

CORRECT ELECTRICAL DEFICIENCIES 695-16-117

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1.) Refer to page T-002 and T-005-Room 2438A is identified as receiving a patient lift. The callout references 1/003-004. It should reference 1/T-005. On page T-005, the same room is shown, but the title calls out Room 2446. Which room is correct? Will the ceiling mounted X-Ray equipment referred to in note 3 interfere with the patient lift? If so, who will be responsible to move it?

- Answer 1.1: Callout 1/003-004 on Drawing T-002 is incorrect and should reference 1/T-005. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-002.
- Answer 1.2: The detail referencing room 2446 on Drawing Detail 1/T-005 was changed.
- Answer 1.3: The room shown on Drawing Detail 1/T-005 is incorrect. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-005. See also Amendment 002 revised room location on Drawings T-001, T-002, and T-006.
- Answer 1.4: Note 3 was revised as indicated on Amendment 002 Drawing T-005.

2.) Refer to page T-002 and T-005. The callout references 2/003-004. It should reference 2/T-005.

- Answer 2.1: The question references the wrong drawing. Referring to Drawing T-003, Callout 2/003-004 is incorrect and should reference Drawing Detail 2/T-005. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-003. See also Amendment 002 revised room location on Drawings T-001, T-003, and T-007.

3.) Refer to T-003. There is a callout 3/003-004 shown over an electrical closet. On page T-005, it shown to install a patient lift in this room. The title of this says room 9524. I could not find room 9524 on page T-003. What room is the patient lift supposed to go in?

- Answer 3.1: The question references the wrong drawing. Referring to Drawing T-004, Callout 3/003-004 is incorrect and should reference Drawing Detail 3/T-005.
- Answer 3.2: The Drawing Detail 3/T-005 shows the incorrect room. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-005. See also Amendment 002 revised room location on Drawings T-001, T-004, and T-008.

4.) Refer to T-003. There is a callout 4/003-004 shown over the stairwell. On page T-005, it shown to install a patient lift in this location. The title of this says room 9525. I could not find room 9525 on page T-003. What room is the patient lift supposed to go in?

- Answer 4.1: The question references the wrong drawing. Referring to Drawing T-004, Callout 4/003-004 is incorrect and should reference Drawing Detail 4/T-005.
- Answer 4.2: The Drawing Detail 4/T-005 shows the incorrect room. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-005. See also Amendment 002 revised room locations on Drawings T-001, T-004, and T-008.

5.) Refer to T-003. There is a callout 5/003-004 shown over room 9635. On page T-005, it shown to install a patient lift in this location. The title of this says room 9542. What room is the patient lift supposed to go in?

- Answer 5.1: The question references the wrong drawing. Referring to Drawing T-004, Callout 5/003-004 is incorrect and should reference Drawing Detail 5/T-005.
- Answer 5.2: The Drawing Detail 5/T-005 shows the incorrect room. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-005. See also Amendment 002 revised room locations on Drawings T-001, T-004, and T-008.

6.) In room 9635, there are two existing TV's mounted from the deck in the center of the room that are supposed to be relocated. Is there any electrical or Coax that needs to be removed at the old TV location or added for the new TV location? Will the TV be mounted on a bracket provided by the VA? All appropriate backing by Contractor?

- Answer 6.1: The Drawing Detail 5/T-005 shows the incorrect room, but the detail name was correct. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-005.
- Answer 6.2: Ceiling-mounted TVs in room are powered and have cable. Ceiling lift contractor visited site during Q&A period to verify conditions. Note 4 and other notes were revised to clarify contract requirements for ceiling lift contractor versus other contractors. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-005, notes.
- Answer 6.3: Note 1 was clarified. See Amendment 002 Drawing T-005.

7.) The patient lifts often require electrical for the charging station. Do you need electrical added in any locations?

- Answer 7.1: Yes. Refer to notes on Drawing T-005.

8.) Are there any other obstructions (items that are not flush with the ceiling tile such as sprinkler heads, occupancy sensors, smoke detectors, etc.) or any other items that need to be relocated in the ceiling of any of the rooms in order to install the lifts and operate the gantry (lights, diffusers, curtain tracks, etc.)?

- Answer 8.1: Yes. Refer to notes on Drawing T-005. Existing curtain track, ceiling lifts, require no modification.

9.) This project, released and identified under NAICS code 238210, Electrical Contractors, per the Federal website www.census.gov/cgi-bin/sssd/naics/naicsrch, identifies this as business entities primarily engaged in installing and servicing electrical wiring and equipment. Additionally VA Directive 1028, Electrical Power Systems, places the responsibility upon the local VISN to ensure that only "Qualified" electrical contracting personnel are authorized to execute any design, installation, operation, testing or maintenance of the VA Electrical Power Distribution System.

Page 3 of the solicitation, under "Subtask 003", clearly indicates that "All design and installation will be in accordance with current VAMA, HVAC design guides, NEC, NFPA, ASHRAE 90.1, state, local, and all VA and federal codes".

OSHA Federal standards for Construction CFR 1926, NFPA 72e, VHA Directive 1028, and Wisconsin state and local codes require that any and all electrical contracting personnel be

credentialed "qualified" personnel. Veterans Health Administration Directive 2012-030, defines "Licensure" (or "Credentialing") as the official, or legal permission to practice in an occupation, as evidenced by documentation issued by a state, Territory, Commonwealth....in the form of a license or registration. Credentialing is the only form of measuring and identifying a "qualified" contractor within the specialty trade industry to insure the systematic process of screening, evaluating qualifications and other credentials, including licensure, registration, certification, required education, relevant training and experience, and current competence.

What "standard" will the VA use to ensure that the Prime Contractor awarded this project is a "Qualified" Electrical Contractor?

- Answer 9: In accordance with VA rules and procedures, the specifications for this solicitation state that only "qualified" persons may perform electrical work under this contract and that they must be "licensed journeyman or master electricians." "Qualified" is defined in the specifications as "one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training and experience, has successfully demonstrated his ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project." In addition, the specifications state that the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, criteria, rules and regulations. This would include any federal, state, or local requirements for certification or licensure.

Before awarding a contract, the contracting officer must determine and substantiate that the apparent low bidder is "responsible." (FAR 9.103 and 9.104) This includes a determination that the apparent low bidder has the resources (qualified personnel, equipment, finances, etc....) to perform the contract.

10.) The table of contents lists sections 01 91 00- General Commissioning Requirements, and 02 41 00 – Demolition, which appear to be missing. Are these sections supposed to be omitted? Or will they be issued?

- Answer 10.1: The Specifications Table of Contents was modified in Amendment 002 to delete reference to section 01 19 00.
- Answer 10.2: It was not intended that Specifications Section 02 41 00 – Demolition, be omitted. It is included in Amendment 002.