

1. During the site walk it was stated that prevailing, Davis-Bacon, and/or Service Contract Act (SCA) wages are not required for this project. **It was originally stated that prevailing, Davis-Bacon, and/or Service Contract Act (SCA) wages are not required for this project, however upon further review of the requirement, Service Contract Act (SCA) wages will be used only.**
2. During the site walk it was stated that any Cat 5e or Cat 6 cabling that is currently in place and is functioning properly may be reused for this project. Please confirm that this is correct. **Yes, that is correct. By functioning, the VA is requiring that current cabling in place will allow the new cameras to perform as required.**
3. Applicable code only requires the use of lightning arrestors for devices (i.e. cameras) that extend above the roofline of a building. Please clarify whether the Government will require lightning arrestors for only those external cameras that extend above the roofline or for all external cameras. **Lighting arrestors are required for all cameras mounted outside regardless of location. These can be at the camera or in the rack location prior to connecting to the switch(s)**
4. The wireless specs state that the wireless solution “must have a connectorized and selectable antenna” and “antenna(s) must not be integrated.” Will VALLHS allow for integrated antenna solutions if the AP meets the rest of the requirements? **Yes.**
5. For bidding purposes, Contractor assumes all analog and non-working cameras (approximately 102 locations) will require new Cat 6 cabling. Accordingly, Contractor assumes replacing 33% of the cabling. Please confirm VALLHS’s agreement with these assumptions. **These assumptions are based on the attachment available in the solicitation labeled “VA assessment drawing layout” which indicates the total analog and non-working cameras. 33% is 102 cameras out of the 311 being requested.**
6. It was discussed during the site walk that there will be no requirement for new cabling unless existing cabling does not meet specifications. Can VALLHS provide clarifications to this statement?
 - a. Will existing Cat 5e cabling that is functioning properly need to be replaced with Cat 6 plenum cabling? **Yes all old cabling that does not meet the SOW requirements will need to be replaced.**
 - b. Will existing coaxial cabling need to be replaced with Cat 6 plenum cabling? **Yes No coax cabling is authorized under this project. All cabling must meet SOW requirements.**
 - c. Will existing Cat 6 non-plenum cabling need to be replaced with Cat 6 plenum cabling? **No, however this will need to be on a case by case basis. It is recommended that all cabling be replaced regardless this will help to ensure that no problems exist after installation. The contractor will provide a warranty after installation is complete. If the contractor chooses to use existing cable then this will be included in the warranty**
 - d. If yes to a, b, or c above, can VALLHS provide a percentage of cable that will require replacement so that all Bidders may provide an “apples-to-apples” compliant response?

No VALLHS is unable to provide a percentage. Contractor should assume replacement of all cabling.

7. Other than new fiber optic patch cords to meet connector requirements on new switches, is there any requirement to provide and install new fiber optic cable to add to existing backbone system or to camera locations? **Yes new fiber will be installed to all switch locations. The surveillance is stand alone and not part of the VA's network so all new infrastructure needs to be installed to support this network**
8. For any existing camera cable that requires replacement, will the Contractor be required to also inspect and bring existing pathway up to the specifications outlined in the RFP? **The current pathways can be used. If a new pathway needs to be created for a new or existing camera it will need to meets the requirements of the VALLHS**
 - a. If yes, can VALLHS provide a % of pathway that will require upgrade so that all Bidders may provide an "Apples to Apples" compliant response? **No VALLHS is unable to provide a percentage of pathways.**
9. At locations identified as "Wireless Mesh" cameras, is the Contractor required to replace the existing wireless mesh with new equipment or can the existing equipment be used for the new cameras? **No current hardware can be used. Must be replaced with new hardware the meets the requirements established in the SOW**
10. During the site walk it was discussed that there are IDF locations where existing camera system cables and switches are mounted on side walls in the IDF closet and that it is the desire of VALLHS to have all new switches to be installed in existing data racks in IDF. Can VALLHS provide the percentage of IDF locations where this is true so that all Bidders may provide an "apples-to-apples" compliant response? **Approximately 75%.**
11. During the site walk it was stated that there were locations where existing cameras were removed to replace failed cameras in more critical locations. Can VALLHS provide an update to the camera list to indicate which cameras were removed and/or provide an approximate number of cameras that have been removed and relocated? **As asked, this information is not pertinent. Regardless if the camera is there or not, a camera will be installed. Cameras that have been moved will not be reused or relocated. Therefore, the assumption is that there will be an installation of 311 cameras where there is wiring for one, or there is a camera in place now.**
12. Section 28 of the SOW states that "If contractor personnel require access to sensitive work areas, appropriate staff will escort the contractor personnel at all times." Can VALLHS indicate which cameras or the quantity of cameras that are currently located in "sensitive work areas?" **No after the project has been awarded during the kickoff meeting(s) these areas can be identified**