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PROJECT 2B Project 657-13-300JC

Questions / responses to Bid Questions:

1. What type of contractors can bid this project?
 - a. VA RESPONSE: SDVOSB
2. What are the ceiling deck heights for the areas in this project
 - a. FOX RESPONSE: See RCP for information on Ceiling heights
3. Can a dumpster chute be placed outside the project area?
 - a. VA RESPONSE: This is described by paragraph 1.3.D. of spec 02 41 00 Demolition in both the Phase 2B and Phase 3 specification sets. However, the VA now wishes to delete this paragraph from both spec sections. An outdoor trash chute will not be allowed on this project. Revised Demolition Specs are provided with the amendment.
4. Do contractors still have to share a dumpster at the dock
 - a. VA RESPONSE: Yes. This is included with the additional General Notes issued with the Amendment.
5. Is the mezzanine work only required in the 5th floor mechanical room
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Yes, the mezzanine work occurs above the 5th floor mechanical room. Refer to Sheet 1-2B-A-106 for general work and associated Amendment 003 revisions.
6. What air handlers get removed and installed?
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: No air handlers get removed in Phase 3. XAC-7 is removed in Phase 2A. AC-53 is installed in Phase 3.
7. Are there roof warranties in place for the roofs to be worked on and if so who are they with?
 - a. FOX RESPONSE: See general not on Keyed notes in any drawings showing the roof. (Sheet 1-2B-AD-103)



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8. What are the LD's
- VA RESPONSE: Unknown – what is this pertaining to?
9. In the drawings on page 28 Drawing# 1-2B-A-200 and Page 29, elevation 2-B-A-201 (Phase 2) we would like to make an alternate suggestion to the VA. In place of the outlets in the wall, we would like propose a single tier recessed silhouette headwall. This will save installation cost, decrease construction time, and it gives the end user flexibility in attaching equipment to the equip rail that is incorporated in the headwall. The headwall comes pre-piped and prewired to the above ceiling line. I have attached some literature for the Silhouette. (We also provide the gas outlets, but we feel the headwall is a better more cost effective solution).
- VA RESPONSE: The design as shown on the drawings shall remain. The alternate for a headwall unit will not be accepted.
10. Existing HVAC DDC Controls: Project phasing and implementation will require disconnection and reconnection of various existing Automated Logic Controllers (ALC) and control panels. The existing ALC controls are for equipment that is not being changed in this project, but existing wiring and raceways will need to modified due to demo for this project. Is 23 09 23 contractor required to field verify and provide all wiring relocations, ALC start-up, check out verification for existing ALC controls as part of this project?
- SSC RESPONSE: Yes. See Amendment A00003 narrative and associated documents.
11. Specification 23 09 25 Section 2:10 E: Current requirement is for all Pressure independent valves to be provided with temperature sensors and flow meters. Is it permissible to use the specified control valves on AHUs and large valves (over 2") while providing terminal unit pressure independent valves utilizing an electronic flow meter without temperature sensors? Can 23 09 23 Section 2:10 E Part 6 be deleted for terminal units or valves under 2"?
- SSC RESPONSE: Yes and Yes. See Amendment A00003 narrative and associated documents.
12. Specification 23 09 25 Section 2.11: Can fan inlet air flow sensors be used in place of duct mounted air flow sensors?
- SSC RESPONSE: Yes. See Amendment A00003 narrative and associated documents.
13. Drawing 1-2B-AD-101A Room C426 Female lockers have dashed lines. Are these items to be removed by GC? Are these lockers only?
- FOX RESPONSE: These items are to be removed by the GC.
14. Drawing 1-2B-AD-101A Room 428 Housekeeping. Is this a mop sink? Is it to be removed by GC?
- FOX RESPONSE: It is mop sink and it to be removed by the GC.



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15. There is a spec section 042000 Unit Masonry. Is the masonry required for this job?
 - a. FOX RESPONSE: There is masonry unit infill in the Phase 3 project and the spec section is in this project because there may potential Unit Masonry repair if damaged Unit masonry is uncovered when you proceed with the louver work on sheet 1-2B-A-300
16. Spec section 051200, 1.3A calls for AISC Certification for steel fabrication. Can this requirement be waived for more competitive pricing?
 - a. FOX RESPONSE: No this may not be waived. Confirm with VA COR
17. Does the contractor pay for the testing?
 - a. FOX RESPONSE: Contractor is responsible for testing
18. Sheet 2B-S-101 5th flr plan shows 1 new opening in the floor slab requiring a frame/brace. Sheet M-105 shows 2 new openings in the slab. Please clarify.
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: The 2nd opening shown in sheet M105 goes up through the 6th floor. There is only 1 penetration down through the 5th floor slab in this location.
19. Sheet 2B-S-101 5th flr plan shows 1 new opening in the concrete wall requiring a frame/brace. Sheet M-105 shows none. Please clarify.
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: The 5th flr structural plan shows the concrete wall opening for a 4th floor duct penetration.
20. Sheet 2B-S-101: 7th floor plan shows 1 new opening in the **concrete wall** requiring a frame/brace. Sheets AD-104 and A-107 both show 2 new wall openings. Please clarify.
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Contractor shall include only 1 opening as shown on structural drawings.
21. Sheet 2B-S-101: 7th flr plan shows 3 new opening in the floor slab requiring a frame/brace. Sheets AD-104, A-107, and M-105 show 2 new slab openings. Please clarify.
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Third opening on Structural drawings is shown for clarity only. 2 new holes require slab cutting.
22. Sheet 2B-A-107 Keyed Note #6 shows 3 new openings in the **concrete roof deck**. Sheet AD-104 only shows 1 opening. Please clarify.
 - a. FOX RESPONSE: There is masonry unit infill in the Phase 3 project and the spec section is in this project because there may potential Unit Masonry repair if damaged Unit masonry is uncovered when you proceed with the louver work on sheet 1-2B-A-300



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23. 1-2B-E-603 - Keyed Note #3 refers to armored fiber optic trunk lines but the specification does not identify further. Please clarify if it is multi-mode or single-mode and how many strands are needed in the cables. Also needing to know if it is just (1) Cable per Keyed Note #3 or if it is multiple each.
- a. SSC RESPONSE: The trunk line indicated by keyed note 3 shall include: 24-Strand OM3 50/125, 12-Strand OM1 MM 62.5/125 and 12-Strand OS2 SM. Cable shall be hybrid armored cable equal to Berk-Tek Armor-Tek PDPK. Refer to addendum #3 for revised Sheet 1-2B-E-603.
24. Please clarify description – Window film used at windows that will be covered up
- a. FOX RESPONSE: Where is this referenced? Need more clarification
25. Please clarify description – Entire glass panel to be frosted film with VA logo cut out
- a. FOX RESPONSE: See Drawing 3/1-2B-A-600. Glass panel to have film and VA logo and text, as shown to be removed from the film.

PROJECT 3

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26. Is the VA providing all medical booms, nitrogen panels and other medical equipment? It doesn't say on the equipment drawing 1-3-A-601 and there are no references for them in the specifications
- a. FOX RESPONSE: Refer to MEPFP drawings for information regarding this information.
27. 1-3-AD-101 Note 30 is shown on drawing, but not in keyed notes, what is Note 30?
- a. FOX RESPONSE: Note 30 is referencing the removal of the interior facing GYP board as shown in drawing. Leave remaining stud and lead lining in place. Reference drawing and partition type 3 for more information.
28. 1-3-GC-101 Keyed note 1 is not shown on the drawings.
- a. SSC RESPONSE: Keyed note #1 shall read, "Existing construction barrier to remain." Keyed note #1 shall point to the existing construction barrier at column line 8 and column line 9.
29. 1-3-S-101 Is fireproofing required for new steel for Phase 3
- a. SSC RESPONSE: Any structural steel used for reinforcing the structure of the building to support new loads requires fire proofing. Any steel that solely supports medical equipment or ceilings is not expected to require fire proofing. Fox to confirm.



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30. Occupancy Sensor shown in operating room control detail, Drawing 1-3-M-504, but no shown on points list. Please clarify sequence of operation for occupancy sensors.
- SSC RESPONSE: See Amendment A00003 narrative and associated documents.
31. On the structural drawings, it states that the integrated ceiling system is an alternate, but there is no alternate listed in the RFP for this work, but on the Mechanical drawings it is noted as if it is part of the base contract, but it states that the system is by others. Should this be included in the base bid or is there a new bid form/scope going to be released in an addendum?
- SSC RESPONSE: Alternate verbiage has been removed. Refer to addendum #3 revised structural drawings.
32. Is the VA providing all medical booms, nitrogen panels and other medical equipment? It doesn't say on the equipment drawing 1-3-A-601 and there are no references for them in the specifications
- VA RESPONSE: It will be the contractor's responsibility.
 - SSC RESPONSE: The nitrogen control panel will be provided and installed by the medical gas contractor. See addendum #3 narrative
33. There are two details (13 and 28 on 1-3-S-501) that we can't find what equipment is supposed to be supported by those, unless it is the integrated ceiling system, which on the HVAC drawing 1-3-M-101, is called out by others (the VA)?
- SSC RESPONSE: It is supporting the integrated ceiling system and the Medical imaging equipment and its accessories. The integrated ceiling system is to be provided and installed under Division 23.
34. Under alternate #2, rooms D402 and D408 shall be left as shell spaces with HVAC stubbed through the walls. Should we still provide medical gas/vacuum services to these rooms, or just leave the zone control box in the hallway?
- SSC RESPONSE: Stub medical gas/vacuum piping into shell space and cap.
35. What is the period of performance for Phase 2A? The medical gas/vacuum piping for phase 3 is served by 2A medical gas piping, which per notes is supposed to be concurrently construction with phase 3.
- VA RESPONSE: The period of performance of Phase 2A has not yet been determined. The contractor shall assume that the two projects will be progressing concurrently.
36. Per Plan F101, Note 3 – It states "to PROVIDE NEW SPRINKLER HEADS, BRANCH LINE AND SUPPLY MAINS". However, on this page, we cannot seem to locate where these would be and their associated quantities. Is all new installation requirements on plan F102? Please advise?
- SSC RESPONSE: New sprinkler locations, coordinated with the RCP, are shown on sheet FP101. Sheets FP102 and FP103 show the scope of work areas. The new piping and sprinkler locations shall be determined by the design-build contractor. New sprinkler locations and pipe routing shall be coordinated with the new ductwork installation with regards to obstructions and sprinklers that may be



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required under new ductwork. New piping and sprinkler head quantities will be determined by providing a code compliant design for a fully sprinklered building in the areas indicated.

37. On sheet 3-S-101, you provide us with new SLAB penetration Keyed Notes #2, #4, & #6 yet those notes are not found on the drawings. Do these key notes occur on the drawings?
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: These keynotes do not occur on the sheet.
38. On sheet 3-S-101, you provide us with new WALL penetration Keyed Note #8, yet that note is not found on the drawings. Is this keynote not used?
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: This keynote does not occur on the sheet.
39. Question about Spec Section 233700.2.3.A.1-2.
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Yes – Supply air outlets installed in operating rooms shall be stainless steel.
40. Question about Spec Section 233700.2.3.C.2.B
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Aluminum finish and pressure plate reference will be removed. See addendum #3 narrative.
41. Question about Spec Section 233713.2.1.A.1
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Aluminum tee and angle frame suspension system is acceptable.
42. Question about Spec Section 233713-2.1.B.1
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Aluminum tee and angle frame suspension system is acceptable.
43. Question on scope – 233713.1.7.C.4 Confirm Structural Calcs by others
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: No. Structural calculations for the design of the integrated ceiling system structure are required to be signed/sealed by a Registered Professional Engineer and submitted for review. Typically the subcontractor retains a 3rd party Structural Engineer to design the system if they are not capable of engineering the system themselves.
44. Question on scope - 233713.1.7.D. What type of certification / test results are required and by whom?
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Those tests indicated in 233713.1.7.D.2 shall be completed by a 3rd party testing agency as part of the installing contractor's scope of work.
45. Final clarification on 233713.2.1.B.4 – What model of ceiling level unistrut is selected for the imaging equipment?
 - a. SSC RESPONSE: Typically we have seen P1000 and P1001; however, the Structural Engineer is responsible for calling out the size.



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46. On the cover sheet of the drawings it states that the contractor shall expect 2 emergency surgeries per month. Will the contractor be compensated for stoppages in excess of those two four hour stoppages per month if they occur?
- a. VA RESPONSE: The contractor may submit a Request for Equitable Adjustment (REA) to the Contracting Officer for stoppages beyond those mentioned on the drawings. The VA will review for validity and compensate when justified.
47. For all the work that has to be coordinated with the other project can the schedule for the other project be provided?
- a. VA RESPONSE: The schedule for the other project has not yet been finalized. The contractor shall assume it will run concurrently with this project.