

## ROSEBURG - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- ❖ Specification requires successful offer to “replace all drain piping that is broken, collapsed or inoperable including any piping that drains outside to the sewer.” State existing drain piping, if any, VA knows is broken, collapsed or inoperable.
  - There is no broken or collapsed drainage that we are aware of.
- ❖ Clarify working hours successful offer will have access to the laundry facility. Specification state 24-hours access, seven days a week.
  - Seven days, 24 hour access to the laundry building will be provided during the 90 day installation period.
- ❖ Specifications state “connection points for all equipment shall be from building entry point to all [new] equipment.” **Clarification:** Is it the VA’s intention that the successful offer shall replace all existing utility piping/electrical for new equipment with new materials from building entry point?
  - Yes
- ❖ Specification states “VA will supply the main gas line...” **Question:** Where is the point of entry to the laundry building, what is the line size, and what is the gas pressure?
  - The gas comes in on the south side of the building. Contact AVISTA utilities for information on the natural gas delivery.
- ❖ Specifications state “no mechanical or grooved fitting on mechanical piping.” **Clarification:** Please confirm if mechanical or pro-press type fittings on mechanical piping are permissible.
  - This question is very broad. The building piping systems, if modified, shall be modified in accordance with the VA Mechanical and Plumbing design manual requirements. Equipment piping (piping from the point of connection to service) shall be per the equipment manufacturer requirements.
- ❖ Specification states “no PVC piping unless buried...” **Clarification:** Is CPVC piping permitted for water storage tank & washer extractor venting?
  - CPVC or PVC piping is not permitted for water lines. Ventilation duct shall be per the VA HVAC design manual.

- ❖ When new equipment is furnished with a factory-installed integral disconnect switch within its control panel, is a separate power disconnect switch still required?
  - Yes
- ❖ Is it a requirement that the successful offer's design installation drawings be "sealed" by a registered professional architect/engineer?
  - If any modification is done to the overhead monorail/storage system, that will be sealed by a registered professional architect/engineer from the state of Oregon. All design drawings prepared shall be signed and stamped by a registered professional architect/engineer licensed in the State of Oregon. All structural and non-structural seismic bracing and connection details shall be signed and stamped by registered professional structural engineer licensed in the State of Oregon.
- ❖ How many training days is the successful offer required to perform, five?
  - 10 working days
- ❖ Item #1A & 1B (2A/2B) – Specification states washers will be provided with new loading platform(s). **Clarification:** If a new washer extractor brand/model is offered that does not require a loading platform, is a loading platform still required?
  - If the model/brand offered does not require a loading platform, then it will not be required as long as the overhead bags can be sling loaded with NO spillage of textiles
- ❖ Item #3 Cart Washer – Specification states "cart washer is to be installed on the storage and loading room next to the soiled side and mechanical room." Will the VA consider alternate installation locations for the new cart washer?
  - Yes. Alternate locations will be considered as long as it is shown in offerors drawing and does not impede on any work flow. This will require VA final approval.
- ❖ Item #3 Cart Washer – Specification states cart washer to be mounted flush with floor (i.e. recessed). Are stainless steel ramps indicted in Options required?
  - If machine does not require loading or unloading ramps then they will not be required, but if ramps weather loading or unloading are required then they will be stainless steel

- ❖ Item #2A, #2B, #2D & #5 – Specification require dryers and lint filters to be provided with fire suppression. What is the required water source for suppression, domestic cold water or automatic building sprinkler water?
  - Dryers shall be connected to the facilities existing fire suppression/alarm system located in the building to alert officials of a fire. The dryer fire suppression system shall be connected to a dedicated domestic water line with tamper-proof valve. It will also be installed with a back flow preventer within 6” of the water main. A maintenance valve will also be installed for draining without activating the flow valve.
- ❖ Item #8 – Are variable frequency drive controls required on triple pump motors greater than or equal to 7.5 HP?
  - Yes
- ❖ Item #8 – Please provide more detailed information specifying the Energy Monitoring System requirements.
  - An energy monitor system for gas, electric, water, steam and sewer shall be incorporated within the design of the mechanical room. The monitor shall be located within the textile manager’s office and include an uninterrupted power supply (UPS) backup. The system shall also include Microsoft Office Professional that includes Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, a color printer, copier, scanner and fax machine for doing reports.
- ❖ Will the VA separate all items and award multiple contracts?
  - No. B.7 (Schedule of Supplies) clearly states that this will NOT be a multiple award contract. Winner takes all for the line items requested. If you bid, you must bid on all line items.
- ❖ Will the site accept alternate bids for new equipment vs. refurbishment of existing?
  - Provide pricing based on the new or refurbished items as listed in the specifications. You may do a bid for “both” new and refurbished equipment. You may not do a bid for new equipment “instead” of a bid for refurbished. Proposals for other offered systems may be considered after award. Other offered systems shall meet or exceed specified performance and warrantee requirements.
- ❖ Please confirm the dates and times the successful offeror will have access to the site. Per the Statement of Work, “the successful offeror will have access to the laundry facility Monday to Friday, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and Saturday and Sunday, if needed, 24hour access to the laundry facility seven days a week.”

- Facility will be available as times are specified within the solicitation. It is anticipated that there will be periods of complete shutdown for the laundry facility. A complete shutdown for the entire duration of the project should not be expected. Additionally, portions of the building not affected by the work will remain use by the VA. Access and emergency egress shall be maintained at all times.
- ❖ Per the previously mentioned paragraph, the textile facility will be open during the project. Due to the scope of work required for this solicitation, a shut down of considerable time is necessary. Please clarify with the site that a shut down can be accommodated to allow work to be performed safely and efficiently.
  - See previous answer
- ❖ Is the roof bonded?
  - Not sure what this question is in reference to. The roof is sheet metal and is screwed to a wood substrate that is attached to the steel trusses.
- ❖ Will the site accept flex/whip conduit to the Small Piece Folders, or does it require the conduit to be rigid?
  - Rigid, flexible metal conduit (1/2 inch min) may be used in case where vibration isolation is required. Flexible metal conduit length shall be limited to a maximum of 6 linear feet and may only be used for a single point of contact.
- ❖ What is VAMC Roseburg's wiring criteria?
  - Reference Conduits, Fittings, and Electrical Wire section, Item #2. All wiring shall be designed and installed in accordance with the latest edition of the NEC and the VA electrical design manual.
- ❖ Will the site accept new exhaust ductwork and penetrations for the 110/120 Gas Heated Dryers? Per Item #5, Line 19, "All existing ductwork located outside shall remain." Will the site accept new roof penetrations and new ductwork?
  - Yes, new ductwork will be acceptable if required for offerors design. All duct work located outside will be NEW, no reusing existing.
- ❖ Does the site require the new glass staph barrier wall to be the length of the wall or just around the new pass-thru washer/extractors?
  - Length of the wall

- ❖ Can the new washer/extractors share a water hose bib? Or does each washer/extractor require its own individual water hose bib?
  - Hose bib can be shared but has to be centrally located and have enough hose on automatic reel to go around all machines.
- ❖ Per Item #8, D Miscellaneous Items Item #1, “the water system shall include total water back-flow prevention into the main water supply”. One currently exists; does the site require a second one?
  - Yes, the building is currently isolated from the domestic water main with a pressure reduced back flow preventer. The industrial hot and cold water needs to be separated from the potable water system in the building. Reduced pressure backflow preventers are required at the isolation point.
- ❖ Does the site require the blanket folder to discharge to a clean goods take-away conveyor?
  - Yes
- ❖ Will the site accept a blanket folding solution that does not have an individual spreader/feeder, folder/cross-folder, and stacker yet still maintains the same level of production?
  - Spreader/feeder will be required to maximize ergonomics for employees
- ❖ Will the site accept an internal lint collection solution for the 200/300 and 400/500 pound gas heated dryers and forego the roof mounted option with flex lint drops?
  - External to the machine, can be either on the roof or in the facility depending on space and layout, if external to the machine inside building, it must be insulated and jacketed in white textured aluminum.
- ❖ Item #2C – Automatic Dryer Discharge to a New Dryer Take-Away Conveyor, Item #1 requires “discharge of production tumblers shall be automatic to a new flat-belt dryer take away conveyor.” Please clarify if this is a requirement or if the site will accept dryers that require an operator to manually discharge goods from the dryer to the take-away conveyor.
  - Offerers must meet the minimum requirements in the solicitation; alternate proposals may be considered.