

## Questions and Responses

### Question:

After reviewing the Statement of Work for the 2016 – 2017 Fire Alarm and Fire Suppression Systems, REDACTED has noticed that there have been a few items added that had previously been excluded from previous Statements of Work. The team here at REDACTED would like to know if the opportunity for an alternate bid would be accepted. (For example) allowing a company to exclude a portion(s) of the Statement of Work such as; Fire Suppression and contracting an Elevator Company for Inspection, Testing and Repairs. In your email you also noted that “in keeping with Public Law, the solicitation is set-aside for a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business” does this mean that no other bids will be accepted?

### Response:

Any proposal that is received that excludes portions of the requirements in the Statement of Work will be assessed as non-responsive to the solicitation and will not be considered for contract award. The line item descriptions in the SF1449 attached to the solicitation are not definite; this solicitation is a Request For Proposal (RFP) and Offerors may propose pricing in a way that may better define their pricing structure.

A sources sought notice for the requirement was publicized on the Federal Business Opportunities website under VA257-16-N-0447 on 21 January 2016. Correspondence with the interested parties to the notice did not include any discussion of not being able to perform the services described in the Statement of Work or excluding any portion in the Statement of Work. Correspondence with the interested parties identified as Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) ensured that they would be able to perform the services that are described in the Statement of Work with consideration of subcontracting and other requirements of VAAR Clause 852.219-10, VA Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Set-Aside. Unless no SDVOSB proposals are received, or all of those received are later assessed as technically unacceptable, no other submitted socio-economic category type of proposal will be considered. SDVOSB's must have been verified by the VA Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization and listed in the VetBiz Vendor Information Pages (VIP) to be considered.

### Question:

Can you tell me if the expenses for the Fire Alarm and Suppression System Monitoring, Testing, Maintenance and Repair are expected to be less or more than \$REDACTED?

### Response:

The services in this solicitation are considered to be services, not construction. A disclosure of magnitude will not be provided for the requirement.

### Question:

Will the audio/visuals and door holder be required to be tested after normal hours?

### Response:

It will be up to the Contractor to schedule, as some procedures/floors in the hospital cannot be interrupted.

Question:

Will elevators recall/shutdown be required to be tested after normal hours?

Response:

Yes

Question:

Will the inspections be performed in accordance with the latest JCAHO/VHA guidelines?

Response:

Inspections must be performed and documented in accordance with Joint Commission & NFPA requirements.

Question:

Can you provide the quantity and list of devices to be tested?

Response:

There are more than 5600 devices at the Audie L. Murphy VA hospital. Devices include:

- Duct Detectors
- Smoke Detectors
- Heat Detectors
- Combination Heat/Smoke Detectors
- Pull Stations
- Visual Devices (Strobes)
- Water Flow Devices
- Tamper Switches
- Audible Devices (Speakers)
- Electromagnet Releasing Devices
- CO Detectors
- Horn/Strobe Devices
- Combination Speaker/Strobe Devices
- Voice Actuation Devices
- Fire Alarms Control Panels
- Power Supply Devices
- Batteries
- Fan Shutdown Devices
- Communicator Devices
- Initiating Device
- Annunciating Devices (Main Panels)
- Supervisory Device
- Dry Systems
- Wet Systems
- Pre-Action Systems
- Fire Hydrants
- Fire Pumps
- Valve Tamper Devices
- Standpipes
- Risers/Drains
- Water Flow Devices

Question:

Will fire pump test be required to be performed after normal hours?

Response:

No; testing is performed during normal duty hours

Question:

Can we use vendor provided Scan ID numbers in conjunction with VA provided EE numbers?

Response:

Yes; however, numbers must not when from cradle to grave

Question:

Will devices in surgery need to be tested after hours?

Response:

Yes