

**AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO  
SOLICITATION NO. VA262-12-R-0397  
RENOVATE BUILDING 1 FIRST FLOOR VOLUNTEER AND PATIENT SERVICES,  
PHASES 2 AND 3  
ATTACHMENT NO. 1**

**VA RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

**Request for Information = RFI**

**RFI No. 1:**

In the solicitation you reference the ability to use a Joint Venture. We have a Mentor/Protégé through the VA but were under the impression you could only pursue projects through Teaming Agreement. Should we include Teaming Agreement instead of a JV Agreement, or would we be allowed to pursue as our JV?

**VA Response to RFI No. 1:**

Please review VAR 852.219-10 (d) (1)(2)(3)(4), page 39 of 57 and VAAR 819.7003 Eligibility, pages 41 and 42 of 57 to determine how to pursue your submission of your proposal for this solicitation.

**RFI No. 2:**

On Page 11 of the solicitation you asked to submit a Price Proposal in one hard copy and four separate CDs and a Technical Proposal in one hard copy and four separate CDs. Does this mean that you are looking for eight (8) CDs in total submitted?

**VA Response to RFI No. 2:**

Yes, Offerors are required to submit hard copies of separate price and technical proposals with four (4) Price Proposal in separate CDs and four (4) Technical Proposal in separate CDs with a total of 8 CDs.

**RFI No. 3:**

Please reference offer submission requirement on Page 11 of 57. Section A. Tab III asks for a "Pricing Schedule – Excel Spreadsheet." Do you have a specific excel spread sheet or would you like us to provide you or our summary on an excel spread sheet that we develop?

**VA Response to RFI No. 3:**

Yes, all Offerors shall develop their price/cost summary excel spread sheet(s) based on the Scope of Work, Specifications and Design appended in Solicitation No. VA262-12-R-0397: Renovation of Building 1 First Floor Volunteer and Patient Services for Phases 2 and 3. Price/Cost proposals for Phases 2 and 3 shall be separated in Offerors price summary excel spread sheet(s).

**RFI No. 4:**

Drawing 1-ET.4 Key Note 1: How many speakers were installed in Phase 1 and what is the wattage of the existing speakers and amplifier? This info is needed to determine if existing amp can handle the additional speakers.

**VA Response to RFI No. 4**

Phase 1 required the installation of 26 Speakers for General Paging. Each speaker shall be tapped at ½ Watt. The Amplifier providing audio to the Speaker zone is located in the general paging racks in the penthouse and is a Rauland FAX 250 with 250 Watts of power, however, that amplifier provides audio to more speakers than the project area. The VA does not have an as built demonstrating the total number of speakers loading the existing amplifier. Speaker count varies with the demolition and installation of speakers per ongoing projects. Coordinate with the VA AV staff to field verify zone locations. If necessary meter the speaker zone associated with the existing amplifier.

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**RFI No. 5:**

Drawing 1-ET.10 (6) What brand is the CS2 Wall Panel?

**VA Response to RFI No. 5:**

The requirements for the CS2 wall Panel are demonstrated on Sheet 1-ET.10 Detail 6 and Sheet 1-ET.11 Detail 2. The drawing is based on a custom fabrication. Include custom wall plates to be installed in your equipment submittal. Off the shelf products can be investigated at various Manufacturers; Extron, Whirlwind, Pro Co, Panel Authority, etc.

**RFI No. 6:**

Drawing 1-ET.5 Gen. Note 13: What brand/model number of the existing cameras? Is there enough open channels in the existing DX8100 DVR to accommodate the 10 new cameras?

**VA Response to RFI No. 6:**

Current Model of CCTV Camera is Pelco SD435-FO PTZ. At the initiation of the design for the project the DVRs had enough spare ports. However due to the delay in issuing the drawings and other ongoing projects, the spare ports may have been use for the other projects. In 2010 the VA Security contractor proposed a new router and control equipment. The VA do not know if this equipment has been installed yet and what affect it has on the total counts of DVRs existing and to be installed nor the total number of spare ports. **Along with the camera part number please field verify during your site survey and discuss with VA electronics personnel in charge of the CCTV security system.**

**RFI No. 7:**

Sheet 1, 1 HM-1, The structural trusses in the interstitial space require fireproofing abatement, these trusses are indicated with slashes. The slashes go beyond the work area outlines given.

Q – Are we to abate the slashes trusses up to the floor plans perimeter project area barriers or all the slashed truss as indicated on the interstitial demo plan.

**VA Response to RFI No. 7:**

The Contractor is to abate all trusses up to the floor plan perimeter interstitial demo plan, but also to include all existing overspray as appropriate to install poly barrier wall in interstitial. Overspray items to include conduits, HVAC, catwalk, slab, etc.

**RFI No. 8:**

Can you please forward the job walk sign in sheet for the VA Building 1 Renovation bidding 4/27/2012?

**VA Response to RFI No. 8:**

The Pre-proposal / Job Walk sign-in sheet is attached as Attachment No. 1 in Amendment No. A00001 of Solicitation No. VA262-12-R-0397.

**RFI No. 9:**

Phase 3 floor finish plan 1-A.11 shows floor material RF-1 and RF-2 (rubber flooring) in the Employee lounge. The finish schedule on the same page calls for Carpet 1 and 2 in the Employee Lounge. Please clarify.

Phase 2 floor finish plan 1-A.11 shows floor material RFI (rubber) in the kitchen, finish schedule on the same page calls for SV1 (sheet vinyl) in the kitchen. Please clarify.

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**VA Response to RFI No. 9:**

Phase 3 floor finish plan 1-A.11 floor material RF-1 and RF-2 requires (rubber flooring) Employee Lounge.

Phase 3 floor finish plan 1-A.11 floor material RFI 1 requires (rubber) in the kitchen.

**RFI No. 10:**

Under factor 4 it asks for previous CPM. Are you requesting a previous or sample schedule that utilized CPM only or are asking for the CPM schedule and a narrative.

**VA Response to RFI No. 10:**

Evaluation Factor #4: Project Control is requesting the Offeror to provide a **sample CPM** from a previously completed project.

**RFI No. 11:**

What type of vision glass is required on aluminum Windows 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7? Clear or Tinted? Low-E or non-Low-E?

**VA Response to RFI No. 11:**

Window 1, 2, 3, 4, to Low E, contractor to coordinate with the VA on color and tint due to security monitoring Window 7, match (E) window on other side of (E) door.

**RFI No. 12:**

Specifications call for ceramic coated spandrel glass. Please confirm "color" of ceramic coating. Can we use OPACI-COAT spandrel as an equal?

**VA Response to RFI No. 12:**

No substitutions for approved ceramic coated spandrel glass. The color for spandrel glass will be dark bronze.

**RFI No. 13:**

What type and thickness of glass is required for HM Windows 5 and 6?

**VA Response to RFI No. 13:**

Thickness of glass to be ¼", Window type 5 to be coordinated with VA to accommodate required security monitoring. Window type 6 may be clear glass Type I, Class 1, Quality q3.

**RFI No. 14:**

There are discrepancies in window sized when comparing sizes listed on the window schedule versus drawings. Please clarify and advise which sizes are correct.

**VA Response to RFI No. 14:**

Use floor plan 1-A-4 for horizontal window dimensions and use window schedule for vertical dimensions.

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**RFI No. 15:**

Is the glass "GL-3" at Waiting Room SE104 existing to remain, or new? This is shown on Detail 4, Elevation C2 on Drawing 1-A.11.

**VA Response to RFI No. 15:**

Window GL-3 is new, please refer to the finish schedule on sheet 1-A.11, specifying the glass type and detail section 6 with dimensions.

**RFI No. 16:**

We see only (1) one aluminum Door SE323 in Phase 3 and no windows. Please confirm if aluminum windows specification Section 085113 is "NOT USED" in Phase 3.

**VA Response to RFI No. 16**

SE323 is shown in the door schedule to be a type "D" which is a storefront condition and is referenced in detail 2/1-A.8 with storefront frame.

**RFI No. 17:**

Door SE323 has HW-E9 and per specifications this door is not an automatic door. Please confirm if specification Section 087116 is "NOT USED".

**VA Response to RFI No. 17:**

Specification 087116 is not used in this phase.

**RFI No. 18:**

In Amendment No. A00002, please confirm that the Notice to Proceed with this project will not be conducted before January 2013.

**VA Response to RFI No. 18:**

Yes correct, as revised in Amendment No. A00002, the Post-award Conference / Notice to Proceed is revised to **January 2013**.

**RFI No. 19:**

Phase 3, drawing X.1 contains the following note:

The contractor is hereby notified that there is additional architectural and structural scope which is not documented in the phase 3 drawings. Included within the 664-09-103 Phases 2 and 3 bid packages will be architectural and structural drawings from preceding construction documents that will need to be considered.

**The additional scope will be highlighted on the architectural and structural of 664-CSI-102 phase 1 drawings SD-2312. The additional drawings to include sheets 1-HM.1, 1-HM.2, 1-A.3, 1-A.4, 1-A.5, 1-A.6, 1-A.7, 1-A.8, 1-A.17 through 1-A.23, 1-S.1 through 1-S.13. Contractor will be allowed access to additional drawings/details of SD-2312 from VA upon request.**

**VA Response to RFI No. 19:**

Delete in its entirety additional work for Phase 1 referenced in Phase 3, drawing X.1.

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**RFI No. 20:**

Drawing Phase 2, 1-A.6, Equipment Schedule – Flat Screen TV and Flat Screen Monitor show them both as CFCU and OFOI. Please clarify.

**VA Response to RFI No. 20:**

OFOI, contractor to provide frame backing and mount

**RFI No. 21:**

Note 18 on sheet 1-HM.1 calls for temporary walls to go from floor to ceiling. Do you want the wall to go to the grid ceiling or the underside of structure above? Building containment only to the ceiling could compromise infection control and provide issue in achieving negative pressure.

**VA Response to RFI No. 21:**

The wall to go to the underside of structure above.

**RFI No. 22:**

The notes on sheet 1-HM.1 indicate that the asbestos report is available. Could you please provide the report.

**VA Response to RFI No. 22:**

The VA San Diego Healthcare System – Comprehensive Asbestos Management System Report is attached and posted in Amendment No. A00003. See note under Haz. Mat. Survey.

**RFI No. 23:**

The plans reference the “Design Flow Chart” on sheet X.2. Please clarify the purpose of the “Design Flow Chart” for floors.

**VA Response to RFI No. 23:**

The design flow chart reference the UL Fireproofing designs based on the VA Hospital “As-Build” conditions. It corresponds to the fireproofing schedule below, same sheet.

**RFI No. 24:**

Please clarify the note “Scope of Work” on sheet 1-A.1. It references Phase 2 work on 1-H.6, however, when I go to this sheet, it’s not clear what your intent is? There is nothing on this sheet related to the note.

**VA Response to RFI No. 24:**

The scope of work reference Phase 1 Mechanical scope of work found on sheet 1-H.6A and detail 6/1-H.11. Please see Attachment No. 2 appended hereto to this Amendment No. 4.

**RFI No. 25:**

Note 7 on Sheet 1-HM.1 references “VA retained” material to be relocated to the basement. What items will be retained by the VA?

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**VA Response to RFI No. 25:**

VA retained material will include to have contractor remove and turnover at PM direction such as existing signage placard, trashcans, paper towel dispenser, all door hardware, alarm devices, plumbing fixtures etc. This provision to allow the VA to salvage materials/items before demolition.

**RFI No. 26:**

Drawing note indicates "Contractor to shall verify all underground piping prior to sawcutting slab. Are there as-built available? How would you like us to locate all underground utilities?"

**VA Response to RFI No. 26:**

All available As-Builts can be provided; however, this is to be used as a reference document. Contractor is responsible to properly asses and analyze conditions before sawcutting to occur.

**RFI No. 27:**

Plan key #6 on sheet 1-A.3, indicates to remove exterior topping. Please provide the thickness of this topping.

**VA Response to RFI No. 27:**

All available As-Builts can be provided; however, this is to be used as a reference document. Please refer to "As-Builts." However, the thickness of the topping is 5".

**RFI No. 28:**

Plan key note #11 on sheet 1-A.3 call for new light weight topping. Note #11 is note delineated on floor plan. Please clarify where topping is to go?

**VA Response to VA RFI No. 28:**

Please see attach plan with note # 11, Scope of Work, appended hereto as Attachment No. 3 appended hereto to Amendment No. 4.

**RFI No. 29:**

Please clarify who is to provide the Flat Screen TV and the Flat Screen Monitor. The table currently has both the Owner and Contractor furnishing these items.

**VA Response to RFI No. 29:**

OFOI, contractor to provide frame backing and mount

**RFI No. 30:**

Detail 21/1-A.10 - Note 3 - says to provide & Install "way finding" signage. Please clarify what you'd like us to provide? Quantity? Size? Location?

**VA Response to RFI No. 30:**

According to detail, contractor to submit detailed layout for approval prior to fabrication to the project manager. Contractor is responsible to install signage thru-out corridors and lobby areas. Detail 21 is provided for size / color and quantity can be determined by analyzing number of spaces and points of interest on floor plan.

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**RFI No. 31:**

Sec. 084113, Part 2.8-B specifies "Anodized Aluminum"; however, Part 2.8-C specifies "Fluorocarbon Finish". Please clarify which one is correct.

**VA Response to RFI No. 31:**

"Anodized Aluminum" is the correct finish.

**RFI No. 32:**

Phase 3 specifications lists 08331-7; however, the door schedule does not show a coiling door nor is one shown on the plans. Please verify if a coiling door is required for this project, and if so, where.

**VA Response to RFI No. 32:**

There is no coiling door for this Phase.

**RFI No. 33:**

Reference Phase 2, Sheet 1-A.10 & Specification Section 08 80 00, Item 2.1 – Please specify if glass is clear or tinted and low E or Non-low E.

**VA Response to RFI No. 33:**

Please refer to the response to RFI No. 11.

**RFI No. 34:**

Reference Phase 2, Sheet 1-A.10 & Specification Section 08 80 00, Item 2.1 – Please specify thickness of glazing at Window 5 and 6.

**VA Response to RFI No. 34:**

Please refer to the response to RFI No. 13.

**RFI No. 35:**

Phase 2, 1-A.6, Reference Equipment Schedule – Flat Screen TV and Flat Screen Monitor show them both as CFCI and OFOI. Please clarify.

**VA Response to RFI No. 35.**

OFOI, contractor to provide frame backing and mount

**RFI No. 36:**

Phase 3, Detail 3, 1-A.12, please specify a roofing type for this infill area.

**VA Response to RFI No. 36:**

This portion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor deck is Latex Mastic Deck Covering, Please see spec section 071421.