

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification and Approval**

**For**

**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Lebanon VA Medical Center  
1700 S. Lincoln Ave.  
Lebanon, PA 17042

**2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

Contractor shall furnish management, supervision, labor transportation, equipment, and materials, and perform work to include general construction, alterations, mechanical and electrical work, and certain other items as required by project drawings and specifications for:

**PROJECT NO. #595-CSI-004**

**VACO – LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER**

**RENOVATION OF MAIN LABORATORY – B1**

This acquisition is a firm-fixed price construction buy.

**3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

- a. Toilet Room Accessories – Bobrick, AAMSCO: Bathroom accessories including grab bars, soap/towel dispensers, and lighted mirrors.

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1 MATERIALS**

- A. Aluminum: ASTM B221, alloy 6063-T5 and alloy 6463-T5.
- B. Stainless Steel:
  1. Plate or sheet: ASTM A167, Type 302, 304, or 304L, except ASTM A176 where Type 430 is specified, 0.0299-inch thick unless otherwise specified.
  2. Tube: ASTM A269, Alloy Type 302, 304, or 304L.
- C. Stainless Steel Tubing: ASTM A269, Grade 304 or 304L, seamless or welded.
- D. Stainless Steel Pipe: ASTM A312; Grade TP 304 or TP 304L.
- E. Steel Sheet: ASTM A653, zinc-coated (galvanized) coating designation G90.
- F. Glass:
  1. ASTM C1036, Type 1, Class 1, Quality q2, for mirrors, and for mirror doors in medicine cabinets.
  2. ASTM C1036, Type 1 Class 1 Quality q3, for shelves in medicine cabinets.
  3. ASTM C1048, Kind FT, Condition A, Type 1, Class 1 (use in Mental Health and Behavior Nursing Unit Psychiatric Patient Areas and Security Examination Rooms where mirrors and glass are specified).
- G. Foam Rubber: ASTM D3453, Grade BD, Type 2.
- H. Vinyl Covering: ASTM D3690, Vinyl coated fabric, Class A.
- I. Plywood: PS1, Grade CD.

## **2.2 FASTENERS**

- A. Exposed Fasteners: Stainless steel or chromium plated brass, finish to match adjacent surface.
- B. Concealed Fasteners: Steel, hot-dip galvanized (except in high moisture areas such as showers or bath tubs use stainless steel).
- C. Toggle Bolts: For use in hollow masonry or frame construction.
- D. Hex bolts: For through bolting on thin panels.
- E. Expansion Shields: Lead or plastic as recommended by accessory manufacturer for component and substrate for use in solid masonry or concrete.
- F. Screws:
  - 1. ASME B18.6.4.
  - 2. Fed Spec. FF-S-107, Stainless steel Type A.
- G. Adhesive: As recommended by manufacturer for products to be joined.

## **2.3 FINISH**

- A. In accordance with NAAMM AMP 500 series.
- B. Anodized Aluminum:
  - 1. AA-C22A41 Chemically etched medium matte, with clear anodic coating, Class I Architectural, 0.17 mm (0.7-mil) thick.
- C. AA-M32 Mechanical finish, medium satin.
  - 1. Chromium Plating: ASTM B456, satin or bright as specified, Service Condition No. SC2.
  - 2. Stainless Steel: NAAMM AMP 503, finish number 4.
  - 3. Ferrous Metal:
    - a. Shop Prime: Clean, pretreat and apply one coat of primer and bake.
    - b. Finish: Over primer apply two coats of alkyd or phenolic resin enamel, and bake.

## **2.4 FABRICATION - GENERAL**

- A. Welding, AWS D10.4.
- B. Grind dress, and finish welded joints to match finish of adjacent surface.
- C. Form exposed surfaces from one sheet of stock, free of joints.
- D. Provide steel anchors and components required for secure installation.
- E. Form flat surfaces without distortion. Keep exposed surfaces free from scratches and dents. Reinforce doors to prevent warp or twist.
- F. Isolate aluminum from dissimilar metals and from contact with building materials as required to prevent electrolysis and corrosion.
- G. Hot-dip galvanized steel, except stainless steel, anchors and fastening devices.
- H. Shop assemble accessories and package with all components, anchors, fittings, fasteners and keys.
- I. Key items alike.
- J. Provide templates and rough-in measurements as required.
- K. Round and deburr edges of sheets to remove sharp edges.

## **2.5 PAPER TOWEL DISPENSERS**

- A. Surface mounted type with sloping top.
- B. Dispensing capacity for 300 sheets of any type of paper toweling.
- C. Fabricate of stainless steel.
- D. Provide door with continuous hinge at bottom, and either spring tension cam lock or tumbler lock, keyed alike, at top and a refill sight slot in front.

## **2.6 WASTE RECEPTACLES**

- A. Semi-recessed type, without doors. Fed. Spec WW-P-541, Type II.
- B. Fabricate of stainless steel.

- C. Form face frame from one piece.
- D. Provide removable waste receptacle of approximately (12 gallon) capacity, fabricated of stainless steel.
- E. Waste receptacle key locked in place.

#### **2.7 TOILET TISSUE DISPENSERS**

- A. Double roll surface mounted type.
- B. Mount on continuous backplate.
- C. Removable spindle ABS plastic or chrome plated plastic.
- D. Wood rollers are not acceptable.

#### **2.8 GRAB BARS**

- A. Fed. Spec WW-P-541/8B, Type IV, bars, surface mounted, Class 2, grab bars and ASTM F446.
- B. Fabricate of either stainless steel, except use only one type throughout the project:
  - 1. Stainless steel: Grab bars, flanges, mounting plates, supports, screws, bolts, and exposed nuts and washers.
- C. Concealed mount.
- D. Bars:
  - 1. Fabricate from 38 mm (1-1/2 inch) outside diameter tubing.
    - a. Stainless steel, minimum 1.2 mm (0.0478 inch) thick.
  - 2. Fabricate in one continuous piece with ends turned toward walls.
  - 3. Continuous weld intermediate support to the grab bar.
- E. Flange for Concealed Mounting:
  - 1. Minimum of 2.65 mm (0.1046 inch) thick, approximately 75 mm (3 inch) diameter by 13 mm (1/2 inch) deep, with provisions for not less than three set screws for securing flange to back plate.
  - 2. Insert grab bar through center of the flange and continuously weld perimeter of grab bar flush to back side of flange.
- F. Back Plates:
  - 1. Minimum 2.65 mm (0.1046 inch) thick metal.
  - 2. Fabricate in one piece, approximately 6 mm (1/4 inch) deep, with diameter sized to fit flange. Provide slotted holes to accommodate anchor bolts.

#### **2.9 CLOTHES HOOKS-ROBE OR COAT**

- A. Fabricate hook units either of chromium plated brass with a satin finish, or stainless steel, using 6 mm (1/4 inch) minimum thick stock, with edges and corners rounded smooth to the thickness of the metal, or 3 mm (1/8 inch) minimum radius.
- B. Fabricate each unit as a double hook on a single shaft, integral with or permanently fastened to the wall flange, provided with concealed fastenings.

#### **2.10 METAL FRAMED MIRRORS**

- A. Fed. Spec. A-A-3002 metal frame; chromium finished steel, anodized aluminum or stainless steel, type 302 or 304.
- B. Mirror Glass:
  - 1. Minimum 6 mm (1/4 inch) thick.
  - 2. Set mirror in a protective vinyl glazing tape.
  - 3. Use tempered glass for mirrors in Mental Health and Behavioral Nursing units.
- C. Frames:
  - 1. Channel or angle shaped section with face of frame not less than 9 mm (3/8 inch) wide. Fabricate with square corners.
  - 2. Use 0.9 mm (0.0359 inch) thick stainless steel.
  - 3. Filler:

- a. Where mirrors are mounted on walls having ceramic tile wainscots not flush with wall above, provide fillers at void between back of mirror and wall surface.
  - b. Fabricate fillers from same material and finish as the mirror frame, contoured to conceal the void behind the mirror at sides and top.
4. Attached Shelf for Mirrors:
- a. Fabricate shelf of the same material and finish as the mirror frame.
  - b. Make shelf approximately 125 mm (five inches) in depth, and extend full width of the mirror.
  - c. Close the ends and the front edge of the shelf to the same thickness as the mirror frame width.
  - d. Form shelf for aluminum framed mirror as an integral part of the bottom frame member. Form stainless steel shelf with concealed brackets to attach to mirror frame.
- D. Back Plate:
- 1. Fabricate backplate for concealed wall hanging of either zinc-coated, or cadmium plated 0.9 mm (0.036 inch) thick sheet steel, die cut to fit face of mirror frame, and furnish with theft resistant concealed wall fastenings.
  - 2. Use set screw type theft resistant concealed fastening system for mounting mirrors.
- E. Mounting Bracket:
- 1. Designed to support mirror tight to wall.
  - 2. Designed to retain mirror with concealed set screw fastenings.

#### **2.11 MOP RACKS (HOUSE KEEPING)**

- A. Minimum 1.0M (40 inches) long with five holders.
- B. Clamps:
  - 1. Minimum of 1.3 mm (0.050-inch) thick stainless steel bracket retaining channel with a hard rubber serrated cam; pivot mounted to channel.
  - 2. Clamps to hold handles from 13 mm (1/2-inch) minimum to 32 mm (1-1/4 inch) maximum diameter.
- C. Support:
  - 1. Minimum of 1 mm (0.0375 inch) thick stainless steel hat shape channel to hold clamps away from wall as shown.
  - 2. Drill wall flange for 3 mm (1/8 inch) fasteners above and below clamp locations.
- D. Secure clamps to support with oval head machine screws or rivets into continuous reinforcing back of clamps.
- E. Finish on stainless Steel: AMP 503-No. 4.

#### **4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

- (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
- (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
- (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
- (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
- (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
- (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
- (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

**5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

- a. Toilet Room Accessories – Bobrick, AAMSCO: Restriction of sources for this acquisition is justified in accordance with FAR 6.302-1, the items are peculiar to one manufacturer. Although there are other manufacturers of toilet room accessories, the use of other manufactures would require storing additional products. In addition the Lebanon VAMC has established Bobrick as the standard it uses throughout the facility, in attempt to maintain consistency.

**6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

The AE designing this project made every effort to specify generic items, however in design process only the products listed above meet the unique design criteria of this construction project. There is no restriction on suppliers of the products specified, only on the manufacturer. While these products are specified, most can be procured from multiple sources.

**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

It is anticipated that the prime construction contractor will obtain multiple quotes from various suppliers for the specified items, thus ensuring fair and reasonable price determination.

**8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

No market research was conducted as the prime contractor for these products is responsible for purchase/procurement of specified products. It is anticipated that prime construction contractor will be able to obtain price competition for these items.

**9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

These items are specified as design criteria to complete a unique atmosphere and work environment. Deviation from these products would jeopardize the aesthetic feel and functionality of the design.

**10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

See Section VI above.

**11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:**

The products specified for this construction project are the only products that meet the Government's needs for the specified design. There is no restriction on suppliers of the products specified, only on the manufacturer. In the future the VA will continue to urge AE design firms to write specifications that allow for more diverse product placement and less restrictive requirements.

12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Richard McKeary Assistant Chief Engineer March 14, 2012  
for Thaddeus Kocuba Date  
Chief of Engineering  
Lebanon VA Medical Center

13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

a. **Contracting Officer's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Seth J. Custer 3/14/12  
Seth J. Custer Date  
Chief of Contracting  
Lebanon VA Medical Center

b. **Network Contracting Manager's Delegate Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Robert Del Campo 14 MARCH 2012  
Robert Del Campo Date  
Construction Team Manager  
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