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Question #1: Section 01 00 00 General Requirements 1.4-B-1 states that General Contractor's employees shall not enter the project site without appropriate badge. Will the badging be provided by the VA and if so is there a cost associated with this badging?

Answer #1: Yes, background check, VA infection control/safety training (approximately 1 hr duration), and badges are required and will be provided by the VA at no cost to the Contractor. Any contract worker required to be on-site for more than 3 days to do work will require an identification badge. Also, all badges will need to be returned at the end of the job duration before final payment will be issued.

Question #2: The provided specification 01 00 00 General Requirements appears to be very general in nature and cover way more scope than what is described in the Statement of Work, provided drawings and what was pointed out during the site visit. Please clarify what portions of this specification section applies to this job and what does not.

Answer #2: General Requirements are just what it implies. These are the "GENERAL" requirements for working on this VA site and this project. All requirements and statements apply as stated in the 01 00 00 General Requirements.

Question #3: Section 01 74 19 Construction Waste Management-1.6 Applicable Publications – A & B – states that we are to refer to USGBC and LEED Green Building Rating System for New Construction and the most stringent requirements shall be met when there is a conflict in these requirements. Is this project going for a LEED Certification? If so what version of LEED are we to use? Does LEED even have a certification criteria for a project such as this one?

Answer #3: No, this project is not going for LEED Certification.

Question #4: Section 01 74 19 Construction Waste Management-1.7 Records - states "Records shall be kept in accordance with the LEED Reference Guide and LEED Template." Please refer to questions in number 4. If the project is not required to meet LEED criteria will clarification be given to this section?

Answer #4: LEED requirements will not be enforced.

Question #5: Based on the documents provided and Amendment 1, was it the intent of the VA to provide Section 03 30 00 Cast-In-Place for any work that might be required in the Engineered supports of the 8" steel pipe and Section 22 05 11 Plumbing for the 8" steel pipe sleeve? It is unclear why either of these sections would be included for a project of this scope as there is no defined scope for the engineered supports (we have a question regarding that still pending) and the Plumbing section is written towards the plumbing of a building not an exterior gas line.

Answer #5: Section 03 30 00 Cast-In-Place Concrete is included to cover the requirements of the supports. Section 22 05 11 Common Work Results for Plumbing is included to cover the VA "general requirements" concerning plumbing for both the natural gas line and the sleeve piping. It is understood

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that 22 05 11 usually is included to cover the requirements of indoor plumbing, but it has been edited to be more applicable to this project. The Section 33 51 00 Natural-Gas Distribution is also included to cover the specific nature of this project

Question #6: Is there an available soils report for the area where the gas line is going? This information will help us price the type of ground we are digging in.

Answer #6: No.

Question #7: Section 31 23 23.33 Flowable Fill – Description, states that “...at locations shown on the plans or as directed by the COR, verbally or in writing.” The plans call for “Sand Pack”. Please clarify where, if any, the flowable fill is to be located.

Answer #7: Section 31 23 23.33 Flowable Fill is included to cover its use in the case of Section 31 20 00 Earth Moving 3.2 Excavation #4. Specifically, the Flowable Fill section is intended to cover the case that the sleeved piping and supports and general trench excavation disturbs the fragile soils supporting the new parking lot to the North of the water run-off ditch. It could also be used in the event that there is an extreme erosion containment need.

Question #8: Please clarify the requirements for Section 32 05 23 Cement and Concrete for Exterior Improvements. It is our understanding that there is no concrete improvements to this project unless we damage existing site concrete. Is our assessment correct?

Answer #8: Section 32 05 23 Cement and Concrete for Exterior Improvements is specifically placed in this project’s specification and requirements as noted in 32 05 23 1.1.B. Equipment Pads: Pipeline Sleeve Supports. Yes, it could also be applied in the event that there is damage to other concrete structures during the construction process and repairs are needed.

Question #9: Amendment 1 Drawing S-3 Note 3. Who is providing the concrete pad that is described in this note, is it the General Contractor or ONG?

Answer #9: ONG is supplying the concrete pad for the Meter and Regulator.

Question #10: Section 32 90 00 Planting – Please clarify what the intent is for this spec section as there are no plantings listed on the drawings. Is the intent of this spec to provide guidance for re-seeding the disturbed area from the new gas Line? If so please clarify whether the VA would like SOD or SEED as both are described in this section.

Answer #10: Section 32 90 00 Planting is included in this project’s specifications and requirements to cover the prevention of erosion of disturbed soils. The use of SOD is specifically indicated in 32 90 00 2.9.

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Question #11: Please clarify the purpose of Section 33 40 00 Storm Drainage Utilities as there does not appear to be any scope written in the specs or drawn on the plans that requires any work to be done with "...outside, underground sewer systems." as described in 1.1 Description of this spec section.

Answer #11: Section 33 40 00 Storm Drainage Utilities is included in this project's specifications and requirements to cover any potential involvement with the city underground storm drainage/sewer lines nearing 40th Street to the East of the project construction location. Given that the Meter location has been confirmed to be more West than originally expected, this Section may or may not be necessary.

Question #12: Section 33 51 00 Natural-Gas Distribution – 1.1 Description refers to the possibility that cathodic protection may be required. Is Cathodic protection required? If so can the VA please provide a specification for it?

Answer #12: Cathodic Protection is not required in this project.