

Response to RFI's & Scope of Work Clarifications

VA69D-17-B-0600 Install Elevators B406

RFI #1 : In reference to Specification 09 06 00-4 Car Operating Panel, where could we obtain information on Material product KSS 140?

Answer to RFI #1: KSS-140 is the type of signaling elevator control panel including lighted, impaired brail and audible alerts. This is referenced to a Kone or equal product.

RFI #2: In reference to Specification 14 21 00-12 Item 2.1A 1c, is there a process of submitting data sheets to be a prior approved equal?

Answer to RFI #2: There is no official form for a "prior approved equal"; however the equal product must meet the same like specifications provided.

RFI #3: The ATT002 Drawings file appears to be only 56 pages, but shows 126 pages in the index. Are any drawings missing?

Answer to RFI #3: The original design document was created for replacement of Elevators in B402, B404, and B406. This project is for removal and replacement of elevators in B406 only, so the unnecessary drawings have been removed.

RFI #4: Will the VA have any noise restrictions during certain hours of the day, limiting demo activities to certain hours?

Answer to RFI #4: It is intended for the project to go full swing. The patients have been relocated. There should be "no noise" restrictions for demolition. Any interruptions will be on a case by case basis.

RFI #5: Specification item 1.6.4 states that there will be no elevator service available for construction. During the pre-bid walkthrough, it was mentioned that we could have access to the existing elevator. Could VA please provide clarity?

Answer to RFI #5: It is intended that the elevator will be available for use until it is time to demo the existing elevator machinery room. The schedule of events and planning will dictate how long the elevator is to remain in service. If a wooden protection crib is placed over the elevator machinery during demolition of the stairs, this will extend how long the elevator will remain in service.

RFI #6: Detail 3 on page 406-SF-102 shows continuous water-stop where the footing intersects with the masonry wall: however, there is no clarification as to how this is to be achieved. Can the A/E provide clarity? Since the masonry in the crawl space is to be

grouted solid, would it be acceptable to have the first course of CMU block be an upside-down flow through bond beam to achieve this detail?

Answer to RFI #6: Contractor to provide best means and methods on construction for CMU block elevator shafts for sealing and grouting.

RFI #7: The infection control plan differs from direction provided at the site visit. Please provide clarification if the infection control plan differs from the bid documents?

Answer to RFI#7: Page 406-GI101 shows infection control plan the close off the corridors on the first and second floor shown in the shaded outline. This is not required as per the walk-through inspection.

RFI#8: Who will be the COR assigned to this project from the VA Tomah?

Answer to RFI #8: Chris Kraft COR 608-315-0377
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RFI #9: Specification section 02 82 13.13 does not provide quantities of asbestos containing materials scheduled for abatement. Can specific quantities of various materials be provided?

Answer to RFI #9: There are no specified quantities listed. The Asbestos specifications were added because the possibility of unknown asbestos material may be uncovered or discovered during demolition.

RFI #10: On drawing page 406-GI 101, the wall detail shows double layer of sheetrock for a 2-hour rated walls plus steel construction doors. Additionally, there are too many ceiling deck pipes and mechanicals to build a floor to deck wall. How does the VA wish to proceed with this clarification?

Answer to RFI #10: The VA Engineers confirm that we will down grade the requirement from a 2-hour rated wall to a 1-hour rated wall due to the sprinkler system remaining in operation. Additionally, the walls will be filled with sound attenuating insulation to minimize noise. VA Engineers concur that we can downgrade from Steel Frame Hollow Metal doors to Solid Wood construction doors. The VA Engineers concur on the inability to get a construction from deck to deck due to mechanicals. The Contractor shall provide best means and methods using styrene foam and plastic to achieve the boundary. VA Engineers concur that the active construction boundary has been pulled back to just the lobby area and no corridor doors are required as the floors are vacant.

RFI #9: Can the contractor build both elevator shafts at the same time?

Answer to RFI #9: Yes. Using best means and methods, this could speed up construction time.