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General Notes.

1. GC TO VERIFY BASE BUILDING AS BUILT CONDITIONS PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH WORK AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY VAMC REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY CONDITIONS CONTRARY TO THOSE SHOWN OR INFERRED ON THE DRAWINGS.
2. WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES HAVING JURISDICTION AND SHALL CONFORM TO ALL FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION, SAFETY AND SANITARY LAWS, CODES, STATUTES AND ORDINANCES.
3. MANUFACTURER NAMES AND PRODUCTS ARE INDICATED ON DRAWINGS TO INDICATE MINIMUM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA. EQUALS OR COMPARABLES CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW DURING THE SUBMITTAL PROCESS.
4. THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLY WITH THE BUILDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WORKING HOURS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OPERATIONS, USE OF LOADING DOCKS AND ELEVATORS, DELIVERY AND HANDLING OF MATERIAL AND RUBBISH REMOVAL.
5. ALL LUMBER, WOOD GROUNDS, NAILERS AND BLOCKING CONCEALED IN WALLS OR LOCATED IN CEILING PLENUMS SHALL BE FIRE-RETARDANT TREATED.
6. EXTREME CARE SHALL BE EXERCISED IN CUTTING, DRILLING OR ANCHORING TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURE. IF ANY DETERIORATION OR DAMAGE TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURE OCCURS OR IS OBSERVED DURING DEMOLITION OPERATIONS, IT SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE VAMC REPRESENTATIVE.
7. CONTRACTOR TO COORDINATE ISOLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIRE ALARM DEVICES WITH COTR PRIOR TO START OF DEMOLITION.
8. MANDATORY INFECTION CONTROL/CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION:
 - A. OBTAIN INFECTION CONTROL DOCUMENTS AND START WORK PERMIT BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS.
 - B. ISOLATE HVAC SYSTEM IN AREAS WHERE WORK IS BEING DONE TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION OF DUCT SYSTEM.
 - C. COMPLETE ALL CRITICAL TEMPORARY BARRIERS OR IMPLEMENT CONTROL CUBE METHOD BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS
 - D. MAINTAIN NEGATIVE AIR PRESSURE WITHIN WORK SITE UTILIZING HEPA EQUIPPED AIR FILTRATION UNITS.
 - E. DO NOT REMOVE TEMPORARY BARRIERS FROM WORK AREA UNTIL COMPLETE PROJECT IS INSPECTED BY VAMC SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES.
 - F. SEAL ALL HOLES, PIPES, CONDUITS AND PUNCTURES APPROPRIATELY.
 - G. VACUUM WORK AREA WITH HEPA FILTERED VACUUMS.
 - H. CONTAIN CONSTRUCTION WASTE BEFORE TRANSPORT IN TIGHTLY COVERED CONTAINERS.
 - I. SEAL AND CLEAN TRANSPORT RECEPTACLES OR CARTS.
9. WET MOP AREA WITH DISINFECTANT.

SAFETY

1. THE VA MEDICAL CENTER IS AN OSHA INSPECTED WORK SITE AND CONTRACTORS ARE SUBJECT TO FOLLOW ALL VA AND OSHA SAFETY RULES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS.
2. CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FALL PROTECTION FOR HIS EMPLOYEES. A FALL PROTECTION PLAN SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND SUBMITTED TO THE VA.
3. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO PROTECT PATIENTS, VISITORS AND EMPLOYEES FROM FALLING DEBRIS FOR THE DURATION OF THIS PROJECT.

SECURITY

GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES SHALL NOT ENTER THE PROJECT SITE WITHOUT APPROPRIATE BADGE. CONTRACTORS MUST OBTAIN ID BADGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEDICAL CENTER MEMORANDUM (MCM) 05-04 "PERSONNEL SUITABILITY AND SECURITY PROCEDURES. THEY MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION OF THEIR PERSONAL EFFECTS WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING THE PROJECT SITE.

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