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RE: Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
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Addendum No. 1  
VA Project Number: 552-15-103  
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Dear Mr. Micu,

Please issue the following items as Addendum No. 1 for the above referenced project. The following revisions to the bid documents for the above referenced project address questions/comments received by the VA beginning from the pre-bid walkthrough, dated July 7<sup>th</sup> 2016, through Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

**Description:**

- Item No. 1     SPECIFICATION SECTION 00 01 10  
Remove Specification section originally issued, and replace with specification section 00 01 10 issued with Addendum No. 1 attached herewith.
- Item No. 2     SPECIFICATION SECTION 22 11 00  
Add Specification Section 22 11 00 Facility Water Distribution to the Project Manual issued 06/17/2016, issued with Addendum No.1, attached herewith.
- Item No. 3     Questions & Answers  
Insert pages 1-3 of document Questions & Answers to Division 00 issued with Addendum No 1 and attached herewith.

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PROJECT MANUAL – 8.5" X 11"

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Questions & Answers

Sincerely,

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**SECTION 22 11 00**  
**FACILITY WATER DISTRIBUTION**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

- A. Domestic water systems, including piping, equipment and all necessary accessories as designated in this section.
- B. A complete listing of all acronyms and abbreviations are included in Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 01 00 00, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- B. Section 22 05 11, COMMON WORK RESULTS FOR PLUMBING.
- C. Section 22 07 11, PLUMBING INSULATION.
- D. SECTION 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

**1.3 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referenced in the text by the basic designation only.
- B. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME):
  - A13.1-2007 (R2013).....Scheme for Identification of Piping Systems
  - B16.3-2011.....Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings: Classes 150 and 300
  - B16.9-2012.....Factory-Made Wrought Buttwelding Fittings
  - B16.11-2011.....Forged Fittings, Socket-Welding and Threaded
  - B16.12-2009 (R2014).....Cast Iron Threaded Drainage Fittings
  - B16.15-2013 .....Cast Copper Alloy Threaded Fittings: Classes 125 and 250
  - B16.18-2012.....Cast Copper Alloy Solder Joint Pressure Fittings
  - B16.22-2013.....Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder-Joint Pressure Fittings
  - B16.24-2011.....Cast Copper Alloy Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings: Classes 150, 300, 600, 900, 1500, and 2500
  - B16.51-2013.....Copper and Copper Alloy Press-Connect Fittings
  - ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code -
  - BPVC Section IX-2015....Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Qualifications

C. American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE):

1010-2004.....Performance Requirements for Water Hammer  
Arresters

D. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

A47/A47M-1999 (R2014)...Standard Specification for Ferritic Malleable  
Iron Castings

A53/A53M-2012.....Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black  
and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and  
Seamless

A183-2014.....Standard Specification for Carbon Steel Track  
Bolts and Nuts

A269/A269M-2014e1.....Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded  
Austenitic Stainless Steel Tubing for General  
Service

A312/A312M-2015.....Standard Specification for Seamless, Welded,  
and Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless  
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A403/A403M-2014.....Standard Specification for Wrought Austenitic  
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A536-1984 (R2014).....Standard Specification for Ductile Iron  
Castings

A733-2013.....Standard Specification for Welded and Seamless  
Carbon Steel and Austenitic Stainless Steel  
Pipe Nipples

B32-2008 (R2014).....Standard Specification for Solder Metal

B43-2014.....Standard Specification for Seamless Red Brass  
Pipe, Standard Sizes

B61-2008 (R2013).....Standard Specification for Steam or Valve  
Bronze Castings

B62-2009.....Standard Specification for Composition Bronze  
or Ounce Metal Castings

B75/B75M-2011.....Standard Specification for Seamless Copper Tube

B88-2014.....Standard Specification for Seamless Copper  
Water Tube

B584-2014.....Standard Specification for Copper Alloy Sand  
Castings for General Applications

B687-1999 (R2011).....Standard Specification for Brass, Copper, and  
Chromium-Plated Pipe Nipples

- C919-2012.....Standard Practice for Use of Sealants in  
Acoustical Applications
- D1785-2012.....Standard Specification for Poly (Vinyl  
Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe, Schedules 40, 80,  
and 120
- D2000-2012.....Standard Classification System for Rubber  
Products in Automotive Applications
- D2564-2012.....Standard Specification for Solvent Cements for  
Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Piping  
Systems
- D2657-2007.....Standard Practice for Heat Fusion Joining of  
Polyolefin Pipe and Fittings
- D2855-1996 (R2010).....Standard Practice for Making Solvent-Cemented  
Joints with Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pipe  
and Fittings
- D4101-2014.....Standard Specification for Polypropylene  
Injection and Extrusion Materials
- E1120-2008.....Standard Specification for Liquid Chlorine
- E1229-2008.....Standard Specification for Calcium Hypochlorite
- F2389-2010.....Standard Specification for Pressure-rated  
Polypropylene (PP) Piping Systems
- F2620-2013.....Standard Practice for Heat Fusion Joining of  
Polyethylene Pipe and Fittings
- F2769-2014.....Standard Specification for Polyethylene of  
Raised Temperature (PE-RT) Plastic Hot and  
Cold-Water Tubing and Distribution Systems
- E. American Water Works Association (AWWA):
- C110-2012.....Ductile-Iron and Gray-Iron Fittings
- C151-2009.....Ductile Iron Pipe, Centrifugally Cast
- C153-2011.....Ductile-Iron Compact Fittings
- C203-2008.....Coal-Tar Protective Coatings and Linings for  
Steel Water Pipelines - Enamel and Tape - Hot  
Applied
- C213-2007.....Fusion-Bonded Epoxy Coating for the Interior  
and Exterior of Steel Water Pipelines
- C651-2014.....Disinfecting Water Mains

- F. American Welding Society (AWS):  
A5.8M/A5.8-2011-AMD1....Specification for Filler Metals for Brazing and  
Braze Welding
- G. International Code Council (ICC):  
IPC-2012.....International Plumbing Code
- H. Manufacturers Specification Society (MSS):  
SP-58-2009.....Pipe Hangers and Supports - Materials, Design,  
Manufacture, Selection, Application, and  
Installation  
SP-72-2010a.....Ball Valves with Flanged or Butt-Welding Ends  
for General Service  
SP-110-2010.....Ball Valves Threaded, Socket-Welding, Solder  
Joint, Grooved and Flared Ends
- I. NSF International (NSF):  
14-2015.....Plastics Piping System Components and Related  
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61-2014a.....Drinking Water System Components - Health  
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372-2011.....Drinking Water System Components - Lead Content
- J. Plumbing and Drainage Institute (PDI):  
PDI-WH 201-2010.....Water Hammer Arrestors
- K. Department of Veterans Affairs:  
H-18-8-2013.....Seismic Design Handbook

#### 1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submittals, including number of required copies, shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Information and material submitted under this section shall be marked "SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 22 11 00, FACILITY WATER DISTRIBUTIONS", with applicable paragraph identification.
- C. Manufacturer's Literature and Data including: Full item description and optional features and accessories. Include dimensions, weights, materials, applications, standard compliance, model numbers, size, and capacity.  
1. All items listed in Part 2 - Products.
- D. Complete operating and maintenance manuals including wiring diagrams, technical data sheets and information for ordering replacement parts:



1. Include complete list indicating all components of the systems.
  2. Include complete diagrams of the internal wiring for each item of equipment.
  3. Diagrams shall have their terminals identified to facilitate installation, operation and maintenance.
- E. Completed System Readiness Checklist provided by the CxA and completed by the Contractor, signed by a qualified technician and dated on the date of completion, in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.
- F. Submit training plans and instructor qualifications in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

#### **1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. A certificate shall be submitted prior to welding of steel piping showing the Welder's certification. The certificate shall be current and no more than one year old. Welder's qualifications shall be in accordance with ASME BPVC Section IX.
- B. All grooved joint couplings, fittings, valves, and specialties shall be the products of a single manufacturer. Grooving tools shall be by the same manufacturer as the groove components.
- C. All pipe, couplings, fittings, and specialties shall bear the identification of the manufacturer and any markings required by the applicable referenced standards.

#### **1.6 SPARE PARTS**

- A. For mechanical press-connect fittings, provide tools required for each pipe size used at the facility.

#### **1.7 AS-BUILT DOCUMENTATION**

- A. Submit manufacturer's literature and data updated to include submittal review comments and any equipment substitutions.
- B. Submit operation and maintenance data updated to include submittal review comments, substitutions and construction revisions shall be in electronic version on compact disc or DVD. All aspects of system operation and maintenance procedures, including piping isometrics, wiring diagrams of all circuits, a written description of system design, control logic, and sequence of operation shall be included in the operation and maintenance manual. The operations and maintenance manual shall include troubleshooting techniques and procedures for emergency situations. Notes on all special systems or devices shall be

included. A list of recommended spare parts (manufacturer, model number, and quantity) shall be furnished. Information explaining any special knowledge or tools the owner will be required to employ shall be inserted into the As-Built documentation.

- C. The installing contractor shall maintain as-built drawings of each completed phase for verification; and, shall provide the complete set at the time of final systems certification testing. As-built drawings are to be provided, and a copy of them in Auto-CAD version 2012 provided on compact disk or DVD. Should the installing contractor engage the testing company to provide as-built or any portion thereof, it shall not be deemed a conflict of interest or breach of the 'third party testing company' requirement.
- D. Certification documentation shall be provided to COR 10 working days prior to submitting the request for final inspection. The documentation shall include all test results, the names of individuals performing work for the testing agency on this project, detailed procedures followed for all tests, and certificate if applicable that all results of tests were within limits specified. If a certificate is not available, all documentation shall be on the Certifier's letterhead.

## **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

### **2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Material or equipment containing a weighted average of greater than 0.25 percent lead are prohibited in any potable water system intended for human consumption, and shall be certified in accordance with NSF 61 or NSF 372. Endpoint devices used to dispense water for drinking shall meet the requirements of NSF 61, Section 9.
- B. Plastic pipe, fittings, and solvent cement shall meet NSF 14 and shall be NSF listed for the service intended.

### **2.2 ABOVE GROUND (INTERIOR) WATER PIPING**

- A. Pipe: Copper tube, ASTM B88, Type K or L, drawn. For pipe 150 mm (6 inches) and larger, stainless steel, ASTM A312, schedule 40 shall be used.
- B. Fittings for Copper Tube:
  - 1. Wrought copper or bronze castings conforming to ASME B16.18 and B16.22. Unions shall be bronze, MSS SP-72, MSS SP-110, solder or braze joints. Use 95/5 tin and antimony for all soldered joints.
  - 2. Grooved fittings, 50 to 150 mm (2 to 6 inch) wrought copper ASTM B75/B75M C12200, 125 to 150 mm (5 to 6 inch) bronze casting ASTM

- B584, C84400. Mechanical grooved couplings, 2070 kpa (300 psig) minimum ductile iron, ASTM A536 Grade 448-310-12 (Grade 65-45-12), or malleable iron, ASTM A47/A47M Grade 22410 (Grade 32510) housing, with EPDM gasket, steel track head bolts, ASTM A183, coated with copper colored alkyd enamel.
3. Mechanical press-connect fittings for copper pipe and tube shall conform to the material and sizing requirements of ASME B16.51, NSF 61 approved, 50 mm (2 inch) size and smaller mechanical press-connect fittings, double pressed type, with EPDM (ethylene propylene diene monomer) non-toxic synthetic rubber sealing elements and un-pressed fitting identification feature.
  4. Mechanically formed tee connection: Form mechanically extracted collars in a continuous operation by drilling pilot hole and drawing out tube surface to form collar, having a height of not less than three times the thickness of tube wall. Adjustable collaring device shall ensure proper tolerance and complete uniformity of the joint. Notch and dimple joining branch tube in a single process to provide free flow where the branch tube penetrates the fitting. Braze joints.
  5. Flanged fittings, bronze, class 150, solder-joint ends conforming to ASME B16.24.
- C. Fittings for Stainless Steel:
1. Stainless steel butt-welded fittings, Type 316, Schedule 10, conforming to ASME B16.9.
  2. Grooved fittings, stainless steel, Type 316, Schedule 40, conforming to ASTM A403/A403M. Segmentally fabricated fittings are not allowed. Mechanical grooved couplings, ductile iron, 4138 kPa (600 psig), ASTM A536 Grade 448-310-12 (Grade 65-45-12), or malleable iron, ASTM A47/A47M Grade 22410 (Grade 32510) housing, with EPDM gasket, steel track head bolts, ASTM A183, coated with copper colored alkyd enamel.
- D. Adapters: Provide adapters for joining pipe or tubing with dissimilar end connections.
- E. Solder: ASTM B32 alloy type Sb5, HA or HB. Provide non-corrosive flux.
- F. Brazing alloy: AWS A5.8M/A5.8, brazing filler metals shall be BCuP series for copper to copper joints and BAg series for copper to steel joints.

### **2.3 EXPOSED WATER PIPING**

- A. Finished Room: Use full iron pipe size chrome plated brass piping for exposed water piping connecting fixtures, casework, cabinets, and equipment unless noted otherwise.
1. Pipe: ASTM B43, standard weight.
  2. Fittings: ASME B16.15 cast bronze threaded fittings with chrome finish.
  3. Nipples: ASTM B687, Chromium-plated.
  4. Unions: MSS SP-72, MSS SP-110, brass or bronze with chrome finish. Unions 65 mm (2-1/2 inches) and larger shall be flange type with approved gaskets.
- B. Unfinished Rooms, Mechanical Rooms and Kitchens: Chrome-plated brass piping is not required. Paint piping systems as specified in Section 09 91 00, PAINTING.

### **2.4 TRAP PRIMER WATER PIPING**

- A. Pipe: Copper tube, ASTM B88, type K, hard drawn.
- B. Fittings: Bronze castings conforming to ASME B16.18 Solder joints.
- C. Solder: ASTM B32 alloy type Sb5. Provide non-corrosive flux.

### **2.5 STRAINERS**

- A. Provide on high pressure side of pressure reducing valves, on suction side of pumps, on inlet side of indicating and control instruments and equipment subject to sediment damage and where shown on drawings. Strainer element shall be removable without disconnection of piping.
- B. Water: Basket or "Y" type with easily removable cover and brass strainer basket.
- C. Body: Less than 75 mm (3 inches), brass or bronze; 75 mm (3 inches) and greater, cast iron or semi-steel.

### **2.6 DIELECTRIC FITTINGS**

- A. Provide dielectric couplings or unions between pipe of dissimilar metals.

### **2.7 STERILIZATION CHEMICALS**

- A. Hypochlorite: ASTM E1120.
- B. Liquid Chlorine: ASTM E1229.

### **2.8 WATER HAMMER ARRESTER**

- A. Closed copper tube chamber with permanently sealed 413 kPa (60 psig) air charge above a Double O-ring piston. Two high heat Buna-N O-rings pressure packed and lubricated with FDA approved silicone compound. All units shall be designed in accordance with ASSE 1010. Access shall be

provided where devices are concealed within partitions or above ceilings. Size and install in accordance with PDI-WH 201 requirements. Provide water hammer arrestors at:

1. All solenoid valves.
2. All groups of two or more flush valves.
3. All quick opening or closing valves.
4. All medical washing equipment.

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

A. General: Comply with the International Plumbing Code and the following:

1. Install branch piping for water from the piping system and connect to all fixtures, valves, cocks, outlets, casework, cabinets and equipment, including those furnished by the Government or specified in other sections.
2. Pipe shall be round and straight. Cutting shall be done with proper tools. Pipe, except for plastic and glass, shall be reamed to remove burrs and a clean smooth finish restored to full pipe inside diameter.
3. All pipe runs shall be laid out to avoid interference with other work/trades.
4. Install union and shut-off valve on pressure piping at connections to equipment.
5. Pipe Hangers, Supports and Accessories:
  - a. All piping shall be supported per the IPC, H-18-8 Seismic Design Handbook, MSS SP-58, and SMACNA as required.
  - b. Shop Painting and Plating: Hangers, supports, rods, inserts and accessories used for pipe supports shall be shop coated with zinc chromate primer paint. Electroplated copper hanger rods, hangers and accessories may be used with copper tubing.
  - c. Floor, Wall and Ceiling Plates, Supports, Hangers:
    - 1) Solid or split un-plated cast iron.
    - 2) All plates shall be provided with set screws.
    - 3) Pipe Hangers: Height adjustable clevis type.
    - 4) Adjustable Floor Rests and Base Flanges: Steel.
    - 5) Concrete Inserts: "Universal" or continuous slotted type.
    - 6) Hanger Rods: Mild, low carbon steel, fully threaded or Threaded at each end with two removable nuts at each end for positioning rod and hanger and locking each in place.

- 7) Pipe Hangers and Riser Clamps: Malleable iron or carbon steel. Pipe Hangers and riser clamps shall have a copper finish when supporting bare copper pipe or tubing.
  - 8) Rollers: Cast iron.
  - 9) Self-drilling type expansion shields shall be "Phillips" type, with case hardened steel expander plugs.
  - 10) Hangers and supports utilized with insulated pipe and tubing shall have 180 degree (minimum) metal protection shield centered on and welded to the hanger and support. The shield thickness and length shall be engineered and sized for distribution of loads to preclude crushing of insulation without breaking the vapor barrier. The shield shall be sized for the insulation and have flared edges to protect vapor-retardant jacket facing. To prevent the shield from sliding out of the clevis hanger during pipe movement, center-ribbed shields shall be used.
  - 11) Miscellaneous Materials: As specified, required, directed or as noted on the drawings for proper installation of hangers, supports and accessories. If the vertical distance exceeds 6.1 m (20 feet) for cast iron pipe additional support shall be provided in the center of that span. Provide all necessary auxiliary steel to provide that support.
  - 12) With the installation of each flexible expansion joint, provide piping restraints for the upstream and downstream section of the piping at the flexible expansion joint. Provide calculations supporting the restraint length design and type of selected restraints. Restraint calculations shall be based on the criteria from the manufacturer regarding their restraint design.
6. Install chrome plated cast brass escutcheon with set screw at each wall, floor and ceiling penetration in exposed finished locations and within cabinets and millwork.
  7. Penetrations:
    - a. Firestopping: Where pipes pass through fire partitions, fire walls, smoke partitions, or floors, install a fire stop that provides an effective barrier against the spread of fire, smoke, and gases as specified in Section 07 84 00, FIRESTOPPING.

Completely fill and seal clearances between raceways and openings with the firestopping materials.

- b. Waterproofing: At floor penetrations, completely seal clearances around the pipe and make watertight with sealant as specified in Section 07 92 00, JOINT SEALANTS. Bio-based materials shall be utilized when possible.
  - c. Acoustical sealant: Where pipes pass through sound rated walls, seal around the pipe penetration with an acoustical sealant that is compliant with ASTM C919.
8. Mechanical press-connect fitting connections shall be made in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. The tubing shall be fully inserted into the fitting and the tubing marked at the shoulder of the fitting. The fitting alignment shall be checked against the mark on the tubing to assure the tubing is fully engaged (inserted) in the fitting. Ensure the tube is completely inserted to the fitting stop (appropriate depth) and squared with the fitting prior to applying the pressing jaws onto the fitting. The joints shall be pressed using the tool(s) approved by the manufacturer. Minimum distance between fittings shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements. When the pressing cycle is complete, visually inspect the joint to ensure the tube has remained fully inserted, as evidenced by the visible insertion mark.
- B. Domestic Water piping shall conform to the following:
- 1. Grade all lines to facilitate drainage. Provide drain valves at bottom of risers and all low points in system. Design domestic hot water circulating lines with no traps.
  - 2. Connect branch lines at bottom of main serving fixtures below and pitch down so that main may be drained through fixture. Connect branch lines to top of main serving only fixtures located on floor above.

### **3.2 TESTS**

- A. General: Test system either in its entirety or in sections. Submit testing plan to COR 10 working days prior to test date.
- B. Potable Water System: Test after installation of piping and domestic water heaters, but before piping is concealed, before covering is applied, and before plumbing fixtures are connected. Fill systems with water and maintain hydrostatic pressure of 1035 kPa (150 psig) gage for two hours. No decrease in pressure is allowed. Provide a pressure gage

with a shutoff and bleeder valve at the highest point of the piping being tested. Pressure gauge shall have 1 psig increments.

- C. All Other Piping Tests: Test new installed piping under 1-1/2 times actual operating conditions and prove tight.
- D. The test pressure shall hold for the minimum time duration required by the applicable plumbing code or authority having jurisdiction.

### **3.3 STERILIZATION**

- A. After tests have been successfully completed, thoroughly flush and sterilize the interior domestic water distribution system in accordance with AWWA C651.
- B. Use liquid chlorine or hypochlorite for sterilization.

### **3.4 COMMISSIONING**

- A. Provide commissioning documentation in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.
- B. Components provided under this section of the specification will be tested as part of a larger system.

### **3.5 DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING**

- A. Provide services of manufacturer's technical representative for eight hours to instruct VA Personnel in operation and maintenance of the system.
- B. Submit training plans and instructor qualifications in accordance with the requirements of Section 22 08 00, COMMISSIONING OF PLUMBING SYSTEMS.

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## Questions & Answers

1. Specs call for a cost loaded schedule. Will the VA waive the cost loaded aspect?  
**Answer:** All project scheduling requirements, including cost loaded schedules, shall be submitted per project specifications.
2. Can the superintendent act as the SSHO? **Answer:** The prime contractor shall designate the Site Safety and Health Officer/s (SSHO) per specification requirements. The prime contractor shall determine whether or not the project superintendent can act as an SSHO based on project Complexity, size, hazards, etc.
3. VHA Directive 1061 has very specific requirements for surveying facilities in support of Legionella Prevention. The solicitation listed above is for a requirement for remediation. Has all the required surveys and dead-leg evaluation already been conducted or are those services also sought? **Answer:** Surveys have been completed.
4. Please identify any “furnished by owner / installed by contractor” items. **Answer:** There are no “furnished by owner/installed by contractor” items.
5. What is the target date for award and project commencement? **Answer:** Target Award date is September 1, 2016. Target Project Commencement (Notice to Proceed) date is October 1, 2016.
6. We do not intend to include in our pricing the services of a PE to stamp official drawings that would need to be submitted and approved by the Ohio EPA prior to installation – can you confirm that this is acceptable? **Answer:** As noted in general note #17 on sheet P0-1, Nalco is responsible for furnishing sealed engineering drawings for their systems and submitting plans to Ohio EPA requirements and also obtaining the necessary permit.
7. Some of the equipment being spec'd requires an annual service component to maintain calibrations and replace reagent solutions. Can you confirm that this is to be integrated into the pricing model for the first year? **Answer:** This is to be included in the bid.
8. Part of our existing presence with the VA Dayton location is to provide a licensed operator to meet Ohio EPA requirements for operation of the secondary disinfection equipment. Is this also to be included in the pricing model to be submitted for the first year? **Answer:** Per solicitation attachment (J&A Sole Source – Nalco) Nalco is to provide this service and should be included in the bid.

9. Specific laboratory testing is also required by the Ohio EPA and is part of what Nalco is providing to the VA Dayton. Is to be included into the pricing model for the first year? [Answer: Response is same as No. 8 above.](#)
10. One of the 2 Envirox systems is currently being installed and the drawing indicates 2 units required. Can you confirm that our pricing should only include a single Envirox unit for a final total of 2 to be located in Building 330? [Answer: In the end, two units are required in building 330.](#)
11. Our intent is to provide you with a per test Legionella test price as the specifications call for testing to be conducted prior to the release of any system to the VA. Our lab can handle this testing; however, would you like to specify the number of tests for us to include or other? [Answer: 30 tests are to be included. There are two per floor in the 330 and 410 buildings and one each in buildings 320A, 320B, 320C, and 320D. See response to question #16 for additional testing requirements.](#)
12. Is there a specification for the water lines? [Answer: Specification section 221100 has been added to the project via an addendum.](#)
13. Spec. section 23 09 23, paragraph 1.1 G states that the VA has a “pre-selected” controls service company that supports the VA BACnet/IP Control System. Paragraph 1.1 G.1 goes on to say the General Contractor shall directly hire the Control System Integrator. Please provide the name and contact information for the “pre-selected” controls service company so Northview can solicit a quote from them for this project. [Answer: The VA no longer has a “pre-selected” controls service company. Prime contractors are not restricted in soliciting bids from controls subcontractors so long as the subcontractor is able to meet contractual requirements, to include satisfactory experience working with BACnet/IP Control Systems.](#)
14. Can the contractor have more than two rooms in the area serving patients if the rooms are open? [Answer: If the rooms are open and the VA staff allows, this will be acceptable.](#)
15. Statement of Bid items page 6, Bid Item 4 states plumbing fixture tag on P4-1. P4-1 shows mechanical room details. Please clarify. [Answer: Plumbing fixture tag is on sheet P4-2.](#)
16. Our interpretation of the specification is that Legionella and THAB tests will per performed:
  - a. After disinfecting equipment is installed and operational.
  - b. At each patient room lavatory, sink and shower immediately after the faucets and valves are replaced in order for those rooms to be placed back in service ASAP two rooms at a time, per drawing notes.

- c. At all other lavatories, sinks, water coolers, and ice machines not in patient rooms at the completion of the project.
- d. Repeated at necessary until results are negative.

Is this correct? [Answer: This is correct.](#)

17. We (MSD) are capable of collecting samples for THAB tests and delivering them to a local lab (Pace) for analysis and reporting. Is this acceptable? [Answer: Yes.](#)

18. Is there information in the “VA Legionella directive” that we need to know? Is there a protocol for re-testing that we should be aware of? Will the VA participate in this? [Answer: The contractor is responsible for testing for THAB and Legionella per specification section 01 00 00-1.8 \(E\). If any of the tests performed show positive, the contractor is responsible for re-sterilizing the affected system in accordance with AWWA C651 and the VA Legionella Directive \(1061.\)](#)