

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
Project # 864CM3040B  
Pre Bid Questions

1. This solicitation adds Irrigation Plans and now has an increased project duration of 240 days. These are the only changes we see from the 2016 solicitation prior to its cancellation. Were there any other changes made to plans or specifications?

**Response: Bidders are to review documents provided.**

2. Schedule section 01 32 17 paragraph 1.1 indicates the contractor shall use Microsoft Project 2003 to develop the schedule. Are other scheduling softwares such as Primavera's Suretrak or Primavera's P3 also acceptable?

**Response: Project scheduling software shall meet the requirements of the section 01 32 17**

3. Plan sheet C400 key note 1 states "Re-routed communication line (coordinate with util owner)." We assume all costs for this relocation is by others (util owner). If this is not a correct understanding, please clarify otherwise by amendment by providing a point of contact with the utility or an allowance amount that contractors should include for this work.

**Response: the cemetery is the owner; as-built indicate it is a 2" conduit for future com; cost will be based on rerouted conduit.**

4. E1.00 indicates "New overhead primary service provided by utility. E.C. to coordinate installation with utility company." We assume all costs for this work is by others (utility) and not to be included in this bid. If this is not a correct understanding, please clarify otherwise by amendment by providing a point of contact with the utility or an allowance amount that contractors should include in their bids for this work.

**Response: Contractor is responsible for the cost associated with providing power to the building; the power company is CPS (210) 353-3333).**

5. Drawing E.100 shows the location and unfinished routing of a 4-inch conduit containing Communications and Fire Alarm wiring for the new Restroom Building. The associated note reads: "PROVIDE (1) 4" PVC 36" BELOW GRADE ROUTED TO EXISTING BUILDING TO THE NORTH. PROVIDE 6-STRAND 50 MICRON 10 GIGABIT MULTI-MODE FIBER IN 1 1/2" INNERDUCT. PROVIDE SC CONNECTORS WITH COUPLERS AND PANELS AT EACH END AND TEST. PROVIDE COMPLETE TEST RESULTS TO THE VA PROJECT MANAGER. PROVIDE FIRE ALARM SLC CIRCUIT (2#18 AWG) AND CONNECT TO FIRE ALARM PANEL IN EXISTING BUILDING. PROVIDE FIRE ALARM PROGRAMMING FOR EXISTING SYSTEM."

**Response: contractor will only provide the conduit and two pull lines, fiber is not required.**

6. L100 indicates 3" rock mulch at mechanical yard. This area has concrete slab on grade. Please confirm that you want both.

**Response: Provide concrete slab for the mechanical yard.**

7. Where and how does the 4-inch conduit enter the existing "building to the North"?

**Response: contractor will extend 4" conduit from restroom to back of administration building and provide a handhold at that point.**

8. What is the distance from the new handhold location to the "building to the North" and what are the details as to routing and any crossings?

**Response: 250 feet, know utilities are shown on plan; contractor is required to hire utility locator prior to excavation.**

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9. Where, in relation to the building entrance, does the fiber optic cable terminate?

**Response: see question 5 response above.**

10. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?

**Response: No, this project is not tax exempt. Please refer to Paragraph six (6), Page one (1) of the Standard Form 1442.**

11. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?

**Response: Badging is required and the written requirement will be supplied through the cemetery director to the winning bidder.**

12. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?

**Response: No designated parking is provided.**

13. Will the GC be able to use the adjacent parking lot as laydown area?

**Response: No, see drawing X001 for laydown area.**

14. Does the Government currently have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?

**Response: See specification 01 45 29 for requirements.**

15. Will utilities be provided by the owner?

**Response: see section 01 00 02 for availability and use of utilities**

16. Will this project be E-verified?

**Response: All contractors and contractor employees working on any Federal Installation shall be legally authorized and eligible to work within the United States. Verification is the responsibility of the contractor.**

17. Will lightning protection be required for this project?

**Response: Specification 26 41 00 provided.**

18. Can you clarify time and location to drop off bids. Are we to use Eastern time or central time?

**Response: The official bid opening will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 @ 4:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, in room 5E.425A, 425 I Street NW, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Washington D.C. 20001**

19. Is there a separate Bid Schedule form or should our bid price be written in Block 17 of the Standard Form 1442?

**Response: Please complete all required information on Standard Form 1442.**

20. To expedite the submittal process, will electronic submittals be accepted?

**Response: No electronic submittals will be accepted. Facsimile and electronic bids will not be accepted.**

21. If a construction NTP is issued right after award, 240 calendar days is not enough time to complete this project in our opinion. Some time needs to be afforded the contractor to prepare

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submittals, secure approval, fabricate and deliver materials. Too, the local utility company's electrical power completion schedule may not support a 240 calendar day schedule. Please consider a 330 calendar day performance period.

**Response: The period of performance as stated by the government for project completion is two-hundred and forty (240) calendar days.**