

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
VA-251-12-B-0025

PROJECT NUMBER:	655-10-103	Please ensure that before submitting questions or requests for clarification that you thoroughly read the solicitation, specifications, drawings and other pertinent documents. When submitting questions on this project the Government requires contractors to specifically identify the specification and/or solicitation section(s) or drawing number(s) in reference to the question or request for clarification submitted. No question or request for clarification will be answered by the Government unless the above requirements are met. Failure to comply may prevent the Government from responding in a timely manner.	
PROJECT TITLE:	Replace Sprinkler Risers/Standpipes		
PROJECT LOCATION:	Department of Veterans Affairs Saginaw VA Medical Center 1500 Weiss Street Saginaw, MI 48602		
SUBMITTED BY:	Interested Party	City/State:	N/A
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RFI NO.: 1	DATE: 03-22-12	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE:
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INFORMATION NEEDED:

1. Phase II Stair 1 the new 6" rise from the basement to the 1st floor indicates that it will go exactly where the existing 4" standpipe is currently located. The existing 4" pipe that will have to be removed is the supply piping for all of the floors in the phasing plan it is noted that all work in the basement once it is started must be completed. My question is how is all of this work expected to happen in the short period of time that the phasing plan appears to indicate.

VA RESPONSE: Specification Section 01 00 00 Sub Section 1.13 Operations and Storage Areas paragraph H. Phasing 1.

Phase I shall be extended out to 50 Calendar days from 40 Calendar Days.

Phase II shall be extended out to 50 Calendar days from 40 Calendar Days.

Phase III shall be extended out to 50 Calendar days from 40 Calendar Days.

Phase IV shall be extended out to 50 Calendar days from 40 Calendar Days.

An extension of phasing durations shall extend the overall Period of Performance by a total of 40 calendar days. Period of Performance is revised from (240) calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed to now read (280) calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed.

2. During what phase is the valve assembly new work to be done as indicated in detail 3 of sheet F-000?

VA RESPONSE: Contract Drawing Sheet F-000, Fire Protection General Notes, Symbols, and Details: Detail 3 replacement of Main Fire Protection Service Entrance and Valve Assembly New Work (Room 1-B133). This item of work was not assigned to a particular phase as it was intended to allow the contractor to choose during which phase he would accomplish this work. It would have the least impact on the hospital (Building One) if it were accomplished during Phase I or Phase II.

3. A majority of the work is in the stairwells. All phasing notes indicate corridor work is to be done at night. Should we assume stairwell work at night as well or will the areas in the stairwells where work is being done be closed off so work is not being constantly interrupted?

VA RESPONSE: We feel the specifications states it very clearly under (Specification Section 01 00 00 sub-section 1.13 OPERATIONS AND STORAGE AREAS; paragraph H. Phasing; part 1. On page 10 that the VA will require the contractor to build and put in place construction barriers at each floor level at each stairway at each phase (except at stairway 5 as the new riser can be build in this stairway without having to enter the corridor space extending out from this stairway at the first, second and third floors), for it states "Temporary construction partitions shall be put in place prior to start of.....". Work in the stairways will not be phased at night only. Work in the stairways will take place during administrative hours of the medical center and can take place during non-administrative hours if the contractor determines it to be necessary to maintain the contract schedule.

It is the VA Medical Center's intent that stairwell 2 will be closed off from use by Veterans, visitors and VA employees at each floor level Basement through Penthouse B for this stairway during the 50 days for Phase1. (Access will be required by VA Facilities Management Service personnel to maintain and repair critical equipment located in this penthouse).

It is the VA Medical Center's intent that Basement Corridor 4 and Basement Room 1-305 will be open for use by VA employees at the basement level with short time closures for pipe removal during all hours and all days. This piping work can be accomplished during administrative hours of the medical center.

It is the VA Medical Center's intent that the Service Elevator lobby at the fifth floor will be closed off from use by Veterans, visitors and VA employees at the Fifth Floor level only during the 50 days for Phase1. A non-rated construction barrier shall be constructed over the corridor door frame of the elevator shaft at the fifth floor only.

It is the VA Medical Center's intent that stairwell 1 will be closed off from use by Veterans, visitors and VA employees at each floor level Basement through Fifth Floor for this stairway during the 50 days for Phase2.

It is the VA Medical Center's intent that stairwell 3 will be closed off from use by Veterans, visitors and VA employees at each floor level Basement through Penthouse C for this stairway during the 50 days for Phase3. (Access will be required by VA Facilities Management Service personnel to maintain and repair critical equipment located in this penthouse).

It is the VA Medical Center's intent that stairwell 4 will be closed off from use by Veterans, visitors and VA employees at each floor level Basement through Penthouse D for this stairway during the 50 days for Phase 4. (Access will be required by VA Facilities Management Service personnel to maintain and repair critical equipment located in this penthouse).

All Sprinkler piping demolition and new piping work in the corridors outside of the construction partitions shall take place only between the hours of 5:00PM and 1:00AM under all phases.

4. Phase I indicates repairing fire hydrant #4 in Building 3. Is the information available as to the extent of what the repairs will be?

VA RESPONSE: Yes, reference Specification Section 33 10 00-1.1 Description: The scope of work required to be performed on Hydrant #4 is stated there.

5. Spec section 21 13 13 Part 1-General 1.1 Scope of work note C. lists additional fire protection work that is to be done. Note D indicates to reference appendix A. I have not been able to find an appendix A in the specifications or the contract documents. Is any of this work shown on any contract drawings?

VA RESPONSE: The additional work referenced under Specification section 21 13 13 Part 1-General 1.1 Scope of work note C and D and Appendix A should have been removed from this specification section as it was necessary for the VA to remove it from this project and reserve it to be added into a future project. No, it is not shown on any of the contract drawings for this project.

REPLY: All Interested Parties for this procurement provided to www.fbo.gov through Amendment 02

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