

**IFB VA701-15-B-0144 – DALLAS PARKING GARAGE II Q & A RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET**

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1.	08-24-2015	08-31-2015	I'm aware that a Geotech report exist, but I was wondering if a lab has been chosen for the materials testing.	No a Testing Lab has not been chosen. Specification 01 25 29 -1.1 Testing Laboratory Services states "This section specifies materials testing activities and inspection services required during the project construction to be provided by a Testing Laboratory retained by the Contractor.
2.	08-24-2015	08-26-2015	We specialize in commercial HD Security camera installations and would like to provide a bid on your surveillance needs, if bidding is still open on this project.	The bids for this project are due on September 22, 2015. Please review the project specifications and drawings to see what there is for security cameras. Please monitor FBO.gov for an amendment to the solicitation that contains the sign in sheet from the site visit. This sign in sheet will contain a list of all the interested contractors for the project.
3.	08-24-2015	08-31-2015	I was getting all information off of ISQFT for the above job and there is not a generator specification included. There was a spec for the ATS. Do you have a specification for the generator?	Refer to Section 26-32-13 Engine Generators. This is included in Amendment A00002.
4.	08-25-2015	08-26-2015	Could we get a list of the General Contractors that are bidding this job so we can send them a price for this project?	A list is not available. However, after the pre-bid site visit on 08-28-2015, the sign-in sheet will be posted as an amendment to the solicitation.
5.	08-31-2015	09-11-2015	Does a small business need to include what their socio-economic status is as part of the proposal?	This would be included as part of the Reps and Certs ( Section 3.1 FAR Clause 52.204-8) that is referenced in the bid submission requirements.
6.	09-01-2015	09-02-2015	Is this a "Set-aside" project or is it open for public bidding? Also, I see that we missed the pre-bid meeting; was this a mandatory meeting?	This project is not a set-aside. There will be a bid opening for the project on 9-22. The pre-bid site visit was held, and although it was highly encouraged to attend, it was not mandatory.

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7.	09-02-2015	09-02-2015	I see that the bid is due in Ohio; Is it acceptable to turn it in the Dallas VA office?	The bids must be submitted as the original version to the PCAC Office in Cleveland, OH per what is listed in the solicitation. They shall not be submitted to the Dallas VA Office.
8.	09-02-2015	09-11-2015	Are there any pre-qualifications for us to bid as a regular GC? I don't recall seeing any, but just want to confirm.	Bidders must conform with the requirements in the Bid Submission Instructions and solicitation.
9.	09-02-2015	09-02-2015	When is the project expected to start construction?	The projected award date is the end of September. The anticipated start of construction would be 30 to 60 calendar days after that, but is subject to change.
10.	09-02-2015	09-02-2015	Will you please clarify what the Liquidated Damages are for this specific project?	Liquidated Damages are not included in the solicitation for this project and will not apply.
11.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Will the underground utilities shown on the plans be relocated by the VA in order to facilitate the deep foundation?	There are some existing sewers & utility duct banks that were unable to be located that will be under the new parking garage. That bidder will need to verify the location of these facilities. The structural foundation will need to be modified accordingly if any unknown item is found.
12.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Drilled Pier Schedule on Sheet S-100 calls for DP3.0, but the structural drawings do not show any. Please confirm if DP3.0 exists?	Only (1) DP3.0 was required so this drilled pier size was modified but remained in the schedule. A DP3.0 does not exist on the project.
13.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Drilled Pier Cap Schedule on Sheet S-100 calls for DPC2.5, but the structural drawings do not show any. Please confirm if DPC2.5 exists?	The DPC2.5 is located in Detail D1/S-401 at the interior stair column.
14.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	F1 (Foundation Plan) on Sheet S-100 calls for F1/S-201 on West Elevation, F1/S-202 on East Elevation and B1/S-201 on North Elevation. Please provide these missing sheets.	Drawings S-201 and S-202 were eliminated and the information included on the foundation plan or in the details. The section marks should have been deleted.

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15.	09-03-2015	09-04-2015	Please provide the Soil Report?	The soils report referenced on drawing S-001 is attached as part of Amendment A00003.
16.	09-08-2015	09-18-2015	Reference Specification 01 00 00 – 22 Item Q – Numerous office furnishings items noted on this list are repeated and have various quantities – please clarify the correct quantities of each of the items noted.	It Appears that the items and quantities are correct.
17.	09-08-2015	09-18-2015	Reference Specification 01 00 00 – 20 Item 1.16 D thru S – Please confirm if the described field office is exclusively for use of the Resident Engineer or does this include the field office for the GC as well.?	The Field Office can and will be used by both.
18.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Geotechnical report is referenced in plans and specs but cannot be found. Please provide the geotechnical report prepared by SCI Engineering.	The Geotechnical Report has been provided in Amendment A00003.
19.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 01 00 00-8 1.6. D references working space and space available for storing materials being shown on the drawings. I have not been able to locate this space shown on the drawings. Is space available for the contractor's jobsite trailer, storage boxes, construction waste management, and laydown area available? If so, please provide this location.	The VA will designate an area for all items mentioned at the appropriate time.
20.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	In regards to contractor staging area, is space available for multiple freight trailers awaiting to be offloaded for precast erection?	The footprint of the Structure may be used for pre-cast staging. This area will reduce as the erection progresses. Coordination with the precast erector will be necessary.
21.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 01 00 00-8 1.6 I - Construction fence is not shown on the drawings. Is the fence required at the construction limits shown on C401?	Yes- presume that a construction fence will be needed around Phase I and then around Phase II as construction progresses.
22.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Does the temporary construction fence require vision screening?	Fence Fabric is mentioned in Documents.

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23.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Are there any limitation to construction traffic on VA campus, particularly concrete delivery trucks, precast delivery on 18-wheelers, and the like?	There will be limitations. There will be a meeting on this at the appropriate time.
24.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 01 00 00-24 1.16 D-S. Are the requirements for a Resident Engineer Field Office and the after-mentioned furnishings applicable to this contract?	Yes.
25.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 01 00 00-33 1.30 – Are photographic services by a professional or subcontractor required for this project as outlined in the following sections?	Yes.
26.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 01 00 00-37 – Are final digital, printed, and framed images required to be submitted for this project?	Yes.
27.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 01 45 29 states “Testing Laboratory retained by the Contractor”. General Requirements 01 00 00-1.D states “testing laboratory retained by Department of Veterans Affairs.” Additional specification such as 03 30 00 also state testing agency to be retained by the contractor. Please confirm whether testing agency is retained by the contractor or by the VA.	All testing and certification should be done by the Contractor.
28.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 03 33 00 -14.2 – Has the Resident Engineer determined whether or not forms are necessary for the project?	The Geotechnical Report notes that compaction records were not available for the existing fill materials. Since the stability of these materials is unknown, we suggest including forms in the bid price. The requirement for forms will need to be determined in the field as excavation begins.

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29.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 08 41 13 -1.1 states, "This section specifies aluminum entrance work including storefront construction, hung doors, interior ICU sliding doors, and other components to make a complete assembly." Is this section applicable to this project?	Aluminum Storefront, Curtain Walls and Hung Doors pertain to our project. There are NO Sliding Doors.
30.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification 09 91 00 repeatedly refers to 09 06 00, Schedule for Finishes. This section cannot be located. Please provide.	See Spec 09 91 00 attached as part of Amendment A00005.
31.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	General Ceiling Note 2 on A401 and A402 states, "All exposed metal deck, steel bar joists, beams, angles, conduits, junction boxes, ductwork, etc. is to be painted. Does the exposed precast structure get painted with P-1 including exposed columns, beams, and the bottoms side of T's along with all conduit and junction boxes?	None of these items or exposed precast & any structure needs to be painted. The underside of the precast is NOT to be painted.
32.	09-09-2015	09-24-2015	Specification 28 08 00 1.1 states, "The complete list of equipment and systems to be commissioned is specified in Section 01 91 00." Please provide section 01 91 00.	See Amendment A00006 containing attachment - 019100 – Commissioning.
33.	09-09-2015	09-10-2015	Specification 28 08 00 1.1 – please confirm the commissioning agent is to be retained by the VA.	The VA will retain a third party Commissioning agent for this project.

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34.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Specification section 084113 2.4 calls for a thermally improved storefront framing system and 4 ½" deep. All details on Architectural sheet A-700 show insulated glass and a frame depth of 6" deep. All glazing notes on Architectural sheet A-701 call for 1/4" thick clear tempered glass. Specification section 088000 3.11 glazing schedule is unclear as to what is required where and contradicts glazing notes on sheet A-701 Question: What is the glass requirement for the framing shown on sheet A-701 keeping in mind this is an open air unconditioned space being enclosed.	Neither System needs to be Thermally Broken. The Depth of each system will need to be design/Build by the Storefront/Curtain Wall MFR. All glass can be ¼" instead of 1" insulated.
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36.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	I am unable to locate any fire utility lines on the FP or Civil plans – Please clarify.	The Fire Protection system is a manual dry standpipe system charged by the fire department when they arrive on site. A fire line should NOT be required.
37.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Reference Sheet A 100 – Will there be lawn seeding or sodding at unpaved site surfaces and parking area islands – if so please specify .	A100 General Site Plan Notes: #8 – All Disturbed Areas to be seeded.
38.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Reference sheet C401 – Phase 1 Narrative indicates irrigation work. Please indicate if there is any irrigation work on this project.	An Irrigation System (Design/ Build) is to be included in bid.
39.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Ref Plan Sheet C401 – Will the demolition and site prep work shown in phase II be able to commence during Phase I or will phase one be complete prior to commencing any phase II work?	You will need to keep the existing LOOP Rd. open until the new LOOP Rd. is ready to be used.
40.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Confirm that wheel stops are not required for ADA compliant parking spaces – Ref plan sheet A101	Wheel Stops are NOT required. Signage Mountings Detail F7/AG-302 incorporates a bollard to prevent vehicles from projecting into the pedestrian path.
41.	09-09-2015	09-18-2015	Please indicate the material required for the signage detail 8 of A200.	Detail 8/A200 will be cast into the precast panel with forming material. The precast will arrive on site with the sign.

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42.	09-10-2015	09-18-2015	After review, section 14 21 00 is for Electric Traction Elevators. Was any consideration given to using hydraulic elevators for this parking garage? In regards to the project budget, the hydraulic is much more feasible in a three stop application. It's our experience the tractions are utilized in high-rise, 8-12 stop applications and may be excessive for this project. Recently we have seen elevator packages for VA projects extremely expensive due to the VA master spec requirements, and hope that these electric traction elevators will not jeopardize award of the project due to budget constraints. Would it be considered changing to hydraulic elevators or adding a deductive alternate to replace the traction elevators with hydraulic elevators?	Please bid just a Traction Elevator.
43.	09-10-2015	09-18-2015	I am unable to locate a specification or Mfr for the Thin brick – please specify.	ACME will be the MFR. They are Compliant with PCI standards. Submit color to Arch. For approval as part of submittal process.
44.	09-10-2015	09-18-2015	Reference A200 – Elevation drawings indicate “thin brick veneer set into precast panel” – somewhat implies that the thin brick is to be cast into the panel by the precaster as a form liner. Reference A551 details 1 and 2 – Instructions for thin brick installation on this sheet clearly indicate installation of the thin brick after erection with mortar and waterproofing. Please indicate if it is the intention to install the thin brick after casting and erecting the panels or as a form liner by the precast contractor?	The thin brick should be cast into the precast panels at the plant with the use of snap ties or a rubber liner. The waterproofing and mortar should not be necessary.
45.	09-10-2015	09-18-2015	If thin brick is to be installed after structure erection, please specify the waterproofing indicated on A551 details 1 and 2.	See item 44 and response.



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46.	09-10-2015	09-18-2215	Reference S-100 – Detail F4 – references geotechnical report for additional information – Geotechnical report not found in project documents. S101 sheet notes #2 also references compaction requirements noted in the Geotechnical report. will this be issued?	Refer to the response in item 15.
47.	09-10-2015	09-11-2015	Aside from the sign in sheet, were there any other items or information that could be provided from the Pre-Bid Site List?	The A-E has included their reading notes from the Pre-Bid Site Visit. See the following three attachments posted in Amendment A00003: Pre-Bid Site Visit - David Mason Notes Pre-Bid Site Visit - Walker Notes Pre-Bid Site Visit - Woolpert Notes
48.	09-11-2015	09-11-2015	Who can we contact to acquire a General Contractor bidders list?	There is not a bidders list for the project. The Pre-Bid Site Visit Sign In Sheet was the document provided that may contain the information for potential contractors. This was posted to FBO as part of Amendment A00001.
49.	09-11-2015	09-22-2015	Night security for the project was mentioned at the prebid conference but I did not get clear details and do not find specification requiring off hours security guard – Please confirm if security guard is required and to what extent.	The specifications do not require a security guard, however, security shall be determined by contractor to adequately protect their work prior to turning over to VA.
50.	09-14-2015	09-14-2015	Are you requiring the "Original Schedule" to be built and submitted with our proposal for the Dallas Parking Garage II?	The schedule is not part of the required items to be submitted as part of the bid package.
51.	09-14-2015	09-18-2015	Reference Detail B8 of S-301 – Please confirm that this panel to panel connection detail occurs only at the light wall panels.	That is the way it appears. Contractor still needs to fully review drawings for verification.
52.	09-15-2015	09-18-2015	Specifications call SBS Modified roof system but roof plans describe EPDM 60 mil roof system. Please advise which roof system is to be used and specify.	Spec Section 07 53 23 is for an EPDM roofing system. Drawings also call out the same.

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53.	09-15-2015	09-21-2015	<p>Structural drawings S 404 shows a structural steel canopy at the vehicle entrance to the garage. Architectural plans – Roof Plan A104, building elevations on A200 and detail 6 of A300 do not show this canopy (Detail 2 of A 200 does show something above the drive entrance but is not clear as to what this is).</p> <p>Is there a Vehicle entrance canopy?</p> <p>If so – is it to be finished as the Bus Canopy shown on Details on A550 with composite metal panel soffits and fascia wraps?</p> <p>If not – please identify what is shown in elevation on A200 above the vehicle entrance.</p> <p>Detail D8 of S 404 references detail F3 of S410 for section – I believe this tag should reference F3 of S404?</p> <p>Please confirm that the vehicle entrance canopy is to be supported <b>without</b> clevis/rod suspension as shown in F3 of S404.</p>	<p><b>S404 is incorrect. For details on the ELEMENT that is over the “Drive Entry” See Detail 10/A550.</b></p> <p><b>There is no “Canopy” at the drive entry just a small boxed Element.</b></p> <p><b>For the Bus Canopy see Sheet A351, A550 and S410.</b></p> <p><b>The following two drawings have been revised and included in Amendment A00005 per this question:</b></p> <p><b>S-102 - LEVEL 2 PLAN</b>  <b>S-404 - STAIR-ELEVATOR ROOF FRAMING DETAILS</b></p>
54.	09-15-2015	09-18-2015	What is the intent of Sheet A100?	Sheet A100 is intended to serve as the Landscape Plan. Notice new plants, trees and seeding etc.
55.	09-16-2015	09-24-2015	Is the CCTV system to be included in the GC proposal – If so will a specification be issued for the CCTV System?	Spec Section 28 23 00 Video Surveillance is attached in Amendment A00006.
56.	09-16-2015	09-24-2015	Electrical drawings show conduit and boxes only for the data and Comm systems - Please confirm that the data and telecomm cabling, terminal equipment and cable terminations are to be excluded from the GC scope and will be provided by others.	<p>According to the Electrical Engineer this is not necessarily the case. Please review the Electrical Drawings thoroughly.</p> <p>Please notice the “Bid Option #1” (Deduct Alternate No. 1) on detail on 9/E501</p>

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57.	09-16-2015	09-24-2015	Specification is not noted for any colorant, white cement or surface finishes on the exposed concrete of the precast members. Please confirm that the exposed concrete is to be standard gray cement with form finish. Note that using gray concrete can result in color variations.	We will pick a color for the precast panels during submittal process. The color will be within the standard color range of the precaster. Right now we are leaning towards a limestone/Buf color. Exposed concrete flatwork (drives) on the inside can be grey.
58.	09-18-2012	09-24-2015	Reference Detail 5 of A520 – Please indicate finish for the woven wire infill panels.	Wire mesh infill panel system is all to be galvanized.
59.	09-18-2015	09-24-2015	Reference Detail 5 of A520 which references structural for additional info regarding fabrication of the woven wire infill panels which was not located. Please clarify fabrication details, member sizing and material.	The angle shall be 3"x3"x3/16" with ½" dia. x 3 ½" embed Hilti Kwik Bolt 3 expansion anchors. The loose plate shall 2 ¾"x3/16"xcontinuous with a 3" weld at each end and stitch welded, 1"@12", in between. The weld shall be a 3/16" fillet weld. The expansion anchors, angle, and loose plate shall be galvanized.
60.	09-18-2015	09-24-2015	Reference A800 – Please indicate type of masonry units and confirm radius exposed corners per details 3 & 4 of A 700	Smooth faced 8" block (gray) with insul inserts to be painted. For structural wall make-up see detail F3/S501. Yes- we would like radius corners.
61.	09-18-2015	09-24-2015	Reference A700 Details 7 and 8 – assume elevator opening jamb and head wraps are standard grey CMU with radius exposed corners as they are indicated for paint finish on Detail 1 of A800. Please confirm. Note that details 7 & 8 of A700 indicate 4" masonry units – the abutting precast walls will be 8" not 4"	The precast concrete walls should be 8" thick.

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62.	09-18-2015	09-24-2015	Reference A201, Detail 5 of A520 and Detail 6 of A200 – the noted 1x3 (6) ga. Woven wire will be a custom run fabrication by McNichol. Please confirm that this is the correct callout for the mesh material or provide alternate McNichol product designation (McNichol does have 1x2 and 2x4 woven wire mesh in various wire sizes as stock items).	Please stick with the 1x3 – 6ga. Galvanized mesh by McNichol. There is no indication it is custom.
63.	09-18-2015	09-24-2015	Specification 13 34 23 for Parking attendant control both is not found.	The booth specification is included in Amendment A00006 as attachment - 13 34 23 - Fabricated Structures.
64.	09-18-2015	09-24-2015	Reference Detail F5 of s-003 – Please indicate the locations in Plan where the indicated expansion joint assemblies are anticipated to be installed.	The expansion joints are located at the main stair/elevator tower and secondary stair tower. Drawing S-102 includes a note for the secondary stair tower, and detail F5/S-403 depicts the section for the expansion joint at the main stair/elevator tower.
65.	09-18-2015	09-24-2015	Foundation gravel drains shown on A500 – please indicate how system ties into storm drainage system.	There are provisions for them to connect to structures 3-1 & 1-2 on the south side of building on sheet C400.
66.	09-22-2015	09-24-2015	Please provide detail for mounting and installation of Fencing on the precast decks.	The posts shall be connected to the precast using (4) ½” dia. x 2 ¼” min. embed Hilti Kwik Bolt 3 expansion anchors. The spacing and edge distance shall be per the manufacturer’s recommendations.
67.	09-22-2015	09-24-2015	Please provide detail for mounting and installation of railings on the precast stairs.	The guardrail posts shall be installed in a 3” dia. x 4” deep cored hole. After placing the post, fill the core with Super Por-Rok.

68.	09-24-2015	09-24-2015	Will the Design/Build Irrigation system noted in ADD #5 provide for a Tree Bubbler system and lawn coverage for all new seeded lawn areas.	Yes. We would like tree bubblers and coverage for seeded lawn areas.
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