

Solicitation VA101-15-R-0225 Ft. Sam Houston Phase 2B Historic

Contractor's RFI

1. Re: Drawing Sheet B1.08 Topographical Survey

Please be aware that the drawing file in Amendment 4 does not contain sheet B1.08 Topographical Survey (page 11). We find a copy of page 29 (D1.08A) in this position instead of page 11.

**Response: Sheet B1.08 (page 11) has been issued in an addendum. See FBO amendment #6 dated 12/4/2015.**

2. Re: Simulated limestone painting.

Please post information on where to access photos of the simulated limestone paint finish.

Also, a potential painter has a question on the process. Do you require us to paint this simulated finish in a per unit section of "limestone" or is it allowable to achieve the finish in a "whole area at once" method.

**Response: See A00003. The finish will require a solid color base coat, then up to 4 additional colors of paint to be randomly applied to make a modeled finish to replicate limestone.**

3. Storm Drain Plans do not size the lines from curb catch basin/inlet boxes to the new storm drain line located down the center of the roads (typical all areas). Please indicate line size for these lines.

**Response: As indicated in GENERAL NOTE 2, Drawings C4.01, C4.02, C4.03, C4.04, C4.05, C4.06, and C4.07, please refer to Drawing C7.03, Detail 1, the pipe size for the laterals is 18".**

4. Page 22 of 107 para 2.2 requires an Organizational Chart and supporting narrative with a one page limit. The Organizational Chart alone will require one page. Request the page limit be increased to two pages.

**Response: Page limit is increased to two pages.**

5. Plans are missing plan sheet B1.08. Please provide.

**Response: Sheet B1.08 (page 11) has been issued in an addendum. See FBO amendment #6 dated 12/4/2015.**

6. Plan sheet W1.01 describes utility work to be done by CPS Energy for Gas lines and meters. Per the pre-bid meeting we understand that because CPS typically does not provide pricing pre-bid, all Utility Fees and costs including CPS will be paid by the VA once these costs are provided by CPS after bid. Per pre-bid meeting instruction, VA will either provide an allowance for CPS/SAWS costs pre-bid or provide a modification to the contract post-bid if these costs are to be run through the contractor.

**Response: VA will issue a contract modification post bid to pay for CPS and SAWS costs.**

7. Specification 01 00 00 paragraph 1.16.R requires the contractor to provide a new Ford Ranger pickup truck as well as the insurance during the performance of the contract. Please confirm that the truck will be used for this contract only and not leave the boundaries of the project site.

Response: Contractor provided vehicle will only be used for this project and will not leave the boundaries of the project site when under the control of VA staff. Only the Contractor or his designee is authorized to drive the vehicle outside the project boundaries.

8. Specification 01 00 00 paragraph 1.16.R requires the contractor to provide a new Ford Ranger pickup truck as well as the insurance during the performance of the contract. Please confirm that the driver will be required to have a clean driving record per the Department of Public Safety in order to operate the vehicle.

Response: Confirmed, VA drivers of the vehicle will have a clean driving record per the Department of Public Safety.

9. It appears the Ford Ranger is no longer manufactured. Is a new Ford Focus or Toyota Corolla acceptable in lieu of the Ford Ranger (reference Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.16.R)?

Response: The spec section states “one (1) new mid-size pickup type vehicle, (such as a Ford Ranger or equal – emphasis added)”. There are other manufacturers of mid-size pickups on the market which the Offeror can select from.

10. We understand that temporary construction fence is required as shown on Sheet X1.2. If temporary construction fence is required elsewhere please clarify.

Response: Temporary construction fence is required in the area near the existing base checkpoint on Nursery Road. Additional temporary construction fencing may be required to maintain a safe contractor working area.

11. Section 01 00 00 General Requirements paragraph 1.20 requires the contractor to provide a temporary building for the Temporary Honor Guard including tables, bookcases, chairs, electric water cooler and storage cabinets. Paragraph 1.20.q requires the contractor to include moving the building during the course of construction as well. Please confirm the requirement to provide this building for the temporary honor guard.

Response: Temporary honor guard building is required. Paragraph 1.20.q does **not** require the temporary building to be relocated during the course of construction however 1.20.O does. The requirement to relocate the temporary honor guard building is deleted. Requirement 1.20.M.2 – maintenance of gravel surfaced area (00 00 01-31) is deleted.

12. Section 01 00 00 General Requirements paragraph 1.19 requires the contractor to provide temporary public toilet building no less than 30 feet x 12 feet of floor area in one unit to meet all codes and requiring sorted water for proper operation of lavatories and toilets and to provide water, hand soap, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels and meet ADA requirements and hot water at the lavatories. Also requires moving the temporary toilet building several times during construction. Please confirm the requirement to provide this building.

Response: Requirements of Section 01 00 00 General Requirements paragraph 1.19 is confirmed.

13. Section 01 00 00 General Requirements paragraph 1.19 requires the use of a generator to power the temporary toilet building. Is the contractor responsible for the fuel to power the building for the duration of the contract?

Response: Per Section 00 00 01, Paragraph 1.20 - Availability and Use of Utility Services, the contractor may use existing utilities in lieu of a generator to provide electrical power to the temporary facilities. The utility must be metered by the contractor, and the contractor will be charged the prevailing rates charged to the Government.

14. Section 01 00 00 General Requirements paragraph 1.19 requires the use of generator. We understand that temporary electric power from the site could be utilized at the contractor's option. Please confirm.

Response: Per Section 00 00 01, Paragraph 1.20 - Availability and Use of Utility Services, the contractor may use existing utilities in lieu of a generator to provide electrical power to the temporary facilities. The utility must be metered by the contractor, and the contractor will be charged the prevailing rates charged to the Government.

15. Section 01 00 00 General Requirements paragraph 1.16 requires the contractor to provide a temporary building for the Senior Resident Engineer and COTR's offices to include furniture, 2 " deep gravel surfaced Area, centralized heating and air conditioning with thermostatic control, bathroom with water closet, lavatory, holding tank for sanitary sewer, hot and cold water, first aid kit, one wall mounted key safe with push button combination lock sized for 48 keys, fire extinguishers, 6 hard hats, security system with alarm monitoring services, weekly janitorial supplies and services, Color Photocopier/Printer/Scanner/Fax Machine with collating, sorting and stapling capability with multi-size sheet feed including 11x17 paper size, and 2 sided copying capability, 2 way radios. Please confirm if all of these items will be required.

Response: Yes, all these items are required. In lieu of the 2" gravel surface area, the project has approval from the cemetery to locate the RE's and Contractor's trailers on the paved area adjacent Building 3005.

16. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.16 requires the contractor to provide a NEW temporary building. In lieu of new, can the contractor provide a previously used clean temporary building?

Response: New.

17. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.16.m.8 requires contractor to provide and pay for all monthly Data and Voice Communications charges. Please confirm Cell Phone and cell phone service is required.

Response: Cell phones and cell phone service is no longer required. Both the SRE and RE have government furnished cell phones.

18. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.16.m.8 .c.3 requires contractor to provide satellite services to supply Voice over IP service for 3 lines which includes a fax line (2 voice and 1 fax). Please confirm requirement.

Response: Yes, required.

19. A Building wage decision for bexar county has been provided. Please provide a heavy/highway wage decision for the work outside the buildings.

Response: You may locate all WD from this link: <http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx>

20. Please clarify if all applicable Federal, State and local taxes are required to be included.

Response: VA is a tax exempt entity. Please price proposal to include all taxes (Fed/State/Local). Price your proposals accordingly.

21. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.28.B requires monthly construction photos to be taken by a Professional Photographer. Please clarify if a professional photographer is required or if the superintendent can take these photographs.

Response: Professional photographer required.

22. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.28.H requires Aerial Photographs to be provided on a monthly interval. Please confirm this will be required.

Response: Yes, required.

23. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.32 requires contractors to use TRIRIGA CPMS Construction Management Software. Is there a cost for this software? Can training be provided for this software? Is there a cost for training to use the software system?

Response: Yes, there is a monthly licensing fee for TRIRIGA, please contact CGI for costs associated with a VA project. The Offeror is authorized to include in his proposal the cost for 2-licenses for the duration of the project. VA will provide the training and has a helpdesk when needed.

24. There seem to be conflicts between the Demo sheets and the Civil sheets. For example, Sheet C4.02 shows 2 curb inlets Keyed Note 3 just east of New Braunfels Rd as abandoned yet Sheet D1.03 Keyed Note 32 shows "existing drain inlet to be removed". We assume that Sheet C4.02 is correct unless clarified otherwise.

Response: Subsurface drainage plans shall be built per C4.02.

Drawings C4.01, C4.02, C4.03, C4.04, C4.05 and C4.07 - Revise Keynote 3 to Read: ABANDON EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM. REFER TO NOTES 3 AND 4, THIS SHEET.

Drawing C4.06 - Revise Keynote 2 to Read: ABANDON EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM. REFER TO NOTES 3 AND 4, THIS SHEET.

Storm drains indicated to be abandoned on the Drawings shall be abandoned-in-place and filled with 1 sack flowable fill. Storm drain catch basins, manholes and structure indicated on the Drawings to be abandoned shall be removed.

25. C4.02 shows the new storm connecting to an existing junction box #17 Keyed Note 7 whereas D1.03 Keyed Note 32 shows it to be removed. Please confirm that the civil sheet is correct (typical).

Response: Subsurface drainage plans shall be built per C4.02.

26. Plan sheet C4.02 utilizes a key note 8 but does not provide a description for it. Please provide a description for key note 8.

Response: Drawing C4.02, Revise Keynote 8 to Read: EXISTING JUNCTION STRUCTURE, CORE AND CONNECT NEW 18" STORM DRAIN TO EXISTING STRUCTURE.

27. Reference Sheet C4.05. The storm drain system up to CB#26 is in Phase 2 per Sheet X1.2 and the downstream storm is in Phase 3. How does the system drain until Phase 3 is completed?

Response: Downstream of CB No. 26, the contractor should provide a temporary connection to the existing 24" storm drain as required for phasing the project.

28. Sheet C4.05 has new storm drain system in Medina Loop but we don't find any new street work which is typically the case when the storm system is replaced down the middle of the roadway. Is new roadway required?

Response: The pavement shall be patch per Keynote 10, and General Note 1 on this drawing.

29. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.20.E indicates the temporary electricity costs will be provided without charge by the owner (i.e. the electricity used to power lights etc in the temporary offices).

Response: Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.20.E does not indicate the temporary electricity costs will be provided without charge by the owner. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.20 must be read and interpreted in its entirety. Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.20.A states *"The Government shall make all reasonably required amounts of utilities available to the Contractor from existing outlets and supplies, as specified in the contract. The amount to be paid by the Contractor for chargeable electrical services shall be the prevailing rates charged to the Government."* The Contractor is still required to meter the utility (water and electrical) usage and reimburse the Government at prevailing rates.

30. The phasing plan on X1.2 indicates the Nursery Road overpass shall be complete and operational within 90 days. Per the contractors attending the pre-bid meeting this does not seem feasible/practical. Please confirm that contractors can propose a longer duration for the overpass construction and still be considered Acceptable under the Technical Evaluation as long as the overall completion period for the contract remains 360 days.

Response: VA remains of the opinion that the bridge/overpass can be constructed within a 90-day window of starting construction on that improvement. A longer duration would be considered technically unacceptable.

31. We understand that phases are not required to be completed prior to the next phase starting. Please confirm.

Response: To keep the cemetery operational during construction, Phase 1 must be completed before Phase 2 is started. Phase 1 and Phase 2 cannot be constructed concurrently and Phase 2 cannot be constructed prior to Phase 1. The Cemetery has five committal shelters in the western section of the cemetery (and none in the eastern section) and for the cemetery to remain operational and meet their burial needs, four committal shelter must remain available throughout the construction period, thus the phasing plan as presented in the construction documents.

32. Section 32 22 20 -3 Mechanically stabilized earth retaining wall paragraph 1.5.C. Product Design Criteria subparagraph 1 Loadings for Design indicates “Dead and live loads as specified on contract drawings.” We have not find these identified on the contract drawings. Please provide if MSE retaining wall is required to be designed to these criteria.

**Response: Refer to Structural Notes, Sheet S001, Section 5-Design Loads.**

33. Section 01 32 16 Network Analysis Schedule refers to Primavera P6 and P6 schedules. Please confirm that the use of Primavera P3 is also acceptable.

**Response: P3 is also acceptable.**

34. Section 01 32 16 Network Analysis Schedule paragraph 1.7 symbols legend requires a hand drawn diagram. Please confirm that a hand drawn network diagram is required.

**Response: No hand drawn network analysis diagram required. Provide a computer generated network analysis diagram.**

35. Solicitation includes the VAAR 852.236-88 Contract Changes-Supplement (JUL 2002) clause (reference page 60 of 107 paragraph 4.30). Paragraph b(10) indicates that Contractors overhead and fee percentage includes Field Supervision, Assistants to Field Supervision, Home Office expense, etc and that no separate allowance will be made therefore, Meaning the contractor cannot recover his extended field costs on these changes. Paragraph b(4) indicates that allowances for contractors overhead and fee are not to exceed a certain percentage.

We do not believe VAAR 852.236-88 explains clearly whether or not the VA will pay for owner’s costs related to the time extensions (temporary resident engineers office, truck, temporary honor guards office, the temporary facilities for public restrooms, etc.). Please clarify if VAAR 852.236-88 requires the contractor to also pay the owner’s costs for temporary facilities, etc in the event of a time extension to the contract and cannot recover these costs. We assume that Contractors overhead and fee percentage does not include all expenses related to the V.A.’s temporary resident engineers office including truck and gasoline, the cemetery’s required temporary honor guard offices, and the temporary facilities for the public cemetery restrooms and that VA will pay for actual costs for these items in the event a change requires a date extension to the contract. If this is not a correct understanding and contractors will be responsible for these costs and will not be able to recover these costs, please clarify to all bidders.

**Response: VA will pay for all allowable and allocable cost as pertain to the contract. It would be difficult to respond to this RFI without knowing if the time extension is due on part of the Government or the Contractor. If a modification is requested by the Government then the Government will pay for the equitable adjustment however if delays are caused by the Contractor then no, the Government will not pay for such expenses.**

36. Storm Sewer plan sheet C4.05 keynote 4 indicates “New type 1 headwall refer to detail 5, sheet C7.04. Install Rip-Rap outlet protection per detail 3, sheet C7.04. Detail 3/C7.04 indicates “L=Refer to Plans.” Detail on C4.05 does not provide the L dimension. Please provide the length for ‘L’ on 3/C7.04.

**Response: The “L” dimension shall be 10’.**

37. Neither Storm Sewer Plans or Demolition plans indicate demolition of the storm sewer lines. Where new storm sewer line is provided, please clarify if the existing storm sewer lines are to be demolished or abandoned in place.

Response: The existing storm drain pipes to be abandoned shall be abandoned in place and filled with 1 sack slurry per general Note 3 on the storm sewer drawings. Except that the storm drain shall be removed in areas where they are in direct conflict with new utilities.

38. Please provide storm sewer as-built drawings so that contractors know where the existing lines to be abandoned lie versus the new storm sewer lines. We assume there are no conflicts with abandoned storm sewer lines and the new storm sewer lines to be constructed unless clarified otherwise.

Response: Keyed notes and general notes on each sheet C4.00, C4.03, C4.06, C4.07, etc. identify existing storm sewer lines and approx. location.

39. Storm Sewer plans have a general note which reads "All existing storm sewers to be abandoned in place shall be fully grouted with 1 sack flowable fill." Does this include Storm Sewer Lines, catch basins, curb inlets, manholes?" If yes, please provide legible plans for existing storm sewers clearly showing abandoned storm drain line locations and size of line and dimensions of the catch basins, curb inlets, and manhole so the grouting can be quantified (as-built drawings).

Response: Keyed notes and general notes on each sheet C4.00, C4.03, C4.06, C4.07, etc. identify existing storm sewer lines on the plan layout that is included with the profile below it. Same notes indicate catch basins, curb inlets, manholes to be removed.

40. Plan sheet S1002.1 note 8 requires structural design review of the beams and supports to relocate Building 1002. We assume this means the contractor may re-design the method of moving the building and re-design (with structural pe stamped design) the new structural foundation which takes into account the transportation requirements of our method of moving as well as the structural requirements of the relocated building. If this is not a correct understanding, please clarify otherwise to all bidders.

Response: The means and methods of moving the existing structure is the responsibility of the contractor, including sizing the support beams to be used as noted. However, the new foundation is indicated on the structural drawings, and the movement of the structure shall be coordinated with that new foundation, including verification of building dimensions.

41. Sign Type F Panel Schedule note 1 indicates Provide 2 panels for each panel shown in schedule unless otherwise noted, refer to detail 1/L1.17 for location on sign post. Detail 1/L1.17 has a note which indicates 1/8" aluminum sign panel 4 sides of post unless otherwise noted. We assume 2 panels per post is correct per the signage schedule note 1 on 3/L1.18 and not 4 panels per post per 1/L1.17. If this is not a correct understanding please clarify to all.

Response: Each Sign Type F will (4) sign panels; (2) Type A sign faces and (2) Type B sign faces.

42. Plan sheet L2.07 utilizes plant designated as NWR. Please provide a definition for NWR.

Response: Nearly Wild Rose, *Rosa x 'Nearly Wild'*, #3 Cont., 18" Ht, 12" Spread, 30" O.C., Full and symmetrical

43. Landscaping plans generally show the sod patch required. Plan sheets L2.09 and L2.10 do not show sod patch along the new MSE walls. Is new sod patch required adjacent to new MSE walls? In addition to the heavy equipment traveling through this area there is also work required for new Utilities including water lines.

Response: Yes, notes on sheets L2.09 and L2.10 identify requirements for all areas disturbed by construction.

44. The Schedule of Finishes in the specifications calls for the MSE wall to receive a Minimum 5 color Application; Match owners sample to resemble natural stone. What exactly is meant by minimum 5 color application? Is it the intent to paint each stone on the precast panel separately?

Response: The finish will require a solid color base coat, then up to 4 additional colors of paint to be randomly applied to make a modeled finish to replicate limestone.

45. In regards to the Minimum 5 color paint application on MSE walls in question 43 above, owner did not have a sample available to match at the site visit. Please provide by amendment color photographs of what contractors are to match.

Response: See attached pdf.

46. Per the pre-bid meeting, please provide the point of contact information for the 2 painting contractors the designer knows who are capable of painting the panels as described in question 43 above.

Response:

Scott Derr Painting  
P.O. Box 1848  
Friendswood, TX 77549  
(281) 480-0158

McClintock Corporate  
9555 Baytowne Dr., Suite 900  
Houston, TX 77041

Segei Vodyanitskyy  
281-850-7309

47. Have any of the plan sheets or specifications changed from the previous bid in September? If yes, what has been changed?

Response: In general, interior finish out of building #1001 we removed from the Base Bid and moved to Additive Alternate #1, and electrical service from the relocated building #1002 to the existing storage building #3005 was removed from Additive Alternate #1 and moved to the Base Bid.

48. Have any additional funds been obtained for this re-bid?

Response: No

49. To get the project within funding level, will the VA consider the placing the minimum 5 color requirement for the MSE Walls into it's own alternate with the base bid being one solid color?



**Response: No, the specified painting is required to satisfy the Texas Historical Commission.**

50. To get the project within funding level, will the VA consider renovating building 1002 in place and not require moving building 1002? This would also save on the demolition of the basement at building 1002.

**Response: No**

51. Plans show precast MSE walls over the precast bridge. In lieu of providing MSE Walls directly over the precast bridge as shown, is it acceptable to provide a precast headwall over the bridge using the same liner panel as the MSE walls as long as the design is coordinated with the bridge and MSE wall manufacturer?

**Response: A precast concrete headwall that matches the appearance of the MSE wall and coping shall be provided over the concrete arch structure.**

52. There are two solicitation files provided in the fbo.gov download. One is labeled VA101-15-0255-002.docx. The other is labeled VA101-15-R-0255-A00001001.pdf. Are there any differences between the two and if so, which is the correct version to be used? Both indicate in block 13.a that the bid will be due on 4 Dec 2015. Both also indicate in block 10 that the bid will be due on 23 Dec 2015. We understand that the bid is due on 23 Dec 2015. Will a revised 1442 be issued to revise block 13a to 23 Dec 2015?

**Response: Please reference the latest Amendments as mentioned in the Pre-Bid walk through. In this instance the one dated Nov 13, 2015 is the latest however please *acknowledge* all amendments in your proposal.**

53. The FBO.gov website indicates 4 amendments to date. FBO is listing added information as amendments. After downloading all data we find only 2 Amendment cover sheets (Amendment 1 and 2). Please confirm as of 12/2/2015 that there were only 2 amendments to date even though fbo.gov lists 4 (see attached print out from fbo).

**Response: As of 12/2/2015 there have been updates on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 7, & 9<sup>th</sup> of 2015. There will a couple more as this document(s) are uploaded to FBO.**

54. If the contractor is responsible for paying for gasoline for the owner use vehicle, please indicate estimated mileage per work day bidders should include to pay for the cost of gasoline related to VA Driving.

**Response: Estimate 10 miles per day.**

55. In order to reduce costs and get the project within funding level, will the owner consider removing the requirement for a historical masonry subcontractor?

**Response: The requirements found on page 18 of 77 in the solicitation are changed per the following:**

- a. The building relocation sub-contractor shall be a specialty contractor experienced in moving buildings of similar size and over similar distances. The sub-contractor shall have a minimum of 5-years of recent experience in moving masonry, stone, or wood framed buildings.

- b. The masonry contractor must have 3-years of recent relevant experience repairing and/or replacing natural stone walls.

56. In order to reduce costs will the owner consider deleting the new aluminum fence which runs parallel to the new MSE Walls, reference L1.09 and L1.10?

Response: No, this fence is required to meet the Base's security requirements. Proposals shall include the fence referenced in L1.09 and L1.10. VA may consider this later.

57. Will the Veterans Administration extend the time period for submission of questions by one (1) week and extend the bid due date by one (1) week? Currently, the time allowed is insufficient for post-Pre-bid site-visit evaluation and for specialty subcontractors to thoroughly evaluate the drawings and specifications. By allowing those two extensions the VA should recoup an advantage to the quality of both the proposal package and the bid price.

Response: Bid period has been extended until 01/18/16, 1300 EST.

58. What are the company names and POC phone numbers for the requested MSE panel painting companies the VA has reached out to?

Scott Derr Painting	McClintock Corporate	Segei Vodyanitskyy
P.O. Box 1848	9555 Baytowne Dr., Suite 900	281-850-7309
Friendswood, TX 77549	Houston, TX 77041	
(281) 480-0158		

59. In the interest of making an award for at least some of the work, will the VA shift the bridge work to an Add Alt CLIN?

Response: No

60. Sheet E1.21 Utility General Notes requires GC to incorporate AT & T costs within our proposal. Has the VA received such an estimate from AT & T? If so, what dollar amount does the VA want the GC to include in our proposal?

Response: VA will issue a contract modification post bid to pay AT&T costs.

61. During the pre-bid meeting it was noted by the VA that it has received a cost from CPS for electrical primary support costs and that such costs would be incorporated into the GC costs via (1) a pre-bid allowance, or (2) a post-award change order. Please confirm that understanding.

Response: VA will issue a contract modification post bid to pay for CPS and SAWS costs.

62. On Sheet D1.07 KN 11, the GC is directed to remove the retaining wall.

- a. Where shall the wall-support utilities be re-directed?

Response: These utilities are believed to be no longer needed.

- b. What shall be done with the grade differential between the two elevations?

Response: Refer to the proposed grading plan on sheet L1.06.

c. Are we to repair/replace the 12' of remaining retaining wall or is it to remain "As Is"?

Response: 12' of existing wall is to remain. Repair wall only as required for proposed work.

63. Sheet D1.08A directs the GC to demo the stone / concrete flat work around the committal shelters. Various Civil sheets (KN6) direct the GC to landscape plans. Sheet L2.08 does not specify flatwork. What material is to replace stone work around Committal shelters 1, 4 and 5?

Response: See sheet L1.08A for flatwork at committal shelters.

64. Will there be Data to the relocated Building #1002?

Response: Refer to General Notes F and G on sheet E1002.30 Electrical Floor Plans Systems – Bldg 1002:

F. Provide data cabling as required to accommodate two lines per voice/data telecommunication device location, spaces, and the like from AT&T point of connection.

G. Provide a 1-1/4" conduit and outlet box as indicated on plan with phone and data jacks per specifications. Run conduit to telephone terminal board first floor.

65. In the General Requirements section 01 00 00-7 Phase II, section "G" the specs require the bridge to be "Completed" within 90 days. As expressed during the pre-site meeting, 90 days is un-workable. Because of the requirement to provide a Level 3 schedule as part of the bid packet, we must produce a realistic document without fear of being judged non-compliant. Can we allow for 180 days for completion without LD's as long as we are within the overall 365 completion time period?

Response: See response to Question #30.

66. Are there restrictions on "working hours / days" on this project?

Response: Calendar days.

67. Please confirm that the results from all questions and answers from the initial bid invitation have been incorporated into the new set of drawings and specs.

Response: Yes they have been incorporated.

68. Are the "abandon in place" storm drain lines to be filled with flowable fill for the entire length of the line or just capped on the ends?

Response: As per keyed and general notes on plans, fully grouted length.

69. Could you provide details for "abandon storm drain in place work" as the notes on sheet C4.01 refer to sheet C7.01 details 1 and 2, but these details do not show a backfilling detail?

Response: As noted in the response to Question 24, the storm sewer drawings shall include the following revisions:

a. Drawings C4.01, C4.02, C4.03, C4.04, C4.05 and C4.07, Revise Keynote 3 to Read: ABANDON EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM. REFER TO NOTES 3 AND 4, THIS SHEET.

- b. Drawing C4.06, Revise Keynote 2 to Read: ABANDON EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM. REFER TO NOTES 3 AND 4, THIS SHEET.
- c. The Details on Drawing C7.01 indicated the details for the construction of the new storm sewers. General notes on the Storm Sewer drawings indicated the requirement for the abandonment of the existing storm sewer. The abandoned storm sewer shall be grouted with 1 sack flowable fill. Abandoned pipe in conflict with the new storm sewer system shall be removed. Abandoned catch basins and structures within the new construction area shall be removed as indicated in Specification 024110, paragraph 1.4.

70. Are the CPARS/CCASS Ratings, resumes and organizational chart included in the 10 page limit?

Response: No, CPARS/CCAS ratings do not have a page limit. Resumes and org chart do have page limits.

71. If we have CPARS/CCASS on file, must a reference questionnaire be sent to the Contracting Officer/Technical Representative?

Response: You are the best judge as to who will give you the best evaluations. We would like to see evaluations from multiple sources to make a more informed decision.

72. In addition to the general contractor's datasheets, does the VA also want to see the major subcontractor's relevant experience?

Response: Yes. We want to know if you have put the right team together.

73. On sheet S120 Section #1 there is a note that points to the Arch structure that says, "precast concrete bridge and headwall see spec 323420" and in Section #2 there is a note that points to above the arch structure and says, "precast concrete wall by MSE wall mfr. w/ form liner per spec. 323220." It is not common practice to have a MSE wall on top of an arch structure. Typically a precast headwall is placed above the arch structure. These two sections contradict each other, #1 shows headwall and #2 show MSE wall, please clarify.

Response: A precast concrete headwall that matches the appearance of the MSE wall and coping shall be provided over the concrete arch structure.

74. Another point, we now have two distinctly different global stability situations, one over the arch structure and one over the ground and adjacent to the arch structure. Was a global stability analysis done for the MSE mass on top of the arch structure? If yes, please provide GSA.

Response: Global stability analysis is required for the Contractor designed MSE wall as specified. A global stability analysis should not be required for the precast headwall since global soil stability should not be a factor over the concrete supporting arch structure.