

1. On standard Form 1442, bond required box is checked, however, I am not finding anywhere throughout package what percentage is needed.

Will original bond need to be mailed before emailed proposal? (A copy of bond would be included in electronic file). Please advise with further information.

Percentage of bond needed is 20% or \$3 mill whichever is lower

Yes an original bond will need to be mailed before emailed proposal in order to assure receipt before/by bid opening.

2. During site visit, it was discussed that proposals can be emailed, then hardcopy is to be mailed. We request that this procedure be granted by you. If this is granted we will mail our original bid package out overnight to you. Please provide email in which to send our proposal to and mailing address. Please advise with approval if granted.

Email address for submittal and tracking information is: ashlei.donerson@va.gov.

Mailing address:

Department of Veteran Affairs
Attention Ashlei Donerson
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Plaza One 4th Floor
Ridgeland, MS 39157

3. Please advise who is responsible for locating ALL underground utilities on-site. Also who is responsible when the contractor hits an underground line and that line is not shown on the project drawings. Please advise with clarification

The Contractor is responsible for locating any and all underground lines. The Contractor will be responsible for any damage.

4. Clarifications on Deduct Alternates on Mechanical Sheets -

M001 – Plan note 8 refers to “Deduct Alternate 4”. This should read “Deduct Alternate 6”.

M001 - Plan note 11 refers to “Deduct Alternate 4”. This should read “Deduct Alternate 6”

M401 – Note next to, an referring to ACC-1 reads “Deductive Alternate 4”. This should read “Deductive Alternate 6”.

5. Some Walls are not labeled on A101 and A102:

All walls are Type P-1 unless otherwise indicated.

6. What is the wavy ceiling type at corridor P102 on sheet A111?

Drawing note 1 indicates a GWB soffit with WCPL (wood ceiling panel – Sheet I102).

7. Discrepancy on Drawing C401:

This is the only Civil sheet that was incorrect. The corrected sheet C401 will be sent under separate email shortly. Also note that on Sheet C101 General Notes, Note 7 specifically addresses the restoration of all areas affected by construction including paving, parking etc.

We are checking other disciplines now.

8. Specification section 010000, paragraph 1.2.A mentions that this is an approximately 300,000 sf addition. Please clarify.

As illustrated in the contract dwgs, the actual area totals 32,768 sf.

9. Specification section 010000, paragraph 1.5.C.1 states that unarmed guards shall be provided after work hours. Please confirm that this is not a requirement.

No unarmed guards are required.

10. Specification section 010000, paragraph 1.6.H states that the construction fence is to be 7' in height. Please confirm that 6' high fencing material is acceptable. Also during the walk around Jason mentioned that we should include privacy netting on the fence. Please confirm this requirement.

Yes, provide per note on dwg no. C401 (Construct temporary 6 foot high fence with privacy mesh)

11. Specification section 013216, paragraph 1.6 states requirements for cost loading the project schedule. When discussed at the pre-bid meeting I was left with the understanding that the schedule does not have to be cost loaded. Please confirm that my understanding is correct.

Schedule cost loading is not required

12. I do not see any mention in the plans that will require the existing parking lot (laydown area) to be re-surfaced at the conclusion of the construction project. Will the contractor be required to re-surface the laydown area?

Please see dwg. No. C401, upper right corner staging area note. *“Contractor shall be responsible to repair and restore the staging area into parking after the construction has been completed.”*

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13. Section 01 00 00, paragraph 1.5.C regards a contractor paid security guard for all hours not working on site. This item will be added cost and we simply wanted to confirm if this will be a requirement.

No unarmed guards are required.

14. What are the Landscaping requirements? None are shown on bid the documents.

Disturbed areas to be sodded with grass to match existing campus turf.

15. Phenolic Lockers are shown on plans however no specifications were provided.

Phenolic lockers is incorrect. Metal Locker Spec Section 10 51 13 attached.

16. Please provide information for the existing building adjacent to the new additional. Given the amount of excavation, we need to assist if shoring will be required.

VA to respond with As-Builts of existing buildings.

17. Please confirm all items that will required in the bid package. We're seeing the Bidding Schedule, requirement for bid bon and reps and certs. Are any other documents required?

Bid schedule, completed page 1 and 2 as applicable of 1442, reps and certs, bid bond(s) , acknowledgement of all amendments.

18. What are the requirements for soil retainers for the Void Forms shown on the structural drawings. Would carbon steel expanded metal void forms be an acceptable substitute for the wax impregnated wood fiber board (cardboard) forms?

Expanded Steel void forms by Super Void Systems, or equivalent, would be acceptable.

18. Walk-in Freezer/Coolers are shown on A602 as VV although specification section 11 41 21 is included in the bid documents. Please confirm walk-in freezer coolers are Government Furnished and Government Installed.

Sheet A602 items 3 and 4 Walk-in refrigerators is marked incorrectly. The contractor is to furnish and install these items.

20. Typical Exam Rooms (sheet T102) has a "AC" note at certain voice/data combination outlets. Please explain the "AC" at certain outlets.

"AC" means Above Counter.

21. Reference is made to Specification Section 10 28 00 Toilet, Bath & Laundry Accessories. This section was not included. Please this section and confirm if any accessories are VV.

Attached is Section 10 28 00. VV items are – paper towel dispenser, soap dispenser, sanitary napkin dispenser and disposal units.

22. Would an additional site visit be possible?

Additional site visit would have to be coordinated by appointment with the COR/ Program Management.