

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A00001
 3. EFFECTIVE DATE 09-10-2015
 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. 675-16-1-6567-0001
 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable) none

6. ISSUED BY CODE Department of Veterans Affairs
 Orlando VA Medical Center
 5201 Raymond Street
 Orlando FL 32803
 7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE 00675
 Department of Veterans Affairs
 Network Contracting Activity 8 (NCO 8)
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)
 To all Offerors/Bidders
 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. (X) VA248-15-Q-1933
 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) X 09-02-2015
 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
 CODE FACILITY CODE

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended.
 Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
 (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified. Sep 23, 2015 1pm est.
 12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required) 675-3660162-6567-856700-2580 010056124

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X) A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
 B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
 C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
 D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)
 The purpose of this amendment is to provide the responses to the properly submitted vendor questions regarding RFQ# VA248-15-Q-1933 in accordance with the RFQ and to set out guidelines for a scheduled site visit.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)
 15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR
 15C. DATE SIGNED
 16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)
 Edwin Roldan NCO815L2-72322
 Contracting Officer
 16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 BY
 16C. DATE SIGNED
 Sep 10, 2015

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1. Is this a follow-on requirement? If so, could you please provide the incumbent contract number for this opportunity? If not, is this a new requirement?

Government Response: This requirement was previously performed under two separate contracts. VA248-13-P-4197 and VA248-13-P-4202 were the previous contract numbers.

2. Please clarify the requirements for the record keeping process related to Hazardous Waste? Specifically, the Centralized Waste tracking system that is exportable to the VA? Please clarify.

Government Response: An itemized spreadsheet of chemicals disposed/ per pick up listed by name and quantities, exportable to excel

3. Does this solicitation require Reusable Sharps for the facilities listed? There is a mention in the SOW that the VA prefers reusable sharps but does not provide any data related to this such as total number of container locations, container sizes, pickup frequency, onsite labor, model types and container specs, etc.?

Government Response: No reusable sharps are required or desired.

4. What is the hazardous waste training requirement for the onsite service technician who will be provided by the vendor? Do they need HAZWOPER training of 8 hours, 24 hours or 40 hours? Please clarify.

Government Response: Regulated Medical Waste DOT Training.

5. Will a site visit be possible? This will be very important especially for this particular opportunity so each vendor can fully understand the requirements regarding facility walks, all collection points, size and layout of facility, etc.

Government Response: A site visit will be scheduled for 8:30 am est. on Thursday 9/17/2015. Please see the site visit instructions outlined in the RFQ amendment.

6. The only other question or clarification in on Page 9 of 55 section (2) Initial Containment of Infectious (Regulated) Waste and Chemotherapy Waste: All regulated Infectious and Chemotherapy waste, except sharps, shall be appropriately bagged by Contractor in VA provided red or yellow disposable plastic bags which are impervious to moisture. Infectious waste of "sharps" category, which originates from the diagnosis, care and treatment of patients that have been or may have been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease, or immunization or in the production or testing of biological, shall be disposed of by the contractor in hard plastic containers designed for that purpose. The contained infectious waste shall be stored by the government in transport containers provided by the contractor, as described below, at the designated locked secure storage sites located outside, at VAMC Orlando, Viera Outpatient Clinic, Community Based Outpatient Clinics, Kissimmee, Leesburg, Orange City, Clermont, Lake Nona and Daytona (satellite). The use of distinctive, clearly marked containers with a biohazard symbol is essential. Packaging shall maintain its integrity during storage and transport to ensure containment of infectious waste. Waste may not be compacted or mixed with other waste materials prior to destruction and disposal

Government Response: For Regulated Medical Waste we will need trailers placed at the loading docks to hold the full carts until they're transported for disposal at the Lake Nona and Lake Baldwin sites all other sites have designated storage locations currently onsite for full containers awaiting pickup.

7. In regards to solicitation VA248-15-Q-1933-001 could a price schedule such as the one attached be used for the bid? This is an example of what we provide for the Tampa VAMC that we service. This allows all competitors to bid the same waste streams and volumes and gives a picture of annual cost.

Government Response: At this time we will not be able to incorporate another price schedule other than the schedule already incorporated into the RFQ.

8. Statement of work requires 4 visits per month which would be 48 visits per year please confirm this is the intent versus weekly visit for a total of 52 visits per year.

(5) VA Healthcare System requires a minimum of four (4) visits per month

Government Response: You're correct it should state weekly for a total of 52 visits per year.

Site Visit Information

The Government will conduct a site visit during the solicitation period for this requirement on Thursday September 17, 2015 at 8:30 am at the Lake Nona VA Medical Facility, at 13800 Veterans Way, Orlando, FL 32827. The purpose of the site visit is to provide an opportunity for interested Offerors to ask questions, view the facilities, and for the Government to explain or clarify specifications and requirements. Offerors are urged and expected to inspect the site where services are to be performed and to satisfy themselves regarding all general and local conditions that may affect the cost of contract performance, to the extent that the information is reasonably obtainable. In no event shall failure to inspect the site constitute grounds for a claim after contract award.

All interested firms may attend with a limit of two (2) attendees per firm. Please submit, in writing, the names and organization of attendees to the Contracting Officer, Edwin Roldan via email at edwin.roldan@va.gov no later than 12:00 PM EDT on Tuesday September 15, 2015. The names provided will be used to admit personnel to the Lake Nona Medical Facility and for solicitation site visit.

Personnel should arrive at the **Facility Warehouse, Building #5** no later than 8:25 am prevailing local time to receive safety gear and additional instructions. Close toed shoes are required to enter into the main facility as parts of the facility are still an active construction site. Please bring hard hats, safety glasses, and safety vests as these articles may not be provided. Any other safety apparel is strongly encouraged but not mandatory. Maps and directions may be requested at the time of attendance confirmation.

Please address questions or inquiries regarding the solicitation site visit via email to edwin.roldan@va.gov. No paper copies of the pertaining solicitation will be made available during the site visit.