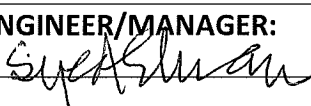


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RFI (REQUEST FOR INFORMATION)			
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PROJECT NAME:	MRI Renovation & Expansion	DATE REQUESTED:	04/13/2017
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DRAWING:		SPECIFICATION SECTION:	271500
DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM OR INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED			
<p>Please be specific as possible:</p> <p>Division 27 specifications don't mention that the fiber has to be air blown. However, sheet LV101 note #6 provides some mention of air blown fiber. Confirm requirement and extent of air blown fiber, and whether AFL can be used in lieu of Sumitomo blown fiber as AFL is much easier to work with and will connect to existing Sumitomo.</p>			
PROJECT MANAGER'S RESPONSE			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">VALBHS utilizes ALL Air-Blown Fiber for it Backbone Network connectivity from the Core to all IDF Closets. We have a star configuration from the Core Switch to each area switch in the IDF closets throughout the Medical Center. We do not have any "daisy chain closets", which means all closets homerun back to the Core Switch in the Basement of Bldg. 126. Because we use the Air-Blown fiber system, we have a tube cell system in place. With that said for new IT Closet locations may utilize available empty tube cell to the new location provided IT Department approves using the specified empty tube cells. If there is not any available tube cell, a meeting should be set up with IT Team to provide best pathway and possibly utilizing some available tube cell up to cert location closer to the new IT closet location to help reduce costs.			
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VA PROJECT ENGINEER/MANAGER:  SYED EHSAN		DATE: 4/15/17	