

Request for Information (RFI's) A/O 04/25/2012

3. QUESTION: - The solicitation gives a 120 day period of performance. We are seriously concerned with being able to complete a project of this magnitude in that short period of time. The submittal process often takes up to 60 days from start to finish, manufacturing of custom interior signs 6-8 weeks (exterior can take longer), plus installation time. The computerized directory will also be at least a 6 week delivery. We request that the period of performance be no less than 240 days.

RESPONSE: - The procedures that this facility has instituted regarding the Submittal Process turns submittals around in 7 to 10 days which is dependent on timely submission of the submittals from the contractor award the project. I do have some concern regarding the manufacturing process taking up to 8 weeks, therefore the Performance Time will be extended an additional 30 calendar days and will be changed to read FROM: 120 calendar days from receipt of the Notice to Proceed , TO: 150 calendar days from receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Total Performance Time now reads 150 calendar days from receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

4. QUESTION: - The scope of work requires that some existing signs be repositioned, re-anchored, or touch-up painted.

a. Approximately how many signs will need to be maintained?

b. Will paint be provided by the VA?

RESPONSE:

a. All affected signs have been identified within the project and project plans.
Bid according to the specification.

b. The VA will only supply what was indicated within the specifications and plans.

5. QUESTION: - There are 6 exterior signs which are internally illuminated – 3 building mounted and 3 free-standing. Is electricity already available at all 6 locations or will it need to be pulled? If it will need to be pulled, please specify which buildings/locations electricity will need to come from.

RESPONSE: All required information for the electrical work has been included within the plans and specifications. Some confusion exist with the VA Logo sign as the type was not included in the project workbook. The type is hereby identified as Type 8/750 within the project work book.

6. QUESTION: - Will a mobile dust containment unit be necessary for demo and installation of the interior signs, or is cleaning up any debris with a HEPA vacuum acceptable?

RESPONSE: This is a means and method. We have identified the requirements that are to be maintained, how the contractor achieves this is their decision.

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