

**AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT**

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1. CONTRACT ID CODE

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82. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.  
A000053. EFFECTIVE DATE  
11-12-20154. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.  
675-16-1-3218-00035. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)  
675-13-6356. ISSUED BY  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Orlando VA Medical Center  
5201 Raymond Street  
Orlando FL 32803

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7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Network Contracting Activity 8 (NCO 8)  
Orlando VA Medical Center  
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00675

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)  
To all Offerors/Bidders

(X)

9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.

VA248-15-R-1927

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9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)  
10-15-2015

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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**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.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

This modification serves to provide all RFIs submitted to date. RFIs 1 - 29 have been submitted prior to the RFI cut-off date provided in Amendment #3. If responses to these RFIs are not published at least 48 hours prior to the closing of this solicitation, the due date shall be extended. RFIs submitted after the due date are not guaranteed a response.

RFI #12 was previously issued with the response to RFI#14. RFI #12 is still under review. The conflicts between the SOW deducts &amp; The specification deducts are being evaluated by the resident engineer and the A/E firm.

All RFIs submitted to date have been added to the RFI tracking sheet and included with this amendment.

RFIs still outstanding

\*\*\*\*\* Last Item \*\*\*\*\*

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)

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

Cory Pfenning  
Contracting officer

NCO815L2-71927

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16C. DATE SIGNED

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Contracting Officer)

11/12/2015

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RFI NBR	Question Response	Submitted By	Dated Received
1.	Concerning Factor 4 – Technical Qualifications (pg 8 of 649). Requirements include submission of (3) a valid General Contractor License and (4) a valid Architects License. Do these licenses have to be from the offeror (the Prime) or can they be from a subcontractor that will work for the Prime?		
Reply	The licenses can be from which ever firm will be the contractor of record. This can be the Prime Contractor, or the Sub-contractor. Architect License is no longer a requirement. See item 4 of this Amendment.		
2.	It is stated that 120 days are allowed for the construction duration from NTP. The metal building will take 10 - 12 weeks for fabrication ONLY. Will the VA consider extending the duration or will the submittals be reviewed prior to the NTP execution?		
Reply	Block 11 of the 1442 shows that the 120 days is negotiable. Evaluation Factor 3 is Schedule. The schedule submitted with your proposal should be fully supported by your technical approach and satisfying the requirements of this project. Contractors shall be held to the timeline submitted with their proposal.		
3	Factor 4 – Technical Qualifications (pg 8 of 649) requires that the offeror include submission of a valid General Contractor License (item #3) and a valid Architects License (item #4).  Do these licenses have to be from the offeror (the Prime) or can they be from a subcontractor that will work for the Prime?		
Reply	The licenses can be from which ever firm will be the contractor of record. This can be the Prime Contractor, or the Sub-contractor. Architect License is no longer a requirement. See item 4 of this Amendment.		
4	Evaluation Criteria (pg 7 of 649) includes two sub-paragraph (a). The first one requires submission on Experience Modification Rate (EMR).  Is the EMR required just for the Prime contractor or is it required from the Prime Contractor and the subcontractors?		
Reply	The EMR submission is only required for the Prime contractor.		
5	Factor 5 – Past Performance (pg 8 of 649) appears to have an incomplete sentence. It states: Submit a no more than 5 references.		

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	Request clarification on this sentence.		
Reply	The sentence “Submit a no more than 5 references.” Is an error and shall now read, “Submit no more than 5 references.”		
6	<p>Factor 6 – Management Approach (pg 9 of 649) requires the offeror to “describe precautions taken by the management team to ensure that infection control is kept throughout the project and how the subcontractor will be held to the same standards; inform how you will inform the subcontractor and other employees of the infection control standards. Describe the different infection control aspects to this work and why they are so important.</p> <p>Please confirm that infection controls are required for this irrigation and grounds facility work. This appears excessive for a grounds facility.</p>		
Reply	Infection control and Interim Life Safety Requirements Classifications are defined by the project classification found on page 22 of the solicitation. The specific duties and responsibilities for these classifications can be found within the Pre-Construction Risk Assessment found on pages 624 – 627 of the solicitation.		
7	<p>RFP Documents. There were two documents provided with the RFP: a 649 page PDF and a 58 page word document. There are differences in the two documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Word document includes Sect 2.15 Partnering (pg 13 of 58) that is not in the PDF version</li><li>• The word document is missing Section 4.10 FAR 52.223-2 and Section 4.11 FAR 52.223-9 which are in the PDF on pages 630-631 of 649</li><li>• The word document includes Design Build Specifications to include Sections 4.30 through 4.35 found on pages 55-56 of 58. These sections are not in the PDF version.</li><li>• The word document includes Attachment 1 – Release of Claims (page 57-58 of 58) that is not found in the PDF version.</li></ul> <p>Request clarification for these discrepancies. Which document takes precedence?</p>		
Reply	The Word document was mistakenly uploaded. Please use only the PDF document with regards to this solicitation and project.		
8	Sheet CS100, talks about a deductive bid item – Omit Gravel Overlay.		
Reply	Spec section 01 00 00 - 2 item C. added language for deductive Alternate #2 RE delete gravel overlay; Dwg CS100 clarified extent of deductive alternate v. new gravel around building and restoring disturbed areas in base bid.		
9	Sheet LP500, Plant Table, talks about a deductive bid item which includes smaller plant sizes.		

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Reply	Spec section 01 00 00 - 2 item B. added language for deductive alternate #1 RE reduced plant sizes; Dwg LP 500 added reference to bid alternate #1 at Plant Table.		
10	Sheet LI101, has a box labeled Deductive Alternate #1, that describes deducting a double check backflow preventer, etc. This that the deduct number 4 in the general conditions?		
Reply	Spec section 01 00 00-2 item D. added language for Bid Alternate (add/deduct) #3, Dwg. LI101 revised language to clarify extent of Bid alternate #3 which is to add the double check BFP and omit requirement to grout & cap well.  It is our understanding that the intent of the Contract Documents is to be that the VA will be connecting to the Orange County Utilities Reclaimed Water service as shown on Dwg LI103. The alternate to add double check valve BFP at the existing well is in case the VA determined that you decide to not connect to the OCU Reclaimed Water Service. We recommend that the availability & cost of reclaimed water be verified with Orange County Utilities and that a flow test be performed from the reclaimed water service connection to verify adequate supply prior to well abandonment,		
11	Please clarify the quantities of sod on sheet LP500. The drawings states TBD but we cannot place a number to that quantity.		
Reply	Dwg LP500, added note that Contractor is responsible to verify sod quantities; we understand that portable buildings should be removed by this time; if not, sod quantity can still be verified based on building footprint.		
12	Please provide the bid schedule for this project. The drawings show several deducts but the RFP didn't include a bid schedule.		
13	There are aspects within the project they cannot be clearly defined on the schedule as to when they can be performed, specifically the removal of the leased trailers. How are bidding contractors to provide a schedule for these items?		
Reply			
14	Sheet CD100 States to call Sunshine before digging however, this is a federal property and Sunshine will not perform those activities inside the boundaries of the property. Will the VA be providing locates or shall the contractor provide a cost for ground penetrating radar and racings of all utilities?		
Reply	Dwg. CD100 - Revised demolition Note # 6 to indicate contractor's responsibility regarding coordination with existing u.g. utilities.		
15	It was mentioned at the site visit that retainage would be held on this contract. Please specify amount (percentage) and if this is for the prime contractor & all trades.		
Reply	Due to the various systems ( A/C, electrical, plumbing, Fire Alarm, etc. ) involved in the building to be constructed as part of this project there will be a 5% retainage on the construction of		

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	the building. This 5% shall be released once the building is accepted and beneficial occupancy is assumed.		
16	Is there a computer that runs the irrigation system?		
Reply	No, it's a commercial rain bird controller similar to a home owner set up with several programs and zones		
17	A follow up to RFI #16 Answer, due to the fact that the irrigation system is a Rain Bird type system, will the VA require the low voltage control wires to be run in conduit or can the be attached to the sprinkler piping?		
Reply			
18	DRAWING LI-100 - 1. WHAT SIZE IS THE EXISTING MAIN LINE THAT THE NEW ZONE VALVES D-01, D-02, D-03, D-04 & D-05 ARE TO BE CONNECTED TO?		
Reply			
19	DRAWING LI-100 - 2. A VALVE TAG IDENTIFIES ONE VALVE AS D-04. A NOTE POINTING TO THE SAME VALVE IDENTIFIES IT AS D-2. WHICH IS CORRECT? ARE THER 4 OR 5 NEW VALVES?		
Reply			
20	DRAWING LI-101 - 1. WHAT SIZE IS THE UNMARKED EXISTING MAIN LINE THAT THE NEW 3" MAIN LINES ARE TO BE TIED INTO CLOSE TO THE "E" CONTROLLER?		
Reply			
21	DRAWING LI-101 - 2. NOTE CALLS FOR REPLACING 4 INDEXING VALVES WITH NEW VALVES AND NEW MAIN LINE. IS THERE EXISTING MAIN LINE THAT NEEDS TO BE CAPPED OR REMOVED? EXISTING VALVES ARE SHOWN. ARE THEY TO BE ATTACHED TO THE NEW MAIN?		
Reply			
22	DRAWING LI-101 - VALVE E-5 NEXT TO CONTROLLER "E" IS SHOWN AS EXISTING. HOWEVER A NEW 3" MAIN LINE IS SHOWN FOR THIS LOCATION. IS THERE ALREADY MAIN LINE IN THIS AREA OR IS E-5 A NEW VALVE?		
Reply			
23	DRAWING LI-101 - NOTE CALLS FOR WIRES TO BE PULLED TO CONTROLLER "F". SHOULD THAT NOTE READ CONTROLLER "E" OR IS THERE A CONTROLLER "F" WHICH IS NOT SHOWN ON THE PLANS?  IF THERE IS A CONTROLLER "F" WHERE WILL IT BE LOCATED??		
Reply			
24	DRAWING LI-101 - DEDUCT ALTERNATE #1 CALLS FOR CAPPING THE EXISTING WELL. WHAT SIZE IS THE EXISTING WELL?		
Reply			
25	DRAWING LI-102 - WHAT SIZE EXISTING MAINLINE IS THE		

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	NEW 6" MAIN LINE TO BE CONNECTED TO?		
Reply			
26	DRAWING LI-102 - WHAT ARE THE EXISTING MAIN LINE SIZES THAT THE NEW VALVES B-01 & B-02 ARE TO BE CONNECTED TO?		
Reply			
27	DRAWING LI-103 - WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE EXISTING MAIN LINE THE NEW 3" MAIN LINE FOR VALVES C-01, C-02, C-03, & C-04 ARE TO BE CONNECTED TO?		
Reply			
28	DRAWING LI-103 - WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE EXISTING MAIN LINE THE NEW 3" MAIN LINE FOR VALVES C-01, C-02, C-03, & C-04 ARE TO BE CONNECTED TO?		
Reply			
29	DRAWING LI-103 - WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE EXISTING MAIN LINE THE NEW 6" MAIN LINE BY ZONE A-09 IS TO BE CONNECTED TO?		
Reply			
30	Please provide the name of a Company that provides Corrosion Protection that can meet the specs. This unit will be installed in Orlando and will not be close to any salt water. Perhaps a different unit manufacturer other than Lennox can provide a unit that includes the specified corrosion protection. This protection would require Factory application. Several companies have been contacted none of which can meet the VA Specifications.		
Reply			
31	I am reviewing the answers to the RFI's for this project and the answer to RFI #1 makes it seem as if the Prime (the SDVOSB) does not have to be a licensed Contractor as long as the "Subcontractor" is. Am I reading this correct? The Prime Contractor needs to be a licensed GC or Specialty Contractor in their home of record state – correct?		
Reply	<p>The Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 requires that solicitations generally permit full and open competition and contain restrictive provisions only to the extent necessary to satisfy the needs of the agency. The Department of Veteran's Affairs, in the case of solicitation VA248-15-R-1927, has not provided sufficient rational as to why a subcontractor with relevant experience and qualifications could not satisfy the project specific requirements.</p> <p>Prime contractors that can show firm commitments from subcontractors to participate meaningfully in the contract performance may present the subcontractor's past performance, experience, or qualifications to meet the requirements of the subject solicitation.</p>		

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	<p><b>These commitments shall be evaluated under Technical Factor #4</b></p> <p><b>Without some instrument to show the commitment from a subcontractor to participate meaningfully in the contract performance, a higher level of risk shall be assigned to Technical factors that are supported by the subcontractor (e.g. Past Performance, Technical qualifications, Warranty, etc).</b></p>		
32	<p>1. Reference Specifications, Page 20 &amp; 21 of General Conditions, Scope of Work item 3.a) Bid Deducts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Landscaping Modular Bldgs. 506, 507, 508, 509, &amp; 510 Owned by the VA</li><li>2. Landscaping Modular Bldgs. 513 – Leased by the VA</li><li>3. Landscaping Modular Bldgs. 517 – Leased by the VA</li><li>4. Reclaimed water tie-in to existing irrigation.</li></ul> <p><u>Question:</u> The bid deducts listed above as items 1, 2, 3 and 4 vary from the bid deducts stated in the RFP on pages 33 and 34, in Q &amp; A responses, and in Addendum #4 revised General Requirements Bid Items. Please clarify and list the correct bid deducts/Alternates that apply to this RFP?</p>		
Reply	<p>This issue is under review and will be answered with RFI #12</p>		
33	<p>reference Specification, Page 33, Section 010000, General Requirements, Par. 1.2 Statement of Bid Items.</p> <p><u>Question:</u> Are the prices for the Alternate Items to be stand-alone prices that reflect only the price associated with the deducted work, or are the prices for the Alternate Items to include the cost of Item 1 with the cost of the Alternate applied to the Item 1 price?</p>		
Reply	<p>This issue is under review and will be answered with RFI #12</p>		
34	<p><u>Question:</u> In what order will the Government select the Alternate items? What will be the basis for award with regards to application of the Alternate items?</p>		
Reply	<p>This issue is under review and will be answered with RFI #12</p>		
35	<p>Reference RFI # 12</p> <p><u>Question:</u> As a follow-up to RFI Question #12, request the Government issue a formal Bid Schedule for this RFP reflecting all the Alternate/deductive bid items applicable to this RFP?</p>		
Reply	<p>This issue is under review and will be answered with RFI #12</p>		
36	<p>Is the building roof to be Standing Seam or R-panel exposed fastener?</p>		
Reply			
37	<p>Is the roof to be 22 or 24 gage?</p>		

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Reply			
38	Are the wall panels to be 24 or 26 gage?		
Reply			
39	Are the roof or walls to be insulated? If so, what r-value is to be used?		
Reply			
40	Is the structure to be standard red oxide or G-90 galvanized?		
Reply			