

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - LIST

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1	1. Building 16- On drawing sheet E101 General note Q requests a UL letter of Findings for this building while the Building 16 notes below on the same drawing sheet ask for a UL Master Label. The specifications require a UL master label. Building #16's current lightning protection system could most likely obtain a UL Master Label without making all of the changes as detailed on sheet E101 and E501. Verification /inspection of existing system conditions by a UL/LPI Master Installer (myself) would need to be made ahead of bid date to make sure all is up to current standards. Which certification is preferred and if building #16 can receive a UL Master Label currently as is or after minimal repairs would this meet approval?	The Basis of Design is to provide and install what is indicated in the Drawings & Specifications and as clarified in the attached Addendum.
2	2. If UL Master Label is the preferred certification, it would have to be with a surge exemption unless a UL96A surge protection device (SPD) is installed at every utility entrance to these structures. Is a UL Master Label certification with a surge exemption acceptable if SPDs are not installed for both buildings #13 and #16 as noted in General Note Q on Sheet E101?	The Basis of Design is to provide and install what is indicated in the Drawings & Specifications and as clarified in the attached Addendum.
3	3. Sheet E101, General Notes N, O & P state, in short, that the design and layout of the lightning protection systems shall meet current UL96A, NFPA780, and LPI 175 standards. Should these current standards necessary criteria overrule any other design in order to meet certification requirements for both buildings #13 and #16?	The Basis of Design is to provide and install what is indicated in the Drawings & Specifications and as clarified in the attached Addendum.
4	4. Buildings #8 and #9 have lightning protection systems on them but the renovation looks to be limited to just the replacement of some windows. Is there any specified or planned work at these roof levels that could affect the existing lightning protection system?	Work is limited to window replacement only. No lightning protection work on Buildings 8 & 9 is included in the Scope of Work.

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5	<p>1A. RFI # 1: Only buildings 29 and 12 were tested for both properties and color match by U.S. Heritage Group which produces the color and aggregate matched mortars per the specifications.</p> <p>RFI 1A: Is it the intent to test and match the remaining buildings mortars and if so would the VA do that or would the contractor?</p>	<p>Building 29 is no longer included in the Scope of Work. As such, Type S mortar shall not be used.</p> <p>See Addendum for clarification.</p>
6	<p>1B. RFI 1B: Is it the intent to use a common (Rough) color matched mortar for all buildings?</p>	<p>See Addendum for clarification. The intent is for each building to be individually color matched.</p>
7	<p>1C. RFI 1C: Is U.S. Heritage Group the only acceptable Manufacturer/supplier or is Jahn an acceptable manufacturer?</p>	<p>U.S Heritage Group is the Design Basis. Other product manufacturers' products meeting the salient characteristics contained in the Specifications including Section 04 05 31 – MASONRY TUCK POINTING" and Evaluation of Mortar Composition by U.S Heritage Group are acceptable.</p>
8	<p>1D. RFI 1D: Based on U.S. Heritage groups lab test is it the intent of the owner to use a type O custom mix design.</p>	<p>See Addendum for clarification.</p>

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9	<p>2A. RFI # 2: We have not identified a reference within the drawings and specification. Also, time available on site at the site visit was insufficient to determine quantities of SF of repoint. There was no equipment on site to review high walls. Also, 040531-9 and 10 list mortar assessment criteria but does not state as to whether the Architect or the VA have made and assessment as to the quantities of repairs need based on those criteria.</p> <p>RFI 2A: Is there a base quantity of repoint SF to be allowed for in the base bid which we have failed to identify?</p>	Quantities are indicated on Drawings A200, A201, A202, A203, and A205.
10	<p>2B. RFI 2B: Is it the intent to have the contractor test each linear foot of joint or some frequency of testing the owner wishes the contractor to perform or has the owner done this already?</p>	Quantities of joint repointing are based on visual inspection by the Architect and indicated on Drawings A200, A201, A202, A203, and A205. Refer to Specifications including Section 04 05 31 and the attached Addendum.
11	<p>2C. RFI 2C: Is the owner aware that some repairs as depicted in photographs within the project documents cannot be readily equated to a SF or that such small repairs are disproportionately higher in cost the contiguous area repairs per SF. Please clarify the intent of the photographs in the documents.</p>	The Photographs illustrate existing conditions and are keyed to the Elevation drawings provided adjacent to the photos.

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12	2D. RFI 2D: Please understand If there are no quantities provided by VA to include in the base bid when combined with a requested unit rate can lead to some contractors specifying a lower SF to be repaired then request a disproportionate change order based upon the accepted unit rate, or that a contractor electing to bid a 100% repoint would be noncompetitive at first glance vs the aforementioned contractor.	Quantities are indicated on Drawings A200, A201, A202, A203, and A205.
13	2E. RFI 2E: Would the owner specify a base bid amount of repoint or declare a 100 percent repoint requirement.	Quantities are indicated on Drawings A200, A201, A202, A203, and A205.
14	2F. RFI 2F: If the owner declared a 100% repoint, would they consider an extension of the time table for the project.	The Basis of Design is to provide and install what is indicated in the Drawings & Specifications and as clarified in the attached Addendum.
15	3A. RFI # 3: The existing mortar on the structures where original mortar is intact has variations in tone and weathering. RFI 3A: Is it the intent to obtain additional testing of mortars on the same building to achieve color matches or will one repoint color per building be acceptable that approximates the multiple variations per building?	The Basis of Design is to provide and install what is indicated in the Drawings & Specifications and as clarified in the attached Addendum.
16	3B. RFI 3B: Will the owner accept a repoint which matches color but does not represent the correct texture since the repoint area will have surface cements which have not weathered off as with the adjacent aged mortars?	The Basis of Design is to provide and install what is indicated in the Drawings & Specifications and as clarified in the attached Addendum. It is understood that the surface of new mortar will not match the texture of sound, weathered mortar.

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17	3C. RFI 4C: In consideration of the issues raised with the above statements and questions, will the owner consider moving the bid response time to a later date to accommodate estimating needs based upon the answers that may be given?	See Addendum for clarification.
18	4A. RFI # 4 Specifications require an SW brick RFI 4A: Does the owner realize that these SW brick may not be the appropriate size due to the age of the building? Has this been verified?	The primary requirement is to match the size, color, and texture of the existing adjacent brick.
19	5A. RFI # 5 There are no specific quantities, but a unit rate is requested. RFI 5A: If we are missing the location of a specified amount of brick repair, Where is this located?	Quantities are indicated on Drawings A200, A201, A202, A203, and A205.
20	6A RFI # 6 If no quantities are specified unit rate amounts can present opportunity for bidders to include less or more, thus creating a varying degree of pricing (virtually apples to oranges). More detail is needed. RFI 6A: Will the VA be setting a base bid quantity for brick repair with height of the work associated with those quantities?	Quantities are indicated on Drawings A200, A201, A202, A203, and A205.
21	6B. RFI 6B: Has the VA considered an allotment for stone repair or replacement?	Refer to Addendum for stone coping replacement.
22	6C. RFI 6C: One unit rate does not apply for stone 30 foot in the air vs 10 foot in the air, due to scaffolding and safety requirements. The same applies to brick replacement. What are the base bid total quantities and/or specific locations with quantities to include in our pricing?	Quantities are indicated on Drawings A200, A201, A202, A203, and A205.

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23	1. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?	No, this project is not sales tax exempt.
24	2. Will the government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?	If badging is required, yes.
25	3. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?	Bldg 29 Parking lot
26	4. 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.	Minor disruptions may needed. Refer to the Drawings and Specifications including Section 01 00 00 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
27	5. Does the government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with? 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?	Simplex
28	6. Has the work area been checked for asbestos? What is the government's policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction?	The Work Area for each Building has been surveyed for Asbestos and Lead-In Paint. A copy of the "Targeted Survey for Asbestos & Lead-in Paint" is attached to this Addendum.
29	7. Does the government currently have a 3rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?	Contractor is free to use who they want to.

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31	9. Sheet E101 shows nine (9) down leads to ground. Existing down lead quantity is only 6. I believe 6 is enough for certification. Do we add 3 more or go with the existing number of 6?	Basis of Design is what is indicated on Drawing E101
32	10. Buildings #12,14, and 15 do not have lightning protection systems currently on them and I see nothing in the drawings pertaining to adding a system, Correct?	Buildings 12, 14, and 15 do not currently have lightning protection. Adding lightning protection to these buildings is not included in the Scope of Work.
33	11. Buildings # 9 & 8 only have window repairs and nothing being added or replaced on the roof that would affect the Lightning Protection on these buildings, Correct?	Work is limited to window replacement only. No lightning protection work on Buildings 8 & 9 is included in the Scope of Work.
34	13. How is this project to be phased? Will we have access to all spaces for duration of the contract?	Construction Phasing is to be provided in accordance with the Specifications including Section 01 00 00 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
35	1. The specification section 08 51 23 calls for a Hope's Jamestown 175 series. On the drawing A601 the details in the drawings show a Hope's University series. Were the drawings or the specifications approved by SHPO? Which series of window are we to use for the bid? The University series does cost more.	Basis of Design product is indicated in Specification Section 08 51 23. The Design Documents have been reviewed by the SHPO.

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36	Drawing AD100 (building 12) the match line says see AD101, AD101 title says it is for Building 14. This happens on A100 & A101 and on A200 & A201 looks like one side of the building. Are there other drawings for the remaining items on these buildings?	Buildings 12 and 14 are connected. The Basis of Design is to provide and install what is indicated in the Drawings & Specifications including any applicable information included by Addendum.
37	Is there a hazardous materials survey available for the project?	The Work Area for each Building has been surveyed for Asbestos and Lead-In Paint. A copy of the "Targeted Survey for Asbestos & Lead-in Paint" is included by Addendum.
38	Drawing A101 – Note #8 says to fill scale pit and pave over opening. Please provide material descriptions that are to be used for this process.	<p>Add the following to Drawing A101, at end of Note #8:</p> <p>"INSTALL FLOWABLE FILL TO WITHIN 6 INCHES OF TOP OF EXISTING SCALE PIT WALL. FILL SHALL BE PROVIDED AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 31 23 23.33 – FLOWABLE FILL. INSTALL 6 INCH CONCRETE SLAB, 4000 PSI FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, OVER CURED FLOWABLE FILL AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 32 05 23 – CEMENT AND CONCRETE FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE EXPANSION JOINT AROUND PERIMETER OF EXISTING OPENING AND SEAL WITH SEALANT TYPE S-2."</p> <p>Delete General Note K from Drawing A101.</p>
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43.	Please confirm hard copies are not required for this submission. Page 7 of the RFP reads "One (1) electronic copy of Technical Proposal and One (1) electronic copy of the Price Proposal will be accepted via email....", however, block 13a of the SF 1442 indicates "original and electronic copies..."	Only electronic copies will be accepted. However, the original bid guarantee/bid bond must be provided no later than the date proposals are due.
44.	In amendment #2, question #2 is missing. Please provide.	Question #2 in Amendment A00002 was inadvertently skipped. There was no question or answer left out. Please disregard.
45.	In the RFP Page 10, Sub Factor 1b – Key Personnel, the Offeror is to "provide proof of certification for asbestos abatement with personnel who will perform said abatement"...should this be part of our proposal, or is this a post-award requirement?	Proof of asbestos abatement certification is a proposal requirement.
46.	Are synthetic wood materials permitted for trims and fascia for the existing roof structures?	Modern materials may be substituted providing they look close to the original.

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47.	Upon removal of the lightening protection, will a recertification/redesign be required to complete the reinstallation of the lightening protection?	Certification is required per specs.
48.	The prints supplied by the facility specifically state which areas are required for point-up. If additional areas are required, what unit of measurement does the Government prefer to price the additional work?	See the Specs under general requirements.

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