

Request for Information (RFI) Tracking Log**Solicitation: VA-248-16-R-0965****Project: 675-CSI-150****Title: Construct New Mental Health Annex – Viera****RFI # 1 - 67****11/4/2016**

RFI NBR	Question Response	Submitted By	Dated Received
1.	<p>The wording of RFP Items F1 and F3 indicate that the relative experience and past performance of key subcontractors/team members will be considered by the VA as provided for under FAR 9.6; however, RFP Item F5 only requests past performance from the Prime Contractor. Please clarify whether the VA will consider and evaluate both relative experience and past performance from both the prime and subcontractors/team members.</p> <p><i>“F1.Past Performance will be evaluated using a comparative assessment of the Past Performance information contained on questionnaire submitted by the Offeror’s clients from past projects. Projects participated by the prime construction contractor will be weighted more heavily than projects participated by consultants, sub-contractors and individuals.”</i></p> <p><i>“F2.Relevant Experience of the P rime contractor’s subcontractors and team members:”</i></p> <p><i>“F5.A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) past performance projects completed by the Prime Contractor shall be submitted to the Government.”</i></p>	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	10/20/2016
Reply	<p>The VA will consider and evaluate both relative experience and past performance <u>from both the prime and Key subcontractors/team members</u>. F5.A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) past performance projects completed by the Prime Contractor <u>and or Key Subcontractors</u> shall be submitted to the Government. A minimum of two (2) PPQ shall be the Prime Contractor’s PPQ.</p>		
2.	<p><u>Evaluation Factor 6 – Past Performance:</u> Will the VA allow submission of previously completed past performance questionnaires (PPQs) for submitted projects in lieu of requesting new PPQs from previous customers?</p>	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	10/20/2016
Rely	<p>Offerors may submit previously completed past performance questionnaires (PPQs) for submitted projects in lieu of requesting new PPQs from previous customers. HOWEVER, THE QUESTIONNAIRE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER BY THE CUSOMER PER SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS IN THE SOLICITATION VA248-16-R-0965. PPQ THAT <u>DO NOT</u> CONTAIN THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN THE PPQ TEMPLATE FOR VA248-16-R-0965 MAY BE WEIGTED LESS FAVORIABLEY.</p>		
3.	<p>In specification section 034500 – Precast Architectural Precast – Page 1 –General 1.3 Quality Assurance A.2. At the end, we would like to Add “In addition “Membership in the Architectural Precast Concrete Association (APA) and Plant Certified at time of bidding is also acceptable. Submit APA certification.</p>	Spring Pre-Cast , LLC	10/27/2016

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Reply	Submit APA certification		
4	Phase 2 sub-phases shown diagrammatically on the RFP documents do not clearly identify the demarcation points for electrical, fire protection and mechanical systems serving each phase of construction. Request the VA identify the mechanical, electrical, and fire protection systems serving each phase, the systems demarcation points, and clarify how each system is to be managed during each phase. Also, request the VA clarify if any temporary services will be required to operational service areas that are remaining operational during the construction of other phases, but which are serviced by systems that may be impacted during construction of the other phases.	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	10/28/2016
Reply	HVAC Reply: The HVAC phasing is explained on sheet M001 and MD101 and for the most part it is consistent with phases 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2D. The only exceptions are that phase 2A needs to be expanded by two rooms and phase 2B work is partially completed in phase 2A. See revised Phase 2 Plan in VA248-16-R-0965 A00004, Attachment 2_RFI-4 Reply_645-CSI-150_Rev. Phase 2” for phasing.		10/31/16
5	Request the RFI due date be extended to 5PM, 3 November 2016 to allow for addition time to thoroughly review the large volume of contract documents.	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	10/28/2016
Reply	RFI Due date will be extended to 5PM 1 November.		
6	Request RFP Item F, Factor 6, Sub-Item 3, line one be changed to reflect project completed within the past “Six (6)” years in lieu of the “Five (5)” years now specified. Many RFPs allow for periods of up to seven (7) years based on the longer construction schedules associated with projects similar to the magnitude associated with this RFP. Larger, longer performance period project naturally limit the number of projects that may fall within a shorter time period. The addition of additional time for consideration will allow contractors performing this type project to adequately capture their relevant performance history.	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	10/28/2016
Reply	See VA248-16-R-0965 A00003: RFP Item F, Factor 6, Sub-Item 3, line one is changed to reflect project completed within the past “Six (6)” years in lieu of the “Five (5)” years now specified.		
7	1. Page 8 of 65 of the Original Solicitation, under Factor 2, requires submission of licenses for all “Specialty Contractors” to be submitted with this proposal. For the purposes requested, what trades are considered “Specialty Contractors”?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	For this requirement Specialty Contractors are: (1) Electrical, (2) Mechanical, and(3) Plumbing contractors. Also see Reply to RFI 44 and 51.		
8	2. Page 8 of 65 of the Original Solicitation, under Factor 2, requires the Prime Contractor to obtain any necessary permits. Drawing GC101, notes 4 & 5 describes the St Johns River Water Management Water District (STJWMD) permit, EPA Notice of	Blue Cord	10/28/2016

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	Intent (NOI) and related Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). Just to confirm, is the Prime Contractor responsible to obtain and pay for these permits		
Reply	As contained in the solicitation by reference is FAR Clause 52.236-8 Permits and Responsibilities, states "The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses and permits, and for complying with any Federal, State, and municipal laws, codes, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work."		10/28/2016
9	3. Drawing A302 & A303 sections 1, 2 & 3 specify for new tilt wall panel exterior walls to match existing exterior walls. There is no mention of the textured coating (Tex-Cote) that we know from past experience has been spray applied to the exterior walls in past similar projects. Is the Tex-Cote product required for this project to match the existing exterior walls?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Yes, match texture of new addition to existing exterior walls. See attached picture of existing wall for reference. See VA248-16-R-965 A00004, Attachment 3_RFI-9 Reply_ 675-CSI-150 Ext. Wall Texture		
10	4. Drawing AD112 indicates existing acoustic ceiling removal 90' down corridor F100B and about 60' down corridor F200D within the existing F Wing. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection work is shown on the drawings to occur only a few feet inside of F Wing. F Wing is occupied and disruption is desired to be minimized. What is the purpose of removing all the acoustic ceiling as indicated on AD112	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Ceiling removal will be required only as necessary to complete the work. We will not accept a request for change indicating that removal was inadequately defined		10/31/2016
11	5. Drawing A302, section 3, shows shaft wall installed within the old existing window opening to close it off. 2 hour shaft wall is also shown again about 1' outboard of the old window on the backside of the new perimeter wall inside the new addition. The shaft wall in the new addition is in plane with the entire new continuous perimeter wall with no limit for the shaft wall assembly shown horizontally or vertically. Is this the intention, or a mistake on the drawings? If intended where are the shaft wall limits located	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Full coverage-height and width- on the new construction side is required as noted		
12	6. Drawing A303, section 2, has a note indicating wall framing, sheathing, insulation & air barrier to be installed prior to tilt wall panel erection. This is a very unconventional (and more expensive) way to erect this project. Normally the tilt wall panels are erected first then red iron, framing, sheathing etc. Our tilt wall subcontractors doubt the feasibility of this construction sequence.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016

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	Light gauge framing and sheathing would be disturbed and damaged during tilt wall erection. Can the Prime GC take rightful control of the means and methods of the construction sequencing as long as we can still provide the interior insulation, sheathing and air barrier required after tilt wall is erected?		
Reply	Panels are pre-cast, not tilt-up. Precast is a different process, including erection. Sequence of erection is a method and means function and timing is the responsibility of the contractor. Variations from the contract documents must be approved prior to proceeding and the air barrier must be continuous.		
13	7. Spec section 09 05 15 Subsurface Prep for Floor Finishes, specifies a product to be used in cases of unacceptable moisture in the floor slab. Since we won't know, until the floors are tested for moisture content, if this product is required, can The VA inform us if excessive moisture exists or direct us to use the product either way?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Moisture content will be a function of the drying in of the environment and it's timing-also methods and means. The GC's sequencing will directly impact whether or not moisture is an issue.		
14	8. Page 34 of 65 of the Original Solicitation, states work hours as WHEN (weekends, holidays, evenings & nights). Past building addition projects have been constructed during the day. Can we work normal daytime hours on the building addition work? Interior alterations would remain as WHEN hours.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
	Building envelope enclosure and underground utility work to be performed during Week Ends Holidays Evening Nights (WHEN) hours. Work inside the new addition can be performed during normal hours, unless such activities impact patient care such as excessive noise, vibration, etc. If such disruptive activities occur during the day, the VA reserves the right to request this work to be performed during WHEN hours at no additional costs or schedule increase.		
15	9. Interior alterations shown on drawing MD101 indicate demolition of ductwork that serves other occupied areas in different phases. Will other areas, occupied in different phases, that lose HVAC, require temporary cooling until normal services are restored?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Refer to the phasing notes located in Sheet MD101 which explain the need for temporary ductwork to maintain cooling of areas occupied during the different phases of work. We believe the issue is adequately covered in these phasing notes.		
16	10. Drawing G001, note I, indicates FF&E items that are to be turned over to the Government to be delivered to a storage facility as directed by the government. At the prebid meeting it was mentioned that the GC would need to provide a conex storage container for storage of VA FF&E items. Will The GC be responsible	Blue Cord	10/28/2016

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	for moving, storing and returning to finished construction, FF&E items with no VA participation in cost?		
Reply	Per discussion with the VA, movement and storage of FFE is the responsibility of the contractor. G001, Note I may be considered superseded.		
17	11. Drawing A505, details 2, 3, 6, 7 & 9 show acoustical wall panels. Since these could be subject to interpretation of a wide variety of products, will The VA provide a specification for these materials	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Basis of Design is Sound-Soak with fabric cover, minimum ¾" thick.		
18	12. Toilet accessory mounting heights are shown on G001. Will The GC be responsible for toilet accessories at new sink locations or anywhere else, or will toilet accessories be furnished and installed by The VA?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Any required toilet accessories are anticipated to be <u>provided by the VA at this time and installed by the Contractor.</u>		
19	13. Intruder Detection System (IDS) components like door contacts, motion sensors & glass break sensors are not shown on the drawings. An IDS exists in other parts of the building. Will IDS be required for this project? If so, please define.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	No IDS system will be required.		
20	14. The existing building has a Bosch Security Escort system that will allow staff to trigger an alarm while walking around the building. The controller for this system, in F Wing, is at max capacity and will not provide extended coverage to the new addition. This system is not shown to be extended to the new addition. Is the new addition intended to have the Bosch Security Escort system extended to it? If so, please define.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Not needed		
21	15. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras are shown on drawing ET102. Please confirm the CCTV cameras will need to be Pelco IP to match existing system.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Yes, CCTV cameras to be Pelco IP to match existing.		
22	16. Will the existing CCTV Network Video Recorder (NVR) in the Security Office need additional storage capability to be added to accommodate new/added cameras? If so, please define size required.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	No additional storage is required.		
23	17. Please confirm The VA will provide Power Over Ethernet (POE) switch to connect cameras to head end as they have in the past.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	No. The General Contractor (GC) is responsible for providing the POE switch.		
24	18. Please confirm all card readers are card reader only and not combo	Blue Cord	10/28/2016

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	card reader and keypad.		
Reply	Unless some specific issue can be cited, arch and elect drawings and specs appear to provide complete info on devices and control		10/31/2016
25	19. Drawing ET102, note C, directs Access Control (PACS) tie-in to controller to go to room E606. Existing (PACS) controller for F Wing is in room F304. Can new controller be located there (rm F304)?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	No. Refer to directions on drawings/specs.		11/03/16
26	20. Will "red power" be supplied at system controllers or will a local UPS system be required?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	Provide connectivity as indicated.		11/03/16
27	21. Drawing EP102 shows electrical power connections to two (2) existing electric panels within Electric Room F229: Panel GDL11 and panel GEDL11-EQ. Drawing E601, Area F Addition Riser Diagram shows electrical power connection to GDL11 and GEDL11-CR. Which is correct?	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	All Panels shown on EP102 are for location purposes, and have circuits routed to them, Panels shown on Riser diagram sheet E601 only shown for Riser diagram purpose.		
28	1. Please confirm that per spec section 01 45 29 Testing Laboratory Services, paragraph 1.1 that all testing lab services will be paid for by The VA.	Blue Cord	10/28/2016
Reply	VA has decided to make ALL construction-related testing shall be the responsibility of the contractor . Spec 01 45 29 is considered modified accordingly.		
29	1. Will this project be Tax Exempt? Will the government provide Tax Exemption Certificate?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	This project IS NOT tax exempt. The Government WILL NOT provide any tax exempt certificates.		
30	2. There does not appear to show a laydown area on the drawings will there be room for one or should we anticipate utilizing locations along the haul rout?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Laydown area will be North of F-wing. This area is across the street NE of the addition. See VA248-16-R-0965 A00004 Attachment 4, RFI-30 Reply_675-CSI-150 Laydown Area.		
31	3. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evening and weekends inside: everyone must sign and sign out at the front desk. Evening and weekends outside: At the beginning of the shift, the Superintendent must check in with Security and let them know the number of workers who will be on site. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the workday inside: Everyone must sign in/sign out and get a badge. And the end of the evening the badge must be turned in. (Working inside during the day may or may not be approved by the COR). 		
32	4. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Laydown site and parking for contractors will be located across the street NE of the addition. See VA248-16-R-0965 A00004 Attachment 4, RFI-30 Reply_675-CSI-150 Laydown Area.		
33	5. Will the fire sprinkler system and/or the fire alarm system need to be disrupted during construction? If yes, what if any additional security measures will the government require e.g. fire watch, temporary fire alarms, adjustments to sprinkler heads, etc.	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Methods and means issue on disruption. Meet all specified safety criteria, particularly those in Division 1. Fire watch will be required if outage is more than 4 hours.		
34	6. What is the name and contact information of the person or persons that will need to be coordinated with for security and fire alarm and suppression systems work and/or disruptions? (Currently with Simplex System)	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Contact info to be provided by the VA at post award conference.		
35	7. Does the Government currently have a 3 rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Contractor shall be responsible for all construction related testing. Spec 01 45 29 is modified to state that the Contractor shall be responsible for testing.		
36	8. Describe any and all tasks that may be required for this project as it relates to infectious control?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Meet all specified safety criteria, particularly those in Division 1. Interior renovations are rated as CLASS III.		
37	9. Will the government provide the rating document for infectious disease control? What is the level of infectious disease control rating for this site?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Yes, information is found in the SOW. Interior renovations are rated as CLASS III.		
38	10. Is the facility going to require anti-ligature standards to be met?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	No		
39	11. Will St. John Water Management permits be required?	Hernandez	10/28/2016

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		Consulting & Construction	
Reply	Yes		
40	12. Are architectural and mechanical tasks phased concurrently? Will we need to provide airflow to areas adjacent to the construction area before beginning to make changes to the space?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	See HVAC sheet M001 which explains the need for temporary air system filters so that work areas can be conditioned without fouling the HVAC system. Sheet MD101 also shows temporary duct requirements to keep spaces cooled / heated while adjacent spaces are being remodeled. Also refer to modified 2A-2D phasing sheets in Attachment 2_RFI-4 Reply_675-CSI-150_Rev. Phase 2		
41	13. Is the existing AHU large enough to accommodate the new addition and provide adequate CFM? Does the existing AHU have a VFD?	Hernandez Consulting & Construction	10/28/2016
Reply	Yes / Yes. Note that some of the air-handling units are being modified as part of this project.		
42	We want to get some clarification on the Fire Alarm SOW for the Viera VA Mental Health Annex project. On drawing ET101 under General Note A. it states that the existing fire alarm system is General Electric and that we need to add these new devices to that panel. SimplexGrinnell will be replacing that Fire Alarm system in November as part of a one-for-one replacement, with a Simplex Fire Alarm Control Panel and Simplex devices.	Tyco/Simplex Grinnell	10/31/2016
Reply	Assume integration into a Simplex system.		
43	1. Can you clarify what permits will be required to be obtained by the contractor? St. Johns Water Management?	G&C Fab	11/01/2016
Reply	Storm water permit is required.		
44	2. Evaluation Factor 2: Licenses – Solicitation states: “The prime contractor shall submit current and valid license for all specialty contractor performing work on the project. Failure to submit either or all licenses will result in proposal rejection. G&C will submit our general contractor’s license with the proposal. If a specialty contractor has been identified at bid time we will include their license. However, should a trade not be represented at bid time, will our proposal be disqualified? Is there a list of specialty contractors you expect to receive with the proposal?	G&C Fab	11/01/16
Reply	Factor 2 is revised to state the following: For this requirement the VA prefers to receive proposals from the GC that contain a license from the following specialty contractors: (1) Electrical, (2) Mechanical, and (3) Plumbing). See Reply to RFI #7 and 51. Proposals that contain license of (1) Electrical, (2)		

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	<u>Mechanical, and (3) Plumbing specialty contractors will be rated more favorably than proposals that do not. Proposals that do not contain the license of specialty contractors referenced above will not be rejected but will be rated less favorably.</u> The GC must however provide the (1) Electrical, (2) Mechanical, and (3) Plumbing specialty contractor's license at the Notice to Proceed. The license is required during the performance period of contract.		
45	3. Evaluation Factor 3: Regulation Factor – please confirm the following sentence on line 2 of this paragraph is incorrect: “EMR must be greater than or equal to 1.0”	G&C Fab	11/01/16
Reply	The contractor's Experience Modification Rate (EMR) shall be equal to or less than 1.0. Per VHA Directive 2011-036 Safety and Health During Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Violations: For a contractor to be eligible for an award, CO's must verify that the contractor shall have no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat, or one (1) willful OSHA or EPA violation(s) in the past three (3) years and have an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) of equal to or less than 1.0.		
46	Section 22 11 00 – 3, Part 2 Products, 2.2 Above ground (Interior) water piping B. Fittings for copper tube: Foot note 1. Says to use solder connections and footnote 2. Says to use mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS) up to 2”. In section 22 11 00 – 4, Part 3 Execution, 3.1 Installation says to comply with the following: Note 7. Says to use Mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS). 1. Question: Are all fittings for the copper piping to be mechanical press-connect or are solder type fittings acceptable?	Moran Construction	11/01/2016
Reply	Part 2 Products, 2.2 Above ground (Interior) water piping is indicating that you can use either for the domestic water piping. Part 3 Execution, 3.1 Installation, note 7 is just explaining to the contractor, if they use mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS) how to install.		
47	Section 22 13 00 – 4, Part 2 Products says to use cast iron piping for all storm, sanitary and vent. Question: Is PVC SCH 40 DWV acceptable? This area's HVAC is a return ducted system and cast iron or fire wrapped PVC pipe is not required by code.	Moran Construction	11/01/2016
Reply	No, Use Cast iron piping only for all storm, sanitary, and vent piping.		
48	1. Section 22 11 00 – 3, Part 2 Products, 2.2 Above ground (Interior) water piping B. Fittings for copper tube: Foot note 1. Says to use solder connections and footnote 2. Says to use mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS) up to 2”. In section 22 11 00 – 4, Part 3 Execution, 3.1 Installation says to comply with the	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	11/01/2016

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Reply	Part 2 Products, 2.2 Above ground (Interior) water piping is indicating that you can use either for the domestic water piping. Part 3 Execution, 3.1 Installation, note 7 is just explaining to the contractor, if they use mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS) how to install.		
49	2. Section 22 13 00 – 4, Part 2 Products says to use cast iron piping for all storm, sanitary and vent. <u>Question:</u> Is PVC SCH 40 DWV acceptable? This area's HVAC is a return ducted system and cast iron or fire wrapped PVC pipe is not required by code.	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	11/01/2016
Reply	No, Use Cast iron piping only for all storm, sanitary, and vent piping.		
50	Reference Photos of Alarm System. The manufacture of the panel on the pictures is EST (QuickStart). The stickers indicating SimplexGrinnell are for the Central Station information and the inspection tag only. The notes I referenced on the drawings ET101 are asking for the contractor to add to the existing EST (QuickStart) Panel, which will be replaced in a few weeks.	Tyco/Simplex Grinnell	11/01/2016
Reply	Assume integration into Simplex system.		
51	1. Section 2.2 Evaluation Factors, Paragraph 1.B: Line 5 requires <i>submission of current and valid licenses for all specialty contractors performing work on the project.</i> Please define what a "specialty" contractor is.	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	11/01/2016
Reply	Submit Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing specialty contractors' license. Also see reply to RFI #44 and RFI #7.		
52	2. Do you require submission of the completed Representations & Certifications with the proposal or will you confirm completion of Reps & Certs within SAM? If you require submission, please indicate where in the proposal you would like to see them included.	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS)	11/01/2016
Reply	Yes. The contractor shall include a current, completed Representations & Certifications with the Price Proposal. The Representations & Certifications shall be inserted in Tab A of Volume II, Price Proposals.		
53	1. Please confirm that construction lay down area will be allowed 100' directly to the northeast from the new addition across the road.	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Replay	See VA248-16-R-0965 A00004 Attachment 4, RFI-30 Reply_675-CSI-150 Laydown Area_ .		
54	2. Drawing AD101, Alternate Note 1, lists rooms to be deducted from the base bid. Finish Schedule on drawing A601 uses remarks column note 1 to indicate the same rooms. Rooms E112, E114, E115, E116 & E124 are not marked "remark 1" on finish schedule	Blue Cord	11/01/2016

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	to match note 1 on AD101. Please advise which is correct.		
Reply	Listed spaces should include remark 1 to match note 1 on AD101. Schedule shall be considered modified accordingly.		
55	3. If Alternate 1 is accepted can we do the remaining interior work in 2 phases?	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	Yes		
56	4. Structural drawing S501, detail 9, shows the height of the steel column stub-up for the future 2 nd floor to be 1'-3" above deck bearing elevation. Roof slab and metal deck together are 5 ¼" thick, leaving only 9 ¾" of steel column protruding above concrete roof deck. Note 4 on drawing S102 states "extend top of steel columns 1'-3" beyond top of slab..." and refers back to 9/S501. Drawing A504, Detail 8, indicates "see structural drawing for height" of steel column stub-ups for future 2 nd floor, but also shows column extending past 5 ¼" deck & concrete, 10 ½" of tapered insulation and roofing, 4" of cant strip, 4" more of counter flashings, an undetermined height of sheathing (6"+?) and about 5" for cap flashing. This assembly adds up to about 35". Wouldn't the structural steel columns need to extend at least 2 ½' (30") above the concrete roof deck?	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	Column to extend 1'-3" above deck (top)		
57	5. Drawing A504, detail 8, indicates a metal panel to be used to enclose the plywood sheathing around steel column stub-ups. The height of this panel will likely be minimal and perhaps 6" high (see previous question). The current detail with the metal panel leaves raw plywood exposed to humid air and the metal panel enclosure will have joints and seams at changes of direction as potential leaks. Our roofers do not recommend this detail. Can the roofing membrane simply be extended upward past the cant strip to cover the plywood and terminate under the cap flashing like a typical parapet wall treatment?	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	Intent is for membrane to turn vertically up on plywood beyond hat channel and metal flashing/drip edge to ensure no exposed plywood		
58	6. Specification 22 11 00 Facility Water Distribution paragraph 2.2 on page 3, for interior water piping describes both soldered copper joints and mechanical press connection fittings (Propress). Which is desired for this project?	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	Part 2 Products, 2.2 Above ground (Interior) water piping is indicating that you can use either for the domestic water piping. Part 3 Execution, 3.1 Installation, note 7 is just explaining to the contractor, if they use mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS) how to install.		
59	7. Specification 22 13 00 Facility Sanitary & Vent Piping paragraph 2.1 page 4, for drain waste & vent piping specifies cast iron. This facility utilizes a ducted return HVAC system that does not involve an air	Blue Cord	11/01/2016

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	plenum so cast iron is not required by code. Much of the work performed in the past in this building has used PVC for drain waste and vent above the slab. Will schedule 40 PVC for drain waste & vent piping be acceptable?		
Reply	No, Use Cast iron piping only for all storm, sanitary, and vent piping.		
60	8. Numerous notes on drawings A302 & A303 refer to the new exterior walls as precast concrete wall panels that would typically be cast off-site and trucked in and erected, as opposed to tilt wall concrete panels that would be cast on site and tilted up. The last two (2) projects we did on this property were tilt wall as is the existing building. Is the architect directing us to cast the wall panels off-site and not produce them as tilt wall panels, or can we rightfully control means and methods and choose the best method for the project?	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	Walls are precast as noted and specified-not tilt-up.		
61	9. Spec 07 22 00 Roof & Deck Insulation, calls for R10 minimum and drawing A113 note 2 calls for R20 minimum. Which is correct? We understand the goal of R33 average.	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	R-20 Minimum, R-33 average. Specs will be modified accordingly.		
62	10. Drawing A601, Room Finish General Note 11, specifies hand rails and crash rails in "all new corridor spaces". For the interior alteration area in E Wing, does this mean both sides of corridors E100B, E100C, E100D, E100E, E100F and E700, or just some of these walls? Perhaps just where they are new walls? Some handrail/crash rail may exist in those locations.	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	All corridor walls in affected areas to receive new.		
63	11. Will the VA please provide any proprietary company names that must be used to perform the following trades for this building: a) Fire Alarm b) HVAC controls c) Security (CCTV, Access Control, etc) d) Roofing (some patching of existing roof possible) e) Chilled water plant water balancing and chemicals f) Gas utility company g) Nurse call and public address systems h) Lightning protection system	Blue Cord	11/01/2016
Reply	Known proprietary items have been addressed in the documents, various locations, or in answers to other questions. Access control is Hirsch-compatible systems and devices.		
64	1. Please confirm WHEN hours are required for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 work and only non-disruptive work may be permitted during the day, if approved by the COR.	Contract & Purchase Solutions (CPS	11/01/2016
Reply	Building envelope enclosure and underground utility work to be performed during WHEN hours. Work inside the new addition can be		

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	performed during normal hours, unless such activities impact patient care such as excessive noise, vibration, etc. <u>If such disruptive activities occur during the day, the VA reserves the right to request this work to be performed during WHEN hours at no additional costs or schedule increase.</u> Phase II focuses on interior renovation. Activities such as demolition and wall construction during Phase II are considered disruptive. Activities such as finishes (painting, floor installation) may be performed during the day unless the installation will cause noises/disruption to adjacent offices and exam rooms.		
65	Section 22 11 00 – 3, Part 2 Products, 2.2 Above ground (Interior) water piping B. Fittings for copper tube: Foot note 1. Says to use solder connections and footnote 2. Says to use mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS) up to 2". In section 22 11 00 – 4, Part 3 Execution, 3.1 Installation says to comply with the following: Note 7. Says to use Mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS). 1. <u>Question 1:</u> Are all fittings for the copper piping to be mechanical press-connect or are solder type fittings acceptable?	OK2Construction	11/02/2016
Reply	Part 2 Products, 2.2 Above ground (Interior) water piping is indicating that you can use either for the domestic water piping. Part 3 Execution, 3.1 Installation, note 7 is just explaining to the contractor, if they use mechanical press-connect fittings (PRO PRESS) how to install.		
66	2. Section 22 13 00 – 4, Part 2 Products says to use cast iron piping for all storm, sanitary and vent. <u>Question 2:</u> Is PVC SCH 40 DWV acceptable? This area's HVAC is a return ducted system and cast iron or fire wrapped PVC pipe is not required by code.	OK2Construction	11/02/2016
Reply	No, Use Cast iron piping only for all storm, sanitary, and vent piping.		
67	3. <u>Question 3:</u> On sheet LP-101 there are no size requirements for the trees or shrubs. There are also no specs for the landscaping. Please provide the size requirements and/or the specs so that we may price out accordingly.	OK2Construction	11/02/2016
Reply	Plants to be minimum 1 gallon, tress minimum ½" caliper.		