

RFIs for VA257-16-B-1206 Remodel 1st & 2nd Floor Showers and Bathrooms

Q1. **Nurse Call:** Who is the manufacturer of the nurse call system? What is the name of the local vendor that maintains it?

A1. **We maintain the Nurse Call System here and Bio Medical Service is the ones that take care of that. Rauland Borg is the Manufacturer. If it needs to be programed we usually use vendor is Advance Communications & Cabling (AC&C) Ph. #:210-656-6366**

Q2. **Fire Alarm:** Who is the manufacturer of the fire alarm system? What is the name of the local vendor that maintains it?

A2. **We have an FCI System and we usually use FACS out of San Antonio.**

Q3. **Electrical:** Are occupancy sensors required in the bathrooms?

A3. **No, not for this area.**

Q4. **Infection Control:** Are plastic zipper walls an acceptable barrier for outside the bathrooms or will drywall partitions be required with temporary doors?

A4. **An ICRA needs to be completed for the project which will determine the IC class. I think this will be class 3 which will require contractor to perform the following: "Complete all barriers before construction begins. Dust barriers must be constructed of fire rated material from floor to decking at interstitial level. Dust barriers constructed at floor level must have a one hour fire rating." I think the VA is responsible to complete the ICRA Construction Permit, but I am not 100% on the proper procedure from your end.**

Q5. **Infection Control / Plumbing:** In several of the bathrooms, the scope of work calls for moving the shower/tub drains in the floor. This will require work to be performed on the floor below. What is below each of the bathrooms? Please provide additional detail.

A5. **There will be other bathrooms and maybe a storage that will be under the bathrooms you will be working on.**

Q6. **Infection Control / Plumbing:** In several of the bathrooms, the scope of work calls for moving the shower/tub drains in the floor. This will require work to be performed on the floor below. What type of ceiling is in the room below? Please provide additional detail.

A6. **There is drop ceiling in these areas. The areas that has hard ceiling can either be accesses through an access door or through drop ceiling going up to the hard ceiling area.**

Q7. Infection Control / Plumbing: In several of the bathrooms, the scope of work calls for moving the shower/tub drains in the floor. This will require work to be performed on the floor below. Is infection control required on the floor below? If so, can a portable containment cart be used for above ceiling access?

A7. If you can get a portable containment cart in these areas, yes they can be used.

Q8. HVAC: One of the bathrooms (1B-136A) appears to have had the HVAC upgraded. Is any HVAC work required in this bathroom? Are the other rooms as planned in the bid documents?

A8. Coordinate ceiling devices specified in the HVAC Phase II Project, with new gypsum ceiling specified in this scope of work and provide access panels where needed. Coordinate location of access panels with equipment layout in the HVAC Phase II Project. This area must be returned to existing locations and HVAC condition upon completion of this area. Yes all other areas are as planned in the bid documents.

Q9. Room 2B-114A: We were informed that this room already has had the shower installed. Can this be confirmed that this is not in the scope of work?

A9. No, there is a tub in this room and will need to be removed.

Q10. Site Visit: Can a copy of the sign in sheet be posted?

A10. The sign in sheet will be posted with the responses to the RFIs amendment.

Q11. Phasing: Can all the bathrooms be done at one time? If not, please clarify phasing expectations.

A11. On the 1st floor of 96 where the two main showers are being done this will have to be done at separate times but we should be able to do the 2nd floor all at the same time depending on number of open beds once we start the project. Phasing will be complete one and then move to the next one. Does not matter which one we start with at this time.

Q12. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt will the Government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?

A12. Yes we are tax exempt and you should be able to get the number for this.

Q13. Is there lead Based Materials expected within the area to be disturbed?

A13. Some door frames and doors may possibly have LBM on them. The survey does not show these areas to have any but there is some on the survey in the nearby rooms.

Q14. Has a Lead Based Paint test been done within the area to be disturbed?

A14. **Yes this area has been tested.**

Q15. Is there Asbestos to be expected within the areas to be disturbed?

A15. **No asbestos is to be expected in these areas according to the survey.**

Q16. Has an asbestos survey been completed for the area to be disturbed?

A16. **Yes a survey has been conducted for this area.**

Q17. What is the Governments policy if Asbestos containing materials or Lead containing materials is found?

A17. **If ACM or LBM are found during this project, we will stop, secure area, have VA Abatement Manager and VA Safety person investigate to determine and collect samples. Based off the results from the samples then it will be determined how to move forward.**

Q18. Will the Government be issuing specific badging requirements for this site?

A18. **Yes, all contractors will have to be finger printed and badged. Also everyone will have to be tested for TB and provide paperwork with results of testing to the infection control nurse who will be giving the infection control training which is required for all contractors working at any STVHCS location.**

Q19. Is there a specific parking area for contractor's employees and workers?

A19. **Yes, this will be identified when we are ready to proceed with this project.**

Q20. Is there a specific location available for onsite dumpster?

A20. **This can be arranged and will have to be discussed at project start time.**

Q21. Has the government identified the route for materials to be hauled in and trash to be hauled out?

A21. **No specific route has been identified and routes are limited for this project so all infection control precautions will have to be followed.**

Q22. It was stated in the walk through that HVAC work within Bath 136 will not be required, can you confirm this? Design Drawings Page M101 shows LIMITED WORK for this area; can you elaborate as to actual work required for this area?

A22. Coordinate ceiling devices specified in the HVAC Phase II Project, with new gypsum ceiling specified in this scope of work and provide access panels where needed. Coordinate location of access panels with equipment layout in the HVAC Phase II Project.

Q23. Are any of these bath areas within a secured patient area with restrictive access?

A23. Yes, the two main bathroom suites on the 1st floor is a locked secured area.

Q24. When I reviewed the specifications I noticed that the division 1 specs did not include a spec for commissioning. Is there one?

A24. Since we are reusing the existing fan coil in 1B-139 and a new fan coil is provided in another project, there is no need for a comprehensive test and balance. We are basically dumping air into the restroom/shower.