

Providence VAMC and Central Western Massachusetts VAMC – Pest Control – Questions and Answers

Central Western Massachusetts Questions:

- 1. Q - How often are there routine calls (within 24 hours response) and emergency calls (within 4 hours response) over the course of a month?**
A – For the CWM, the calls are infrequent. However, it is included in the contract if it is needed.
- 2. Q – If contractor needs to deal with bees, is the expectation that we will make the nest accessible? In other words, will a high lift be provided or does accessing a nest involve possibly having to rent a lift? That will affect pricing in the quote.**
A – Yes, for work at the CWM VAMC a lift will be provided upon request.
- 3. Q - How are mice treated for around the exterior of buildings? Are snap traps used, they are most effective.**
A - No outside bait stations. Snap traps are not allowed.
- 4. Q – Do Insect Light Traps have to be provided by contractor in kitchens (2)?**
A - Yes – The ones that are there now are from the current contractor and will most likely be removed.
- 5. Q – How many beds on station (to consider for bed bug treatment)?**
A – It is estimated that there are 80 – 100 beds.
- 6. Q – Would you consider adding more line items? For instance, writing exclusion treatment line items for bed bugs, termites, birds, etc.**
A – Please see the Scope of Work section of the Performance Work Statement as it includes but is not limited to pests that are listed above, bed bugs, termites, birds, etc. In the price schedule, yes, we are asking for a lump sum for the purposes of the evaluation. However in the paragraph above the price schedule, Line #4, we are asking you to break down the monthly pricing IAW the Integrated Pest Management Plan; which in other words is an itemized schedule of all services. We did it this way because we figured the line items would vary between vendors. So to answer the question, you can have as many line items as you need IAW with your IPM Plan.
- 7. Q – Will Buildings 6 & 26 be included in the requirement?**
A – Buildings 6 & 26 are Soldier On buildings that are leased from us. They are responsible for dealing with pest issues themselves. These buildings have been crossed out and are not needed. Please find the corrected Performance Work Statement attached to this amendment.

Providence VAMC Questions:

- 8. Q - My question is, according to the requirements laid out, there must be a "roach spray" performed on a monthly basis to the hospital basement and kitchen areas. To clarify this specific point, would there be any issue with our utilization of a highly effective roach bait, as opposed to spraying?**

A – We have no objection to this change as we are looking for the contractor to submit an Integrated Pest Management Plan for the facilities.

9. Q - Can you give information on the previous awards?

A – Yes the previous awards were as follows:

1. CWM VAMC – Orkin – Base Year only – Aggregate total: \$12,495.00
2. Providence VAMC – A&D Professional Pest Control - Base Year + 1 Option Year – Aggregate total: \$16,320.00