using the vacuum truck."
16.	08-25-2015	08-27-2015	Does this project require any bathing products for patients?	There is a new shower being installed in the Security Renovation Area, Room F109, but there are no bathtubs to be included in the project.

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17.	08-25-2015	08-26-2015	Will a security bond be needed for this project?	Bonding is required for this project. Page 7 documents the requirement for Payment and Performance Bonds, Page 10 documents the Bid Guarantee and page 17 contains FAR Clause 52.228- Bid Guarantee. Also referenced on Page 53 is the By-Reference Clause 52.228-2 Additional Bond Security.
18.	08-25-2015	08-27-2015	<p>THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS ARE ON THE TABLE OF CONTENTS BUT MISSING FROM THE SPEC BOOK, WILL THE VA PROVIDE THESE SECTIONS:</p> <p>DIVISION 32 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS DIVISION 33 UTILITIES DIVISION 34 TRANSPORTATION</p>	The following document from the solicitation ATTACHMENT 12 - SPECIFICATIONS – PART 2 has been removed in its entirety and replaced with the following document in Amendment A00002 – ATTACHMENT 12 – SPECIFICATIONS – PART 2 – REVISED 08-27-2015. This document correctly lists all of the required sections in the specifications, including DIVISION 32, 33 and 34.