

Questions and Answers for VA258-16-R-0279 dated April 5th, 2016.

*NOTE: Corrective statements have been addressed to clarify the SOW, as well as, questions that arose during the site visit that took place March 30th, 2016.

1) Customer said there was 2 supply drops from system-2 (AHU-2) and we've confirmed that, and 1 supply drop from system 11. This we cannot confirm because we don't have the prints from AHU-11 down to the floor, so looking at the prints we do have, we count 11 supply trunks that could be fed by ahu-11. Can we find out how many of the drops are for system 11? Because this may change not only the cost, but the schedule.

Answer: Refer to drawing 57-MH-102, you will see 2 supply drops and 1 exhaust. (This was clearly stated and shown during the site visit). AHU-11 services operating rooms 10, 11, 12, 13 and 4.

2) Customer said we clean the exhaust only up to the first compartment of the exhaust handler. The SOW says we do up to and including the fan. Can you clarify?

Answer: This statement is correct but the first compartment statement refers ONLY to AHU-11 because it is the newer of the two and services OR's 10, 11, 12, 13, and 4. For AHU-11 contractor shall clean exhaust duct from heat recovery box down which excludes coils and fans from needing to be cleaned.

However, AHU-2 is the older of the two systems and shall be cleaned and from the exhaust fan down shall be cleaned. Please note the fan itself is not required to be cleaned.

3) He also said no PAC-U area is to be included, can we get confirmation on this?

Answer: Confirmed PAC-U and step down units have already been excluded from the SOW.

4) On the third attachment, it looks like office areas, I don't recall walking that area at all. Can you clarify that it is to be included, and what its designation is? It does not look like the outer cell or inner cell area that we walked...

Answer: Individual offices will not need to be cleaned. The hallway that was walked is referred to as the outer core surrounding the Operating Rooms. The inner core references to inside of the operating rooms.

5) About the 44 re-heat coils, do they have to each be individually accessed and cleaned? Do they have any certain way they want them cleaned? If they are all to be individually hand-cleaned then we'll need to make an access panel for each of them. Does anyone know how they had them cleaned last time in 2009?

Answer: All re-heat coils have their own access and shall be cleaned. However, the number 44 includes all the offices on the drawings. Since the offices are not included in this project, contractor can look at the drawings and subtract 1 re-heat coil from the total number 44 for EACH office/room that is not required to be cleaned. Contractor shall use technical expertise and

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process that conforms to industry standard to perform not only for this component but all components required by this request for proposal.

6.a) On the plans here on sheet 57-H-6, there is ductwork and/or risers associated with 5 exhaust systems, H-202, H-208, H-209, H-220, and H-210. Pete said we are doing only 1 system, can you confirm which one it is? We're figuring H-202, but this needs to be clarified.

Answer: To clarify, yes H-202 is the only exhaust duct and the other units referenced do not apply.

6.b) There also seem to be supply lines not associated with unit 11 on this same print, so we have to confirm anything not on AHU-11 will not be cleaned.

Answer: True

7) On the plans, we can only find 10 OR's. 6 on the old as-built plans, and 4 on the new add-on. Can you make sure we have the complete and correct plans?

Answer: The blue prints clearly show 8 OR's supported by AHU-2 (1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9) and clearly show 5 OR's supported by AHU-11 (5, 10, 11, 12, and 13). Contracting specialist validated this in person with engineering from the drawings provided for the solicitation posted on FBO.GOV.

8) On the walk thru we left the Operating Room and went upstairs to the main air vents. The customer said, the air filters have to be cleaned but he did not want any water on the floor. I suggested to him that I can dry clean them and he said that would be ok. My questions are; what type of filters are they, can we take them outside the room and wet clean them on the roof if not we can dry clean them on the inside. It is a silicone base product. When we put the filters back they must be completely dry. How many filters have to be cleaned? I do not want to void any warranty.

Answer: Filters will not be cleaned since they are disposable but they must be removed and replaced to gain access to clean the rack, air handler compartment, and coils. Water cannot be used for this process because any water accumulation can damage ceiling and leak through to the operating rooms rendering them unusable for surgeries until repairs are made. Water damage caused by the Contractor will be the responsibility of the contractor. A small back-pack "mister" type unit may be used if absolutely necessary, but constant attention to immediately clean up any floor condensation or excess water drops must be accomplished.

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9) I am working on my bid and have a question regarding one of the drawings that was posted on fbo on March 25th.

It is the last attachment and the description # is: 678-048 57-H-5-BLUE

I don't recall walking this. Is this to be included in the bid?

All three drawings provided are all inclusive of necessary data to provide a proposal. This was validated with engineering as they walked the contracting specialist through each drawing. AHU-2, AUH-11, 13 Operating rooms and the outer core hallway surrounding the operating rooms.

10) The blueprints in the amendment for the Tucson VA Air Duct cleaning seem to be incomplete. Can you send us over or post the complete blueprints for this project?

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