

# ATTACHMENT A

## Additional Questions and Answers RFQ VA797R-16-Q-0001 February 2016 Consolidation

VISN 18: VA Southwest Health Care Network 504-B57000 XR MRI VA AMARILLO, TX VA797H-16-F-0401

1. Will proposals for a 1.5T Magnet be considered? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
2. Will the construction cost be considered in the overall project? **No**
3. Will this MRI unit be performing exams on stent patients? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
4. Is upgradeability of the MRI (example :24 to 48 channel)and future enhancements important to the facility? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
5. Is Windows 7 a requirement for the MRI platform? **OS must be current and supported**
6. Is a detachable table important with the MRI system; better workflow and patient safety important? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
7. Integrated coil technology is an important feature allowing for better workflow and faster exams. Is this feature important? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**

VISN 21: VA Sierra Pacific Network 640-B64014 XR CT VA PALO ALTO, CA VA797R-16-J-0083

VISN 21: VA Sierra Pacific Network 640-B64015 XR CT VA PALO ALTO, CA VA797R-16-J-0084

1. • Please provide the model name and configuration of the benchmarks. **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
2. • Since various Revolution models exist with slice counts ranging from 64 to 320, please confirm which Revolution has been chosen as the benchmark? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
3. • Dual Energy has become a part of routine imaging at many hospitals nationally. Would dual energy be considered for use at VA Palo Alto if included as an optional item? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
4. • Given that the Force is installed in Cardiology for complex cardiac cases, do both of the radiology scanners also need to have cardiac gating capability? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
5. • What product(s) will VA Palo Alto use for Advanced Visualization? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description**
6. • Each CT vendor offers different levels of iterative reconstruction technology for dose reduction. Will VA Palo Alto require the highest possible level of iterative reconstruction technology? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
7. • Will there be a bariatric focus that would require significant power reserves, a high capacity bariatric table, and extended field of view beyond 50cm? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
8. • Will VA Palo Alto have a preference towards cooling methods, ie, air vs water cooling? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
9. • Will advanced metal artifact reduction technologies be required? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**

10. • Will there be a need for advanced studies such as brain perfusion and/or interventional procedures? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**

VISN 19: VA Rocky Mountain Network 660-B20019 XR US VA SALT LAKE CITY, UT VA797H-13-J-0177

1. No quote for this benchmark was provided. Please advise. **Procurement was Cancelled by the station**

VISN 18: VA Southwest Health Care Network 644-B58035 XR CT VA PHOENIX, AZ VA797R-16-F-0069

1. - Dual Energy has become a part of routine imaging at many hospitals nationally. Would dual energy be considered for use at VA Phoenix if included as an optional item? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
2. - VA Phoenix has a dual source scanner already scheduled for delivery. For this next project, will VA Phoenix prefer to focus strictly on premium level single source technology? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
3. - Will VA Phoenix have a preference towards cooling methods, ie, air vs water cooling? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
4. - Each CT vendor offers different levels of iterative reconstruction technology for dose reduction. Will VA Phoenix require the highest possible level of iterative reconstruction technology? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
5. - Will there be a need for advanced interventional procedures on this scanner? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**

VISN 21: VA Sierra Pacific Network 570-B60007 XR CT VA FRESNO, CA VA797R-16-J-0086

1. - Will the system offered need to have a minimum number of US installations? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
2. - Dual Energy has become a part of routine imaging at many hospitals nationally. Will an advanced visualization workstation/server be needed for the current benchmark? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
3. - What product(s) will VA Fresno use for Advanced Visualization? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
4. - To improve workflow, will in built in Dual Energy workflows be wanted on the scanner (no workstation needed)? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
5. - Will there be a bariatric focus that would require significant power reserves, a large gantry bore, a high capacity bariatric table, and extended field of view beyond 50cm? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
6. - Will advanced metal artifact reduction technologies be required? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**
7. - Will there be a need for advanced studies such as brain perfusion with whole brain coverage and/or advanced interventional procedures? **Offer as per the posted Equipment Description Alternate offers are acceptable**