

# MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

March 13, 2012

Contracting Service  
VA Medical Center  
Saginaw MI

SUBJECT: Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit Minutes, Replace Sprinkler Standpipes, Project 655-10-103

1. Site visit and pre-proposal conference held on March 13, 2012 at the Contracting Office conference room Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center Saginaw MI commencing at 2:00 pm. in conjunction with Invitation for Bids VA251-12-B-0025. Attendance log is attached.

2. Introduction of Government personnel was conducted consisting of Ernie Graham, COR, and Sonny Earls Contract Specialist.

3. Contract Specialist Sonny Earls reviewed the Invitation for Bids as follows:

a. Plans and specifications are available for download via [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov). No full size drawings are available.

b. Magnitude of project is between \$500,000 through \$1,000,000.

c. After Notice to Proceed is issued to successful offeror project has a performance time of 240 calendar days.

d. A Site Visit will be held immediately after this pre-proposal conference at the construction site and conducted by the COR.

e. When amendments are issued they will be posted to [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) (FBO) solicitation website. Any revised or new plans will also be posted to FBO.

f. Payment and Performance bonds are required for this project equal to 100% of the contract amount if the government's estimated amount exceeds \$100,000 and are due no later than 10 calendar days after notice of award. If less than \$100,000 but greater than \$30,000, only a Payment Bond will be required. A bid bond is not required.

g. Liquidated damages do not apply to this project.

h. Warranty of Construction clause is incorporated and applies to this project. See contract specifications for references to any extended product warranties.

i. The prevailing wage determination applies to any resultant contract and will be strictly enforced.

j. IFB procedures were reviewed as follows:

i. Email technical questions in RFI format to the Contracting Officer according to the instructions provided in the solicitation. Form is posted with the solicitation. Current deadline for submission of RFIs is March 27, 2012 (4:00 PM, EST)

ii. All RFI questions and answers will be posted via amendment to the FBO website under the solicitation.

k. SF 1442 was reviewed showing contractors the proper procedure to complete the offer section. It was also pointed out the need to mark the bid envelop in the lower left hand corner with the solicitation number and the time and date of bid opening with the header 'Sealed Bid'.

l. All contractors need to complete their CCR Registration, VETS-100 Reporting Requirement, and online Representations and Certifications. At time of bid opening if selected bidder is not fully validated in CCR they will have 7 calendar days to complete validation. The selected bidder also needs to be verified in the VETBIZ registry. If not verified at the time of bid opening and they are the selected bidder, (5) calendar days will be provided to submit company information to the Contracting Officer for submission to VA OSDDBU for verification purposes. Not meeting the foregoing timelines may be cause for rejection of bid.

m. SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS AND VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE) has issued the following eligibility requirements that are published via VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Part 819.7003(b):

(b) At the time of submission of offer, the offeror must represent to the Contracting Officer that it is a—

(1) SDVOSB concern or VOSB concern;

(2) Small business concern under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code assigned to the acquisition; and

(3) Verified for eligibility in the VIP database.

Any offer received that does not meet any one of the foregoing statutory requirements shall be rejected as non-responsive.

n. Bidders were instructed to provide their federal tax ID and DUNS number with their offer.

4. **Bids currently are due NLT April 05, 2012, 1:00 pm local time.** Offerors can either hand carry, FedEx, UPS, US Mail, or other delivery method. Faxed, emailed, Western Union, or other telegraphic means of delivery is not authorized for proposals. Bid envelopes must be properly marked in the lower left hand corner with the solicitation number, the project title, and the date and time of the bid opening. The solicitation indicates a 180 day bid acceptance period. Providing less than a **180 day bid acceptance period** will be cause for rejection of bid.

5. A pre-performance conference will be held prior to the start of work with the successful bidder.

6. The project scope was verbally reviewed by the COR. Bidders were cautioned that they are not to ask technical questions that require clarification or specific answers that are not contained within the specifications and/or drawings but to submit via RFI so all bidders are provided the information.

7. With the conclusion of the pre-proposal conference, a site visit was held at the construction location and conducted by the COR.

8. Background Investigations: Any worker, supervisor, superintendent, project manager, etc. of the selected contractor and all subcontractors will be required to undergo a background investigation, the type to be determined dependent upon the project access requirements and each person's predicted length of time on the project job site.

9. In accordance with NFPA 13, minimum size pipe for drains will be two (2) inch from Drain Riser to Zone Main as indicated on Drawing F-000 Detail one (1).

10. Questions from attendees:

QUESTION:

- Is this a set-aside?

RESPONSE:

- Yes, for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business only.

QUESTION:

- Will there be additional site visits?

RESPONSE:

- You may certainly put in an RFI requesting additional site visits, however at this time additional site visits are not planned. Please include the justification as to why an additional site visit is required for this project. Plenty of time will be provided to walk through the area (today) including time to take pictures of the various areas where work is to be conducted.

QUESTION:

- Will asbestos be involved with this project?

RESPONSE:

- No, the solicitation material did not include requirements for asbestos.

QUESTION:

- Is there going to be a prevailing wage?

RESPONSE:

- Yes, the Davis Bacon Wage Determination has been attached on [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) with the solicitation material.

11. Pre-bid conference and site visit concluded at approximately 3:00 PM



Sonny Earls  
Contract Specialist