

RFI Responses

1. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?
Answer: The Government does not pay sales tax. Contractors shall not charge the government sales tax. Contractors and subcontractors shall pay all applicable local, state, and federal tax.
2. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?
Answer: Please see the specification 01 35 26 Safety Requirements section 1.04 paragraph F and section 1.13. All Contractors shall comply with contract clause 52.204-9 Personal Identity Verification of Contractor Personnel (Jan 2011)
3. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site? Will the fire sprinkler system and/or the fire alarm system need to be disrupted during construction?
Answer: The VA has 2 parking lots reserved for contractors. The Superintendent will receive a parking map during his/her badging to instruct their subcontractors on the parking regulations. Yes, both fire sprinkler system and fire alarm will need to be disrupted during construction.
4. If yes, what if any additional security measures will the government require e.g. fire watch, temporary fire alarms, adjustments to sprinkler heads, etc.
Answer: See Specification 01 35 26 Safety Requirements section 1.14 paragraphs J-L.
5. Does the Government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with?
Answer: The Project COR will be the contractors' point-of-contact for all service contractors' servicing the VA's utility and safety systems. The COR's contact information will be made available after award.
6. What is the name and contact information of the person or persons that will need to be coordinated with for security and fire alarm and suppression systems work and/or disruptions?
Answer: The Project COR will be the contractors' point-of-contact for all utility and safety system shut-downs. The COR's contact information will be made available after award.
7. Has the work area been checked for asbestos? What is the Governments' policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction?
Answer: The area has been tested and cleared of all asbestos. Documentation is available through the VHSSO safety office.
8. Does the Government currently have a 3rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?
Answer: Per the contract specifications the contractor will be responsible for providing all commissioning for the project.
9. Will there be a new set of plans with dimensions? Ceiling heights? Partition wall schedule?
Answer: The contractor is responsible for field verifying all dimensions, ceiling heights, and partition walls. All partition wall locations shall be approved by the COR before constructed.