

Q&A FOR SOLICITATION VA256-16-R-0714

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Q1. Is the inspection of for Fire-Smoke rated doors, walls/partitions and barriers related to Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) inspection?

A: Yes

Q2. Is there any construction oversight, observation of on-going construction required under this solicitation?

A: No, contractor will be responsible for inspecting newly constructed fire walls once completed, during the annual inspection.

Q3. What is the period of performance (duration) in calendar days for this assignment? Is it subject to successful and/or timely execution of any construction contract at the facility? What is anticipated start date; i.e. notice to proceed?

A: See the solicitation for this information

Q4. Is there any project necessity or facility requirement that can result in need to perform inspections at multiple locations at the same time?

A: No.

Q5. Is contractor responsible for inspection and observation of areas connecting to Fire/Smoke Doors that is not in plain view or concealed above ceilings or parapets?

A: Yes.

Q6. Can contractor submit invoices monthly and expect the government to make payment to contractor monthly via electronic funds transfer?

A: This inspection should be completed within 30 days. Once the inspection is completed, the government appointed personnel received all required reports and after submitted invoices review for acceptance, payment will be issued.

Q7. Is it Customer's intent to request contractor prepare a separate Report, specifically regarding the nature of deficiency or lack thereof for each and every individual door and a separate report related to attached fire rated wall, smoke barrier wall, smoke partition ceiling, fire rated ceiling, including above ceiling conditions not visible without ceiling access?

A: Yes.

Q8. Will the Customer designate acceptable online Reporting software(s) suitable for use for this assignment?

A: No

Q9. Some areas will have structural evaluation as factors. Will Customer accept Professional Engineer qualification as acceptable in lieu of similar or comparable forms of certification for Inspector qualifications, including International Fire Door Inspectors Association (IFDIA)?

A: See Solicitation Attachment S- the SOO Section for this information

Q10. Door Inspectors must be certified by the International Fire Door Inspectors Association (IFDIA)

Instead of being certified by the IFDIA, can the individual doing the fire inspections be a fire protection

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engineer with over 5 years' experience?

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Q11. Is there a page number limitation and suggested format for response to this solicitation?

A: See Section E.1 of the Attachment S

Q12. Is there any online directions/instructions describing what should/should not be included in a response of this type to Customer?

A: No

Q13. Does the facility have interstitial floors and if so how many. Are any locations inaccessible which would require inspection, if so, approximately how many locations?

A: No.

Q14. Is the intent of Customer to require Contractor to verify the operation of the associated fire dampers? If fire dampers require verification of curtain operation, smoke dampers, smoke/fire dampers who will perform this? If so who will be available to drive these dampers open & close at the time of inspection? What if some of these areas are not accessible?

A: The onsite COR will be available

Q15. What is the degree of difficulty gaining access to, number of penetrations, number of sides accessible and/or applicable? Fire/smoke walls should be done on a linear ft., # of penetrations basis. Will Contractor be required to inspect 2-sides of wall surfaces?

A: There is very little difficulties with access, other than some areas where pipes and ducts may run, contractor are to inspect both sides of wall surfaces.

Q16. Will a 12 foot ladder be sufficient to inspect above ceilings, if not, will a scissor lift be allowable in building locations, as necessary?

A: A 12 ft ladder may be too tall for parts of the medical center. No lift will be needed.

Q17. Is the Contractor responsible for ceiling tile removal and reinstallation and any damaged or broken ceiling tile? If so, what type ceiling tiles and do they need to match existing products?

A: See Attachment S under General Requirement for this information

Q18. What would be the working hours? Is there any work that may have to be performed after hours when building is unoccupied?

A: 8:00 to 4:30 Mon - Fri

Q19. Is it possible to obtain a full and complete set of drawings to review, to include RCPs for heights?

A: See Attachment S for this information under Site Visit & Drawings.

Q20. Can you provide a set of life safety drawings?

A: See Attachment S for this information under Site Visit & Drawings.

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Q21. Are there any existing drawings showing code footprints/study available for the proposing team to use showing fire/smoke ratings of walls, doors, shaft enclosures, etc. and damper locations?

A: See Attachment S for this information under Site Visit & Drawings.

Q22. Are there any existing drawings showing code footprints/study available for the proposing team to use? Are there "As-Built" drawings available for the hospital campus?

A: See Attachment S for this information under Site Visit & Drawings.

Q23. Is an emailed copy of our solicitation response acceptable?

A: Yes-however see Section E.1 of the Attachment S for detail requirements

Q24. Field Conditions dictate the UL Design to be installed. The UL Design to be installed dictates the material to be used. Therefore all field conditions may not be able to correct with the use of one single product, as systems carry ratings, not products. Please confirm that product usage can be determined based on field conditions/deficiencies found.

A: Yes

Q25. Are there any previous life safety assessment/inspection reports that can be shared with the inspection team showing past deficiencies?

A: No

Q26. Is it possible to have access to the hospital over weekend and beyond normal working hours 6. (8am -5pm, Monday thru Friday)?

A: Yes but only at the approval of the COR.

Q27. What is the protocol to follow to have multiple inspection teams walking through the facility? Is there master key issued to team or the hospital staff escorts the inspection team for the walk-through?

A: Escorts

Q28. Is the walk-through to be limited to certain time and schedule during this inspection process?

A: See Attachment S for this information under Site Visit & Drawings.