

MAY 2016 CONSOLIDATION – VENDOR Q&A SET #3

Q1: In regard to the multi-unit requirements, will NAC issue one delivery order for all the units, or multiple delivery orders? Because of the contractual payment terms, if all 33 ultrasounds for 629-B60007 are on one order then all of the systems would have to be delivered together to receive the 80% payment and request inspection.

A1: **Yes, the NAC will be issuing one order per PO. All items on each order must be delivered for 80% payment.**

Q2: VAMC Portland has benchmarked multiple equipment systems, each with specifications for a section/portion of a modular building. The customer has stated that he will use separate funds to hire a contractor to connect all the modules/portions. This piecemeal approach to creating a single building is highly unusual and carries a lot of risk. If multiple vendors are selected on the correct basis of best-value equipment, this turnkey approach would lead to many potential issues about who is responsible if things go wrong. For example, what happens when the roof leaks between modules, or the VAMC can't tell where the leak is coming from? What happens if an electrical circuit goes bad and the VAMC doesn't know where the power line has an issue? What happens if the fire alarm system doesn't operate as planned but they don't know why? Please clarify how VA would determine the responsible contractor in such circumstances. Furthermore, the specifications do not match what the customer is telling us to quote. The specifications call for portions of a building but the VAMC is saying they really want vendors to quote turnkey for each system. This is sufficiently confusing that I request a clarification of the customer's requirement (both re turnkey within room vs. portions of a building) and an extension to the offer due date to allow adequate time for proper quoting.

A2: **For requirements 648-B51010, 648-B51013, 648-B51014, 648-B51017, and 648-B51020 vendors should quote EQUIPMENT ONLY. Modular buildings will be purchased after award as turnkey and each modular building will be purchased as a stand-alone unit, NOT to be connected with other units. No extension is granted.**