

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

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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><b>DIVISION 32 EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS</b>  <b>DIVISION 33 UTILITIES</b>  <b>DIVISION 34 TRANSPORTATION</b></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.
19.	08-27-2015	08-31-2015	I have a question about the tubular daylight device specification. In section 08625 Tubular Daylighting Devices under Part 2.2, B. 2 – the spec calls for one piece roof flashing and then 3. Curb insulator calls for a curb insulator. This should be an either/or spec. You would either have the 11” flashing or the curb cap application but not both. The drawings shows a curb cap installation which is what I would recommend so I would delete out the Roof Flashing base. I have attached a copy of the page I am referencing in the specification and highlighted the curb cap and flashing info. Please advise on how you would like for this to be priced.	Delete the 11" one piece roof flashing from the specifications. Contractors shall provide a curb cap installation as indicated in the drawings.

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20.	08-27-2015	09-04-2015	<p>Please find the attached Substitution Request Package from CPI Daylighting requesting consideration for use on the <b><u>VA Bonham Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center Ambulatory Care &amp; Lab</u></b> project in Bonham, TX.</p> <p>We are requesting a substitution for Specification Section <b>084523 –Insulated Translucent Panels.</b></p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Documents numbered 1 through 4 are related to CPI’s Quadwall Insulated Translucent Sandwich Panel System, which will meet or exceed all of the performance requirements included in the above-mentioned specification section. However, we at CPI do not think that Quadwall is the most cost-effective solution for the walkway canopy (between column lines 12 and 16). We believe a better solution for this location is our Pentaglas single-panel system. Because of this, we have included documents #5 and #6 which reference our Pentaglas system.</p>	After review of both products, the substitution request is denied per statement in the specifications "Polycarbonate materials are not allowed".
21.	08-28-2015	08-31-2015	What are the liquidated damages per day for this project?	This project does not contain liquidated damages.
22.	08-28-2015	08-31-2015	Is there a specific Bid Guarantee Form that should be used for the project or will the surety’s standard form work?	Yes, Please refer to page 7 of the solicitation “Bid Guarantee.” The required form is Standard Form 24. A link to this form is provided in this section.

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23.	08-28-2015	08-31-2015	Is there or will there be an abatement spec included in the contract documents?	Division 02 - Existing Conditions includes Abatement specifications: 02 82 11 - Traditional Asbestos Abatement, 02 82 13.21 - Asbestos Roofing Abatement and 02 83 33.13 - Lead-Based Paint Removal and Disposal. Other Abatement information is included on the Abatement drawings.
24.	08-28-2015	08-31-2015	Is there a project schedule. Is there a project schedule for the abatement?	Project schedule is to be provided by the Contractor. See documents for Phasing requirements.
25.	09-02-2015	09-04-2015	Please confirm that fixture Type F9 CM1100-3QF26-PTD-120V and Type F10 CB3462-2QF26-PTD-120V are valid for this project?	These fixture numbers are correct.
26.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Will the Demo of the Existing Area be done in more than 2 Phases?	Demolition of the existing area will be phased per Phasing Plan, sheet GS102. Phase 1, Phase 4 and Phase 5 all include demolition of existing.
27.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Is there to be a New Fire Alarm System added for the expansion to Interface with the Existing or is the Fire Alarm System work and Expansion to be part of the existing Panel or System?	Existing system is to be extended for the expansion and renovation areas.
28.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Do we know what Manufacturer and exact Model of the Fire Alarm is in the existing?	Existing fire alarm manufacturer is Siemens.
29.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	The Sprinkler Demo, is the System to be altered so it can be left in Service for protection until the Tear out of the Building for the Expansion?	The sprinkler system is to be modified to provide temporary coverage throughout construction until new piping is installed, refer to fire protection plans and notes for additional information.
30.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Upon ceiling area removal all the Pendant Sprinkler Drops will have to be turned up and Upright Heads installed Temporarily, is this correct?	Yes, the temporary coverage shall meet the requirements of NFPA 72.

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31.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	There are details for Fire Pump Connections is there another Fire Pump being installed?	No new fire pump is included in this scope of work. Only fire pump reference in fire protection plans is to an existing fire pump.
32.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Is there an additional Riser Valve to be installed for the Sprinkler or has there been any Calculations performed to permit the expansion to be added to the existing Valve?	The existing system is capable of providing the flow and the pressures to serve the addition and renovation. Contractor shall provide hydraulic calculation as part of the project scope. Refer to plans for location of riser valve and zone valves.
33.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Detail F8 calls for both P.LAM and Solid Surface. Which is correct?	Provide solid surface.