

Questions Asked by Prospective Offerors that needed further clarification or not answered in previous Amendments.

1. Q: Specification 01000.P.8 requires COBIE formatted data in reference to the VA BIM Guide 7.8. Section 7.8 of the VA BIM Guide indicates that the Design team was required to submit COBIE formatted data with the CD deliverables that would include the Type and Component worksheets. Please provide these COBIE data deliverables as they directly impact what the contractor is able to provide under this specification.

A: For this project, the AE was only required to provide a COBIE Schedule for Rooms, Specs & Major MEP Systems only. The COBIE schedule and LOD Matrix is included with this amendment.

2. Q: With the issuance of the revised bid form and CLIN number in Amendment 2, there are now notations of CLIN items within the equipment schedules in the Volume 3 drawings that make reference to incorrect CLINs to assign the deduct to. Please issue revised equipment schedules to correct this issue.

a. As an example: Sheet QL0.1.1 indicates that the deduct alternate for the work on these sheets is to be applied to CLIN 002. Per the new CLIN schedule, CLIN 002 is to be the costs associated with the Physical Security components. Please confirm which CLIN this should be applied to and provide revised sheets with the deduct alternate tables corrected.

A: See revised QL series drawing sheets

3. Q: On Sheet QL0.1.6, item TTHM603036 is indicated to be VV. Per the description of Deduct Alternate #1, items associated with this alternate are to be contractor installed. Please confirm if this item is contractor installed or VA installed.

A: See attached revised Sheets

4. Q: Throughout the documents it is indicated that CC equals contractor furnished and contractor installed and VC equals VA furnished and contractor installed. In the equipment schedules in the QL series of drawings, there is a column for Furnished and a column for Installed. On Sheet QL1.1.2, Item EQ1.09.201 shows CC in the Furnished column and VC in the Installed column. Please clarify the correct assignment of this piece of equipment.

A: See attached revised Sheets.

5. Q: Regarding the exhaust ductwork connected to the Animal Holding Racks/Cells, is it required to be Welded Stainless Steel? We assume they will get washed down and one point or another. Please clarify material needed.

A: Animal Holding/Cage Rack equipment exhaust duct exposed in the holding rooms shall be 18 gauge all welded Class 316 stainless steel duct. This is applicable to the exhaust ducts connected to exhaust fan 710 EF-3.

6. Q: In regards to CLIN 0002 the Physical Security, the Mission Critical Items on GI0.2.1 line 5 states "Perimeter beam to column moment connections at Level 2 & Roof (excluding Braced Frame Bays), occurring along grid lines 1, 13, B, C and F" and line 8 states "Perimeter Steel beams (along grid lines 1, 13, B, C, F and G). Grid line C is an interior grid line not a perimeter grid line and at Level 2 and Roof grid line 1 is not a perimeter grid line," however grid line 1 and C are not on the perimeter on Level 2 and the Roof. Please advise whether or not these grid lines should be included in CLIN 002.

A: The question is regarding Item # 0002 CLIN 001A. The gridlines indicated in Mission Critical structural items 5 and 8 on sheet GI0.2.1 are correct. At gridline C, include only the beam to column moment connections and steel beams between Gridlines 3 and 11 as part of the CLIN. Note that structural item 8 (20% of steel weight) is applicable at Level 2 and Roof Level only.

7. Q: Please confirm if structural calculations will be accepted in lieu of a blast test pertaining to specification 084413 Curtain Wall Systems.

A: Confirmed: structural calculations are acceptable in lieu of a blast test for Curtain Wall Systems.

8. Q: Detail 36 on Drawing AE5.5.2 shows small aluminum composite metal panels on the soffit. Please confirm this is the design intent.

A: The aluminum soffit is not composite metal panel. For information see Specification Section 095126 – Aluminum Panel Ceilings.

9. Q: Regarding the fireproofing required for this project, will UL designs with load restrictions be allowed for use or will UL designs without load restriction be required for this project?

A: UL listings with load restrictions are not acceptable. Provide UL listings without load restrictions for the project.

10. Q: Specification section 099733.01, page 8 states "3.4 D. Where indicated, apply reinforcing scrim and recoat.". Please clarify the areas requiring reinforcing scrim.

A: Provide reinforcing scrim where finishes RES-W2.3, RES-W2.4, RES-W2.6, RES-W2.8, RES-W2.11, and RES-W2.20 are indicated on Spec Section 090600.

11. Q: Specification 099654 PVDF coating paragraph 2.2 : coil coated finish calls for 3 coat finishes. 074013 p 2.4A1 metal siding panels calls for a two coat finish. The panels for 074013 will be coil coated. Are the panels to be 2 coat or 3 coat?

A: Follow Specification Section 099654. Provide 3- coat 70% PVDF, Color PPG/Duramar Sunstorm Sunlight Silver.

12. Q: Specification 074113.16 SSMRS p 2.2.1 calls for color as indicated in 090600 schedule for finishes. There is no color for the Standing Seam Metal Roof in that section. Please specify color for Standing Seam Metal Roof.

A: Answer: Provide 3- coat 70% PVDF, Color PPG/Duramar Sunstorm Sunlight Silver.

13. Q: Specification 074213.23 205 C1 calls for 2 coat PVDF finish. Is this correct?

A: Provide 3- coat 70% PVDF, Color PPG/Duramar Sunstorm Sunlight Silver.

14. Q: Regarding the fire protection portion of this project, is there still a need for the hose valves/cabinets on either side of the horizontal exit?

A: Delete the hose valve/cabinets shown on either side of the Horizontal Exit, associated furring walls and piping connections.

15. Q: Specifically, Amendment 4 dated Oct 30, 2015, Section 117102 Subsection 2.4 Cage and Rack Washers, Para. H Other System Features, sub-paragraph 5a, (1-6). This only specifies the use of onboard VHP generation.

A: Chlorine Dioxide Gas is an acceptable option based on the equipment provided and it's compatibility

16. Q: Amendment #2, Question #89 Soil Test Results that vary from the RFP will be handled as a Change order.

A: Please see attached Soil Summary Report dated November 23, 2015

Amendment #7  
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