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### **RFIs for VA257-16-R-0513 Replace Mental Health Floor**

Q1. We understand from the pre-bid meeting that there are no asbestos abatement included in the scope of work for this project. We understand Section 02 82 13.19 Asbestos Floor Tile and Mastic Abatement is not applicable to this project unless clarified otherwise by amendment.

**A1. Correct**

Q2. Per the pre-bid meeting, we understand poly dust barriers are required for this project. Please indicate locations on the plans where these barriers are required.

**A2. The Contractor shall locate poly dust barriers at their discretion based on their work plan.**

Q3. Please confirm poly barriers are required from floor to ceiling above.

**A3. Poly Barriers are required from floor to Ceiling above.**

Q4. We understand from Section 09 05 16 that moisture and PH tests will be required prior to installing new floors. In the unlikely event the test indicates excess moisture, will the moisture remediation coating (paragraph 2.1) be considered a modification to the contract?

**A4. Yes. In the event excess moisture per flooring mfg recommended installation guide, moisture remediation coating shall be considered a contract modification.**

Q5. Plans do not show any requirements to level existing floors. If any leveling of floors are required, please identify areas and thicknesses required.

**A5. No leveling requirements are known at this time. The Contractor shall level the floor per the flooring mfg recommendations.**

Q6. Plan sheet AE601 provides for transition details between different flooring types. Transition detail between epoxy floor and adjacent floors are not provided; please provide.

**A6. See addendum drawings for transition detail.**

Q7. There are notes pertaining to painting of walls on the finish schedule AE601, but we see no locations where these notes are used. If this is not a correct understanding, and painting is required for this project, please clarify.

**A7. The Contractor shall touch up wall paint as required at locations where the existing base has been removed.**



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Q8. AE601 does not provide a definition for VWP. Does VWP as shown on Floor pattern plans AE101 and AE103 stand for VPF?

**A8. Correct.**

Q9. Please clarify how many weeks the government will require between phases to move out of the next phase?

**A9. 1 week. Contractor must inform the VA about the phase completion date in advance for planning purposes.**

Q10. The plans do not indicate any work required at the nurses stations located in each area. Will the contractor or the owner be responsible for removing and reinstalling the nurse's stations?

**A10. The Contractor shall remove and reinstall all furniture and equipment. Equipment shall be stored in spaces N.I.C. in each phase of work.**

Q11. We assume all computer equipment and files, books, etc. will be removed by the owner/user during owner move. Please clarify otherwise if this is not a correct understanding.

**A11. The Contractor shall remove and reinstall all furniture and equipment. Equipment shall be stored in spaces N.I.C. in each phase of work.**

Q12. We have been notified from contractor quoting the epoxy flooring removal that there is a high likelihood of the ceramic wall tile being damaged while trying to demolish the epoxy floor base. He also indicates that a plumber will be required to remove and reinstall the toilet so that the toilet fixture is not damaged during demolition and to provide space to install the new floor. Can the mfr / model / color of the existing wall tile be provided so patching of this tile can be estimated?

**A12. Refer to answer A14.**

Q13. The demolition equipment required for the epoxy floor removal requires 208V, 3phase power-50 amp breaker. Please indicate closest available location.

**A13. There is a plug next to the elevator lobby just outside the project area. There could be another one in the project area but will need to confirm with the facility electrician.**

Q14. In lieu of demolishing the existing epoxy flooring, the epoxy flooring contractor indicates they are able to installing the new epoxy flooring product over the existing epoxy floor and base. Is installing the new Epoxy Floor over the existing floor acceptable?

**A14. This is acceptable if the flooring mfg will fully warrant this application.**



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Q15. Shower room B009.4 and referenced on the room finish schedule as room 127 indicates new ceramic tile floor and base for this room. This is the room that has the epoxy floor over the ceramic tile. At the site visit it was mentioned that this room was not in contract. Please clarify if work to replace this floor is required or not in contract.

**A15. Shower Room B009.4 is included in the project.**

Q16. Restroom labeled 0, South of Meeting Room B012.11 and Seclusion Room B012.10 is depicted to receive new Epoxy Floor on Plan Sheet AE102 but is not shown on the Room Finish Schedule AE601 to receiving any new flooring. If this room requires new epoxy flooring, please clarify.

**A16. Restroom Labeled 0 is Not In Contract.**

Q17. It was stated at the pre-bid meeting that there will be no free parking provided to the contractor for this project. Please verify/confirm.

**A17. Correct. Space will be provided only for a dumpster.**

Q18. What is the required ICRA level for the work to be performed?

**A18. The required ICRA level is Class 4 during demolition and can be downgraded as conditions for a lower class are met.**

Q19. If the work areas will require HEPA filtered exhaust air or the establishment of negative air, what is the closest point in approximate linear feet that the air can be exhausted to?

**A19. The work areas shall be in negative air pressure with HEPA filtration. The Contractor shall locate exhaust points at their discretion.**

Q20. If containment is required, will plastic sheeting be acceptable or will temporary walls need to be constructed?

**A20. Temporary walls will be required in the main Corridor A3 where there is the potential for patients to leave the unit.**

Q21. Just to confirm, what are the allowable work hours?

**A21. The official work hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Q22. It states to match Shaw LVT 1 and LVT 2 to the elevator lobby/ existing. Shaw has a large range of products. What is the required style/color?



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**A22. Contractor shall provide samples for approval.**

Q23. All finishes say Match Existing. What is the manufacturer, style and color?

**A23. Contractor shall provide samples for approval.**

Q24. What is the manufacturer, style and color for the 6" Rubber Base?

**A24. Contractor shall provide samples for approval.**

Q25. What is the manufacturer, style and color for CT-1 2x2?

**A25. Contractor shall provide samples for approval.**

Q26. Are RF 1, 2 & 3 sheet goods or are they 24"x24" tiles? The drawings state RF1 and RF2 are sheet goods and RF3 is a tile. The enlarged floor pattern layout and border looks like they are all tiles (unless that is strictly the floor legend). It would be a lot more labor intensive to create the pattern if using both sheet and tiles.

**A26. RF 1 is a sheet good and 24"x24" tile, refer to addendum drawings. RF2 and RF3 are 24"x24" tile.**

Q27. Is RF 1 - 3 to be heat welded if a tile or sheet good?

**A27. Yes, RF 1-3 is to be heat welded.**

Q28. Are Phases 1, 2 and 3 to be completed consecutively or can phases overlap?

**A28. Phases shall be completed consecutively.**

Q29. Last, The Solicitation Offer and award notice states to replace floor in the GLA-GLC Units. The drawings and solicitation notice show only areas GLA-GLB. (No GLC is shown). What is correct on this matter?

**A29. Work will be performed in units GLA, GLB and GLC.**

Q30. There are two cubicle partitions at each nurses station that has data and electrical. Is the contractor responsible for removing and re-installing them?

**A30. The Contractor shall remove and reinstall all furniture and equipment. Equipment shall be stored in spaces N.I.C. in each phase of work.**

Q31. There are several existing marble thresholds. Are these to be replaced?



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**A31. Yes, replace marble thresholds.**

Q32. Will the existing ice machine be moved by the VA?

**A32. The Contractor shall remove and reinstall all furniture and equipment. Equipment shall be stored in spaces N.I.C. in each phase of work.**

Q33. Is there a determined amount of time that the contractor should use for the VA to move in and out of each phase of the project?

**A33. The contractor must notify VA in advance about expected completion date for each phase for planning. If that's done, VA will need one week to move.**

Q34. Hours to perform this work are Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm correct?

**A34. Correct**

Q35. Is the project still intended to run in 3 phases?

**A35. Yes**

Q36. Will contractor really be given an entire wing per phase as shown on plan page G101?

**A36. Yes**

Q37. Will the building maintenance adjust air pressure for negative air?

**A37. No, this will be achieved through the use of HEPA machines vented to the outside**

Q38. Is epoxy paint required in these areas?

**A38. Contractor will submit submittal to VA for approval before purchasing the paint.**

Q39. Is paint color to stay the same?

**A39. Yes, match existing.**

Q40. Is there a staging area for a dumpster and/or connex?

**A40. Staging area available for only one dumpster.**

Q41. Is this considered an ICRA Level 4 project requiring an ante-room?



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**A41. The required ICRA level is Class 4. Will coordinate with infections control on the requirements for an ante-room.**

Q42. Is the project to run in normal business hours?

**A42. Yes**

Q43. Are there any project specific dust protection measures like status reports?

**A43. The contractor shall follow the requirements stated in the ICRA.**

Q44. Is a dust bunny required for this project?

**A44. Will coordinate with infections control**

Q45. Will any casework, nurse stations or furniture be needed to move and/or stored to accommodate the replacement of new floors?

**A45. The Contractor shall remove and reinstall all furniture and equipment. Equipment shall be stored in spaces N.I.C. in each phase of work.**

Q46. Who is responsible for the moving and breaking down (if required) of the casework, nurse stations and furniture?

**A46. The Contractor shall remove and reinstall all furniture and equipment. Equipment shall be stored in spaces N.I.C. in each phase of work.**

Q47. Who will provide storage for relocated casework, nurse stations and furniture?

**A47. The Contractor shall remove and reinstall all furniture and equipment. Equipment shall be stored in spaces N.I.C. in each phase of work.**

Q48. Are there any other project specific requirements with regards to this area of the hospital?

**A48. This is a mental health unit and contractors must take extreme measure to ensure the safety of both themselves and the patients. No tools shall be left unattended and toolboxes shall be locked.**

Q49. Who will be responsible for disconnecting/reconnecting electrical, data and duress buttons for each nurse station?

**A49. The contractor will be responsible for disconnecting/reconnecting electrical. They shall coordinate with the VA for the disconnection of the data and duress buttons.**



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Q50. At main entry what minimum distance is required at all times for staff /patient egress?

**A50. Maintain 5'-0" clear min. distance.**

Q51. Is it required to completely remove the existing epoxy quartz floors? Upon review all of the epoxy flooring appeared to be sound and could be prepared by removing topcoats back to quartz. This option would be a big cost savings and inhibit unforeseen work in the substrate. Is this an option if the warranty of 3 years would still apply?

**A51. If sound and clean then no need to completely remove. My concern is that the surface must be degreased and free of bond breakers before any grinding or other prep work is initiated. Grinding or sanding then solvent wiping for a dust free surface is essential. This can then be primed and quartz broadcasted to refusal. This could save a step but really depends on how bad surface is to start. My concern is that some shading(colors from existing floor if drastic difference) may show through.**

Q52. The specification is requesting a quartz broadcast into the primer coat, is this a refusal broadcast, random broadcast or a mistake? If refusal broadcast what suppliers specification is this based on, typical vinyl chip epoxy floors rely on a chemical bond between coats not an inter-coat mechanical bond? Some suppliers request a light broadcast into methyl methacrylate or poly-aspartic primers but typically not epoxy, please clarify.

**A52. When doing a Quartz floor you must always broadcast to refusal. Broadcasting into the primer is acceptable if you are going over previously sealed floor. Broadcasting into the primer when going over a bare concrete surface can lead to pinholes.**

Q53. Regarding RF-1, RF-2, RF-3: Sheet6 AE601 lists RF-1, RF-2 as sheet goods and RF-3 as 2x2 Tile. According to the floor pattern (see "Attachment A" PDF attached to email), there are 2x2 accents in the lobby of RF-2 (sheet goods) and RF-3 (tile), in rows, separated by 2 foot rows of RF-1 (sheet goods). All the material needs to be 2x2 tile for this pattern to work. The sheet goods cannot be cut in the field as precisely as the manufacturer can cut it. The result will be irregularities where all materials meet. Is it appropriate to use the 2x2 tile as described above in question?

**A53. See attached drawing for clarification. As indicated, sheet floor shall be used from the unit entry up to the multi-colored flooring area. At this point 2x2 flooring shall used.**

Q54. VPF-1 & VPF-2: Need manufacturer, style, and pattern. Shaw rep was sent pictures of existing floor in elevator lobby and did not recognize it as a Shaw product.

**A54. Contractor shall provide samples for approval.**



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Q55. Sheet AD101 Demo Floor Plan: Demo Sheet Notes #5 indicates demo green VCT border at every threshold. There are no #5 designations on the floor plan. Also, it was observed at the job walk that the green border at the thresholds extended into the room approximately 4-6 inches from the door hang. If this material is to be demo'd, will the new corridor material extend into the room far as the green VCT did? If it is the intent that the green VCT be replaced with the same color VCT as in the room then the manufacturer, style, and color is needed.

**A55. The new Corridor material will extend into the room where the green VCT was existing.**

Q56. Is Restroom No. 106 supposed to be included in plans? If so, please indicate Floor and Base to be used. There is no indication in the Room Finish Schedule shown on AE601 6 of 6.

**A56. Yes, Restroom 106 is in the contract. Refer to addendum drawings for finish materials.**

Q57. Is Shower A No. 105 supposed to be included in plans? If so, please indicate Floor and Base to be used. There is no indication in the Room Finish Schedule shown on AE601 6 of 6.

**A57. Shower A No. 105 is Not in Contract.**

Q58. Please provide a Facility Asbestos report

**A58. Attached**