

**IFB VA701-16-B-0005 – BONHAM RENOVATE & EXPAND AMBULATORY CARE & LAB TECHNICAL QUESTIONS & VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET**

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1.	1/29/2016	2/8/2016	I was reading about your project in Bonham and wanted to see if we could quote on any signage needed for the project.	Please review the solicitation for this project and if there are applicable requirements for signs, then a quote can be provided to the potential bidders. Only prime contractors can submit the overall project bid.
2.	2/2/2016	2/8/2016	Is there a Set-Aside for the above referenced project?	No. This project is bid Full and Open.
3.	2/2/2016	2/8/2016	Also, the site visit that is 2/4.....is it a pre-bid conference and site visit or just a site visit?	The site visit details are listed throughout the solicitation document. The pre-bid conference is the site visit.
4.	2/3/2016	2/8/2016	Will you send the bid tab from the last time this project bid in September 2015?	There was only one bid received for the first solicitation of this project back in 2015. The bid amount with all Deducts included was \$15,737,760.
5.	2/3/2016	2/8/2016	Are there currently any Addenda to this solicitation?	There have not been any amendments to the solicitation of addendums to the specs and drawings for solicitation VA701-16-B-0005.
6.	2/3/2016	2/8/2016	We notice that this project is not listed as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Set-aside, but is Full and Open competition. This does not seem to comply with the Veterans First Contracting requirements for the Veterans Administration. Is this a typo and will this be changed to SDVOSB set-aside?	This project was bid back in August of 2015 as a SDVOSB Set-Aside, and only one bid was received. That solicitation was cancelled in October of 2015. Before this project was re-solicited, market research was performed and it was determined to solicit Full & Open.
7.	2/3/2016	2/8/2016	The documents on FBO appear to be the exact same, with the exception of the solicitation. Are they the same Specs & Drawings?	The specs and drawings that are issued in this solicitation are updated from the version that was posted back in the solicitation from August of 2015. Please do not refer to any of the documents from the previous solicitation.

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8.	2/3/2016	2/8/2016	Will we need to account for the original 4 addenda as well this time?	No. Only refer to the specs, drawings and any posted amendments to solicitation VA701-16-B-0005.
9.	2/3/2016	2/8/2016	When is the pre-bid meeting?	The Pre-Bid site Visit was held at the Bonham VAMC on February 4, 2016 at 1PM CST. This is the only site visit for the project.
10.	2/5/2016	2/8/2016	We are requesting bid results (bid tabulation) for this public bid opening project which bid on 9/10/2015.	See response to question 4.
11.	2/5/2016	2/8/2016	We have yet to find some of the drawings for this facility. We are missing GS101-GS103, HA100-HA105, AS101-AS603, L1-L3, and 30-1 - 30-6. Am I missing them on the FBO.gov website or are they somewhere else?	All of these drawings are included in Attachment 5 – Drawings – Miscellaneous.
12.	2/8/2016	2/8/2016	Has a Commissioning Agent been contracted for the Bonham Ambulatory Care under a separate contact as noted in the specifications for VA Project 549-130 Renovate and Expand Ambulatory Care & Lab?	The VA has not yet contracted for the third party commissioning agent.
13.	2/8/2016	2/8/2016	When is a Small Business Subcontracting Plan required?	A Small Business Subcontracting Plan will be required by the apparent low bidder if they are a large business. A small business will not be required to provide a Small Business Subcontracting Plan.
14.	2/8/2016	2/8/2016	What is the magnitude range for this project?	The VAAR magnitude for this project is between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.
15.	2/8/2016	2/8/2016	Do the small business subcontracting goals have to be met for this project?	The Small Business Subcontracting Plan is a requirement for any large business to be eligible for award. This plan will need to be approved by the VA Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization prior to award of the project.

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16.	2/8/2016	2/8/2016	Will a copy of the sign-in sheet from the site visit be provided?	Yes. See Attachment 1 to Amendment A00001.
17.	2/8/2016	2/8/2016	What is the award timeline for this project and what is the timeline to start construction?	The project is anticipated to be awarded around the end of March and to start construction in late April or early May. These are only projected dates and are subject to change.
18.	2/9/2016	2/18/2016	What is the process for security badging? Will the site handle it?	Short term performance contractors are required to sign out temporary badges at the Boiler Plant in Building #11. Long term contractor badges may be issued and managed by the General Contractor (GC). Maintaining accountability for contractors and badges at all times is a GC responsibility.
19.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	Are there any required subcontractors for the fire alarm system or anything else? Proprietary equipment?	Fire alarm system should be an extension of the existing Siemens system.
20.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	What are the camera surveillance system requirements?	Refer to floor plans. The cameras are Owner Provided and Owner installed. The CAT 6 cabling and outlet will be installed under this contract.
21.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	The solicitation mentions pre-placement tuberculin testing. Is this required for this project?	No, this is not required. The "TB PRE_CONSTRUCTION RISK ASSESSMENT" section on page 12 of the solicitation no longer applies for this project.
22.	2/9/2016	2/24/2016	The specs state that this project requires TRIRIGA CPMS? Will this be required for this project?	TRIRIGA CPMS does not apply to this project.
23.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	The specifications state that the submittals must be sent to Missouri. Does this mean electronic submittals or any submittals? Please advise.	Electronic Submittals are acceptable to MRA - any hard copy submittals for MRA's approval will need to be mailed, but whether submittals are hard copy or electronic is at the discretion of the VA and the contractor.
24.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	One contractor noted a discrepancy between the RFP and Specs in several areas. I was not able to figure out which areas they were referencing.	This question is incomplete and cannot be answered.

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25.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	The specs call for the VA needing a total of 5 months between all of the phases of the project. Can this be reduced?	No. This is a maximum amount of delays to facilitate relocating staff and operations. The COR will work closely with the GC to reduce this amount.
26.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	Will the VA require lighting in the temporary parking lot area for this project?	The drawings do not indicate new lighting in the temporary parking lots. Not required for this project.
27.	2/9/2016	2/17/2016	Is there an irrigation system by the temporary parking lot area?	There is no existing irrigation system in the new temporary parking lot location. If one is discovered, it has been abandoned.
28.	2/9/2016	2/12/2016	What shades of brick will the VA be using for this project?	Brick shade is to match existing. MRA and VA to review brick samples on site for approval.
29.	2/10/2016	2/24/2016	Does the VA have a specific Background checking service that is approved/accepted by the VA?	No. Sub-Contractor screening and approval is a General Contractor (GC) responsibility. The GC provides ID badges and is held liable for the conduct of all staff and sub-contracted personnel. This response replaces the information from the "Background Investigations and Special Agreement Checks: section on page 11 of the solicitation. That section is hereby removed from the solicitation.
30.	2/10/2016	2/24/2016	What are the minimum requirements (background check) for an employee to be acceptable to work on the project?	See Q/A response to #29.
31.	2/10/2016	2/17/2016	It appears the sheet AS502, Sequence number 40 is missing. Currently there is two AS503 that are identical.	AS502 has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 2 - A00003 - A-502
32.	2/10/2016	2/17/2016	For the Asbestos contaminated soil removal from crawlspace, would drumming or double bagging soil be acceptable? A true HEPA filtered vacuum truck does not exist in this part of the country and would be extremely expensive.	Leak proof drums or double bagging the soil is acceptable if a vacuum truck is unavailable. Any waste with sharp edges, such as but not limited to, nails, screws, lath, strapping, metal jacketing, metal mesh, metal conduits, etc., shall be placed in leak proof drums only and not poly bags.

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33.	2/10/2016	2/17/2016	The IFB indicates that the schedule will be submitted in bar chart format. The Specifications stipulate that the contractor will be required to provide up to five different reports electronically. Please advise which and what type of electronic format?	The “Additional Requirements for Bar Chart Schedule” on page 54 of the solicitation has been removed from the solicitation in its entirety. Please follow the schedule requirements in the specifications.
34.	2/10/2016	2/17/2016	The IFB stipulates that the contractor will use “VA’s Electronic Invoice Presentment and Payment System” Specifications stipulate that it will be submitted via AIA application. Please advise which to use.	The AIA format shall be used for the invoice and then submitted using Electronic Invoicing made through OB10. See site: <a href="http://www.fss.va.gov/FSS/pressreleases/news20120206.asp">http://www.fss.va.gov/FSS/pressreleases/news20120206.asp</a>
35.	2/10/2016	2/17/2016	Please release the geotechnical report?	Report has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 3 - A00003 - Final Geotech 41-1-37425 VA Bonham TX Geotech
36.	2/10/2016	2/17/2016	Drawing SS100, sections 6,7 & 12/SS301 top detail appears to conflict with similar locations on AS103 and section F5/AS301 for the height of the brick seat.	Per AS201, brick elevations are higher than slab. This matches 12/SS301 intent and location cut on plan SS100. Per 6 and 7/SS301, top of brick ledge is per the arch drawings, so the contractor will need to coordinate that elevation.
37.	2/10/2016	2/17/2016	Drawing AS103 has 3 detail references to AS502 for building entrances. We do not have AS502 in our set. What is the detail depth of the paving entrance features F3/AS502 that continue on into the hollow core topping slab?	AS502 has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 2 - A00003 - A-502
38.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Please confirm the Note on page AS504. It states : Provide handrail, crash rail, and corner guards at all walls in corridors and public spaces. Provide chair rail, crash rail, and corner guards at all walls in the following rooms: MD, RN, LVN, EXAM, WAITING.	Correct.

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39.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	The “Drilled Caissons” specifications section 31.63.26: reference static compression, tension, and lateral test but do not describe a test program. Is there any test program for the drilled shafts or any kind of integrity testing?	Testing requirements for drilled cassions are listed in 014529 – Testing Laboratory Services. A/E firm sub-contractor (Geotechnical Engineer) will examine and test soils during excavation.
40.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Please confirm testing services are to be retained by GC and not the VA. (Ref. 01 00 00 1.1 D.)	Yes. Note Q/A response item #39.
41.	2/11/2016	2/24/2016	Please provide location for contractor storage, lay down, parking, and field office.	All these locations are to be determined by the GC and approved by the COR. See attached: Attachment 6 - A00003 - PROPOSED FIELD OFFICE LOCATIONS Proposed Field Office Locations. Other areas may be considered inside or outside of the immediate work area. A final determination is anticipated during the pre-construction conference.
42.	2/11/2016	2/24/2016	Please provide location for tie-in for utilities for Contractor job site trailer. (i.e. water, sewer, and power)	See item #41 response. Alternatively, Self-Contained trailers without service connections may be used if maintained properly.

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43.	2/11/2016	2/18/2016	<p>Regarding phasing, please confirm whether the following criteria are still applicable and accurate: (Ref. 01 00 00-6, 1.6. I;2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If deduct option No. 3 is accepted by the government will the phase 3 activation be reduced?</li> <li>b. If deduct option No. 2 is accepted by the government will the phase 4 activation be reduced?</li> <li>c. If deduct option No.1 is accepted by the government will the phase 5 activation be reduced?</li> </ul>	<p>Ref. 01 00 00-6,1.6, I, 2</p> <p>2. Government activation time periods during space activations are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Phase 3: Activation to relocate existing Ambulatory Care to new addition space; clearing the space for the new Lab - max. 60 days</li> <li>b. Phase 4: Activation to relocate Lab into new space - max. 60 days</li> <li>c. Phase 5: Activation to relocate AOD, MAS, check-in and Police prior to renovation - max. 30 days</li> </ul> <p>Time allowances for items a. and c. will not change regardless of deduct option implementation. Item b. is obsolete if the lab is not constructed.</p>
44.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	(Ref. 01 00 00-6 1.6.K) Construction fence outline not shown on drawings. Please outline the required locations.	A proposed fencing location was roughly outlined on the slides during the pre-bid site visit. There is no required fence location; it is presumed to outline the necessary work sites. The awarded GC will propose fence locations as part of the work plan for COR approval.
45.	2/11/2016	2/26/2016	C101 & C102 are lacking detail for the specific requirements concerning signage and other miscellaneous site features that will have to be either relocated or replaced.	Question is unclear, please clarify. Items to be relocated are indicated on drawings, any additional items to be brought to the attention of the VA prior to removal.
46.	2/11/2016	2/26/2016	Civil drawings are missing pavement markings and signage requirements. Please provide.	See attached specification 32-17-23: Attachment 10 - A00003 - 32 17 23_Pavement Markings 2-26-16

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47.	2/11/2016	2/26/2016	Please provide additional detail for the note, "Handrails required along this walkway per VA Standards." Where does the handrail start and stop? What is the handrail? What is the material it is to be made of? Stainless steel, galvanized, or painted?	See attached sketch. Hand rails per architectural. Attachment 11 - A00003 - Hand Rail Area 2-26-16
48.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	C102 states to relocate existing flagpole. AS103 states to provide new flagpole and "10 75 00 Flagpoles" has been included in specification manual. Please confirm if existing flagpole is to be relocated or a new flag pole is required.	Provide new flag pole per AS502.
49.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Sufficient detail has not been provided for sunshades shown on F8/AS301, F1/AS301, AS107, AS102. Please clarify.	See AS301 for section. Metal sunshade by metal sunshade mfgr, see specifications.
50.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Sheet AS502 referenced by "C3/AS502" on AS103 is missing from the drawing set. Please provide.	AS502 has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 2 - A00003 - A-502
51.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Sheet AS503 has been included in the drawing set twice.	AS502 has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 2 - A00003 - A-502
52.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Please provide the geotechnical report.	Report has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 3 - A00003 - Final Geotech 41-1-37425 VA Bonham TX Geotech
53.	2/11/2016	2/24/2016	01 00 00-18 1.28 Please confirm whether VA TRIAGA CPMS has a cost associated with or if it is applicable to this contract.	TRIRIGA CPMS does not apply to this project.
54.	2/11/2016	2/24/2016	Please confirm P6 format/software is suitable for creating CPM Scheduling requirements.	Specialized software is unlikely to open on government computers. Exporting to Excel, Word Document or PDFs are examples of acceptable electronic file submittals.



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55.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Please confirm all submittals are required to be sent via hard copy to architect in St. Louis in lieu of electronic.	Electronic submittals are acceptable to MRA; any hardcopy submittals must be sent to St. Louis.
56.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Other than material samples, will the COR accept submittals electronically?	Electronic submittals are acceptable to MRA and the COR.
57.	2/11/2016	2/18/2016	Per 01 35 26-10 1.7.A – Please confirm the SSHO can also be the superintendent.	Yes.
58.	2/11/2016	2/18/2016	01 91 00-42 3.4 – Phased Commissioning: A) States “Results will be added to the master construction schedule and the commissioning schedule” Please confirm the “Results” mentioned above are the additional time requirements, and they will be added to both the construction schedule and the contract duration.	No. The contract duration for completing the project does not change. 3.4 PHASED COMMISSIONING A. The project may require startup and initial checkout to be executed in phases. This phasing shall be planned and scheduled in a coordination meeting of the VA, Commissioning Agent, and the Contractor. Results will be added to the master construction schedule and the commissioning schedule.
59.	2/11/2016	2/18/2016	01 91 00-43 3.5.C – Please confirm contractor will be required to provide a wireless network for commissioning. Is it acceptable to provide cellular “Hot Spots?”	Wireless network for commissioning is not needed.
60.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	01 91 00-69 I. – Please confirm a commercial photographer is required to record demonstrations and training instead of a prime contractor’s employee.	No. The General Contractor can complete the phasing photos.
61.	2/11/2016	2/18/2016	Please confirm the extensive sustainable design requirements submittals in 01 81 11 1.5 are required for this contract.	There is no 01 81 11, 1.5 in the specifications.

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62.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	01 35 26-16 1.13 Tuberculosis screening requirements. TB testing for all employees 90 CD's prior to site assignment. Please confirm these are applicable for this contract.	No, this is not required. The "TB PRE_CONSTRUCTION RISK ASSESSMENT" section on page 12 of the solicitation no longer applies for this project.
63.	2/11/2016	2/12/2016	This project is being solicited as an IFB "Full and Open Competition." Is any more favorable consideration given to SDVOSB Prime Contractors?	No. The IFB does not have any additional factors for award, other than price.
64.	2/11/2016	2/12/2016	<p>The solicitation SF1442 includes the "Determination of Responsibility Clause," in accordance with VA regulation (VAAR) 852.236-91 "Special Notes" Please confirm the apparent low bidder must provide the following or risk being ineligible for award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 3-5 relevant previous and current projects within 3 years preceding bid date in similar size, complexity, and scope.</li> <li>b. Technical Qualifications</li> <li>c. Documentation demonstrating adequate financial resources to perform the contract.</li> </ul>	This is part of the responsibility check for the apparent low bidder. The Contracting Officer will request these documents prior to award.
65.	2/11/2016	2/12/2016	Is there an optional Form 17, sealed bid label required for this procurement?	Please follow the instructions in the solicitation under 2.11 VAAR 852.214-70 Caution to Bidders – Bid Envelopes.

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66.	2/11/2016	2/12/2016	The SF1442 section 4.40 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference (FEB 1998) includes following FAR Clause: 52.219-4 NOTICE OF PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE FOR HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS. Please confirm this clause is applicable to this “Full & Open Competition” Sealed bid procurement. For example, if a non-HubZone Prime Contractor proposes at \$10M, this clause states the Total Evaluated price would be \$10M plus 10%, resulting in an additional \$1M, and if tied, the contract is awarded to a HubZone contractor. This seems contradictory to the Full & Open Competition, Sealed Bid delivery method. Additionally, this seems contradictory to “Contract Award:...considering only the price award factors announced in the solicitation (See FAR 52.214-19). *There are no other factors other than price...” Please confirm FAR Clause: 52.219-4 is not applicable to procurement of this IFB.	This By-Reference Clause is removed in its entirety from the solicitation.
67.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	AS602 General Notes “H” state “Floor paint all exposed concrete.” Please clarify what kind of paint, what color paint, how many coats, and do we paint concrete floors, columns, walls or just certain concrete.	Concrete floors as indicated in the finish schedule: (1) coat of MPI 68 Interior/Exterior Latex Porch & Floor Paint, Gloss.
68.	2/11/2016	2/17/2016	Please provide the Basis of Design for Linear Metal Ceilings. (09-54-23)	Basis of Design - "Paraline Linear Metal Ceiling Systems" or "Armstrong MetalWorks Linear Ceilings"

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69.	2/12/2016	2/18/2016	Note 14 on AS103 state to confirm size of Coiling Counter Doors with Owner. Please confirm the exact size for bidding.	The awarded contractor will determine the exact size and offer a submittal for AE approval. The rough dimensions for each counter width can be seen on AS103 behind note #14. The coiling counter door heights can be reasonably ascertained from distance between ceiling to countertop.
70.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	AS103 shows a "VA Seal" in Lobby 6100B. Please provide details of what this seal is to be made of and who is responsible for procurement and installation.	VA to provide seal for template - Seal to be terrazzo to match new flooring.
71.	2/12/2016	2/24/2016	Please provide additional information pertaining to note 6 Wall Hung Storage Equipment on AS104.	This "storage system" is not part of the bid documents. The contractor is responsible for blocking in the walls to support VA provided and installed gun storage cabinets.
72.	2/12/2016	2/18/2016	How many shackle hasps are required per note 7 on sheet AS104 in Room F102 Holding.?	Provide One (1) Total.
73.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	What is the material for walkway treads? Note 9/AS107	Provide walkway treads for mod bit roof per roofing manufacturer at existing roof locations.
74.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	F1/AS301 wall section appears to show an air/water barrier on both sides of the exterior partition. Typically it is on one or the other but not both to avoid mold issues by trapping moisture inside the wall assembly. Please confirm the designed intent as shown.	An air/water barrier is shown on the exterior of the building, while a vapor barrier is to be installed on the interior side of the building as indicated in the section.
75.	2/12/2016	2/26/2016	F1/AS304 – There is missing information not shown on Architectural Drawings or Civil Drawings concerning connection of downspouts to underground roof drains. Please provide detail for this connection.	Connect roof drain to connection locations shown on Civil.
76.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Please provide clarification for Note "Panel 20 over 2" Rigid" on F5/AS305.	Panel 20 is an aluminum composite panel to be installed over 2" rigid insulation.

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77.	2/12/2016	2/24/2016	Per F1/AS306, please provide information concerning existing roof warranty.	The whereabouts of any existing roof warranty for this location is currently unknown.
78.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Please provide Basis of Design for the Metal Canopy.	Basis of design "C/S sun controls - metal sunshades"
79.	2/12/2016	2/25/2016	Note 1, A. under Existing Structural Information references the original as-built drawings for the facility. Please provide these for review.	See attachments for the 1948 Building 1 As -Built Drawings: Attachment 7 - A00003 - 1948 Build 1 As-Built Drawings - Part 1 Attachment 8 - A00003 - 1948 Build 1 As-Built Drawings - Part 2 Attachment 9 - A00003 - 1948 Build 1 As-Built Drawings - Part 3
80.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	General notes on SS000 state drilled pier concrete is to be 3,000PSI. Specification 31 63 26 – 7, 2.1.G. indicates 5,000PSI. Please confirm the concrete mix required for the drilled piers.	3000 psi is the correct concrete strength.
81.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Please confirm no load testing is required of the completed drilled piers.	Load testing is not required, just bearing capacity tested.
82.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	The SF1442 states normal working hours. Note 9, Mechanical Demolition Notes MH001 states “All system changeovers be completed in overtime, not normal working hours.” Please confirm the extent of work on this project that is required to be performed after normal working hours.	Note 9 on MH001 can be ignored. All work in Mechanical scope is independent of existing systems.
83.	2/12/2016	2/12/2016	Please provide the manufacture of the existing DDC controls in the facility.	Siemens.

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84.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	MP103, has the note "Heating Contractor shall coordinate with general contractor and verify that penetration through existing wall here shall not degrade integrity of existing structure". How is the GC to verify/confirm the structural integrity of an existing wall without any as-built information, and no design calculations from the structural engineer?	Prior to cutting of existing structure, contractors shall provide pipe routing and cutting locations for engineer's review.
85.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	The SF1442 states normal working hours. Note 9, Plumbing Demolition Notes PL001 states "All system changeovers be completed in overtime, not normal working hours." Please confirm the extent of work on this project that is required to be performed after normal working hours.	Medical gas and domestic cold and hot water connections to existing systems shall be completed after normal working hours and coordinated with the owner prior to system shutdowns.
86.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	The SF1442 states normal working hours. Note 4, Fire Protection Demolition Notes FX001 states "All system changeovers be completed in overtime, not normal working hours." Please confirm the extent of work on this project that is required to be performed after normal working hours.	Fire protection connection to existing system shall be completed after normal working hours and coordinated with the owner prior to system shutdowns.
87.	2/12/2016	2/24/2016	Who currently holds the maintenance contract for the Medical Gas Alarm System?	STACY SYSTEMS INC. Contact Info. <a href="mailto:Debbie@stacy-systems.com">Debbie@stacy-systems.com</a>
88.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Please provide the manufacturer of the existing overhead paging system.	The existing paging system is a 70V distribution system, the amps are of Crown Manufacturer.
89.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Please provide the manufacturer of the existing nurse call system.	The existing system is Executone. The new system for the addition is standalone, no need to match the existing.

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90.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Please confirm whether or not the card readers and electric strikes are required under the scope of this project, or if rough-in only is required.	Refer to Controlled Security Scheme (CSS) Type Schedule on Sheet T601 for access control information.
91.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Please provide the manufacture of the existing Fire Suppression in the facility.	The existing Fire Suppression installing contractor is not known. The building Fire Alarm system manufacturer is Siemens.
92.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Will temporary parking lot lighting be required for the temporary parking area?	The drawings do not indicate new lighting in the temporary parking lots.
93.	2/12/2016	2/24/2016	What are the requirements of the VAMC's infection control risk assessment team?	See VA Infection Control Procedures attachment: Attachment 5 - A00003 - Infection Control Procedures
94.	2/12/2016	2/16/2016	Will it be permitted to "hand deliver" the bid? And to what location?	The solicitation can be hand delivered or mailed in accordance with the Bid Submission Requirements on page 9 and 10 of the solicitation. The address is: 6150 Oak Tree Blvd., Suite 300 Independence, OH 44131
95.	2/12/2016	2/17/2016	Can the VA please provide more specific information/selection for the ceramic tile & resilient flooring? The current specifications do not indicate.	See Specification Section 09 30 13 Ceramic Tile and Section 09 65 16 for Resilient Sheet Flooring.
96.	2/15/2016	2/17/2016	Page 11 of 619 of the specifications, section 00 01 15 6 , indicates that there is three site planning drawings (L1, L2,L3), but are not included in the current drawings. Are these apart of the contract and will they be provided?	There are not any "L" sheets included in the set. L1, L2, L3 are not a part of the contract documents.
97.	2/15/2016	2/18/2016	Can a bid extension be provided?	A bid extension has been provided in Amendment A00002, to extend the bids due date to March 11, 2016 at 1:00 PM EST.

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98.	2/15/2016	2/19/2016	Please confirm that the contractor is only responsible for physical access control system conduit and wire rough-in, and not the complete physical access control system itself?	Refer to Controlled Security Scheme (CSS) Type Schedule on Sheet T601 for access control information. Contractor is responsible for access control at the doors identified on the schedule as per the schedule; this includes rough-in only on some doors and full access control + rough-in at other doors.
99.	2/16/2016	2/16/2016	The 9th page of the 8.5 x 11 power point from Amendment 1 (Document VA701-16-B-0005-A00001002) makes reference to the earlier solicitation from 2013 as being part of the deleted work in Option 2, several subcontractors are confused and do not know where to locate the referenced plans. I suspect that this is a typo – Would you please let everyone know in a upcoming addendum that this is a typo and that the documents of 5/01/13 are not part of this solicitation.	The deduct alternate has not been changed or reworded - the following text shows up on that slide in the middle of the list of rooms – this may be the confusion that he is referring to: VA Project 549-130 Renovate and Expand Ambulatory Care & Lab Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center, Bonham, Texas 100% ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION 05-01-13 01 00 00 -2
100.	2/16/2016	2/19/2016	Drawing SS100 RC-12 GB2 is shown, should it be PCIT??	Yes, this should be PCIT.
101.	2/16/2016	2/17/2016	The drawings say the architect has the geotechnical report on file. Please provide these for bidding purposes.	Report has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 3 - A00003 - Final Geotech 41-1-37425 VA Bonham TX Geotech
102.	2/12/2016	2/16/2016	I'd like to submit for prior approval of United Skys for the Translucent Canopy System at Ambulatory Care VAMC Bonham, TX. Attached is an official substitution request, a install picture and shop drawings from a previously installed Translucent Canopy System and a highlight of our recently completed projects.	This substitution request cannot be approved. The specifications specifically indicate that polycarbonate systems will not be approved.



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103.	2/16/2016	2/23/2016	Drawing details 6 through 12 /SS301 embed plates on the bottom side of the hollow core plank. We have been advised that hollow core plants up north cast inside. Texas hollow core plants do not put embeds in the extruded planks particularly on the bottom. It is not done. There is also a min. on space above the mud slab and would all have to be overhead welded. I have never seen this detail either in Texas or in the state of Florida. I have seen the ends grouted.	Contractor to submit alternate connection for review if they are not going to follow the contract documents. The intent is a connection between the precast tee and hollow core
104.	2/16/2016	2/17/2016	The structural general notes mention the geo technical report by Shannon & Wilson which is on file with the architect. I could not find the report in the specs. Would it be possible to get the report?	Report has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 3 - A00003 - Final Geotech 41-1-37425 VA Bonham TX Geotech
105.	2/16/2016	2/17/2016	On Elevation F!-B/AS402 on the base sink area does not call what the countertop material is . If you look at the other elevations Page AS401 Elevations B1 and B7 it also does not give a material for the countertop?	Solid surface countertop should be provided.
106.	2/16/2016	2/24/2016	There are no specifications for the interior signage or signage schedule in the plans.	Permanent interior signage is not in the scope of work. The VA Interior Designer will provide and install interior signage.
107.	2/17/2016	2/26/2016	Specification 32 17 23 Pavement Markings details requirements. Other than a general layout on C101 and a few symbols on the Erosion Control plan, the drawings do not show the size or dimensions for parking spaces, stop bars, directional arrows, wording, crosswalk hatch, street signage, curb paint, handicap symbols, etc. How can we bid the pavement markings and traffic signage if they are not shown?	See attached specification 32-17-23: Attachment 10 - A00003 - 32 17 23_Pavement Markings 2-26-16

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108.	2/17/2016	2/23/2016	Specification 32 90 00 Planting lists information on landscaping. The drawings omit details stating where seed, sod, mulch, fabric, plants, trees, etc. are required. We cannot accurately bid if we are not shown what is expected.	There are no plants/trees to be installed. Civil drawings indicate sod and seed locations.
109.	2/17/2016	2/19/2016	Sheet AS102 General Note 1 states: "Contractor shall visit the site during the bidding period to review existing conditions. Discrepancies at variance to the contract documents affecting the project scope of work or schedule shall be brought to the attention of the contracting officer in writing within three days of the site visit. Submit a document clarification request for resolution of noted discrepancies prior to bid submittal. Bid proposal to be complete to include design requirements and intent." Please clarify the intent of this note.	Intent is for the bidding contractors to be familiar with the site and facility prior to the bid. However, the language on page 9 of the solicitation under Pre-Bid Conference, also applies in regards to the site visit.
110.	2/17/2016	2/26/2016	C101 – Please confirm the Temporary Road shown should be constructed utilizing the same specifications for the temporary parking lot.	Use the same specification.
111.	2/17/2016	2/24/2016	C101 – Does the security parking lot and sidewalk get deducted if Bid Option No. 3 is awarded?	The small security parking lot and sidewalk leading to the new Police area, in Phase 5 photo/C101 is removed as associated work connected to Deduct Option #1, not Option #3.
112.	2/17/2016	2/23/2016	Regarding the temporary roadway and parking lot, is there any temporary signage, pavement markings, lighting, etc. required?	See 01 50 00 Temporary parking layout.
113.	2/17/2016	2/23/2016	Regarding the temporary parking lot, please confirm a sidewalk is required to connect temporary parking to the existing building.	See 01 50 00 Temporary parking layout.

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114.	2/17/2016	2/26/2016	Specification 34 75 13.13 has been included in the specification manual. Generally these are some type of automated, hydraulic unit, but none are shown on the drawings. Please clarify the requirement for active vehicle barriers.	This specification should be deleted.
115.	2/17/2016	2/19/2016	Is Specification 34 71 13 meant to cover the planter bollards shown on AS103 and details B8 & D8/AS503 or are there additional vehicle barriers or traffic gates required?	Specification 34 71 13 covers the planter bollards detailed on AS503.
116.	2/17/2016	2/18/2016	There are some subcontractors that would like to schedule another site visit. Please let me know if this is possible.	Yes. This information was provided in Amendment A00002.
117.	2/17/2016	2/18/2016	Can a second site visit be set up?	Yes. This information was provided in Amendment A00002.
118.	2/17/2016	2/17/2016	Can the geotechnical report be issued for the project for the drillers on the concrete piers?	Report has been provided. See the following attachment: Attachment 3 - A00003 - Final Geotech 41-1-37425 VA Bonham TX Geotech
119.	2/17/2016	2/18/2016	An abatement contractor has asked if there is any way that the crawlspace/basement and access to that area can be viewed – apparently very few abatement contractors were aware of the walkthrough at that time – any possibility on arranging this.	Yes. This information was provided in Amendment A00002.
120.	2/18/2016	2/23/2016	There are no sections or details between Mechanical Penthouse and Mechanical Duct Enclosure. Do wall panels wrap the Mechanical Penthouse at the Mechanical Duct Enclosure or is it open between them? Would you please provide top to bottom details?	It is open between the Mechanical Penthouse and Mechanical Duct Enclosure to provide access the to the Mechanical Duct Enclosures. Provide double stud box lintel at Mechanical Duct Enclosure location.

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121.	2/19/2016	2/26/2016	I need to know what kind of pipe is required for the storm drain, sanitary sewer and water line. Also need the depth of the sewer to be replaced and approx. depth of the storm drain. Also there should be a valve on the water line so it can be tested.	Please refer to the specifications.
122.	2/04/2016	2/24/2016	Included in this email is our product substitution request and all required supporting documents for Sun-Dome Tubular Skylights to be use in the Renovate & Expand Ambulatory Care & Lab Bonham, Texas project. The supporting documents included manufacturers detail drawing, data sheets, test reports, specification, and other product information. Will the VA accept this substitution request?	The VA has determined that this substitution request is acceptable.
123.	2/24/2016	2/26/2016	What condition of wall finish is to be left on the inside of the new exterior walls of the option 3 deduct area if that deduct is accepted – exposed framing and insulation or dry walled and painted.	Drywall and painted.
124.	2/24/2016	2/24/2016	I am unable to locate any specification or other directive regarding any interior or exterior signage – will this be owner provided?	Permanent interior signage is not in the scope of work. The VA Interior Designer will provide and install interior signage.
125.	2/25/2016	2/25/2016	The legacy products specified for the Bonham, TX project have all been obsoleted and replaced during the past year. The Series 1510, Series 80 and Series 90 are now the e-1510, e-80 and e-90. Because the redesign included complete re-engineering of all the impellers, many of the models now have higher hydronic efficiency and lower motor HP requirements Please advise.	e-1510, e-90 and e-80 pump models are acceptable. Coordinate any deviations from the scheduled pump motor horse power with the electrical contractor. Minimum pump efficiencies shall be per schedules.
126.	2/25/2016	2/26/2016	We do not find a specified dollar amount for Liquidated Damages on this project. Can you please clarify?	This project does not contain Liquidated Damages.

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127.	2/26/2016	2/26/2016	Our hardware supplier has pointed out that the specified 619 finish (satin nickel finish on brass) on several hardware items is no longer available. Is 630 (brushed stainless steel) acceptable in lieu of 619?	Permanent interior signage is not in the scope of work. The VA Interior Designer will provide and install interior signage.
128.	2/26/2016	2/26/2016	Will the VA be able to issue a second time extension for the submission of bids?	The VA is not planning on extending the bid submission date a second time.
129.	2/29/2016	3/2/2016	Please confirm that the General Contractor will not be required to demobilize their onsite offices between Phases.	The GC may position the contractor office trailer in a location that will allow it to stay for the duration of the project. GC staging area planning and approval is expected either prior to or during the kick-off meeting.
130.	2/29/2016	3/2/2016	Please review your response to Amendment 3, Q/A #61. Section 1.5 begins on the 3rd page and does seem extensive.	Yes, 01 81 11-3, 1.5 SUBMITTALS is required if applicable to this project.
131.	2/29/2016	3/1/2016	Amendment 3, Q/A 68 – If deductive alternates 2 or 3 are accepted, will these floors need to be painted?	No - These floors will not be required to be painted if alternates 2 and 3 are accepted..
132.	2/29/2016	3/1/2016	Reference Amendment 3 Q/A 74 – what type vapor barrier is to be used beneath the interior drywall?	Revision to Q/A 74 " An air/water barrier is shown on the exterior of the building, while a vapor barrier is to be installed on the interior side of the building as indicated in the section." - Remove vapor barrier shown to be installed on interior side of wall section - comply with air and vapor barrier specified.
133.	3/1/2016	3/2/2016	Is there a basis of design product or manufacturer for the composite stone bollard covers and planters that meets the Department of State certifications noted in Spec Section 34 71 13 item 1.6?	Basis of Design – Stonewear.
134.	3/1/2016	3/2/2016	Is there a BOD product for the detectable warning strip shown on AS 103 and AS 502? Well concrete detectable warning pavers be acceptable?	Provide a cast-in-place Truncated Dome Detectable Warning surface that meets ADAAG requirements. Armor-Tile.

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135.	3/1/2016	3/2/2016	Detail for the cast in place planter wall on AS 301 detail F1 is not consistent with the planter as shown on AS 503 detail B8 – Please clarify what is required for this security planter wall.	See sheet AS502 for location of detail B8/AS503. This security planter wall is different from AS301. AS301 is a cast-in-place planter located below the windows. B8/AS503 is a security planter at the front of the building.
136.	03/02/2016	3/2/2016	<p>On Page 11 of the solicitation, the following is required: VETS 100:</p> <p>Title 38, USC Section 4212(d) and Public Law 105-339, requires that federal contractors report, at least annually, the number and category of veterans who are within their workforce. Submission of the VETS-100 and/or VETS-100A reporting information can be done electronically at: <a href="http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fcp/main.htm">http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/fcp/main.htm</a>. Award cannot be made unless the awardee has filed their VETS-100 and/or VETS-100A report. Therefore, all offerors are encouraged to file every year.</p> <p>I thought VETS 100 has been changed to VETS-4212? Please advise.</p>	<p>VETS 100 has been changed to VETS-4212 by the Department of Labor. The referenced section of the solicitation for VETS 100 is to be replaced with the following:</p> <p><b>VETS 4212:</b>  Title 38, USC Section 4212(d), codified at 41 CFR Section 61-300, requires that federal contractors report, at least annually, the number and category of veterans who are within their workforce. Submission of the VETS-4212 reporting information can be done electronically at: <a href="http://www.dol.gov/vets/vets4212.htm">http://www.dol.gov/vets/vets4212.htm</a>. Award cannot be made unless the awardee has filed their VETS-4212 report. Therefore, all offerors are encouraged to file every year. The Contracting Officer may request a copy of the email confirmation of receipt notification, prior to awarding the project.</p>

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137.	3/2/2016	3/2/2016	<p>After reviewing the specifications, we have noticed the following extended warranty requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 318- Masonry walls- 5 year warranty against moisture leaks</li> <li>• Page 408- Roof- Warranty of Construction extended to 10 years.</li> <li>• Page 430- Firestopping- Warranty of Construction extended to 5 years.</li> <li>• Page 467- Insulated Translucent Panels- Manufacturer &amp; installer warranty for materials &amp; workmanship for 5 years.</li> <li>• Page 471- Windows- Warranty of Construction extended to 10 years.</li> <li>• Page 505- Glass/Glazing- Warranty of Construction extended to 10 years for insulating glass and 5 years for laminated glass.</li> </ul> <p>Please confirm if these are extended warranty requirements from the manufacturer as it is not clear in the specifications.</p>	Typically these specified warranties are extended warranties provided by the manufacturer and are a requirement of the base bid documents.
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