

**Renovate Building 17**  
**Project No. 658-13-120**  
**Response to Bidder Questions**  
**Amendment 00005**  
**Solicitation No. VA246-15-B-0371**  
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1. Would the government allow the use of Fypon as a substitute for the cornice materials in lieu of wood??

**VA Response:** *No. This is a historic structure and use of original material is mandatory.*

2. As per the site visit, it appears that the building is currently being fed from an portable diesel generator. Is this generator currently the source for feeding Bld's 18,19,23,& 25 ? Will this generator remain on site for the duration of construction, and if not, where can temporary power be run from?

**VA Response:** *There will be normal power (non- generator) available when construction period starts.*

3. Is Asbestos present in Manhole #12?

**A/E Response:** *All known information on asbestos has been provided. Testing was not undertaken in manholes. Proposer should provide information if an asbestos issue for this area is known. No change is otherwise forthcoming.*

4. Will the VA or Government provide the Commissioning Agent?

**A/E Response:** *No. Commissioning agent is to be provided by Contractor in accordance with the documents. No change is forthcoming.*

5. May the Superintendent also serve as Safety Officer and QCM?

**VA Response:** *Superintendent may be safety officer but cannot be QCM.*

6. Are the new electrical devices that are going in new locations to be recessed mounted by cutting into the existing walls? Or should these be surface mounted? If recessed mounted, can MC cable be used to fish in the walls to the new locations??

**A/E Response:** *New devices should be recess-mounted and walls repaired. Use of MC cable is not acceptable.*

7. Are the new systems devices that are going in new locations to be recessed mounted by cutting into the existing walls? Or should these be surface mounted? If recessed mounted, can flexible conduit be used to fish in the walls to the new locations?

***A/E Response:*** *New devices should be recess-mounted and walls repaired. Use of flex conduit beyond code-allowable maximum lengths and locations is not acceptable.*

8. Plans and specs call for use of Redwood System lighting controls for this project. General Note 2 indicates POE lighting engines are to be located in Closet 222 however there is no other information provided. Are we to have one sensor per fixture or multiple fixtures grouped per sensor? Are we to use Redwood wall dimmers? Will CAT5E cable be required to be in conduit? Please provide further information.

***A/E Response:*** *Redwood head-end and engines will be located in Closet 222 with CAT 6 routed to sensors and fixtures. One sensor should be provided for each fixture. Redwood Wall Dimmers will not be needed. All cabling for the Redwood Lighting System will be CAT 6 installed with J Hooks.*