

Questions and Answers 1

VA246-16-Q-0743

Bldg 2 Generator Replacement for Salem VAMC

***This is not a complete list of responses to questions received regarding the solicitation. Answers for remaining questions will be provided as soon as possible.*

1) Would it be possible for someone from your office to take pictures of the site, the building housing the generator and existing generator set including engine and generator nameplates? We will be in the area but not until the following Tuesday installing another generator set.

Answer: There is a risk of later claims based on whether adequate pictures were provided. No photos can be provided. Please attend the site visit to determine site conditions.

2) Is the current generator set still working and performing per original specifications? If not, then when was it taken off line and under what conditions?

Answer: The generator failed a load test in December 2014 and when we tore the generator down to repair it we found it to be uneconomical.

3) Can the existing power wiring be reused or is all wiring to be replaced? If replaced what is the distance from the generator MCB to the ATS?

Answer: The existing wiring will not be long enough so new wiring will have to be ran. The MDP is APPROXIMATELY 25 to 30 feet away.

4) Would it be possible to receive photos of the current generator and the size of the concrete pad?

Answer: We cannot provide pictures of the work site.

5) I would also like to send over our demolition contractor to take a look at the jobsite, would that be possible?

Answer: Yes.

7) Can you please specify what you mean by catalytic exhaust scrubbers? How critical is this to the bid?

Answer: Information regarding catalytic exhaust scrubbers can be found by contacting generator and generator part manufacturers or by conducting an internet search. They are fairly common and known within the industry. The catalytic exhaust scrubbers are required.

10) Specs do not mention anything regarding Startup and Testing of the installed package. Is Loadbank testing being handled by a third party or do you expect/require Loadbank testing by the generator supplier? If so, NFPA 2hr restive testing? Other?

Answer: Statement of Work paragraph 4.a.ix. states that the contract shall, "verify installation and perform start-up checks, transfer and load bank testing to verify proper operation of all electrical and mechanical components."

16) Does this require Davis Bacon wages?

Answer: The Davis Bacon wage determination has been incorporated under Amendment A00001. Additional solicitation provisions and contract clauses have also been incorporated, specifically FAR 52.222-6, 52.222-7, 52.222-8, 52.222-9, 52.222-10, 52.222-11, 52.222-12, 52.222-13, 52.222-14, and 52.222-15, incorporated by reference.