

Questions and Answers for Oncology / Chemotherapy

1. The probability of asbestos being present was mentioned at the pre-con, will a survey for asbestos and lead paint be performed by the government or should we include the cost in our bid? **No, a survey has already been performed.**
2. Please locate the freight elevator that is available for our use. **The freight elevator can be used only when scheduled and approved by the VA. See attached sheet: Keyplan_3-7-12 for location.**
3. What if any are the requirements for the fire sprinkler system, the generic specifications indicate the design and installation of a new sprinkler system for the entire building? **The project involves modifications to the existing sprinkler system in the renovated and adjacent areas as required to provide a code compliant system.**
4. What are the requirements for the fire alarm system? **Refer to specification section 28 31 00.**
5. The wall finishes for rooms 439 A,C,G and H shown on drawing A101 do not match the room finish schedule shown on drawing A611, please advise which is correct. **The room finish schedule is correct. A101 will be revised to reflect the room finish schedule. Re: sheet A101R.**
6. Please verify that only the windows on room 405 need to be re-caulked, rather than all windows in the project as indicated in the statement of work. **Only (2) two windows need to be re-caulked and chemically treated around the plaster perimeter. These windows are located in Treatment 405. Refer to A4/A101 for location.**
7. SHEET E101: Notes ED2 and ED5 indicate the head walls will be demolished. Does this mean we disconnect the single patient stations and code blue stations for reinstallation after the work is complete? **NO** if so does the Electrical Contractor have the information on the size of the back boxes and conduit required for re-installation? There are also dome lights in the ceilings, a staff station behind the nurse's station, and a console receptacle at the nurse's station. Do they remain or stay. **They are not needed. Per e-mail from Brian Saybe dated 09.15.11, the only items needed are the dome lights outside the bathrooms and the pull stations in the bathrooms.** Removing any of the above will affect the existing system in the rest of the floor, thus should we deprogram those removed and remove the cables? **YES.**
8. Sheet E203 shows note 2 giving height only not what is to be installed, single or dual patient station, code blue station, dome light, call cords, etc. **This refers to the height of receptacles. The nurse call reference wasn't removed after the devices were removed.**
9. The existing Rauland Responder III System is on the end of its life cycle, equipment is getting scarce, are refurbished stations allowed or only new. **NEW.**
10. Also there is an interdepartmental intercom mount in the post, does it stay? **YES.**

11. Are we allowed to utilize the windows for a sealed trash chute and material hoist? A window is allowed for a sealed trash chute only in the Oncology Suite. The lay down/dumpster area must be fenced in and follow VA guidelines. This will need to be coordinated and approved by the VA prior to installation.
12. We are unable to locate spec section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS. Spec 01 91 00 is referenced in section 26 08 00 COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. Re: Attached specification section 01 91 00.
13. Sheet A211 keynote 9.34 shows a "Perimeter Seal." Is this applied the entire linear footage of the J mold, or just on the exterior wall J mold. It applies to the entire linear footage. Perimeter is a path that surrounds an area.
14. Please advise contractor to designated office/administration space, or is construction trailer required? Contractor shall furnish construction trailer within laydown/staging area.
15. Please advise contractor to location of laydown/staging area. The Contractor shall supply a fenced in Laydown/staging area located at rear of Building 7. This location and size must be coordinated with the VA prior to installation.
16. Please advise contractor to location of designated parking area. Parking area will be designated by the VA after project has been awarded.
17. Is it determined if GC will be allowed to use stairway for debris removal or will chute be required? If chute is required, please advise location. The stairway, freight elevator and chute can be used for debris removal. The freight elevator and chute access need to be coordinated with the VA.
18. Will temporary AC be required during construction for office south of 441? No, that area is beyond the limits of work.
19. Are windows operable for ventilation of work space to comply with negative air pressure requirement? Yes, if not than the Contractor will remove and replace a window to achieve negative air pressure.
20. Impact resistant wall covering does not appear in finish schedule, please clarify. Rigid Vinyl Protection – W1 and W3. FRL1 @ curved band. All are listed in the schedules.
21. Window blinds are identified for only 2 rooms. Is this correct? Window blinds need to be provided for all windows within the limits of work.
22. What tasks require VA coordination other than 3rd floor access? The use of the freight elevator, access through room 407, staging rooms, laydown/staging/dumpster location, parking, and any work that may disrupt or hinder passage of VA employees/patients.
23. Some specs sections are criteria based (prescription specs) and others include more info than required by the project. This could possibly be a factor in determining quality during pricing and submittals. Please advise. The project involves modifications to the existing mechanical, electrical and sprinkler system in the renovated and adjacent areas as required to provide a code compliant system.
24. During pre-bid meeting, architect said chases will be created in both phases to run wiring, please provide more detailed info. N/A

25. Contractors mechanical subcontractor raised issue with the demolition of mechanical equipment in Penthouse in which removal of an 8'x10' section of wall is required. Could you verify that this must be done for pricing? **Yes, this must be done for pricing.**
26. Is the reception desk supposed to be cultured marble? **No, the Reception Desk at Clerks 439 shall be Solid Surface – Coral Drift - #P9020.**