

Correct Building 16 FCA Deficiencies

VA246-12-B-0041

Questions and **Answers**

1. Can we price these fixed windows as aluminum storefront, 2" x 4 1/2" thermally broken frames? This would be much easier to handle and install than a factory glazed window.

Bid as required by specs.

2. The steel angle that is welded to the top lintel of the existing windows, is this to remain in place or be cut loose?

This angle needs to be removed also.

3. Will air monitoring be required for the lead abatement of windows, doors, hand rails, etc.?

Per the VA IH no air monitoring will be required for the removal of windows, doors and hand rails.

4. What are the security requirements for the windows as they are removed as they must be bricked before new windows are to be installed? To be sealed with plywood? Water tight with Plastic?

Have new windows on site ready to install. Remove no more windows than can be replaced that day. If bad weather comes up during removal of window prohibits the installation of new windows, seal with plastic and plywood on both sides of bolted together.

5. When the areas are in-filled with the brick, is the area to be merely "filled-in" or is the opening to be chipped back to the existing brick to tie into the current rows so that they will be continuous?

No the existing brick work is not to be chipped away to make a continuous course of brick, just fill-in opening.

6. Based on General Notes from Page 1 of the drawings, for the materials that are to be removed and stored in trailers/containers, will you provide more information must it be inventoried, any special type of container/trailer for storage) on what is expected for the items to be moved and how you expect it to be stored so that it can be accessed?

The contractor is to provide some way to store the materials from that area, either by renting a POD, CONEX or Trailer. These materials

will have to be placed in a manner that the VA shops can access these materials when needed. These materials are not to be inventoried by the contractor. VA will provide a lock for the storage unit.

7. Is lead paint present on plaster walls we are removing?

No, the lead paint report only indicates the actual windows frame itself, nothing about the wall paint.

8. Is asbestos abatement to be deducted with Bid Item II & III?

No ,this is to be included in all Bid Items.

9. Can you clarify that VA will “remove and store all bldg maintenance supplies that are stored on shelves in bldg 16 1st floor” as indicated on sheet one? Drawing one indicated GC is to perform this work but at site visit VA indicated they will handle this work.

The materials in the Laundry area is the area that equipment, materials will be moved by the VA. The only things that will be moved will be the items that are on wheels and can be moved out of the way. The contractor is to provide ladders, scaffolding etc... in order to access items in ceiling and cover shelving because they will not be moved.

The Building Materials stored in the area on the 1st floor on the wooden shelves will be moved and store by contractor in a POD, CONEX or TRAILOR and locked by VA lock.

10. Drawing one, stairwell section “A” has a note that states “New Stairs to have flat round plate with holes...” Are we replacing these stairs or should the note say “New Railing” instead of new stair?

The drawing has been revised to indicate “HANDRAIL” on Sheet 1 of 7.

11. Drawing one, stairwell section “A” shows railing hatched. Are we only replacing the hatched section of railing or is the ground floor and first floor being replaced?

The drawing indicates that the handrails are not seen, but they are to be replaced also. All the handrails are to be replaced in this area along with the ones on the back dock.

12. Do the new windows need to meet any DOD antiterrorism standards or high impact standards?

No the windows do not require Antiterrorism standards or High Impact.

13. Existing roof shows signs of severe cracking. Even if we put down roof protection we suspect that our work will nullify existing warranty. Will the contractor be held responsible if roof starts to leak in areas other than shown on plans?

Contractor to protect existing roof system during this phase of work. The new work shall not void existing warranty and the new work shall be warranted also.

14. Sheet 7 alternate has same note as base bid stating not to remove more windows that can be reinstalled per day. Sheet 7 alternate has masonry infills which needs curing time before windows are reinstalled. Will we be able to secure openings by some means while block work cures?

Contractor to can install plywood or other material to make opening secure and also install plastic covering over area to make waterproof.

15. General-What building and room # is the bid due?

Building 21b, Room #115 (Conference Room)

16. 1 of 7-Extensive prep will need to be performed at laundry room walls which are to be painted. Severe cracks and wall conditions exists. Is there a preferred method of wall prep and/or skimcoat?

Seal all openings with a grout if cracks are wider than 3/8" and other items will be addressed after award.

17. 2 of 7-How far is, or what is the location of, the electrical room in which disconnects are to be taken back to?

Remove back to the closest JB in ceiling in Laundry.

18. 5 of 7-Is anything to be done with the floor coverings in B5 and/or B11 when the showers are removed, capped and floor patched?

Patch the floor with matching VCT.

19. 5 of 7-Note #7-Does “paint” include only walls, or does it include exposed piping, frames and/or doors?

Paint all metal frames, metal doors. No piping is to be painted.

20. 5 of 7-Note #8-New ACT in B2 and B3. B3 already to receive new ACT per Note #1, should it be B4?

Include Room B4 also with new ACT.

21. 6 of 7-Is opening 6’0”x5’6” equipment to be removed on roof demo and patching plan? Not identified with “Note #1”.

Yes, this was a omission this is to be included.

22. Will a new concrete pad be required for the new Carrier equipment or does the pad exist? If new, need details and dimensions.

There is a existing concrete pad there, reuse it.

23. Section 040513-Confirm mortar for brick is to be standard gray.

Match existing color of mortar that is existing on building now.

24. Section 042000-Please clarify required reinforcement for masonry CMU.

Install reinforcement as required by the Brick Industry Association Technical Notes or Masonry industry Council

25. Section 088000-Specify type of glazing to be used in new aluminum windows.

Insulating glass unit with 1/4” thick, meeting the requirement of .6 U factor and .25 SHGC

26. Section 090600 Schedule for Finishes referenced in several specification sections but not provided with bid documents.

This was an oversight and should be deleted. Color of paints, VCT will be from our standard colors and styles.

27. Section 237413 is for Roof-Top Units but the new Carrier air conditioning is to be pad mounted on ground level. Please clarify.

Spec section 23 81 00 will be issued to replace this along with a revised Table of Contents for the specifications.