

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/ANSWERS FOR
VA101V-116-R-0421, IL CONSTRUCTION – HOUSTON, PA

Contract Related–

1. The Standard Form 1442 for the above referenced project shows the bid is due on 10/14/16 and does not include a time. Page #6 of 53 states that the bid is due 10/17/16 at 3:00 PM. Please advise what date and time the bid will be due.

Bids due date has been extended to 20 October 2016 at 3PM Eastern Time.

2. I would like to request the .pdf drawings for the above solicitation. Thank you in advance.

The informational drawings were provided on FBO on 9/29/2016. They are available for view/download in the solicitation.

3. On Page 6 of 53 of the solicitation, it is noted that we are to submit: 1) a completed SF 1442, and 2) Completed Price Schedule. Is there a separate price schedule from the SF 1442?

The requirement for an additional price schedule is removed from the solicitation. Pricing should be entered on the SF1442.

4. Can I please get any blueprints and/or any other reference materials associated with the below project.

See answer to #2, Additional reference materials (electrical panel, property footprint) provided as attachments.

5. Does this project require an actual project schedule which lists each items listed on the Work Statement (Page 2 of 9) w/a start date & end date or would this be submitted after the Notice to Proceed?

The bid requires a contemplated project schedule that reflects the offerors understanding of the major construction aspects of the requirement. This should include projected number of days for each work element and any dependencies, if any. Once award is made, and notice to proceed delivered, firm calendar dates can be inserted into the project schedule.

Technical –

6. Please provide information on the required elevator.

Elevator specification and installation information should be requested from the company providing the elevator. The contractor is responsible for providing the turn-key elevator solution.

7. 1. The statement of work indicates that the contractor is to supply and install the Garaventa lift system, however in speaking with a representative from Garaventa this morning, they are under the impression that the VA will be contracting directly with Garaventa. Should the contractor carry the cost for this work?

The Statement of Work is correct. Contractor is to provide/install Garaventa lift.

8. The existing siding on the home is 8" smooth aluminum. Is this what needs to be matched or would Double 4" vinyl work, providing color matches?

Only the new addition will receive new siding. Siding to be 8" smooth Vinyl Siding. Color to be White. Contractor to provide all transition strips, soffit as necessary to complete the new addition.

9. Just to verify, the roof, gutters and leaders are not included in the statement of work?

Roofing for the entire house is part of the scope of work. All gutters, downspouts, splash blocks are in the scope of work for the new addition.

10. What type and size are the existing hardwood floors that would need to be matched?

Statement of Work is updated to include the following:

Contractor shall provide and install Glue down Vinyl Plank flooring. Contractor to provide style and color samples to the Veteran for selection. Contractor to provide equal or similar to Shaw Winslow, Meadow Glue Down Vinyl Flooring. Contractor shall present submittals to government of selected flooring for approval

11. The drawings show a half bath in the basement not in statement of work. Is this to be included?

No

12. Does the statement of work include finishing the basement of the addition? If so, what type of flooring material will be required?

No

13. Is there any work in the existing portion of the house other than finishing around the framed opening to the dining room?

Possibly around the relocated front door and new Window

14. For the insulation is it acceptable to use fiberglass batt insulation in the ceiling and walls or is there a requirement for spray foam? Also during the walkthrough there was some batt insulation on site. Is that enough for the elevator shaft?

All insulation shall be fiberglass batt insulation. The insulation that was on site during the walk through was delivered by mistake and will be returned. No insulation is available for use.

15. The statement of work indicates matching the addition siding to the original house siding. The back of the original house has several patches that do not match at all and it has not been confirmed if aluminum siding in that size and color can still be purchased. Should the whole house be re-sided?

Contractor is only responsible for siding of the new addition and all soffits, fascias. See answer for question#8 for size and color

16. Other than what is indicated in the scope of work, is the contractor responsible for any other site work such as grading, seeding, etc.?

Contractor is responsible for finish grading, seeding and providing straw cover.

17. Should the existing house be re-roofed to match the shingles on the addition? The entire home is required to be roofed.

Contractor to strip off existing shingles on old portion of home, provide ice and water shield on entire roof if not already installed and reroof with 25 year Architectural Shingles.

18. Is there a sanitary tap fee? Is it paid?

Contractor responsible for contacting City Building office to determine the answer to this question and is responsible for settlement of any required fees.

19. Parking Area: what is the size of the flat area? A retaining was mentioned?

Driveway will remain the same size as existing. Contractor to plan on installing a retaining wall. Current estimate of depth of cut is approximately 18" to 24".

20. Electrical scope changed to install a sub panel at the site visit. Changed What is the subpanel size? *Please note (30 Amp elevator, 30 Amp Mini-Split, 30 Amp downstairs furnace (gas?), other wiring, lights, and receptacles.

Panel to remain as in current SOW. Power for new Panel to be pulled from existing if possible. If necessary a new electrical run may be required.

21. Tank less hot water heater-gas? Is there an additional hot water heater? Talked about at the pre bid site visit.

Contractor to install a new 40 Gallon Water heater in the addition basement similar or equal to a Whirlpool 240 volt electric water heater with 6 year guarantee.

22. What type of insulation? Spray foam, fiberglass...? No specifications

See answer to question #14.

23. Shingles manufacturer, what color? What year 20 or 30? Manufacturer? Are we matching existing as close as possible, or are we replacing existing shingles also? This following was mentioned at the pre bid.

See answer to #17

24. Furnace, heating and AC...duct work, rough in?

See #27

25. What color siding and manufacturer? Soffit and fascia, gutters and down spouts?

The siding should match as closely as possible to existing siding on home. Same applies for the soffit, fascia, gutters, and down spouts.

26. Is demo of existing deck part of scope?

No

27. HVAC sheet of drawings, shows furnace, this is a better choice for the heating A/C. SOW says 1 split system in top floors, no heat source in basement? Mini split not sufficient to heat house. Possibly duct and heat entire addition with furnace downstairs in the basement?

Contractor to supply and install a heatpump with heating cooling capability in the new addition basement. Contractor to supply and install all ductwork to all rooms to include return air duct as necessary. Contractor is required to size the unit to the space and provide specifications to the government. For purposes of identifying a model the unit should be similar to **Goodman 2.5 Ton 15 SEER Complete Split System Heat Pump.**

28. No specifications electrical?

Provided in specification attachment.

29. No HVAC specifications?

Provided in specification attachment

30. Is final inspection required for elevator? If so, if the fee paid? If not what is the fee?

No final inspection is required.

31. Is a tank less hot water heated being added? (Discussed at pre bid)

See answer to #21

32. Scope #19 states to supply ceiling fans. Please confirm the 3 locations.

2 in living room 1 in bedroom. Veteran will confirm exact spots

33. Please provide wall elevations for the bathrooms.

No elevations are available for this project. Finishes are sheetrock and paint with all necessary grabbars, ADA requirements.

34. Is carpet covering the stringers as well as the treads?

No carpet or other finishes are to be applied to stairs. Not part of this contract.

35. What is the flooring type for the basement floor?

Not part of contract.

36. Please provide Details for window and door trim.

Standard paint grade door/window trim.

37. Please provide structural connection details at house and beams / posts for deck and walkway.

Contractor is to provide any sketches, attachment details as required by the City of Houston PA. Contractor is required to construct the deck and all supporting members in accordance with the International Building Code and the State of Pennsylvania.

38. Who is the manufacturer and what type of hardwood flooring to match? What is the thickness? Is it to be stapled down, glued down or composite floating?

See #10

39. In reference to statement of scope #20, we need a paving spec for the driveway. IE: thickness of sub base, binder course, wear course. Spec to be provided.

Contractor will be responsible for determination of grade, sub-base construction and pavement thickness. Contractor to provide submittals and simple sketch showing their plan.