

Solicitation Questions and Answers

Q. Is there work to be done on the TB exhaust and if so are there any additional safety measures that will be required to work on it?

A. Yes there work is on the TB exhaust ductwork. The Facility has never had a confirmed TB patient within the isolation rooms. Normal safety measures are adequate.

Q. Where does all the construction debris go and can a chute be utilized.

A. Demolition debris shall be removed from the building. If a chute is to be utilized, the only practical location would be on the north side. Any plans for a chute will need to be approved prior to doing so.

Q. Can we get drywall onto the 5th floor through a window?

A. A plan on how this will be accomplished will need to be approved prior to doing so.

Q. Will the entire space be occupied while work is performed?

A. Only the phase in which the Contractor is working on will be un-occupied.

Q. Is there patient care area on the 5th floor?

A. No, the 5th floor is a business occupancy as well as the 6th floor above however the 4th floor is a healthcare occupancy.

Q. Was there an asbestos survey done on this floor and is the report available for review?

A. Yes, the locations in the survey are identified in the project specification and drawings.

Q. Are windows required to be blast resistant?

A. Refer to Specification 08 80 00 – Glazing for glass requirements.

Q. Do we anticipate tile below carpet that could contain asbestos?

A. No, however if there is then this would be handled through the Changes clause.

Q. Will the convector covers be re-used?

A. No, refer to the Addendums.

Q. What are the requirements for material handling?

A. Refer to Specification 01 00 00 – General Conditions.

Question: "We were going through the documents for this project at the VAMC in Iron Mountain, and were not able to find the Section 10 13 00 Directories in the Specification book that is online at fbo.gov. Is that a section that has not been included, or can you email me that portion?"

Answer: It looks like that got accidentally left in when the Table of Contents was edited; there is not a division 10 13 00 spec in the project.

Questions: "I have some RFI's regarding:

1) Page A501 detail 10. "Cut access holes in existing mullion and pack full of batt insulation"

2) Page 501, detail 1. "Cover back of box with 2" Foil faced polyisocyanurate"

Whose scope of work will RFI 1) & 2) fall under?

3) Page 501 detail Wall Type "J": Clarification- that the outside 2nd layer of 5/8" gypsum is to be standard 5/8" drywall "X" and not acoustically enhanced 5/8" gypsum board as the 1st inside direct to stud layer is called out as?

4) Page 501, detail 7. What level finish is required on 5/8" gypsum board?

5) Page 501 Wall details that call out for 5/8" tile backer board, what finish level is required?"

6) "Where 2" rigid cannot extend behind existing piping, adhere to CMU wall. If 2" space does not exist, fill space behind pipe with sprayed foam insulation. "May fiberglass insulation packed behind pipe in lieu of sprayed foam insulation be used?"

Answer(s):

1) Thermal Insulation is specified in section 07 21 13. As to who's scope it would be covered under on the project that is between the General Contractor and their Sub-Contractors.

2) Same as 1. T

3) That is correct, the inner layer is the acoustically enhanced gypsum board and the outer layer is ordinary gypsum board.

4) Assuming the question is regarding the finish behind the wainscot material, only a level 1 or "fire-taping" finish would be necessary on the portion of the gypsum board not exposed in the final construction.

5) Joint treatment for tile backer board is described in 09 30 13 - 3.4.

6) Fiberglass batting would not be acceptable as a substitute for the foam in this detail.

Question: "Can you please confirm if the sealed bids are being accepted at :

Great Lakes Acquisition Center (GLAC)
Department of Veterans Affairs
GLAC (69D)

115 South 8th Street Suite 101
Milwaukee, WI 53214-1476

Answer: That is the correct address.

Question: *"Spec section 01 32 16.15 Computer produced schedules 1.4 has language about scheduling software is to be approved by CO. Please advise what type of software will be required?"*

Answer: A specific software package is not specified; however the proposed software shall meet or exceed all the requirements and shall be capable of producing all the reports that are required to be submitted per the Specification.