



**FROM:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**PROJECT:** Community Living Center (CLC) Expansion  
**SUBJECT:** **PREBID RFI**

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1. Please reference ES100 Electrical Site Plan, and CS501 & CS502 Site Utility Plans. This question specifically pertains to the installation of the water line and new electrical duct bank that run down Angus in front of the diagonal parking spaces and down Harvard adjacent to the sidewalk and parallel on street parking. Please advise how much of this can be closed for construction at one time so that the contractor can determine what provisions must be made for breaking the work into smaller segments.  
**VA: Utilities installation shall be divided into two sections; Harvard section and Angus section. Only one section is allowed to be closed at a time. Harvard section must be complete, to include placement of the new sidewalk, before Angus section can be excavated and vice versa. When excavating Harvard section one entrance lane to the CLC parking lot must remain open to traffic at all times. Upon completion of Harvard excavation both lanes to the CLC parking lot shall be returned to operation. The contractor may use trench plate to maintain vehicle access to the CLC parking lot. The construction area must be fenced during construction and provide CLC emergency egress at all times.**
2. Please reference ES100 Electrical Site Plan, and CS501 & CS502 Site Utility Plans. This question specifically pertains to the installation of the water line and new electrical duct bank that run down Angus in front of the diagonal parking spaces and down Harvard adjacent to the sidewalk and parallel on street parking. How long is the contractor allowed to close that area for construction?  
**VA: The Contractor shall install utilities in sections as stated above. The Contractor is permitted to close each section to the extent necessary to perform this scope of work Contractor is to submit a Construction Plan and obtain VA approval prior to construction. Contractor must maintain water pollution prevention plan per State and City requirement.**
3. Please reference ES100 Electrical Site Plan, and CS501 & CS502 Site Utility Plans. This question specifically pertains to the installation of the water line and new electrical duct bank that run down Angus in front of the diagonal parking spaces and down Harvard adjacent to the sidewalk and parallel on street parking. During the work should the contractor expect to make any special provisions for access of pedestrian traffic or can the length of sidewalk be completely closed while the utilities are installed, backfilled, and the sidewalk / landscaping is replaced?  
**VA: Contractor is only allowed to close one section at a time. If Harvard section is closed, Angus section shall be open for pedestrian access and vice versa. The Contractor shall provide emergency egress for the CLC Users at all times when installing utilities in these sections.**
4. Please reference ES100 Electrical Site Plan, and CS501 & CS502 Site Utility Plans. This question specifically pertains to the installation of the water line and new electrical duct bank that run down Angus in front of the diagonal parking spaces and down Harvard adjacent to the sidewalk and parallel on street parking. Please confirm / advise if the contractor must obtain an encroachment permit from the City of Fresno for this work.  
**VA: Yes. Permit is required for partial street closures and to be paid for by the Contractor.**
5. The new CLC Expansion is in close proximity to the existing occupied CLC Facility. What if any special provisions should the contractor make to accommodate for this in terms of work hours or noise control during construction?  
**VA: Work hours will generally between the hours of 7am and 6pm Monday through Friday. For further details, refer to Section 01 00 00 General Requirements Part 1.6. F.**  
**NOTE: Community quiet hours will be enforced.**

6. Per floor plan AS201A, AS201B, Enlarged Floor Plan – 1/AS401, and the Interior Elevations 6, 7, 8, and 9/AS401, there are no toilet tissue dispensers (Toilet Accessory Legend – Item C) annotated in the residential bathrooms. Please clarify if the Typical Resident Bathrooms will require tissue dispensers in each restroom.

**VA: VA will provide motion sensor paper towel dispensers and toilet tissue dispensers, Contractor to install.**

7. Please clarify any Sound Transmission Class (STC) ratings for any of the Hollow Metal / Solid Core Wood Doors on this project. Specification Section 08 11 13 Part 2.2-F references Sound Rated Doors with a STC minimum of 45. Specification Section 08 14 00 Part 2.2-E references Sound Rated Doors. The Door Schedule on AS710 does not specify a Sound Rating at any of the doors on this Phase.

**VA: All Resident Bedrooms STC 35, all Resident Bathrooms STC 35, all Staff and Visitor Toilets STC 35, all Nurse Break Rooms STC 35, Laundry Room STC 35, all Soiled Utility Room STC 35, Corridor Doors 1E-2A and 1E-1 STC 45, Boiler Room 1E22A & 1E19A STC 45, Electrical Room 1B19B, STC 45, Chiller 1E24 STC 45, Storage 1E20 STC 45.**

8. Please reference the Specification SECTION 23 09 93 SEQUENCE OF OPERATIONS paragraph 1.3.A.2 which is quoted below.

"The BMS shall have a history of backward/forward compatibility and shall be able to seamlessly integrate into the existing Siemens System and be able to monitor/command/trend/alarm all controls points on the system."

This section indicates that the existing BMS system at the Fresno VA Campus is a Siemens System. Please also reference the Specification SECTION 23 09 23 DIRECT-DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR HVAC paragraph 1.1.F which is quoted below.

"This facility's existing direct-digital control system is manufactured by JCI , and its ECC is located at the Central Plant. The existing system's top-end communications is via/Ethernet . The contractor administered by this Section of the technical specifications shall observe the capabilities, communication network, services, spare capacity of the existing control system and its ECC prior to beginning work."

We have noted a contradiction between these two specification sections. Please clarify the manufacturer of the existing system that is to be integrated?

**VA: Per VA Maintenance and Operation-Existing system is ADX by Johnson Control JCI. Paragraph 1.1.F is correct. Paragraph 1.3.A.2 should read "JCI", not "Siemens System".**

9. Specification Section 014529 indicates Inspection Services required during construction to be provided by a Testing Laboratory and Geotechnical Engineer retained by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Service fee shall be paid by the Contractor.

-Please confirm that fees shall be paid by the Contractor.

-If fees are to be paid by Contractor, do you have an estimate of the fees for these services, that we may include in our bid?

**VA: Yes. Inspection Services required during construction to be provided by a Testing Laboratory and Geotechnical Engineer retained by the Contractor and approved by the VA.**

**Service fee shall be paid by the Contractor. The Contractor shall budget this service fee for construction.**

10. Specification Section 018111 – Sustainable Design Requirements. Is there a Scorecard (Responsibility Matrix) available for the credits that are being targeted by the AEC team?

**VA: See attached scorecard.**

Yes	Maybe	No	
			Blue credits are required in LEED-NC to meet federal mandates

Certified: 40-49, Silver: 50-59, Gold: 60-79, Platinum: 80+