

# AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

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VA Project No: 589-754

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**Project:**

ROBERT J. DOLE VAMC – STERILE PROCESSING SERVICE (SPS) SURGICAL SUITE EXPANSION, B34

**To:**

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See below for bidders questions, design team answers and related information.

## BIDDING

1. QUESTION: We respectfully request that the government release the sign-in sheet from the site visit.
  - ANSWER: **Sign-in will be enclosed with this amendment.**
2. QUESTION: Since it was stated that Sean Jackson is the CO for the project and all questions must come to him this needs to be corrected. Presently it states David Holden.
  - ANSWER: Sean Jackson is the Contracting Officer for this project. All questions regarding this project should be directed to Sean at [sean.jackson@va.gov](mailto:sean.jackson@va.gov).
3. QUESTION: Verification of Bid Date and Questions due by date.
  - ANSWER: Refer to the VA solicitation and all amendments for bid date, questions due by date and any other updates.

## DIVISION 1

1. QUESTION: Will temporary fencing be required around the construction site?
  - ANSWER: Yes. This was specified in Section 01 00 00, Paragraph 1.6 – I. Construction Fence
2. QUESTION: Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?
  - ANSWER: Sales tax exception certificate will be given by the contracting officer after the notice to proceed.
3. QUESTION: Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?
  - ANSWER: Badging is required for all contractors. Badges will be given by the VA through the COR. Badges with door access will be limited to superintendents and foremen.
4. QUESTION: Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?
  - ANSWER: No contractor shall park in designated employee or patient parking spots. NE gravel parking lot and the NW gravel parking lots will be the designated locations. No parking will allowed within the designated work area or lay-down area. **See revised Sheet SP101 enclosed with this amendment.**
    - i. Lay-down site will be adjusted during phases. Between 34 & 60. Access to Bldg 60 must be maintained by the VA.

- ii. Contractor shall provide and install a plywood-covered walkway connecting the new south stair in this project to the nearest Building 60 entrance. Walkway shall be parallel to the existing connecting corridor.
  - iii. Phase 1 exiting shall not be via the existing east stair tower exterior door. East stair tower will be used for exiting from floor-to-floor during the phase dictated by the construction documents.
- 5. QUESTION: Does the Government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with?
  - ANSWER: Pinnacle Fire & Automation is the current servicer. Their phone number is: 316-285-7565.
- 6. QUESTION: Does the Government currently have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing service for those items requiring testing?
  - ANSWER: The contractor is free to locate and hire applicable testing firms.
- 7. QUESTION: Has the work area been checked for asbestos? What is the Government's policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction?
  - ANSWER: The facility has been inspected by a VA contractor and no asbestos-containing materials were identified. If any unexpected hazardous materials are encountered, the contractor will proceed through an Unforeseen Site Conditions process with the VA.
- 8. QUESTION: Who is responsible for the utility locations?
  - ANSWER: G.C. is required to contact Kansas One Call. While VA maintenance and engineering staff will be available to offer the knowledge and experience, the G.C. is solely responsible to identify all existing utility locations.
- 9. QUESTION: Describe any and all tasks that may be required for this project as it relates to infectious control?
  - ANSWER: Infectious Control is VA Level 4. Contractor shall perform all tasks needed to maintain this level regarding their work.
- 10. QUESTION: Will the government provide the rating document for infectious disease control?
  - ANSWER: Infectious control document will be given to the contractor by the Infectious Control Nurse prior to the commencement of work.
- 11. QUESTION: Are there any changes to ICRA requirements coming out?
  - ANSWER: Contractor shall comply with the most current ICRA requirements during this project.

## DIVISION 2

- 1. QUESTION: Shear wall indicated at existing east wall of building – how thick?
  - ANSWER: Existing drawings indicate that the existing concrete shear wall is 12" thick. **See existing Building 34 Structural drawings from the original 1981 drawings enclosed with this amendment for contractor's information. This set comprises of two files.**
- 2. QUESTION: Do columns in out wall remain between east stairs & building to remain?
  - ANSWER: Existing columns along west side of existing stair tower remain as part of this project and are noted as such in the demolition plans. See Sheet AD-101 for an example.

## DIVISION 7

- 1. QUESTION: Will the existing penthouse need to be re-roofed?
  - ANSWER: No new roofing necessary. See Roof Detail 9 on Sheet AS-111 of the drawings. This detail is cut at the joint between existing and new penthouses, but detail placement was shown incorrectly on the Roof Plan.

2. QUESTION: I would recommend a platform be built instead of raising the roof surface within 1" of the thresholds. The potential of heavy rain and snow amounts could allow water to flow in at thresholds at elevator and penthouse.
  - ANSWER: Delete built-up roofing walkway pad indicated between existing elevator door and penthouse door on Sheet AS-110.
3. QUESTION: Any new penetrations to penthouse roof level?
  - ANSWER: Please see Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing drawings for any references to penetrations through the existing penthouse roof.
4. QUESTION: Solar panels close to work area?
  - ANSWER: Solar panels are in generally at least 20 feet away from the nearest portions of the work area and should not restrict contractor's ability to perform the work in this contract. Contractor shall protect existing solar panels when working in proximity of the panels.
5. QUESTION: Metal para-pit coping at penthouse cannot find existing. Can demolished portion of said corner be re-used to patch exist?
  - ANSWER: Due to the unique profile of the existing coping, please give any serviceable coping that has been removed to the VA for future repairs.
6. QUESTION: Please clarify and define type of vapor barrier wanted in roof systems at concrete deck area and metal deck areas.
  - ANSWER: Vapor barrier system is not required at structural concrete roof decks. Vapor barrier at metal roof decks are required where mandated by the roofing manufacturer's warranties for a project in Wichita, Kansas. Where a vapor barrier is required by the roofing manufacturer's warranty, contractor shall provide and install a 6 mil polyethylene barrier as detailed on the drawings or the minimum standard dictated by the roofing manufacturer's warranties, whichever is greater.

#### **DIVISION 8**

1. Clarification: Doors 256B and 263B are not ICU-style doors, but instead are button-operated automatic sliding doors. See electrical drawings for button locations.
2. 08 71 00: Add Door Operators to Set 27.0. See Specification 08 71 13 for operator specification for this set.

#### **DIVISION 10**

1. QUESTION: What are the size/makeup of the fire extinguishers wanted?
  - ANSWER: Fire Extinguishers for final installation are N.I.C. Fire extinguisher cabinets are to be provided and installed as noted and specified in the construction documents. Contractor shall provide and maintain fire extinguishers during the construction project.

#### **DIVISION 14**

1. QUESTION: Would you accept a machine room version of the elevator in lieu of the specified (unit), which is machine-roomless?
  - ANSWER: No. The specified unit was selected to fit the space available.

#### **DIVISION 33 & GEOTECHNICAL**

1. QUESTION: Address any ground water or rain water flow issues.
  - ANSWER: See civil drawings for surface drainage around the project area. Also refer to the Geotechnical report included with the specifications for soil conditions.