

Fort Smith National Cemetery

Cemetery Improvements 847CM3016B

VA786-17-B-0241

1. Specification Section 01 00 00, Section 1.5.H. Construction Fence – Does the temporary chain link fence have to be pile-driven into the ground, or can adequate sandbags be used to limit damage to the cemetery grounds?

Sandbags are acceptable as long as the temporary fence is stable.

2. Is there any landscape planting plans and /or details for this project?

The full set of drawings from the 847CM3016 project will be made available. The contractor shall use those details for this project.

3. Is a new Geotechnical Report, similar to the one performed in 2008 by MACTEC, required as a deliverable for this project?

No further geotechnical will be required. The contractor may use the 2008 information for this project.

4. Is a new Geotechnical Drawing Package, similar to the one performed on Dec. 2, 2008 by MACTEC, required as a deliverable for this project?

No further geotechnical will be required. The contractor may use the 2008 information for this project.

5. Is a comprehensive Final Environmental Assessment Report, similar to the one performed in September 2007 by MACTEC, required as a deliverable for this project?

An EA is not required for this project.

6. Drawing L-1, Keynote 3, indicates stone piers may be required. Drawing L-23 is referenced on this Keynote. Please provide Drawing L-23 if the stone piers are required as part of this project scope.

Stone piers are not required in this project. The only items that apply to this project are as in the SOW corresponding to the items identified on the drawings.

7. Drawing L-1, Keynote 12 indicates a watering station may be required. Drawing L-18 is referenced on this Keynote. Please provide Drawing L-18 if the watering station is required as part of this project scope.

A watering station is not required in this project. The only items that apply to this project are as in the SOW corresponding to the items identified on the drawings.

8. Specification Section 01 00 00, Paragraph 1.2.1 - Please clarify that the existing concrete caps on piers/posts are to be replaced with new precast concrete material caps and not some other type of stone.

The caps are to be architectural precast to reduce cost. This is a change from the previous submission. To reduce failure the post shall occur on the joints and shall not be intermittent on the caps.

9. Drawing L-1, Legend Item "A", and Specification Section 01 00 00, Paragraph 1.2.A.1 & 1.2.A.2 – Please provide a copy of the submittal data from the original project for the crypts. (This is to ensure that the crypts provided will match the existing crypts.)

The full set of drawings from the 847CM3016 project will be made available. The contractor shall use those details for this project. Submittal data is not be available.

10. Drawing L-1, Legend Item "F", indicates that a 24'x84' equipment shelter is to be constructed. However, Specification Section 01 00 00, Paragraph 1.2.A.1 does NOT list this equipment shelter as a scope item. Please clarify if this shelter is to be included with Contractor bids.

A shelter shall be included as identified in the SOW. The location for the shelter is identified on the drawings. As identified in the SOW the contractor shall acquire an off the shelf product meeting the requirements. It shall be built to the manufacturers specifications. Inspections by the manufacturer both during and after construction shall be included in the contractors cost and is typically apart of the manufacturer warranty. This inspection is a contractors cost and should be built into his or her estimate.

11. Are the concrete caps on the tops of the existing piers to be replaced as part of this project?

Yes and are identified in the SOW and on the drawings.

12. Is every existing concrete/stone cap on the existing fence/wall to be replaced?

Yes. Full replacement is identified in the SOW and on the drawings. None of the existing caps shall be used.

13. The Scope Of Work documents dated September 15, 2016, states in CLIN 001 that "the contractor shall replace 600 Lf. of the wind damaged fencing and the damaged gate (non-contiguous)". However, the Specification Section 01 00 00, Paragraph 1.2.A.1 states "the contractor shall replace 400 Lf. of the wind damaged fencing and the damaged gate". What is the length of wind damaged fencing that the Contractors are to bid?

The contractor shall bid 600 Lf. any adjustment up or down shall be handled with a change order. The estimate than has been provided is very generous; however, A change order may be required if more fencing is damaged during the time this contract is put out to bid. Repairs may be as simple as reattaching the fabric; however, if post are bent or leaning we expect those to be replaced and not just bent back.

14. The Scope Of Work documents dated September 15, 2016, states in CLIN 001 that "The contractor shall remove and dispose of the vinyl privacy slats from the existing fencing around the proposed burial area. The fencing around the future burial area consists of approximately 2,300 Lf of fencing". Does the VA want new vinyl privacy slats put back in place or is the contractor to only remove/discard the existing slats?

Remove and discard.

15. Drawing L-2 has Keynotes 1-8 that appear to NOT be included in the scope of this project. Please clarify which specific Keynotes on this drawing are applicable to this particular project.

X1 Cover

L1 A, B, C, D, E, F, G

L2 D

L4 Reference only

16. Specification Section 03 48 46, Paragraph 1.1.A – Please verify that the Contractor is to provide the additional Item noted (i.e. three Crypt lid lifting apparatus, four extra concrete crypt lids, & inside shelf lifting device).

Lifting devices will not be furnished this contract.