

RFP VA701-17-R-0007 – LOMA LINDA CONSTRUCT NEW EYE CLINIC TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET

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1.	2-3-2017	2-9-2017	Can the font on the Header and Footers be Arial 10 – the rest of content for both volumes will be Arial 12?	No. The Font shall be 12 point Arial for both volumes.
2.	2-3-2017	2-15-2017	In reference to Volume I, Factor 3, Key Personnel Experience: Can the competent person be the Site Safety Health Officer (SSHO)?	Yes. The Competent Person and Safety person should be the same employee. See update in Amendment A00003, ATTACHMENT 1 – SECTION 00 11 21 RFP SPEC – 2-15-2017.
3.	2-3-2017	2-15-2017	In reference to Volume I, Factor 3, Key Personnel Experience: Are you asking us to identify and provide a resume for all Major Subcontractors? – this will be hard to identify since we get pricing from multiple/qualified subcontractors for each trade within the last 15 minutes of less before bid closes so this requirement is extreme. We normally provide a list of Major Subcontractors and their certifications at the Pre-Construction conference.	The Governments requests a resume for the subcontractors that have been identified for the project. The Government recognizes that not every subcontractor has been identified or locked into this project, but there are most likely some that are known in advance of the proposal submission date. Information in the resume does not have to be person specific, but should identify the roles and capabilities of the subcontractor. Section C.4 (3) has been revised in Amendment A00003, ATTACHMENT 1 – SECTION 00 11 21 RFP SPEC – 2-15-2017.
4.	2-3-2017	2-15-2017	In reference to Volume I, Factor 3, Key Personnel Experience: Our Team includes: Project Manager, Site Superintendent, SSHO/Competent Person, and Quality Control Manager – do you need a resume for each or just the Site Superintendent and Site Safety Officer/Competent Person.	Please provide resume for Project Manager, Site Superintendent, SSHO/Competent Person and Quality Control Manager. Section C.4 (3) has been revised in Amendment A00003, ATTACHMENT 1 – SECTION 00 11 21 RFP SPEC – 2-15-2017.

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5.	2-3-2017	2-9-2017	<p>E-mail Size: I understand that each Volume must be no more than 5MG be submitted separately; I am concerned that (Volume I – Non-Price) most likely will exceed the 5MG maximum; can we submit this Volume in parts; ex Part 1 of 2, etc.</p>	<p>Please submit one email for Volume I and one email for Volume II.</p>
6.	2-6-2017	2-13-2017	<p>The drawings are all 8.5x11; Our printing company needs the paper size of the drawings to print to scale. Can you please provide paper size or please new drawings to scale /correct size?</p>	<p>This issue has been addressed in Amendment A00002. The previous Drawings files have been replaced.</p>
7.	2-6-2017	2-13-2017	<p>Please provide full-size (34"x44" ANSI E drawing sheets in PDF format) instead of the 8.5"x11" letter-size PDF plans that were included in the solicitation.</p>	<p>This issue has been addressed in Amendment A00002. The previous Drawings files have been replaced.</p>
8.	2-6-2017	2-13-2017	<p>The plan set provided is 8.5" x 11". We request that a higher resolution larger print size be made available for bidding purposes. The size provided does not scale well for take off programs.</p>	<p>This issue has been addressed in Amendment A00002. The previous Drawings files have been replaced.</p>
9.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	<p>01 31 00 1.5.C talks about coordinating drawings and BIM. Can the government confirm which BIM software they are expecting the BIM conflict analysis to be performed in? Will the Government confirm that they will provide a complete 3D BIM model to the contractor to perform the conflict analysis? If not is it the governments intent to have the contractor to create a complete 3D model to do this work? Has the design team performed a standard clash/conflict analysis of their design?</p>	<p>Architectural, Structural, and mechanical drawings were done in Revit 2016 and the rest of the disciplines are AutoCAD. A/E performed interdisciplinary coordination.</p> <p>However contractor to perform clash detection analysis. A/E will provide Revit and CAD files</p>
10.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	<p>01 32 161.3 "Contractors Consultant" Is the government saying that we MUST retain a consultant to create the project schedule or will it be acceptable to the government if we create and maintain the project schedule with our staff?</p>	<p>In-house is fine if they have the proper expertise.</p>

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11.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	01 33 23.1.2.B.3 says that the contractor shall transmit submittals via “Submittal Exchange” Submittal Exchange is a for-profit business service. I did not see a brand name justification in the RFP for this product. There are numerous products/companies that perform the same service. Is the government going to require the contractor to use this product as the “sole source/brand name” or will the government accept an “equal” service such as Procor, Prolog, Newforma or SAG?	Yes, this is the submittal management system VA Loam Linda uses.
12.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	01 35 26.1.7.A Will the Site Safety & Health Officer be allowed to hold other duties on the job site or will the SSHO only be allowed to perform the duties as SSHO?	See response in #75.
13.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	01 81 11..1.1 says the general contractor shall register and pay for LEED certification phase II. Was this project registered with LEED for the design review portion of the LEED program? If yes, please provide registration data. Has a LEED check sheet been created? If no, can the A/E create one so that we know their expectations? If one has been created can it be provided and along with a narrative of the A/E intent?	Yes, the project has been registered. Project registration number is 1000057470. LEED checklist can be found in the Technical Reference Material book.
14.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	01.91.00 1.1 Says the VA shall engage a commissioning agent through the A/E, yet 01.91.00.1.10.A says the contractor will appoint a 3rd party individual, company or firm to act as the commissioning agent. Please clearly state who is to pay for the commissioning agent and the specialty tests listed in section 01 81 11 and 01 91 00 and required as part of the commissioning process. For the testing, I am not referring to any test clearly spelled out in the trade specifications.	Commissioning requirements of LEED NC2009 are to be performed by the commissioning agent who is contracted through the A/E. Contractor does not have to engage a third party commissioning agent

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15.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	01 00 00 1.6.D.3 talks about “law enforcement Sensitive Materials” and Sensitive Unclassified,” can the VA specifically tell us what materials issue with this RFP are going to fall into this category?	This will be identified when the documents are issued to GC post-award. RFP is public domain.
16.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	01 00 00 1.26.A Says final pictures are to be taken by a professional photographer, can the contractor perform the same function with its own forces?	Not Required.
17.	2-6-2017	2-22-2017	01 25 00 Substitution Procedures, in my effort to understand this specification I went to the VA’s online master specification library, but could not find this specification, http://www.cfm.va.gov/til/spec.asp#01 , which leads me to believe that this is a non-standard VA specification. In reviewing this specification, it appears to add a whole new level of onerous requirements that will limit competition among qualified “equal” material vendors and drive up material pricing. Furthermore, I don’t see any sole source justification for any materials. Is it the governments intent to severely limit the use of “equal” manufacturers and materials by having contractor follow the onerous requirements spelled out in 01 25 00 for every single piece of equipment/material that is not the same as the brand and model listed in the plans? If it is the government's intent to restrict or make subcontractors/vendors complete the steps listed in 01 25 00, you are guaranteeing that the contractors are going to be gouged by sales people that represent the products listed by name no the plans.	<p>This outlines the process to ensure equal or better substitution for the VA, including extreme cases. Because the A-E has researched and evaluated the components in the design, the substitution by the GC needs to be properly evaluated.</p> <p>This process can be pared down based on the item. For example, if we are talking about an air handling unit or boiler, then more documents will be needed to make the proper analysis. If we are talking about a faucet then the specs and data sheets will suffice. Common sense as stated above will be applied.</p>

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18.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	01 26 00 1.3. Says that if the contractor initiates a change order request, they must submit it to the Architect. This requirement seems to be a major deviation from the standard VA change order procedure. We have always been instructed that the only person who we can work with on change orders is the Contracting Officer. This specification does not appear at the VA's specification web site, so I concerned that it will conflict and limit our protections listed in the VFAR. Please clarify 01 26 00 Contract Modification Procedure as currently issued is supposed to be included with this project specifications and will supersede the VA's standard procedures for modifications.	Yes, the CO receives the submittal and it will be evaluated by VA stakeholders to include the A/E. The CO will be the only one to issue modifications and direction.
19.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	SS003 in the statement of special inspection section makes many references to submitting test reports and findings the "Building official" can the VA clearly identify who this agency will be and provide the contact information for this agency?	This information will go to the delegated Contracting Officer's Representative of this project.

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20.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	<p>SS003 in the statement of special inspection section note 10 says each contractor is responsible for the construction of a main wind or seismic force resisting system shall submit a written statement of responsibility to the building official and owner before the commencement of work on the system. Will the government please expand upon this requirement and stated where in the plans this work element is?</p>	<p>The contractor's statement of responsibility shall contain acknowledgement of awareness of the special requirements contained in the statement of special inspections. For this project, the main wind/seismic force resisting system consists of the steel braced frame elements (beams/columns/braces/connections/foundations).</p> <p>GC is responsible for the proper construction of the system. Any manufacturing failures are the responsibility of the GC.</p> <p>GC is required to hire a 3rd Party inspection firm for all inspections and testing and submits reports to VA.</p>
21.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	<p>AE602 shows the FF &E schedule which includes a lot of "B" code items that per the legend is owner furnished contractor installed. To price out the installation cost, we must have product data information and installation instruction for ever "B" code item; we will also need the point of contact from whom the VA is purchasing the materials from. Please confirm that the modular furniture that has a "B" code is not actually owner furnished and Vendor installed, with the vendor being the same vendor that the VA buys the modular furniture from. Typically the vendor includes the cost of installation when purchasing modular furniture.</p>	<p>GC will receive specs and installation requirements once project is awarded. Clinical equipment will be installed pre BOD so the GC will partner with VA Vendor, coordinated by COR for the install and final points of connection locations. Furniture will be installed by VA vendor, only points of connection will be validated for proper positioning during construction.</p> <p>VA POC is the project COR.</p>

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22.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	In the RFP price schedule options CLIN 0003 it says to eliminate special interior finishes, eliminate water features and miscellaneous site improvements and to replace the eye glass display cabinet with regular hinged type, I don't see on the plans any details of exactly what these features are. Specifically want are the "special interior finishes" to be removed? What are the "miscellaneous site improvements" that are not to be performed? Where is the detail and specification for the "regular hinged type"?	See addendum #1 for detailed narrative of deduct alternates Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
23.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	For option CLIN 0004, please provide a detail drawing of what the vestibule area will look like if it is eliminated. How will the skylights and light wells that may be eliminated?	See addendum #1 for detailed narrative of deduct alternates. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
24.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	General question regarding material selection: As an example, sheet E-301 list specific lighting manufacturers, will the government confirm that the listing of a specific manufacture within the contract documents is only intended to indicate the level of quality of the materials to be used on the project and is NOT a intended to limit competition via the use of other "equal" manufacturers. If the government does intend to limit competitive bidding between material/equipment/system vendors, will the government issue the brand name justification for the materials/equipment/systems that cannot be completed, so that all bidders are bidding like materials/equipment/systems	Besides the level of quality indication, it is determined that selected manufacturers' products will fit and work in the spaces as shown. Contractors are allowed to submit equal as noted on the luminaire schedule.
25.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	Sheet AE601 indicates that automatic sliding doors are required for this project. Will the VA provide a Specification Section for these sliding automatic entrances?	Refer to Specification section 08 41 13.

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26.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	Section 01 00 00, 1.3 Statement of Bid Items, C-1 states “Elimination of special interior finishes”. This item is too vague for the Contractors to have an equal understanding of the meaning. Will the VA please provide a revised statement that specifies exactly which “special interior finishes” are being deleted and the location of these finishes?	See addendum #1 for detailed narrative of deduct alternates. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
27.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	Section 01 00 00, 1.3 Statement of Bid Items, D-1 states “Elimination of the entry vestibule”. This item is too vague for the Contractors to have an equal understanding of the meaning. Will the VA please provide a drawing depicting the exact intent of what is being eliminated and how the building will be constructed in this area should this alternate be accepted?	See addendum #1 for detailed narrative of deduct alternates. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
28.	2-6-2017	2-21-2017	Section 01 91 00 – General Commissioning Requirements, Part 1.1-A states that the VA will engage the Commissioning Agent (CxA). Part 1.10-A states that the Contractor will appoint the Commissioning Agent. Will the VA clarify whether the VA or the Contractor will hire the CxA?	See response to #14

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29.	2-6-2017	2-17-2017	Sheets C100 & AD100 depict multiple building structures that are to be demolished for this project. The Disciplines Narrative package has a tiny section containing a very limited Asbestos Survey for an unknown area of the hospital. The information provided is wholly inadequate for the multiple whole building demolition being specified. Does the VA have comprehensive Asbestos Surveys for all of the buildings to be demolished, and will the VA provide those to the Contractor? These will be required prior to any demolition activities. If not, will the VA require the Contractor to complete Hazardous Material Surveys for all of the buildings to be demolished and deal with any discovered asbestos or LBP as a differing condition? If the contractor will be required to perform these surveys, will the VA add substantial time to the Period of Performance to accommodate the Asbestos Survey process?	<p>No survey required. VA has completed and no asbestos or lead found.</p> <p>If something is discovered then Specification procedures will be followed for remediation and modification issued by the Contracting Officer.</p>
30.	2-6-2017	2-7-2017	I read on “2.22 52.236-27 Site Visit” that there will be a walk through on February 9, at 200: pm. Can you please clarified if this is a mandatory walk through.	Attachment 1 of the solicitation also refers to the site visit, but neither section states that it is mandatory to attend the site visit. We strongly encourage anyone interested in this project to attend the site.
31.	2-7-2017	2-13-2017	Is there a set of larger plans available other than the 8 ½ by 11s that were sent out for us to view?	This issue has been addressed in Amendment A00002. The previous Drawings files have been replaced.
32.	2-7-2017	2-21-2017	Is there a soils report for this project? If so, can we please request that this be sent out to view?	Refer to Technical Reference Material, Exhibits (III.B.1)

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33.	2-8-2017	2-17-2017	Confirm if there is a proprietary brand for the Physical Access Control System (section 281300), Intrusion Detection System (section 281611) or Video Surveillance System (section 282300) at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare Building.	Intrusion: Lenel (VA maintenance vendor is Security Solutions) Surveillance: Lenel or Milestone but must interface with Lenel OnGuard Platform (VA maintenance Vendor is Vector USA)
34.	2-8-2017	2-9-2017	Do MEP subcontractors need to be SDVOSB, or is that requirement only for the General Contractors?	The prime contractor must be a CVE verified SDVOSB concern.
35.	2-8-2017	2-9-2017	Do MEP subcontractors need to prequalify for this project?	There are no pre-qualifications for subcontractors.
36.	2-8-2017	2-21-2017	Sheet ET 0003 note 5 states that the low voltage contractor is to pull 36 MM fiber to the first floor of the main hospital building MDF, and a redundant 36mm fiber from the 3rd fl IDF. I was unable to locate in the contract documents, a floor plan that shows the routing of the fiber optic cable. Please provide a plan of each floor where the fiber optics are to be ran to that shows the horizontal and vertical routing. Is there conduits or cable tray that we are to use to pull the fiber optics or are we expected to install an all new conduit system for the installation of these two fiber optic lines?	The low voltage contractor shall utilize existing pathway where available or install cabling in new conduit or sleeves as required and provided by the electrical contractor. Some existing pathway should be available as the contractor was to remove existing fiber and copper cable that currently feeds the temporary trailers through this same pathway to the MDF room. From the MDF connection point existing pathway should be available to 3 rd floor IDF otherwise known as Service Bay 4.
37.	2-8-2017	2-21-2017	Sheet ET002 note 3 indicates that there are 3 ea. 4" existing conduits going from PB-3 to what looks like a shaft below a grate. Is there a pathway into the building from this shaft or are we to assume that we have to core drill a new hole in the building foundation? Is PB 3 existing and to stay in place as is? Is PB 2 existing and to stay in place as is?	Note #2 is a typo. These conduits will need to be provided new by the Electrical Contractor. The area below the grate is accessible from the basement and lies directly below or in the vicinity of the MDF above. Contractor should investigate but can likely access the MDF.

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38.	2-8-2017	2-21-2017	<p>Sheet AE603 list equipment M 7485.01 (Stryker light boom) as “B” owner furnished/contractor installed. In the electrical drawings it includes a shop drawing of this piece of equipment, and on the shop drawings, it talks about pre-installation requirements. It says the customer/contractor is to install the above ceiling plate. Who is providing the above ceiling plate and all of the above ceiling mounting elements? I did not see any structural details for above ceiling light supports. Please verify who is installing the Stryker Fixture, our experience is when the customer purchases the fixture it includes the installation and all the contractor does is the above ceiling supports and provides power to it. IF we are responsible for the above ceiling installation, please provide details of what is to be installed.</p>	<p>Vendor will provide the mounting plate however; GC will construct the above ceiling support. Refer to detail D1/SS502 in the structural drawings</p> <p>Also see Item 21</p>
39.	2-8-2017	2-21-2017	<p>On sheet P-1 of the Stryker, shop drawings note 4 says that the pre-install manual supersedes anything shown on the shop drawings. I don't see that we have been provided the referenced pre-install manual. Will the VA confirm that we are to bid what is shown no the contract plans and if there is any deviation from the contract plans it will be handled as a change at the time of the installation?</p>	<p>See attached Addendum#1 for Stryker pre-installation manual.</p> <p>Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.</p>

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40.	2-8-2017	2-17-2017	<p>In spec section 00 11 21 it asks for a narrative for maintaining connectivity of the IT Fiber Feed, so the medical center remains operational with minimal disruption. Looking at the Note 6 on ET002 says to “PULL BACK 24 SM FIBER FROM PB-1 TO PB-2 AND RE-INSTALL FROM PB-2 TO PB-3 OR SPLICE NEW PIECE AS REQUIRED. PULLBOX PB-1 TO BE REMOVED AFTER FIBER RELOCATION”. This note suggests that we are to take the city 24 MM from PB2 to PB 3, either via pulling back the existing fiber or installing new fiber, but it does not tell us what to connect it to in PB 3? Please clarify what the entire scope of work is regarding the rerouting of the city-owned 24 mm fiber. What system are attached to this, where does it go within the hospital or on the campus? How long can the systems be down?</p>	<p>We have two feeds; Minimum downtime for disconnect feed.</p> <p>The fiber is 24 Single Mode and is owned by City of Loma Linda. GC will be required to utilize the City of Loma Linda vendor to relocate the fiber. COR will facilitate coordination with City of LL. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.</p>
41.	2-8-2017	2-17-2017	<p>Note 2 on sheet ET002 says the 24 MM fiber is existing city fiber, who owns the fiber? Is there going to be a service fee or permit needed to work on/modify this system? Has this scope of work been coordinated to whoever owns this fiber? Assuming it has, has the work depicted on the plans been approved to proceed as illustrated?</p>	<p>Correction: 24 Single Mode fiber</p> <p>See Item 40.</p> <p>Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.</p>

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42.	2-8-2017	2-15-2017	<p>Volume I- Price Proposal Section 00 11 21 – EMR & Attachment 12: Paragraph 6. States. “This requirement is applicable to all subcontracting tiers, and prospective contractors...” We plan to submit our EMR rate letter from our Insurance company and complete the Attachment 12 & 09 for each project. Our concern is that not know which subcontractors we will use until possibly the day of or minutes before due date/time; this requirement is extreme.</p> <p>We offer to submit our contracted subcontractors EMR reports along with our start-up submittals (bonds, insurance, etc.) as our part of our Site-Specific Safety Plan.</p>	<p>Please provide EMR for the prime contractor and any subcontractors that can be provided at time of proposal submission. This Paragraph 6 has been revised in Amendment A00003, ATTACHMENT 1 – SECTION 00 11 21 RFP SPEC – 2-15-2017.</p>
43.	2-8-2017	2-15-2017	<p>Volume II: Non-Price Proposal – Section 00 11 21 – Factor 3, Key Personnel Experience Reads: “...and all of the identified Major Subcontractors” – as per questions 01; requiring a resume from our subs is extreme – as they will be selected too close to due date/time. Our firm procures and uses only key subcontractors whom we have had successful joint experience, at least three for each trade.</p>	<p>The Governments requests a resume for the subcontractors that have been identified for the project. The Government recognizes that not every subcontractor has been identified or locked into this project, but there are most likely some that are known in advance of the proposal submission date. Information in the resume does not have to be person specific, but should identify the roles and capabilities of the subcontractor. Section C.4 (3) has been revised in Amendment A00003, ATTACHMENT 1 – SECTION 00 11 21 RFP SPEC – 2-15-2017.</p>

44.	2-9-2017	2-13-2017	The Drawings for this project appear to have been reproduced in such a manner that the scalable properties of each sheet are lost. Will the VA provide a new set of drawings that are readily scalable?	This issue has been addressed in Amendment A00002. The previous Drawings files have been replaced.
45.	2-9-2017	2-17-2017	Sheet IA301, Ceiling Finishes specifies an Armstrong 2x6 Vector Wood Panels that our vendor states are no longer available. It is noted that this is a "Basis of Design specification. Will the VA accept a similar Armstrong 2x6 tegular product to meet this specification?	Acceptable. GC can submit other wood look product during submittal process for evaluation.
46.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	Sheet ET-002 indicates PB-2, however during the site visit we could not find PB-2 in the location indicated on Et-002. We did find what appears to be a communications pull box about 100' away. Please clearly indicate the location of the actual city fiber optic point of connection. If it is the one 100' away, we will have a significant amount of additional work. (see attached drawings)	See attached Addendum #1 for updated ET002 and ET003. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
47.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	Sheet ET-002 indicates PB-3, during the site visit we could not locate this pull box. Can the VA verify if there is an existing pull box or is this supposed to be a new pull box? (see attached drawings)	See attached Addendum #1 for updated ET002 and ET003. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
48.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	On sheet ET-002 & 003 it shows a grate covering a ventilation shaft, and in the shaft, there are three pull boxes, one appears to have 480V power in it, one appears to have low voltage, and one appears to have a combination of 480V and low voltage power in it. Can the VA clearly indicate which pull box we are to pull our two ea? 36MM fiber cables thru? Is it to be assumed that there is capacity within the existing conductors to pull the 2ea new fiber optic cables?	Contractor is to remove all existing feeds from the existing complex. See note 2 on ET002. Contractor to repurpose existing pathway. See attached Addendum #1 for updated ET002 and ET003. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
49.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	On sheet ET-002 & 003 it makes reference to reconfiguring the existing city 24MM fiber line, yet it does not indicate how the existing city 24mm fiber is ran after PB-1. Where does the existing city 24MM fiber run to after PB-1?	See attached Addendum #1 for updated ET002 and ET003. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.

50.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	Can we field splice the existing 24MM fiber in a pull box, or is the VA going to require the fiber to be run continuously without splice from the point it enters the campus to the point of connection within the hospital? If we have to run a new fiber all the way to the point of connection within the hospital, where is that location? Is there an existing raceway that can be used once we connect to the pull box in the ventilation shaft, or are we going to have to install new raceway all the way from the building entrance to the yet to be established termination point?	ET002 and ET003 will be re-issued with corrections. Contractor is to coordinate these efforts and seek direction from the City of Loma Linda with the assistance of the VA. Contractor to carry costs or allowances as required.
51.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	On sheet ET-003 with the line weight as they are it is not possible to tell what pull boxes and conduits are existing and which are new. Specifically, PB-3, is that new or is that existing?	See attached Addendum #1 for updated ET002 and ET003. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
52.	2-13-2017	2-22-2017	Are the existing communication lines encased in concrete?	The VA does not think so. The new conduit is not, and the old gets ripped out anyway. If it has conduit encased, it is minimal issue. It would just be construction debris like the sidewalks.
53.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	Please refer to attached drawings for additional information/notes/comments. Site Com RFI.	See attached Addendum #1 for updated ET002 and ET003. Addendum #1 attached in Amendment A00004.
54.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	Will the VA - A/E for this project issue an editable Submittal Register for this project to consolidate all of the items/products that will be requiring submittal packages for review?	Per 01 33 23.1.2.B.3 contractor shall transmit submittals via "Submittal Exchange". Submittal exchange subscription is to be provided by the contractor.
55.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	Sheet ET301 for the I.T room shows a cable tray. Is there a particular make/model that is being requested?	ET301 shows ladder rack not cable tray. Use B-Line or equal.
56.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	Power requirements for the video surveillance systems state that POE switches can be used. Does the customer have a Specific make/model for their networking equipment (POE switches)?	ET001 Low voltage scope says HP 1910-24G-PoE or equal.
57.	2-13-2017	2-21-2017	The document does not state how much storage is required for playback viewing of the surveillance system (15,30 45 days)? Please specify.	Camera system to integrate with existing campus milestone system. No need to provide storage.

58.	2-14-2017	2-21-2017	How long does the VA have for responding to Submittals?	20 working days, refer to 01 32 16.15 part 1.7
59.	2-14-2017	2-21-2017	How long does the VA have for responding to RFIs?	7 working days for VA and A/E to respond. Refer to 01 31 00 Part 1.6
60.	2-14-2017	2-21-2017	Note 6 on CD120 says damage to any existing utilities and services to remain shall be the responsibility of the contractor. Contractor shall repair and/or replace in kind. Please confirm that the government's intent is that the contractor is responsible for the repair of any "KNOWN" utilities that are damaged by the contractor and that any unidentified utilities and/or unidentified scopes of work will be treated as an unforeseen site condition?	Note 6 is intended for known utilities. Contractor shall inform the VA of unknown utilities found within the site. The VA has done everything to understand where everything is. Contractors are required to confirm all utilities. If they go in and just start digging and say that "well it was not on the as-built", that is a no go. They need to take the proper precautions and implement the proper utility marking processes to dig in an area that has multiple utilities. The unforeseen will be treated on a case by case basis. The issue that is be referenced to is that of a utility that may not be in the exact location on the drawing but off set by some feet. The contractor would know where the utility comes in and leaves the worksite and needs to take the proper precaution to identify and implement the proper procedures to ensure minimal risk to damage or interruption. As stated above an incident will be evaluated on a case by case bases and no per-construction blanket amnesty will be given.
61.	2-14-2017	2-21-2017	Note 10 on CD120 says the contractor shall be solely responsible for any unidentified utilities. What does this mean? How can the contractor estimate the cost to protect or repair a utility that is not known to the architects and engineers let alone to a contractor? Should this not say the contractor is responsible for protecting all "known" utilities? How can I estimate the cost to protect something that is unknown, let alone pay to repair for something that is unknown? Should an unknown scope of work be handled as an unforeseen site condition?	See response to #60. The contractor is responsible to make every effort to minimize damage to utilities. If an unknown utility is damaged to negligence in execution then liability to repair the utility could be applied. It will be taken on a case by case bases. Again, blanket amnesty will not be applied per-construction. VA or contractor responsibility will be determined based on the facts of an incident that occurs.

62.	2-14-2017	2-21-2017	Note 11 on CD120 says demolition call outs are representative of what is to be done note an itemized accounting of pipe, catch basins Manholes Vaults, etc. While I can understand the plans not telling us exactly how many feet of pipe are needed, but how can we estimate any scope of work if the design team does not tell us or graphically represent the total scope of work? Is the VA saying if there is a manhole or catch basin that is not shown on the plans yet is discovered during demolition, it is the responsibility of the contractor to determine if it needs to be removed or rerouted and to do the work at no cost? Should an unknown scope of work be handled as an unforeseen site condition?	Note 11 is informing the contractor that the construction notes within sheet CD120 shall not be used as itemized list. It should be used to understand the scope of work. If the scope of work is not clear, please provide questions regarding where the scope of work is not clear.
63.	2-14-2017	2-21-2017	Note 18 one CD120 Says contractor to remove any unknown nonoperational or abandon utilities, how can a contractor estimate something that is unknown? Should an unknown scope of work be handled as an unforeseen site condition?	Contractor shall inform the VA of unknown utilities found within the site.
64.	2-14-2017	2-21-2017	Who is responsible for providing the PA/CCTV and IT data cabinets?	Low voltage contractor to provide PA/CCTV and IT Cabinets.
65.	2-15-2017	2-19-2017	Attachment 1 – Section 00 11 21, Page 9, Item 3, Volume I, Factor 3, Key Personnel Experience states that the Offeror shall provide resumes for “all of the identified Major Subcontractors”. We may not know which subcontractor we are utilizing depending on their scope and price until right before the proposal is submitted. Can the requirement to provide Major Subcontractor resumes in Volume 1, Factor 3 be deleted?	See VA Response in #3.
66.	2-15-2017	2-19-2017	If the answer to Question #1 above is no, please clarify what Major Subcontractors and personnel members (Competent Person, Site Superintendent, Safety Point of Contact) is being required in Volume 1, Factor 3.	See VA Response in #3.

67.	2-15-2017	2-19-2017	Attachment 1 – Section 00 11 21, Page 9, Item 4, Volume 1, Factor 4, Past Performance states that if a completed past performance evaluation is available in PPIRS it shall be submitted under this section. Please confirm that PPIRS also includes the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS).	These are the same.
68.	2-15-2017	2-19-2017	Per Section 01 35 26, Page 11, Item 1.7, Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO), please confirm that the SSHO shall not perform any other duties such as the Project Superintendent and that two (2) separate personnel are required for this contract.	If the Project Manager is also the SSHO, then indicate that in the response. Normally the superintendent is the SSHO because they are required to be on site 100% of the active construction.
69.	2-15-2017	2-21-2017	Sheet ET001, Low Voltage Scope, CCTV Video Security System calls for HP Procurve 1910-24G-PoE. That has been discontinued, can Item: J9625A#ABA, HP-2620 24 port POE switch be used as a replacement?	Acceptable.
70.	2-15-2017	2-22-2017	On Section 08 41 13, Aluminum-Framed Entrances and Storefronts, Page 1, Item 1.3 Performance Requirements, please confirm that Item 7, Windborne-Debris-Impact Resistance Performance and Item 8, Blast Mitigation Performance are not relevant to this contract.	These are in the VA standard specs. This applies for the East facing storefronts.
71.	2-15-2017	2-21-2017	On Drawing AE601, Detail E1 and Detail F3, what does the circled “1” on the window designate? Also, Detail F1, what does the circled “S” on the window designate?	“SP” is spandrel glass. Top and bottom glass panels of SF-4 are both spandrel. “1” is dual panel low e coating glazing.
72.	2-15-2017	2-19-2017	In VA Response to Item No. 4, even though someone asked the question, the VA doesn’t have it in either projects RFP that a Quality Control Manager be a requirement of the contract. Again, my suggestion is that if the VA want’s a designed, stand-alone Quality Control Manager, that be added to the requirements of the contract.	Please REMOVE Quality Control Manager from the requirement in Evaluation Factor 3 Key Personnel Experience. A resume for Quality Control Manager is NOT required for this factor.

73.	2-16-2017	2-19-2017	<p>Per revised 00 11 21 – Volume 1 – Factor 3 Resume for Subcontractors: We want to confirm that the resume for the key subcontractor is for the qualifications of the firm not an individual. Do they count towards the 30-page maximum? <i>Also - can we provide these as an attachment to Volume I: Non-Price</i></p>	<p>Correct. Yes, they will count as part of the page limit. No they cannot be provided as attachments to Volume I.</p>
74.	2-16-2017	2-19-2017	<p>Per revised 00 11 21 – Volume II – EMR for Subcontractors: Will the EMRs from our Subcontractors count towards the 20 page-maximum? <i>Also - can we provide these as an attachment to Volume II: Price</i></p>	<p>Yes it will count toward the page limit. No they cannot be provided as attachments to Volume II.</p>
75.	2-17-2017	2-17-2017	<p>In Question/Answer #2, the VA stated the Competent Person and Safety person should be the same employee. Is this correct or is the Competent person the Project Manager?</p>	<p>Please disregard the response in #2. For this project, the Designated Competent Person shall be the Project Manager. If the Project Manager is also the SSHO, then indicate that in the response. Normally the superintendent is the SSHO because they are required to be on site 100% of the active construction.</p>
76.	2-17-2017	2-19-2017	<p>Spec Section 00 11 21-5 indicates “All Offerors shall submit information pertaining to their past Safety and Environmental record. The information must contain a certification that the Offeror has no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat or one (1) willful OSHA or any EPA violation(s) in the past three years.” After speaking with several EPA representatives it does not appear that the EPA can nor will provide any official documentation stating a company’s violations or confirmation that no violations have been received. Can the offeror just provide a statement indicating that they have received no EPA violations? Please provide guidance on what the government will accept for this requirement?</p>	<p>The EMR requirements are clearly stated in Attachment 1. As for the EPA requirements, please provide a letter with a statement indicating that the contractor has not received any EPA violations.</p>

77.	2-17-2017	2-22-2017	As discussed I'm trying to determine if the VA will need synchronized time (clocks) throughout this building. We have done pretty extensive work with the VA throughout the US and have found recently that this equipment has been forgotten when needed on a few projects.	This is not required for this project.
78.	2-21-2017	2-22-2017	May I have a copy of your bidding General Contractors or if it a l MATOC only Contractors bid project then a list of the MATOC companies for your project.	There is not a bidders list for this project, nor is this project being issued against a MATOC. The only potential list of interested bidders is the Site Visit Sign In Sheet that was provided in Amendment A00002.
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