

AMENDMENT NARRATIVE/QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

VA Project No: 589-754

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

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

BIDDING AND SPECIFICATIONS

DIVISION 1

1. QUESTION: What scheduling software will be required?
 - ANSWER: No specific software is required. See Specification Sections 01 00 00, 01 32 16.15, and 01 33 23 for schedule-related requirements.
2. QUESTION: Is this project to be all normal business hours?
 - ANSWER: Patient procedures and special operations may dictate after-hours work for particular work. See Section 1.6 in Specification 01 00 00.
3. QUESTION: What is the occupancy status of the area being worked adjacent to?
 - ANSWER: Contractor should assume that any space that is not in the work area during a particular phase will be occupied and in use.
4. QUESTION: Does each phase have a specific time requirement?
 - ANSWER: Contractor must submit a detailed construction schedule for approval by the COR and contracting.
5. QUESTION: Are there any liquidated damages for this project? If so are they assessed by phase or total contract time?
 - ANSWER: There are no liquidated FAR clauses in this solicitation.
6. QUESTION: Are there any rooms that requires radiation shielding?
 - ANSWER: No new or re-worked spaces require radiation shielding.
7. QUESTION: Does the fire alarm tie into any broader campus fire alarm system and who would be responsible for that work?
 - ANSWER: The existing building's fire alarm system is to be expanded/modified as required to connect all new devices in the renovation and addition spaces. Existing campus communications with this building's fire alarm system will not be modified.

8. QUESTION: Do any of the systems (alarm, MEP, et) require extended service plans aside from the elevator's Item 7 requirement?
 - ANSWER: Please refer to specifications for individual systems. Warranties and any service plans shall be as specified.
9. QUESTION: Is this project sales tax exempt? If so, can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.
10. QUESTION: Will the government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.
11. QUESTION: Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.
12. QUESTION: Does the Government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.
13. QUESTION: Has the existing building been checked for asbestos and lead? What is the Government's policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.
14. Does the Government currently have a 3rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.
15. Who is responsible for the utility locations?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.
16. What is the level of infectious disease control rating for this site?
 - ANSWER: See answer to similar question previously published in Amendment No. 2.

DIVISION 11

1. Would you be able to confirm if the renovation plans for Dole VAMC will include ceiling-mounted patient lifts?
 - ANSWER: Patient lifts are not required for this project.

DRAWINGS

1. Sheet AI-103:
 - Flooring: Substitute RES-2 for RES-1 in all locations.
 - Flooring at 265-34: Flooring shall be WSF-1 (match existing).
 - Resinous Flooring: If the drawings and specifications conflict regarding resinous flooring systems, bidder should give preference to the specifications.
2. See **attached revised Sheets PL 111, PL 111.2, PL 113, PL 113.2, PL 113.4, PL 113.5, and PL 501** for the addition of valves to medical gas lines feeding the first floor SPS area.

END OF NARRATIVE