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**RESPONSES TO CONTRACTOR RFIs #1**  
  
**SEPARATE LIFE SAFETY CIRCUITS PHASE II**  
  
**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
  
**SYRACUSE, NEW YORK**  
  
**BDA PROJECT #11148**

April 25, 2012

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Drawings and Project Manual dated January 24, 2012, entitled "Separate Life Safety  
Circuits Phase II, Department of Veterans Affairs, Syracuse, NY" are hereby amended,  
clarified, and modified as follows:  
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- RFI 1            - Drawings X-101 addresses lead paint that has been identified. Is lead  
                      paint removal required and to what extent.
- Response
- No lead-containing paint removal/abatement is required. OSHA Lead  
                          in Construction Standard (29 CFR 1926.62) worker protection  
                          procedures is required for disturbances of lead-containing paint.
- RFI 2            - "Room Finish Notes" on the architectural drawings require gloss level at  
                      ceiling to be G-1, Flat. What ceilings require new paint?
- Response
- No ceilings require paint.
- RFI 3            - Where metal pan ceilings are to be removed at dumbwaiters 3&4, is  
                      patching of the walls required?
- Response
- Patching of the walls is required if where the metal panel ceiling  
                          support (grid) system damages the existing wall finish. Patching of  
                          the walls above the existing ceiling system (where there currently is  
                          no lath and plaster at a certain height) is not required.

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RFI 4 - Having reviewed the existing conditions, there is concern that the existing masonry will not support the lintel to be installed above the new doors. It is assumed in this case, the masonry would have to be removed to the deck and a new wall installed. Would this work be considered a change to the contract if this condition is confirmed?

- Response

- Refer to Addendum #2, Item 1. The Contractor may, at their option, remove a portion of the wall to the deck for installation and support of the lintel. This would not be considered a change to the Contract.

**END OF RESPONSES TO CONTRACTOR RFIs #1**