

**Request for Information (RFI) Tracking Log**  
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RFI NBR	Question Response	Submitted By	Dated Received
1.	Please provide record drawings for the above project which clearly delineates the amount of stairwells, location of stairwells, and size of landings in the SOW.	Midwestern Construction Services	02/22/16
Response	Drawings that are available are provided in amendments to solicitation VA248-15-R-2123. These drawings are in PDF format and sizes would need to be site verified.		
2.	Please provide record drawings for buildings 504 and 519a Roofs and the interior so that all site conditions may be verified, if possible, prior to the site visit. In the event these cannot be produced prior to the site visit, we would like to request a second site visit once information is available.	Midwestern Construction Services	02/22/16
Response	Drawings that are available are provided are provided in amendments to solicitation VA248-15-R-2123. All site conditions would need to be verified during the site visit and not depend on as-built drawings. Drawings are for informational use only and not to be considered exact.		
3	Please provide exterior elevations for building 500, if possible, prior to the site visit to allow for proper field verifications. In the event these cannot be produced prior to the site visit, we would like to request a second site visit once information is available	Midwestern Construction Services	02/22/16
Response	Drawings that are available are provided are provided in amendments to solicitation VA248-15-R-2123. All field conditions are to be verified during a site visit and not depend on what is shown in the drawings.		
4	Please clarify if this project is a bid-build or if it is a design-build. It appears that the SOW has provided a clear basis of design, however, upon review of the solicitation, we were unable to find the edited design specifications and drawings for each task described under the solicitation. Is it the intent of the VA for the contractor to go to the Technical Information Library (TIL) for each task, edit the generic specifications and produce these design documents based on our individual bid strategy or will the VA be producing these documents?	Midwestern Construction Services	02/22/16
Response	This is not a Design-Build project. There will not be a design required. The contractor will be required to edit the specs from the TIL and develop submittal packages for the items in the SOW. The contractor shall provide Redline drawings for the roofing portion of the project.		
5	For the Past Performance Questionnaire, can forms filled out prior to this solicitation by contracting officers be utilized as long as they are still valid?	Midwestern Construction Services	02/22/16
Response	Yes; Past Performance Questionnaires form filled out by contracting Officers prior to this solicitation may be submitted. However the questionnaires shall meet the criteria specified in		

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	this solicitation.		
6	Under the scope of work, Item B, Line c. the VA is asking for new 12" X 12" Luxury Vinyl Tile and requiring the Tile to fit in the VA Planetree design philosophy. What types (examples) of 12" X 12" vinyl floor tile does the VA considers to be Luxury Vinyl Tile? Also, please clarify what the VA Planetree design philosophy is.?	Midwestern Construction Services	02/22/16
Response	A luxury vinyl tile example could be found with major flooring brands such as Armstrong where the LVT typically has a higher level of performance and a vast array of color selections. Planetree design is based off of aesthetics and color selection which will be chosen by the Orlando VA interior design.		
7	The above referenced solicitation was released on 2/19/16, however, there were no plans or specifications attached. Will these come out in an Amendment?	Biosphere	02/22/16
Response	Yes. See drawings in Amendment A0002		
8	What is the deadline to submit RFIs for this project?	MULE Engineering & Construction	02/22/16
Response	We have not established a deadline to submit RFIs yet. When a RFI deadline is established, it will be communicated via an amendment to the solicitation. For a timely and proper response, Offerors should submit RFIs as soon as possible so we can research the issue.		
9	Can you please confirm that no hand delivered bids will be accepted? All bids must be mailed or FedEx or similar service and must thereby effectively be mailed out on the Friday before.	Moran Construction	02/24/16
Response	<b><u>TO ALL OFFEREORS: HAND DELIEVERED, FAXED OR EMAILED PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED</u></b>		
10	1. This RFP is to be mailed only (not hand delivered), and we were told at the site visit that is the policy going forward. Will this be the standard procedure for all RFP's coming out of the Orlando VA office going forward? Or is this policy specific to this contracting officer?	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	The process of not accepting hand delivered, faxed or emails proposals from offerors are specific to solicitation VA248-15-R-2123. A solicitation specifies the designated location for receipt of proposals.		
11	2. For the stairwell work in building 500, please provided specs for all vinyl tile, cove base, treads, door thresholds and any other materials that are to be replaced.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	Products must comply with the Buy American Act. Style, color and specs are to be equivalent to, or better than, the following examples.		

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	Rubber Stair Treads (Black): <a href="http://www.surefootcorp.com/files/4613/7226/7087/Modern_Rubber_Tread_tech_data.pdf">http://www.surefootcorp.com/files/4613/7226/7087/Modern_Rubber_Tread_tech_data.pdf</a> Tile (0024 Barma Pure): <a href="http://www.gerflorusa.com/media/17-usa-website/7-technical-doc/saga-2-technical-datasheet.pdf">http://www.gerflorusa.com/media/17-usa-website/7-technical-doc/saga-2-technical-datasheet.pdf</a> Cove Base: Base - Roppe Visuelle Rubber Cove Base, Size: 7-3/4" H,Color: Sahara (631).		
12	3. For the stairwell work in building 500, are existing thresholds to be replaced?	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	Yes, replace to match existing thresholds.		
13	4. For the stairwell work in building 500, are the first floor entryway/landing areas to be retiled? This question applies to all three stairwells	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	If flooring is not damaged contractor will only be responsible to replace the first floor entryway/landing stairwell by the back loading dock.		
14	5. Please provide specs for the exterior coating(s) to be used for the pressure washing and painting portion of the SOW.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	Sherwin Williams Super Paint: exterior, acrylic, latex satin or equal		
15	6. Please provide specs or preferences for the type and method of pressure washing.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	Pressure washing shall be at a minimum of 2800 psi, 2.8 gpm, and at a temperature of 100 degrees F.		
16	7. Please provide specs for all roofing materials and re-roofing methods for buildings 504 and 519a.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	Materials are to meet the Buy American Act and are to be determined by contractor and shall be approved by the VA during submittal the phase. Basis of design shall be modified bituminous torch grade roof system.		
17	8. What thickness, or minimum thickness, of insulation is required for re-roofing?	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
Response	For building 504 a minimum insulation value of R-20, not to be achieved through any roof coatings.		

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18	9. What type of deck materials currently existing for Building 519a?	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Metal Deck</b>		
19	10. Confirm that a UL lightning protection certificate is required at the finish of each re-roofing.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes, UL lightning protection certificate is required upon completion of work</b>		
20	11. Please specify materials/procedures to be used to protect the fresh air supply during re-roofing.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Contractor shall choose procedure and materials to prevent contamination of fresh air supply. Work and fumes cannot impact or disturb patient care during operational hours.</b>		
21	12. Clarify if coping and flashing is to be new or reused.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/01/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Clean and reuse existing coping and flashing. Contractor to replace any coping or flashing damaged by construction with new</b>		
	13. Please provide a cross-section/cut-out drawing of the stairwells showing elevations.	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes. See amendment A00003</b>		
22.	Thank you for meeting with us on Friday regarding the above referenced project. Being that time ran short; USA Tampa would like know when it would be possible to gain access to Building 500 in order to get a stair count & square footage of the landing?	USA Tampa	02/29/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>On 02/26/2016, the site visit lasted from 2:00 PM -3: 45 PM. During that time Government representatives escorted vendors to Building 500 to view the stairwells. More than ample time was given to all vendors that wanted to see the stairwell during the site visit. The sign in sheet reflects a representative from USA Tampa attended the site visit.</b>		
23	The Volume I Technical Proposal Evaluation Factors provided on Pages 10-11 in the solicitation doesn't match the Volume I Technical Proposal Format provided on Pages 13-14. There's several tabs listed under the Proposal Format that aren't provided under the Evaluation Factors. Can you please provide	Harper Consulting, LLC <i>Marketing Consultant</i>	03/02/16

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	clarification on the Proposal Format?	<i>for BES Design/Built, LLC</i>	
<b>Response</b>	<b>An amendment to the solicitation will be posted to FBO that will provide clarification to what is required in the proposal format.</b>		
24	1. What thickness or R-value should there be for the reroof insulation?	Nichols Services Inc.	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>See response to question 17.</b>		
25	2. Will we be able to shutdown the roof mounted air ventilation systems temporarily during the roofing process? Or will we need use a filter system for those ventilation systems?	Nichols Services Inc.	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Not during normal working hours, also see response to question 20.</b>		
26	3. What are the specifications for the paint being used on building 500 exterior wall?	Nichols Services Inc.	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>See response to RFI #14</b>		
27	4. Is there any elevation plans with specifications and details on the stairways?	Nichols Services Inc.	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes. See amendment A00003</b>		
28	1. Can we get a floor plan of each floor for all 4 stairways?	Valor Construction	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes. See amendment A00003</b>		
29	2. Can we get a cut section plans of each stairway showing 1 <sup>st</sup> floor to top of stairway including interstitial floors?	.	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes. See amendment A00003</b>		
30	3. Please spec what type of rubber floor treads will be excepted for this project. including color, thickness & type of tread surface	Valor Construction	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>See response to question 11</b>		
31	4. Will a stairway be able to be closed from Friday end of 1 <sup>st</sup> work shift through the weekend and ready to open on Monday 6am	Valor Construction	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes, but only one at a time.</b>		
32	5. Are the stair risers to be repainted in this project?	Valor Construction	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Only if paint damaged by the construction process.</b>		
31	6. Will we be able to work regular working hours on the roof the Building 504 & Building 519a?	Valor Construction	03/02/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>As long as noise and vibration does not interfere with patient care.</b>		
32	7. Will HVAC intake fans need to be filtered during roof	Valor	03/02/16

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	construction?	Construction	
	See response to question 20.		
33	8. Will there be a 2 <sup>nd</sup> site visit to access the Building 519a roof?	Valor Construction	03/02/16
Response	Yes: Wednesday March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 Time 1:00pm.		
34	9. Will there be a spec issued on the roofing materials to be used on this project?	Valor Construction	03/02/16
Response	No, see responses to questions 16 and 17		
35	10. Will there be a roof deck structural plan issued for both roofs?	Valor Construction	03/02/16
Response	All roof plan drawings available have been released in previous amendments		
36	1. During roofing operations, will the contractor be responsible for mitigating fumes/ odors through means such as carbon filters on intakes	Midwestern Construction Services	03/03/16
Response	Yes. See response to question 20.		
37	2. During site visit it was indicated that the stair treads and floor tile in the Stairwells were to match existing size with the exception that the flooring be Luxury Vinyl Tile per the Planetree Design. There are no 12" X 12" LVT available. Does the VA want us to utilize 16" X 16" or 18" X 18" LVT or should we price standard 12" X 12" VCT for the Stairwell Landings	Midwestern Construction Services	03/03/16
Response	Utilize LVT, up to 20"x20"		
38	3. Is there any ACM in the stairwells?	Midwestern Construction Services	03/03/16
Response	Not to the Government's knowledge.		
39	Please identify where the contractor laydown/dumpster area will be located for Bldg. 519A.	The Cherokee 8A Group	3/8/2016
	The Laydown/Dumpster Area will be identified after award.		
40.	1. Building 519 has 1/8" tapered insulation with 1/4" crickets on there now. Can the new insulation be 1/4" tapered with 1/2" crickets	J.A.M. Construction	03/09/16
Response	YES.		
41.	2. Is a 1/4" or 1/8" tapered insulation system required for this roof area?	J.A.M. Construction	03/09/16

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<b>Response</b>	<b>YES a tapered system is required.</b>		
42.	<p>1. The relationship between one of the Technical Proposal Tabs that has been included within Amendment A00003's revised Technical Proposal Format List &amp; the Evaluation Factors included within the original "Instructions, Conditions and Other Statements to Bidders/Offerors" Document still remain unclear. Can the Evaluation Factors relating to the following Tabs be clarified: Please See Below.</p> <p>1  "Tab D: Experience – (5 pages maximum)"  2  "Tab E: Past Performance – (Project descriptions narrative, photos, etc.)"</p>	Midwestern Construction Service	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<p><b>Experience</b> refers to whether the firm has done similar work before.  <b>Past Performance</b> describes how well they have done that work.</p>		
43.	1. Are there engineered design pressure requirements for the project, and if not can we request them?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>It will be the responsibility of the selected contractor to provide this.</b>		
44.	2. Scope requires compliance w/ High Velocity Hurricane Zone, is there a wind speed requirement? If so, will a wind speed warranty rider be required?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>This will be the responsibility of the ROOFING contractor to have the adequate knowledge in local Florida codes along with the ability to install the modified bituminous roof system according to manufacturer's requirements.</b>		
45.	3. Is there a MIN. or AVG. R-value requirement for the project, or are we to figure new insulation to match existing insulation heights?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>See response to question 17</b>		
46.	<p>4. Will this be a LEEDs project?</p> <p>a. Will a Leeds Cap Sheet be required to meet the Heat Island Effect Point?</p> <p>b. Will FSC lumber be required for sustainability points?</p> <p>c. Will local or regional materials be required? If so, LEEDs points will not be able to come from our roofing scope, thus excluded.</p>	ESA South	03/10/16



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<b>Response</b>	<b>No.</b>		
47	5. Will there be an independent roofing consultant required on the project?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>No</b>		
48.	6. Will there be an independent 3 <sup>rd</sup> party safety professional required.	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>No.</b>		
49.	7. Is the Buy American Act a requirement for all material, including fasteners?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
50.	8. What are the costs associated if any with Badging Employee's?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>None, unless the provided badges are lost</b>		
51.	9. Sheet Metal Flashing --- Will shop fabricated flashings be accepted on the project with job specific engineering or do all flashings need to meet a RoofNav / FM or NOA assembly? If so what criteria is required?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Shop fabricated flashings will be accepted.</b>		
52.	10. Will any interior protection be required?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>All existing facilities and government property is to be protected during construction</b>		
53.	11. Does any of the existing assemblies contain or likely contain asbestos?.	ESA South	
<b>Response</b>	<b>Not to our knowledge</b>		
54.	12. Is the roofing contractor required to carry any allowances or unit cost for replacement in our base bid costs?	ESA South	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>This is a Firm Fixed Price Contract Type. This is for the contractor to decide and account for all cost.</b>		
55.	14. Will the contractor need a VA escort to access the Mental Health Dormitory area to conduct roof replacement at Building 519a? If so, will there be any restrictions on days and times an escort would be available?	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>Access will be coordinated with the COR, but escorts will not be required.</b>		
56.	15. Is the grassy/dirt area outside of the north east corner of the Mental Health Dormitories available for dumpsters and laydown?	MULE Engineering & Construction	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>The Laydown/Dumpster Area will be identified after award</b>		



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57.	1.Regarding RFI Tracking Log - RFI #1-38 dated 3/4/16, Item #13 and response, as the site visits were not mandatory and we were not able to attend, are the contractors to figure new flooring on all landings for stairs #1, 2 & 3 or just for the landing on stair #1 referenced in the response?	BES Design Build	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>All landings</b>		
58.	1. The VA stated previously that this was not a Design / Build project; therefore, can you provide the following: a) Roof Plan (to scale) b) Roof details c) Roof specifications	Biosphere International, Inc	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>All of the Drawings in our possession were posted in the solicitation and amendments to the solicitation.</b>		
59.	2. The current code requires calculations for anticipated wind loads and resulting wind pressures in the design of a roof system (see attached). These calculations establish the uplift resistance requirements for attaching the roof system to the existing structural roof deck (number of fasteners, spacing, etc.); and this will impact the cost of the roof work. Can the VA provided this information?	Biosphere International, Inc	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>This will be the responsibility of the ROOFING contractor to have the adequate knowledge in local Florida codes along with the ability to install the modified bituminous roof system according to manufacturer's requirements.</b>		
60.	3. Amendment 3 includes eight 8 ½"x11" pdf of drawings, these pdf's are not to scale and cannot be printed to scale on full-sized VA drawings (30 x 42). Can you provide original sized pdf of the drawings?	Biosphere International, Inc	03/10/16
<b>Response</b>	<b>No</b>		
61.	The example below shows the calculations required for a recent roofing project that we bid at a VA. It illustrates the design information that affects the selection of a roof system and details. This information is not found it the TIL. The VA needs to provide this if this is not a Design / Build project. <b>Design Criteria</b> 1. Building Code: This project will be constructed under the 2014 Florida Building Codes (Fifth Edition). 2. Design Wind Loads: The component and cladding wind load pressures were calculated in accordance with ASCE 7-10 for low sloped roofs. a. The wind loads were determined based in the following criteria: (1) Roof slope ≤ 7 degrees and height ≤ 60-ft.	Biosphere International, Inc	03/10/16

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	<p>(2) Building Enclosure: Partially Enclosed;  (3) Basic Wind Speed: 155 mph;  (4) Risk Category: Category III-IV;  (5) Exposure Category: D.  b. The Design Wind Load pressures are:  (1) Zone 1 (field): -51.7 psf  (2) Zone 2 (perimeters): -78.4 psf (enhanced wind zone)  (3) Zone 3 (corners): -111.7 psf (enhanced wind zone)</p>		
<b>Response</b>	<p><b>This will be the responsibility of the ROOFING contractor to have the adequate knowledge in local Florida codes along with the ability to install the modified bituminous roof system according to manufacturer's requirements.</b></p>		
62.	<p>Related to the listing of required proposal Tabs versus the corresponding Evaluation Factors.  For Technical Proposal Content:  Tab D Experience - (5 pages maximum)  Tab E Past Performance - (Project description narratives, photos, etc)</p> <p>The only Evaluation Factor which addresses these two tabs is:  Evaluation Factor 3: Experience  - all of the explanation for this Factor involves the reporting of past projects, as listed in Tab E  - but there is nothing else to explain what you would want included under Tab D</p> <p>So our RFI is:What information do you want included under Tab D – Experience of the Technical Proposal Content?</p> <p>Just to clarify, then what goes in Tab E - Past Projects?</p>	MULE Engineering & Construction	
<b>Response</b>	<p><b>The Offeror should insert into their Technical Proposal at Tab D "Experience", the response to Paragraph D of VA248-15-R-2123 Pages 10 and 11 of 106. Offerors should include in Tab D all information that is related to "Experience", to include project descriptions narrative, photos, etc..</b></p> <p><b>Effective amendment A0004, NO INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE INSERTED IN TAB E. Project descriptions narrative, photos etc., should be inserted in Tab D, Experience.</b></p>		
63.	<p>If RFIs can still be addressed, we have the following questions:  1. The scope of work indicates approximately 16 square of roof to be replaced at Building 519A. Can this quantity be confirmed? The drawing provided indicates roughly a 75'x75' roof, with a 32'x32' skylight. Backing out the skylight from the roof area,</p>	The Cherokee 8A Group	03/16/16

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	results in just over 4500sf of roof system. Is the intent to only replace a portion of this roof?		
<b>Response</b>	The entire roof is to be replaced, it is the contractor's responsibility to verify measurements... Also, there are no skylights on building 519a.		
64.	Can a preliminary schedule, as required by the Evaluation Factor 2: Technical Approach, be submitted in Primavera?	The Cherokee 8A Group	03/16/16
<b>Response</b>	Yes, in PDF format		
65.	The referenced floor tile: Gerflor; Barma Pure (RFI response to question 11) is manufactured in France. Can the VA provide an example that complies with the Buy American Act?	Biosphere International	03/16/16
<b>Response</b>	Use the example tile as the benchmark. Similar style, color and specs are to be equivalent to, or better than the example.		