

**RFP VA701-17-R-0010 – SALT LAKE CITY GENOMIC LAB ADDITION BUILDING 2 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET**

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1.	4-03-2017	04-12-2017	Ref. S-101. Note O states “ <i>Braced bays B,G,H indicated by *()* are not required for 4 vertical expansion unless a 5<sup>th</sup> story is constructed. Provide brace weld plates at beams at each floor and at foundation but do not install diagonal braces unless 5<sup>th</sup> Floor addition occurs</i> ”. Based upon this note, we assume diagonal (vertical) braces at braced bays B, G and H are not required in this contract. Please confirm.	Confirmed. Braces are not to be installed, however connections shall be provided so that braces can be installed in the future if 5 <sup>th</sup> floor expansion occurs.
2.	4-03-2017	4-12-2017	Ref S-501; Where can we find the gusset plate thicknesses?	Gusset plates thickness not provided, plate and weld connections shall be designed by suppliers connection detailer using forces shown on bracing elevations.
3.	4-06-2017	4-12-2017	We have received a flagpole specification regarding the above named project. However, we cannot quote this flagpole project as the written specification does not have a flagpole height.	Flagpole base designed for 15’ pole height with a maximum 4x6 nylon flag.
4.	4-06-2017	4-18-2017	<b>CLIN</b> Note 4 on the notice at the bottom of the CLIN states “Prices for each CHOICE (Alternate) shall be expressed as the dollar amount to be deducted the previous CLIN amount.” Please clarify. Is the contractor to include the total cost of only the deductive amount in the line item, or the total amount of the base bid minus the deductive amount so that the final amount listed in CLIN 0013 is the <u>total project value</u> including all deducts?	The contractor shall provide the total amount minus the Alternate for each CLIN.
5.	4-06-2017	4-17-2017	<b>Key note missing</b> Sheet GI103 keynote 6 is shown on detail 2 however there is no description shown. Please provide the description for keynote 6.	Disregard the Keynote #6.

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6.	4-06-2017	4-14-2017	<b>Geotech</b> Please provide a Geotech report for this project.	The Geotech report has been provided in Amendment A00002. See attached: <b>ATTACHMENT - GEOTECH REPORT - FINAL - 09-25-15</b> <b>ATTACHMENT - SUPPLEMENTAL PAVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS - 01-14-2016</b>
7.	4-06-2017	4-12-2017	<b>ACM and lead report</b> Please provide a hazardous materials survey for this project.	This was provided in Amendment A00001 posted on 04-12-2017.
8.	4-07-2017	4-17-2017	Propose using Chanshare's Imperial Blue Kentucky BlueGrass Sod in lieu of Fescue Sod which is called for in Specification 32 90 00.	A-E agrees that this is acceptable.
9.	4-11-2017	4-12-2017	Spec Section 01 45 29 "Testing Laboratory Services" specifies materials and testing activities and inspection services required during project construction to be provided by a Testing Laboratory retained by the Contractor. However, in Spec Section 03 30 00 "Cast-In-Place Concrete," there are several references through this specification that state the Testing Services will be retained by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Who is responsible for the Testing Laboratory Services?	Spec Section 03 30 00 should state that the Testing Services are to be retained by the Contractor. The Contractor is responsible for retaining all of the Testing Services for this project.
10.	4-13-2017	4-17-2017	The following Spec Sections are listed in the Table of Contents, but there is no spec included in the documents. Are these sections to be included in the contract? If so, please provide. o 07 72 00 – Roof Accessories o 22 14 00 – Facility Storm Drainage	Specification Sections 07 72 00 and 22 14 00 have been provided in Amendment A00002. See attached: <b>ATTACHMENT - SPEC SECTION 07 72 00 ROOF SPECIALTIES</b> <b>ATTACHMENT - SPEC SECTION 22 14 00 FACILITY STORM DRAINAGE</b>

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11.	4-13-2017	4-17-2017	Spec Section 27 51 16 – Public Address & Mass Notification Systems is included in the spec book, however it is not listed in the Table of Contents. Is this spec section to be included as part of the contract documents?	Yes, this specification section is a valid section for this project.
12.	4-13-2017	4-18-2017	As it was noted on the site walk that this project may exceed the budget, will the contractor be required to subcontract a commercial photographer and adhere to the extensive requirements listed in section 1.30- Photographic Documentation, or will monthly progress photos taken by our onsite personnel be sufficient?	Photography Documentation shall be followed as described in the specifications.
13.	4-13-2017	4-18-2017	Can our site Superintendent also function as the required Site Safety Health Officer (SSHO) and Certified Safety Professional (CSP)?	Yes, providing the individual has the credentials for both functions.
14.	4-13-2017	4-17-2017	Is the Contractor responsible for subcontracting a Commissioning Agent (CA), or will the CA be contracted by the VA?	The contractor is to provide the Commissioning Agent.
15.	4-13-2017	4-17-2017	Spec Section 00 01 15 – List of Drawing Sheets include pages EP101A, ET101A and EY101A, however they are not included in the plan set. Are these drawings part of the contract documents? If so, please provide.	Drawing sheets EP101A, ET101A and EP101A do not exist in the sets. Ignore reference to these sheets in Specification 00 01 15.
16.	4-13-2017	4-17-2017	The following plan sheets are included in the plan set, but not referenced in Spec Section 00 01 15 – List of Drawing Sheets: CU100, FA105, FA107, EL103, EL104, EL106, EP104, EP105, EP106, EP600, EP605, EM104, EM105, EM502, EM603, ET104, ET106, ET107, ET601, EY103, EY104. Are these plans to be included in the contract documents?	Drawing sheets CU100, FA105, FA107, EL103, EL104, EL106, EP104, EP105, EP106, EP600, EP605, EM104, EM105, EM502, EM603, ET104, ET106, ET107, ET601, EY103, EY104 do exist in the sets. Please include in reference to Specification 00 01 15.

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17.	4-13-2017	4-18-2017	Section 1.5 -Construction Security Requirements (page 01 00 00-4) states that “All electronic information shall be stored in specified location following VA standards and procedures using an Engineering Document Management Software (EDMS)”. Will the VA provide the EDMS service at no cost to the contractor, or will the contractor be responsible for purchasing and providing this service? If it is the responsibility of the contractor, does the VA have a system preference (i.e. Submittal Exchange or VA TRIRIGA) and how many user licenses/seats will the VA require?	Required by contractor as specified. The VA has no preference of software at this time.
18.	4-13-2017	4-18-2017	Will submittals be required to be transmitted electronically? If so, will it be the responsibility of the contractor to purchase and provide this service? Does the VA have a system preference (i.e. Submittal Exchange or VA TRIRIGA) and how many user licenses/seats will the VA require?	Required by contractor as specified. The VA has no preference of software at this time.
19.	4-13-2017	4-18-2017	Will contractor will be required to meter and pay for electricity required for electric cranes and hoisting devices, electrical welding devices and any electrical heating devices providing temporary heat?	Some minor utilities are available for the contractor to provide connection to his job trailer and other minor construction uses. However other high usage of utilities may be metered.
20.	4-14-2017	4-17-2017	What is the VA response time for answering submittals during construction?	Contractually the A/E shall submit recommendations on shop drawings and other submittals and reply to any and all requests within fifteen (15) days after their receipt of the request. Paradigm, though, endeavors to return all submittals and RFI's within 5 days to the VA.
21.	4-14-2017	4-17-2017	What is the VA response time for answering RFIs during construction?	See above.
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