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1	Will the area beneath the connector corridor require a dry sprinkler system (none mentioned in specifications)?	No, this exterior area below the raised connector does not need to be sprinklered.
2	Can the rooms requiring Institutional sprinklers be identified?	No "institutional" type sprinklers on this project.
3	F P Plans don't specify fire hose valves in each stair landing, but mention Fire Hose Valves with cabinets, Is the fire hose to be supplied from each floor system / zone?	Comment unclear. FP Plans do not mention FHV's with Cabinets. Due to 2nd floor height, hose valves are not required in the stairwells. There are no hose valves in the building. Hoses will be supplied from Hydrant(s) or truck(s).
4	Connecting Corridor – will this area have a drop ceiling?	Yes- see 3D/A603- The ceiling is an aluminum panel system.
5	The water flow test is noted in specifications & on plans both are different, which test is correct?	Data shown on sheet FX-001 was updated, but data in Spec 211313 was not. Both utilize data from flow test from 6/27/2014, FX-001 should be used for bidding purposes. Spec also states: "Installing contractor shall provide updated flow test no older than six months."
6	Since the back flow preventer is installed in a vault can we consider installing FDC & the required forward flush manifold in the vault – value engineering – save duplicate runs of piping?	No
7	Am I correct that there are 11 toilets to receive the resinous flooring, Res-1? Please confirm the areas to receive resinous flooring.	Yes. There is no RES-1, Only RES-2. See Spec. 096723.20 and I-702 Finish Schedule- 11 toilets are listed with this flooring.
8	With the contrasting patterns on drawings IN-103 & IN-104 locating all occurrences of wall guard/hand rail is difficult. Can the locations of hand rails be made clearer?	Bid as Shown on Stair Plans, 1/A-903, and on Sections on A-502. (Typ. Conditions)

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9	Are automatic door operators used on this project as described in section 08 71 13?	See Sht. A-800- Security Door Schedule Requirements, (SD)-108 for Door Operator activated by a card reader. See 087100 - Door Hardware Schedule: HW-12 and Spec. 087113.
10	Current drawings show a "N" with the number "1" from Dome Lights located outside of Patient Rooms. The exact symbol is not referenced in the legend, please clarify.	See sheet ES-002. Nurse call dome light mounted 6: above door with single indicator.
11	Drawings indicate the use of a "Pull Cord" in all Patient Rooms. This is atypical of stations normally utilized in these areas. We would respectfully suggest utilizing a Patient Station that would allow the Patient or Caregiver to initiate the call as well as providing two way Audio.	Bid as Shown
12	Current design has a Nurse Master Station located at the Receptionist Desk and one Duty Station in the Med Room. How will attending Staff be alerted to calls on the system from individual rooms? Will there be any sort of integration utilized to alert staff such as wireless phones? It may be beneficial to add Duty Stations or a Console to the caregiver area to alert Staff of calls on the system.	Bid as Shown
13	Please clarify intended location of the Nurse Call Terminal Cabinet (Nurse Call Headend).	Refer to specification 275223 -2.0.B. Locate 1st floor panel in Electrical Room A136. Locate 2nd floor panel in Room A238.
14	The architectural drawings include "SDO" hardware sets on page A-800 and the Hardware Specs 087100 provide hardware sets HW-1 through HW-21. But neither A-800 nor Division 087100 sets indicate what hardware goes on what opening.	Doors are scheduled by wall location (Interior, Exterior, etc.) and by the Room Name they are in on Sht. 800 under Security Door Schedule Requirements. A 101.C is SDO 101, Door Type C (Type A = 1 of Door Types and Type C = 5). The door bubble on the plans gives the Door Type (1, 3, or 5 under door elevation located under door types 2 and 4), Frame Type, and Size (A,B, or C).
15	According to the illustration on A-800, hardware sets are supposed to be designated at each door swing on the plan, but they are not. Can someone provide an openings list showing the corresponding hardware sets so we know what to price?	Doors are scheduled by wall location (Interior, Exterior, etc.) and by the Room Name they are in on Sht. 800 under Security Door Schedule Requirements. A 101.C is SDO 101, Door Type C (Type A = 1 of Door Types and Type C = 5). The door bubble on the plans gives the Door Type (1, 3, or 5 under door elevation located under door types 2 and 4), Frame Type, and Size (A,B, or C).

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16	We are unable to determine the door material (wood, hollow metal, aluminum) at Door Types 1, 3, and 5 on A-800. (Types 2 and 4 are clearly indicated as Wood Doors).	Doors for Types 1, 3, and 5 are Solid Core Wood, unless noted otherwise.
17	Other than the fire alarm, the specs and drawings for the Access Control, CCTV, Intrusion Detection, Nurse Call, and Paging do not specify what these existing systems are. Can you tell me what they are?	It is the responsibility of the GC to field verify existing systems in place at the time of Bid. The Contractor is responsible for making a full examination of this Request for Proposal, including its tables, appendices, addenda, etc., and becoming thoroughly familiar with existing conditions on-site that could affect their performance of the work. Submission of a bid shall constitute acknowledgment by the Contractor that the Contractor is aware and accepts the conditions to be encountered at the site and of the requirements for performing the work as an element of their bid. ALSO, SEE ATTACHED PDF 'DORN VAMC Existing System' Access Control & Intrusion Detection: Software House CCure 9000 CCTV: Victor / VideoEdge, American Dynamics Nurse Call: Rauland Borg, Responder 5 Paging (Fire Alarm): Onxy, Notifier Paging (Call Blue Phone System): Rath Security Emergency Products
18	I have looked at all the online documents for Solicitation VA24716R0273 and it does not provide the current system for access control (card readers & door locks) and the security camera system. If you could find those items out for me, it would be greatly appreciated.	Door Security Hardware requirements are located on Sht. A-800. Access Control & Intrusion Detection: Software House CCure 9000
19	Details for exterior walls are calling for a spray R7 insulation in some details and others are calling out for batt insulation. Is 2lb close cell spray what they are looking for? Can you please clarify?	Use only 6" paper- faced batt insulation in exterior frame walls.
20	Ridged insulation on exterior is calling for a 2-1/8 which is a special order and very costly, is this correct or is 2" acceptable?	2-inch is acceptable.
21	Can we cover the material and labor for the ridged insulation without owning the brick ties?	No, the GC is fully responsible for all work and coordination of all work by their Sub-Contractors. Two- piece brick- ties are installed by the CMU mason.

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26	Provide wall details and spec for the Precast Conc/Stucco on the Exterior Elevations Drawing Number A401 and A402	In the Base Bid, provide precast concrete trim bands as shown on the elevations. For Deductive Alternate #10: Provide a 1" (3) coat cement plaster system on metal lath with control joints as req'd. by manufacturer, in a color to be selected by the architect. The vapor barrier and sheathing will remain the same as used with the face brick.
27	Provide wall details and spec for alternate number 10 , Use Stucco in lieu of brick.	Base Bid is Brick. The Deductive Alternate 10: Provide a 1", (3) coat cement plaster system on metal lath with control joints as req'd. by manufacturer, in a color to be selected by the architect. The vapor barrier and sheathing will remain the same as used with the face brick. If the Deductive Alt. is accepted, a Specification and Detail will be provided.

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28	Provide detail for 4'x6' roll up door as indicated on A402	No detail will be provided. Basis of Design/ Bid is to be an insulated, galvanized steel, o.h. coiling door w/ motor operator and remote switch, painted to match face brick. Provide a galvanized steel frame and miscellaneous steel for mounting and anchoring to the structure.
29	Provide Site Demolition Plan	Demolition to be provided as required per the Drawings
30	Provide Site Paving plan.	Pave / Re-Pave those areas requiring Site Work and Utility Line Work / Re-Work plus 18-inches on either side of the Site Work / Utility Line Work/Re-Work.
31	Provide Temporary Fencing	Temporary Fencing to be provided within Limits of Construction/Limits of Site Disturbance is as required for the performance of this work.
32	Provide Limits of Site Disturbance	Limits of Construction/Limits of Site Disturbance is as required for the performance of this work.
33	Provide Curb and Gutter Detail	Contractor to Match Existing
34	Describe what work is to be done with two islands shown on plan C101 near proposed 2x2 JB at Building Front	Build two new islands to match existing islands which is grassed curb and gutter islands.
35	Provide detail and spec for Fixed furnishings as shown in Deductive Alternate #8.	See a ttached specifications 12 31 00 and 12 34 00. Provide salient charistics of the Herman Miller products.
36	Advise detail and where cubicle tracks are to be installed	Cubical curtain track locations are shown on sheets 1F101 and 1F102. Add cubical curtain tracks to Exam rooms A144, A126 and A229 at door entry locations as typically shown in other exam rooms.
37	Keynote M2 on drawing number A201 indicates precast by window mfg., this is not typically in Window Mfg. scope.	Contractor to assign scope to Sub-Contractors as they see fit. Precast concrete sills can be provided, flashed and installed by the mason.

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38	<p>Drawing #A800 indicates that hardware sets are marked at each opening. Floor plans drawing A201 and A202 do not appear to have this info. Please ask architect to provide this info so we can give you a good hardware cost.</p>	<p>Doors are scheduled by wall location (Interior, Exterior, etc.) and by the Room Name they are in on Sht. 800 under Security Door Schedule Requirements. A 101.C is SDO 101, Door Type C (Type A = 1 of Door Types and Type C = 5). The door bubble on the plans gives the Door Type (1, 3, or 5 under door elevation located under door types 2 and 4), Frame Type, and Size (A,B, or C).</p>
39	<p>Regarding the elevator scope – should we go with the specs solely....??.....Specs are indicating (3) elevators.....(section 142100 - page 11) – but drawings don't seem to match what the specs are indicating.....</p>	<p>Alternate #1 is to delete one of these two elevators and associated doors/ hoist beam/ sills, and related equipment. Note that the Elevator equipment Room Door is to be 3'-6" wide and open outward. Provide a two hour rated wall and ceiling/ floor rating around the equipment room.</p> <p>As it a well-known and obvious fact that every manufacture has slightly different requirements for their given equipment that would meet the specified requirements as provided for in the Drawings &amp; Specifications. as it pertains to elevators, every manufacture has slightly different dimensional (and other) requirements for their given equipment that would meet the specified requirements. As it pertains to the Elevator, it is the full responsibility of the Contractor – in the conduct of their profession – to provide a fully functional system and well-coordinated system, based upon the equipment which is of their choosing. The GC is fully responsible for providing a well-coordinated and properly integrated equipment assemblage once installed and operational becomes a fully-function, complete and efficient system for the VA. "A system" is defined as the entire complex which must be coordinated to work together during normal operation to produce results for which the system is designed. The Contractor demonstrates their intent and knowledge through the Submittal process by providing to the A/E and Owner complete and comprehensive Submittals, which include developed, to scale, engineering-style Coordination Drawings, Layout Drawings, Shop Drawing, Spec Sheets, Cab Layout sheets, etc. It is thru these Submittals that the Contractor demonstrates to the A/E and Owner that what they plan to provide is a well-coordinated and properly integrated equipment assemblage providing complete scaled and dimensioned layout in plan and section view showing the arrangement of equipment and all details of each and every elevator unit specified to verify that the Contractor has included all such elements and that their work is well-coordinated.</p>

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40	Question: Can it be confirmed per 22 11 16 PEX piping is specified for pipe up to 2" in diameter?	Correct, Spec 221116-2.02 states PEX-A piping is specified for pipe up to 2" in diameter.
41	Question: In "General Notes" paragraph 5 it states; "New CCTV, Access Control, Intrusion Detection, Security, Paging Devices shall be compatible with existing systems in place at this VA Campus. Coordinate existing systems for compatibility with owner prior to bid."	SEE ATTACHED PDF 'DORN VAMC Existing System' Access Control & Intrusion Detection: Software House CCure 9000 CCTV: Victor / VideoEdge, American Dynamics Nurse Call: Rauland Borg, Responder 5 Paging (Fire Alarm): Onxy, Notifier Paging (Call Blue Phone System): Rath Security Emergency Products
42	Sheet IN-103 plan note states "Staircase finished in wood dark stain, Brushed stainless steel trim, Glass and LED lighting under treads." Sheet A-502 detail 7E calls out a cable rail system. What is to be priced up? Is there a basis of design? Please provide specifications.	Per 7E/A-502 and 1/A-903 provide a cable rail system with aluminum panel stringer panels and a dark- stained top wood rail. Follow all building codes as well as ADA and VA Accessibility requirements with regard to stair guardrail and handrail designs.
43	Sheet IN-103 shows carpet and walk off mat on the exterior of the building under the overhead connector. Please confirm if this is the intent.	Walk-off mat is to be provided at inside of exterior doors typically. Do <u>not</u> provide any carpeted areas outside of the building or in exterior areas.
44	Specification section 09 29 00 2.2 Sheathing Board calls for Type X water resistant core 5/8" thick (Glass Mat) sheet S-110 call for 3/4" and 5/32" sheathing. Please clarify if these thicknesses are correct, and what material is required for the different sizes.	Both the Architecture Specifications and Drawings call out a 5/8" exterior sheathing. Use the Type "X", water- resistant, gw b core, 5/8" thick (fiberglass mat) sheathing. Delete the reference to sheathing on S-110.
45	Sheet S-110 Elevation @ Bump-Out Foundation to Penthouse calls for brick ties to be 32" OC. Please verify brick ties are to be 32" OC and not the normal 16" OC.	Brick ties are to be 16-inches o.c.- each way per Section 2906 of the IBC.
46	Sheet A-901 Detail 5F Calls for brick ties 16" OC. Which is it 16" OC, or 32" OC?	Brick ties are to be 16-inches o.c.- each way per Section 2906 of the IBC.
47	Sheet S-110 states 4-1/2" (Total) concrete floor on 2" LVI Metal Decking- 2" Decking + 2-1/2" Light weight 3,000 psi concrete (type). Please clarify what is required. Is 2" concrete on a 2" metal deck plus 2-1/2" Light weight for a total of 4-1/2" or, is 4-1/2" plus 2-1/2" for a total thickness of 7" required?	Per Section 2-2 on S-103, The deck is a composite design for a total thickness of 4 1/2"- a 2" deck and 2 1/2" of concrete w/ 6x6x10/10 wwm.

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48	Sheet A-901 section view 1F calls for 5/8" type x GWB with a vapor barrier. This would create a double vapor barrier.	Both the Architecture Specifications and Drawings call out a 5/8" exterior sheathing. Use the Type "X", water- resistant, gwb core, 5/8" thick (fiberglass mat) sheathing. Delete the reference to sheathing on S-110. A vapor/ air barrier is added over the sheathing.
49	Sheet A-901 Section view 1F calls for spray insulation. Please clarify what type of spray insulation is required, and provide specifications for same.	There is no spray insulation in the project. Ignore this reference and supply 6" paper- faced batt insulation.
50	Specification section 07 21 13 2.8 Masonry fill insulation. Where in this project is this required?	There is no fill insulation. There is grout fill at bond beams and at vertical cells with reinforcement as specified in the structural drawings.
51	Specification section 07 21 13 2.6 Sound deadening board.	This is a statement not a question. However, there is no Sound Deadening Board in the Scope of Work. Note/Spec to be disregarded.
52	Sheet G-100A General note 14 states walls to be STC 50 rated minimum. Sheet A-901 wall types shows most walls will not meet this STC rating. What walls will require a STC 50 rating? Will doors require a STC 50 rating?	The VA Standard for Clinical Space is a STC of 40. Full-height wall partition types as noted on A-901 meet STC 49 per USG Acoustical Assemblies Brochure- SA200. See page 15, Construction Detail, Wall Type 6 (Test Number: SA-870717). Provide Wall Sections as noted on A-901, with minimum STC of 49 versus min. STC of 50 as noted on General Note 14 on G-100A.
53	Sheet A-800 Door size Note 1 States Door diagram 2 & 3 are alt options. How is this to be priced (An additional bid option)? Please clarify what is to be included in base bid price.	Disregard this note: It is not applicable.
54	Sheet A-800 Please provide a door hardware schedule stating what door gets what hardware.	Doors are scheduled by wall location (Interior, Exterior, etc.) and by the Room Name they are in on Sht. 800 under Security Door Schedule Requirements. A 101.C is SDO 101, Door Type C (Type A = 1 of Door Types and Type C = 5). The door bubble on the plans gives the Door Type (1, 3, or 5 under door elevation located under door types 2 and 4), Frame Type, and Size (A,B, or C).
55	Specification section 02 82 11 Traditional Asbestos Abatement is called out in numerous places. If this section is applicable to this project please provide.	Per most recent Asbestos Report, no asbestos exists in area of B106 where demolition is to occur. Unsure of asbestos cement pipe underground however not typically on campus.

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56	Solicitation page 12, Item 3.4 Tab D Proposal Data Sheet states "See the format provided in this section". No form was provided. Does the offeror create the sheet with items listed in 3.4?	Yes. Include the data requested in Item 3.4 in Tab D.
57	Solicitation page 16, Part 3, Item 3.4 requests safety documentation including Experience Modification Rate certification. In which Tab does this documentation go? (Tab J – Technical Qualifications of Proposed Staff?)	Include all additional information requested in the RFP under Tab H
58	Solicitation page 24, Security Requirements outlines background/investigation/screening requirements for contractors, all personnel, and subcontractors. Does this section apply and will this be required on this contract?	Yes. Include all additional information requested in the RFP under Tab H
59	Amendment A00006, page 4, Item 2.1.3.1 (b) regarding Past Performance states the dollar magnitude is above \$2,000,000.00 AND Page 5, Item 2.1.3.2 (b) regarding Technical Experience states work of dollar magnitude above \$2,500,000.00. Can both be set at \$2,000,000.00?	No. Past Performance and Technical Evaluation Factors are separate evaluation factors.
60	Amendment A00006, Item 2.4.4 Number of Copies states the offer shall submit one (1) hard copy of Volume I and four (4) hard copies of Volume II, a CD-ROM of Volume I and II, and that Volume I shall be submitted in a separate binder. a. The original Solicitation, page 1, Section 13a states 1 original and 2 CD's are required. Amendment A00006 supersedes this and means offerors only need to provide one (1) CD, correct? b. Since this is a Negotiated RFP and there is no public bid opening, would it be acceptable for the offeror to email proposals on the required bid date and time and follow with binders and CD one business day later?	Follow the direction in Amendment A0006. Only 1 CD is required and it must contain a digital copy of Volume I and II to include all pricing. This is not an Invitation For Bid (IFB). Bids will not be accepted. This is a Request For Proposal. Electronic/Email proposals will not be accepted. Hard copy requirements for Volume I and II remain as stated in the solicitation.
61	Solicitation Page 17, Part 3.4 under General Contractor Responsibility, states CP shall have 30- hour OSHA, and all other employees shall have 10-hour OSHA. Spec Section 01 35 26, Paragraph 1.8.B states all designated (subcontractor) CP's must have 30-hour OSHA and all other employees have 10-hour OSHA. Which is correct?	Both are correct. Contractor employees and subcontractor employees working on this construction project require OSHA training.

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62	Section 3D/A-603 states "Canopy System per Manufacturer." There is no specification section for Canopy System; also no manufacturer is listed as basis of design. Please provide specifications for Canopy System and/or basis of design.	Provide a 10'-0" deep canopy 25'-0" long that has (5) eq. spaced, galvanized, tubular steel main support beams in the shape shown on 3D/ A-603. Provide a prefinished, G-90 , 24 ga., standing- seam metal roof system over 2" sq. galvanized tubular steel intermediate framing members at 2'-0" o.c.- eq. spaced. The canopy is supported by (5) galvanized, threaded rods with clevis attachments at the walkway frame and adjustable turnbuckles at the canopy connections. Provide prefinished downspouts on splash blocks at overhead walkway column locations centered on the main support beams. Paint non-prefinished steel to match prefinished steel colors.
63	Section 3D/A-603 indicates that as part of deduct #3, a Wire Mesh Wall System is to be used at Skywalk. Specifications for the Wire Mesh Wall System cannot be found. Please provide specifications for the Wire Mesh Wall System.	Provide a 1-inch sq. galvanized steel hardware mesh welded to a galvanized 2x2 tubular steel support frame in a 2'-0" grid pattern with equal spacing between the faux trusses made of galvanized 8x8 tubular steel. Paint all exposed surfaces. Refer to structural drawings for framing. Clad exposed steel columns with aluminum break metal to match adjacent finishes. Refer to decking note 11/ S-103.
64	Deduct #5 changes Curtain Wall to Storefront. Are there any changes to walls or surrounding structure to accommodate switch? If so please provide all details for proper pricing and potential installation.	There is no change to the structural or structural connections for a storefront system. Provide miscellaneous steel where curtainwall structural framing would occur.
65	IE/A502 appears to indicate a step down inside the Penthouse. If deduct #7 is selected this is where the 2 roof drains are shown. If deduct #7 is selected, should this step down be brought up to the same elevation as the remainder of the roof?	Yes
66	Drawing A-203 shows roof scuppers and a roof slope of 1/4:12, however there are no crickets shown to direct the water flow to the scuppers. Are crickets required? If so, please provide a drawing showing the crickets/slopes. This situation also applies to the skywalk roof and A-203A.	Yes,- crickets occur between scuppers, at the high side of roof curbs, and at valleys to direct water flow to roof drains and scuppers. Crickets can be at 1/8" = 1'-0" slope. The selected Roofing Sub-Contractor shall provide tapered insulation layout on Shop Drawing Submittal.
67	No specifications for termite treatment are included. Is termite treatment required, and if so, please provide specifications.	Yes, termite treatment is required. See attached spec.
68	Drawing A-203 has a note exhaust fan in the lower right corner, but no exhaust fan is shown. Is there an exhaust fan at this location?	EF-2 is indicated on Mechanical Plans near the location of the note on A-203. Discipline specific plans shall take precedence for location of related equipment, coordinate as required.

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70	There are no profiles /details /sections provided for the precast concrete. Please provide profiles/details/sections for the precast concrete.	Contractor to price as shown. Provide a 6" wide by 16" piece that extends 2" out from the face brick with a slightly sloped top edge to shed water and a drip groove underneath the piece.
71	How does the precast concrete connect to the structure?	It is a trim piece anchored with brick ties and as part of the face brick veneer.
72	Deduct #11 calls for a Type 38 window to be installed. However, there is no Type 38 window shown on A-800. Please provide information on the Type 38 window.	Window 38 is Type 6F on A-800. Deduct 11 removes the Connector in its entirety.
73	There is no damp proofing shown for the elevator pit or foundations. Is damp proofing required?	Yes damp proofing is required at elevator pit or foundations on exterior surface. Also, include a WaterStop at the foundation and pit wall to footing keyway.
74	Are bollards desired at the PIV or overhead door on the first floor?	No, Bid as is. No VA Security Manual developed for this Project.
75	We are counting 22 bollards on the drawings. Are all bollards to be removable? If not please indicate which bollards are to be removable type and a detail for the other types of bollards that would be installed.	16 Removable Bollards as shown on C-102; of which the locations for 12 Removable Bollards are detailed on A201 (in the walkway, under the overhead connector). Detail for Removable is shown on C-102. 6 Non-Removable Bollards as located on A201 with detail as provided on A603 - Detail 3F.
76	Drawings C101 & C102 indicate new storm drain with prop and a bold dashed line. On the east side of the site a 12" RCP with a bold dashed line, but no "prop." Please confirm this is not in the scope.	It is included in the Scope. Provide all work as shown in Bold (as well)
77	Drawing S-101 – Please provide size and thickness of the footings for the HSS 8X8X1/4 columns at the skywalk.	See Footing Schedule on S-102.
78	There are no details/reinforcing shown for elevator pits. Please provide.	See Sht. S-102 for mat foundation notes. Refer to designation "I" on S-109 and associated notes. Refer to S-108 for shear wall requirements.

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79	S-108 "Penthouse & Bump-Out Concrete Area" shows the only concrete at the roof level being at the Penthouse. Will deletion of the Penthouse have any effect on the concrete area? "Elevation bump-out foundation to penthouse typically seems to indicate the entire roof has a 4 1/2" concrete slab. Is this correct?	Roof rigid board insulation sloped at 1/4" per 1'-0" with the specified roof system will take the place of a concrete floor slab if Deductive Alternate #7 is taken. The slab is a composite design with a total of 4 1/2" typical for elevated floor slabs.
80	What decking goes on the skywalk roof?	Use the composite 4 1/2" concrete slab design. Refer to note on S-103.
81	Shear wall footings are at the same elevation and location as column footings on column line 1 and column line 4. How is the reinforcing in the shear wall footing to be treated in relation to the column footings?	Continue top bars of shear wall footings into column footings to full development length. The bottom bars are to be continuous where the depth of the footings allow this.
82	Drawing IF-101 keyed note 5, the deducts do not agree with the deducts in the solicitation.	Keynote #5 should read - Deduct #6 (Bid Item #7)
83	Drawing I-703 shows sign messages but no sizes of signs. Please provide size of signs.	Provide per VA Design Guidelines
84	2C/IN-401 States "see section view on ID 401 for bathroom furniture notes." No ID series drawings can be found. Please provide all of the ID drawings.	7.30.2015 CD Set (100%) is included as part of the Bid Solicitation. ID Drawings are not part of this Bid Solicitation.
85	Deduct #8 is to provide fixed furniture in lieu of Herman Miller. Please provide drawings showing the fixed furniture and specifications for the fixed	Bid to match Herman Miller layout & function. See Spec for requirements
86	Furniture schedule has number A37 being a video conference system. No specifications can be found for the video conference system. Please provide the specifications.	No Video Conference System required under this Bid. Provide conduits with pull strings as may be required.
87	Drawing I-702 lists the staircase lighting as a LED tape light length TBD. Please provide the length so that it can be priced.	Provide a 4'-0" long light.
88	Drawing MH-103, Deduct #7 deletes the Penthouse. How will the deletion of the Penthouse affect the design shown on MH-103 (air intakes, louvers, duct construction, etc.)?	Bid as shown. If Deductive Alt is accepted, Detail will be provided..
89	IF/A-603 states refer to structural drawings for vertical reinforcing. Structural drawings do not show the screen walls. Please provide the size and spacing of the vertical reinforcing and the bond beam reinforcing.	See Specification 042000 Unit Masonry- Section 3.5 ,B.3 for Bond Beam reinforcing and refer to Sht. S-106 for CMU reinforcing. Provide bond beams in CMU walls over all openings and at the top of the walls. Generally, provide horizontal bond beams at 4'-0" o.c.- vertically in standard CMU walls. Extend the CMU bond beam 8" min.(the width of the CMU) for 8" CMU to bear on either side of the jamb. Follow the Masonry Institute Guidelines and the IBC for span tables.

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90	Please provide specifications for the overhead doors.	No detail will be provided. Basis of Design/ Bid is to be an insulated, galvanized steel, o.h. coiling door w/ motor operator and remote switch, painted to match face brick. Provide a galvanized steel frame and miscellaneous steel for mounting and anchoring to the structure.
91	What do the Penthouse walls consist of (size studs, insulation, sheathing, damp proofing, gyp bd on interior)?	Provide metal siding on metal stud walls per the wall sections with 5/8" exterior sheathing, air barrier, and batt insulation.
92	The table of contents lists section 01 91 00. However, no section 01 91 00 is included. Please provide section 01 91 00 and a list of what systems are to be commissioned.	Yes, Commissioning (Cx) to be a part of the project and the GC should carry it within their Bid. Cx activities shall be in accordance with with VA Whole Building Commissioning Process Manual located at the following website: <a href="http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf">http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf</a> . The VA will engaged the Services of a CX Agent, a qualified Commissioning Professional who administers the Cx process by managing the Cx team and overseeing the Commissioning Process. The Cx Agent shall provide all labor, materials, instruments, supervision and professional services required to complete the scope of work in accordance with said manual. The GC shall Participate in the Cx process and support the Cx Agent accordingly. A Cx Specification will be developed which will include Tables noting Commissioning Process Roles and Responsibilities.
93	The specifications include section 10 21 13 "cubicle curtain tracks." No curtain tracks are shown on A-301 and A-302. Please indicate location and configuration of the cubicle curtain tracks.	Cubical curtain track locations are shown on sheets 1F101 and 1F102. Add cubical curtain tracks to Exam rooms A144, A126 and A229 at door entry locations as typically shown in other exam rooms.
94	Please provide location of power source for transformer, conduit size, and conductor size. Or, is the VA connecting the transformer to the power source?	Utility transformer and primary service conductors provided by utility company. Coordinate location of service origin with utility company SCE&G.
95	Please provide flashing details.	Price per Industry Standard Details at all lintels, thru- wall base flashing, scuppers, cap flashings, copings, face brick transitions, and other recommended places per SMACNA, The Masonry Institute, and the IBC.
96	Please provide details of scuppers and downspouts.	Provide per SMACNA Guidelines. Downspouts to be 4"x 4" prefinished aluminum.

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97	Drawing A-002 shows 5 islands with new planting. Drawing C-102 shows 2 island. Please advise.	Sheet A-002 is governing landscape plan.
98	ES-100 note #13 is asking for an alternate price to extend the conduit to police operations room. The bid alternates do not have this listed. Do you want another alternate? Or how is this to be included in the pricing?	Provide Add ATL as Bid Item #13: Extend the conduit to police operations room. Approx 225FT
99	S/103 – elevators note slab edge angle, which means there is concrete slab on top of the elevator shaft? Can you provide details for the slab? Thickness and reinforcing?	Provide a concrete slab for the shaft cap over the elevator shafts if Deduct #7- The Penthouse Deleted- is taken. The shaft cap will have to be roofed. If Deduct #7 is not taken, the elevator shaft cap will be under the penthouse roof and can be capped with a 2hr. horizontal shaft wall system.
100	IF/A-601 notes a precast wall. 6F/A-507 notes stucco. Where does the precast get installed and can you provide more details and a spec?	In the Base Bid, provide precast concrete panels (not Stucco) as shown on the elevations.
101	Please provide details and location for the generator pad.	Provide a level, 8-inch thick, reinforced slab with turndown with a overall footprint that is at least 6-inched larger than the outline of the generator. Generator Pad to be underlaid with at least 4-inches #57 stone and rise at least 6-inches about surrounding grade. Generator Pad have have rough broom finish and 1-inch chamfered edges. The foundation should be reinforced with #8 gauge steel wire fabric or #6 reinforcing bars on 12" centers horizontally. WWF/Bars should be imbedded in the concrete at least 5-inches from surface (bottom 1/3). Use 4,000 psi concrete; Mix to be approved via Submittal. Not withstanding the above, the Generator Pad should weigh at least as much as the generator set's wet weight. If no vibration isolators are used, the Generator Pad must support 125% of the generator set weight. Enlarge Generator Pad as may be necessary to ensure this criteria is met.
102	Bond beams are not noted for the CMU. Are they required? If so, how often and what is the reinforcing to be used?	See Specification 042000 Unit Masonry- Section 3.5 ,B.3 for Bond Beam reinforcing and refer to Sht. S-106 for CMU reinforcing. Provide bond beams in CMU walls over all openings and at the top of the walls. Generally, provide horizontal bond beams are per Note 3 on the Typical CMU Construction Detail. Extend the CMU bond beam 8" min.(the width of the CMU) for 8" CMU to bear on either side of the jamb. Follow the Masonry Institute Guidelines and the IBC for span tables.

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103	A-602 notes concrete on the roof deck, structural only has concrete at the Penthouse. Do you want concrete on the remaining roof deck?	Concrete is only necessary for floor decks at the roof. The roofing system will be over rigid board insulation anchored to the steel deck per FM I-90 fastening requirements. If Deductive Alternate #7 is taken, the entire roof will have roof insulation board on the steel deck.
104	In the specifications table of contents it listed commissioning section 01 91 00 but there is no spec section included. Is commissioning to be a part of the project that the GC should carry in its bid? If so, please provide a specification covering commissioning.	Yes, Commissioning (Cx) to be a part of the project and the GC should carry it within their Bid. Cx activities shall be in accordance with with VA Whole Building Commissioning Process Manual located at the following website: <a href="http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf">http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf</a> . The VA will engaged the Services of a CX Agent, a qualified Commissioning Professional who administers the Cx process by managing the Cx team and overseeing the Commissioning Process. The Cx Agent shall provide all labor, materials, instruments, supervision and professional services required to complete the scope of work in accordance with said manual. The GC shall Participate in the Cx process and support the Cx Agent accordingly. A Cx Specification will be developed which will include Tables noting Commissioning Process Roles and Responsibilities.
105	Please provide the distance to VA Police for the fiber optic conduit and cable.	Approx 225FT
106	Where and what size area can the contractor use as a laydown area?	The designated contractor parking, laydown area and trailer yard is a first come, first serve area. Right, now the area is completely open. See attached drawing entitled 'Contractor Yard' for your use. The Contractor yard is in the green area entitled 'Overflow Parking, Parking #2.'
107	Where can the contractor set an office trailer?	The designated contractor parking, laydown area and trailer yard is a first come, first serve area. Right, now the area is completely open. See attached drawing entitled 'Contractor Yard' for your use. The Contractor yard is in the green area entitled 'Overflow Parking, Parking #2.'
108	Are the temporary fence poles to be driven or can fence panels be used?	Fence Panels are to be used.

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109	Section 01 00 00, Paragraph 1.29. The photography as listed will be very costly to the government. May the contractor take the photos; except for the final elevations to be taken by a professional?	Photographs required per Specifications. Bid as shown.
110	How long is the Government's review period for submittals?	<p>Submittal review - for complete and comprehensive submittals - shall be completed within 20-calendar days with 15 calendar days allocated for the A/E. Submittals which are Critical should be noted accordingly at time of submission and will be reviewed within 14-days total, with 9 calendar days allocated for the A/E.</p> <p><b><u>NOTE: as it pertains to Submittals: It is the responsibility of the GC to first review their own Submittals for completeness and responsiveness to the Drawings &amp; Specification. All Submittals must be marked according to the VA Standard as it pertains to relating them to the specific sections of the contract Drawings / Specification, including any required further breakdown for sub-sections and noting resubmittal Versions, according. Partial Submittals will not be reviewed and will be returned to the GC. The GC will maintain an accurate Submittal Log providing updates to the CO, RE, and A/E on a Weekly Basis. Submittals shall be provided electronically and will be reviewed electronically by the A/E. At the request of the A/E, the GC shall provide one hard copy for the CO, RE, and A/E for large, complex submittals. For Submittals which require the use of Contract Drawings, the A/E's Seal(s) shall; not be reproduced/included in any way on any Submittal.</u></b></p>

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111	Are the monthly inspections by the Certified Safety Professional to be coordinated with VA Safety? Is so how much notice is required?	Yes, Coordinate with the Project Engineer; 7-day notice required.
112	Specification section 05 21 00 "steel joist framing" is included; however, no joists are shown. Please advise.	Steel joists are shown on framing plans S-103 and S-105.
113	The drawings seem to indicate a ladder integral with the roof hatch, but no ladder is specified in Section 07 71 00. Please advise.	Provide an OSHA-approved, alternating tread, galvanized steel, painted, roof ladder that mounts to the roof hatch framing as shown on A507 - Wall Section 1F.
114	No specifications for the cable rail system can be found. Please provide the specifications.	No specifications will be being issued for the Cable Rail System. Provide a turn-key system with 316 stainless steel cable, 3/16" dia. cable, with adjustable s.s. swaged turnbuckles, 2" dia. s.s. posts and 1 1/4" dia. handrails, with a top wood railing. Follow all codes related to cable rail systems.
115	Specification Section 12 36 00 "countertops" is included. However, the equipment schedule state the countertops are to be by Herman Miller. Which is to be used, the specifications or the equipment schedule.	Specification 12 36 00 is included to bid for Deduct #8
116	Section 14 21 00, Paragraph 2.3 lists three (3) elevators; P-1, S-1, and S-2. The drawings only show two (2) elevators. Please advise.	Provide two (2) elevators (P1 & P2) as shown on the Drawings.

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117	Section 22 07 11, Paragraph 3.3 references section 22 08 00 Commissioning of Plumbing Systems. This section is not included. Please provide.	Yes, Commissioning (Cx) to be a part of the project and the GC should carry it within their Bid. Cx activities shall be in accordance with with VA Whole Building Commissioning Process Manual located at the following website: <a href="http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf">http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf</a> . The VA will engaged the Services of a CX Agent, a qualified Commissioning Professional who administers the Cx process by managing the Cx team and overseeing the Commissioning Process. The Cx Agent shall provide all labor, materials, instruments, supervision and professional services required to complete the scope of work in accordance with said manual. The GC shall Participate in the Cx process and support the Cx Agent accordingly. A Cx Specification will be developed which will include Tables noting Commissioning Process Roles and Responsibilities.
118	Section 23 05 12 lists section 23 08 00 Commissioning of HVAC systems. This section is not included. Please provide.	Yes, Commissioning (Cx) to be a part of the project and the GC should carry it within their Bid. Cx activities shall be in accordance with with VA Whole Building Commissioning Process Manual located at the following website: <a href="http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf">http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/commissioning/CxManual.pdf</a> . The VA will engaged the Services of a CX Agent, a qualified Commissioning Professional who administers the Cx process by managing the Cx team and overseeing the Commissioning Process. The Cx Agent shall provide all labor, materials, instruments, supervision and professional services required to complete the scope of work in accordance with said manual. The GC shall Participate in the Cx process and support the Cx Agent accordingly. A Cx Specification will be developed which will include Tables noting Commissioning Process Roles and Responsibilities.
119	Section 26 41 00 "Facility Lightning Protection" is included; however, no lightning protection is shown on the contract drawings. Is lightning protection desired? If so, please provide the lightning protection drawings.	Refer to sheet EP-103 general note #13. Provide complete UL master label lightning protection system.
120	No electrical roof plan is included. Please provide.	Refer to sheet EP-103 for electrical roof plan.
121	Section 28 05 00 references Section 28 08 00. This section is not included. Please provide.	Section 28 08 00 covers low voltage systems. See Security Hardware Schedule on A-800 for said requirments.

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122	Section 31 20 11, paragraph 1.5 lists method of payment for excavation. This is a lump sum contract. Is paragraph 1.5 to be used? If so, please provide an amount of excavation to be used as a basis for bid.	Disregard Section 31 20 11, paragraph 1.5 regarding Method of Payment for Excavation.
123	Section 33 46 13 "Foundation Drainage" is included. However, no foundation drains are shown on the drawings. Is section 33 46 13 to be used? If so, please provide drawings showing the foundation drains.	There is no foundation drainage required.
124	Do the stair landings receive a floor finish? Finish plans show sealed concrete, but 096513, 1.1, states otherwise.	Provide resilient flooring on stair landings per 096513.1.1
125	Specs address 09600 Schedule For Finishes. This section is not included in the manual. Will this section be issued?	No- refer to IN-103 and IN-104 for finishes.
126	Finish Legend on I - 702 lists only cove being used for the rubber base. The spec states straight base to be used at carpet areas. Is straight base to be used at carpet areas?	No. Used cove base everywhere.
127	Which transition is required for carpet to resilient? Specs state metal, but the plan shows resilient.	Use a resilient transition piece.
128	What is the base finish required at terrazzo flooring? The finish schedule requires rubber base.	Use rubber base.
129	Are any finishes required in Building 106 with this project?	Restore finishes to match existing for all areas disturbed as may be necessary for the performance of the work.
130	Regarding the Laminate- it states the Vendor is Carolina Office Furniture- and then states a color. Is this a vendor or are they actually providing and installing the product?	VA is not providing the product. GC to provide product from vendor.
131	The specs currently call for valicesnsing.oncfi.com software to be used, but in the solicitation on page 6 it says use submittal exchange. What should be carried in the bid for this project?	submittal exchange