

1. The SF 1442 box 13 a. indicates original and 1 copy, as the proposals are to be emailed please confirm that one electronic copy emailed to Mr. Girany and one original bid bond mailed to Mr. Girany are all that is required. [Yes that is correct.](#)
2. Page 7 of 65 of the solicitation, Deductions and Additions: will a revised bid schedule be issued? [Yes, See A0006](#)
3. Drawing E-001 indicates there is a bid deduct for Stair Tower Fixture Replacement. Please confirm and include on the bid schedule if applicable. [See A0006](#)
4. There are no existing lighting circuits shown on the drawings. With extensive knowledge of the VA Campus in GJ it can be difficult and expensive to locate which panels the existing lighting circuits are fed from. Would you able to provide this information? [This information was not engineered. This information will take too long to research and so will not be available prior to the bid deadline. This information will be required in order to preform work safely and know how outages will affect various areas. That leaves two options. The VA will research this and provide it prior to notice to proceed, or the contractor will be required to research this as required during construction.](#)
5. Drawing E-003, Key Note 5 says "Contractor shall route all QS link wires, ecosystem ballast loop wire, and low voltage wires in ¾" conduit to comply to the VA and NEC guide." Is the intent to run new ¾" conduit to every light fixture? [Class 1 and class 2 conductors for lighting power and control must be installed in conduit per VA specifications. QS link wires are class 2 so will require conduit. CAT 5, 5e or 6 cables do not require conduit. Alternative lighting control systems that use CAT 5 instead of class 2 control wires will be considered so long as they meet the design intent.](#)
6. Drawing 1.E101 shows a QSN-2ECO-S in electrical rooms 1600, 1632 and 1690. Would you provide information on which lights are to be programmed out of which QSN-2ECO-S? [This aspect was not engineered. If QSN-2ECO-S panels are used, the light control zones can be fed from any of the QSN-2ECO-S panels, so long as 20% spare capacity remains. Using QSN-2ECO-S panels is not a requirement, other lighting control systems are will be considered. I believe a system that does not change the power distribution would be easier/cheaper to install.](#)
7. Is this project tax exempt? [It is a federal agency project and is Tax Exempt.](#)
8. On the site walk we discussed the large amount of foot traffic during the day on the first floor. The suggestion was made to work at night. Will there be patients in the rooms at night? [Yes, patient rooms on the 3rd and 5th floor will be occupied.](#)
9. Will a set of rooms be vacant during the day so that they can be worked on during normal business hours? [Yes, work in rooms will be able to be scheduled during working hours.](#)
10. Is there a place on site to store fixtures and other material? If not, is there a location on site to place a conex? [Limited storage is available in the hospital. A Conex can be located on site.](#)
11. Does the VA have a scrap metal container on site that can be used for the old fixtures? [Yes.](#)
12. Is a dumpster required or can the GC use the onsite dumpsters? [No. The contractor must supply this.](#)
13. On Sheet E-003 Key Note 5, does the requirement for routing all QS Link wires, Ecosystem ballast loop wires, and low voltage wires in ¾" conduit apply to wires between every fixture (i.e. requirement is to have conduit between every fixture) or just for wires between floors (i.e.

requirement is to have conduit between floors)? Class 1 and class 2 conductors for lighting power and control must be installed in conduit per VA specifications. QS link wires are class 2 so will require conduit. CAT 5, 5e or 6 cables do not require conduit. Alternative lighting control systems that use CAT 5 instead of class 2 control wires will be considered so long as they meet the design intent.

14. Does the required Cat 5e cable need to be routed in conduit from fixture to fixture (to include flexible connection to the fixture)? No. Cat 5 cable does not require conduit.
15. What are the security requirements for working within the psychiatric wing of the hospital? The project superintendent must have a badge issued by the VA PIV office. All other employees must have a contractor issued badge that includes employee name, employee photo and contractor name.
16. Will the VA allow a request to submit an alternate lighting control solution that would replace the Current Acuity/Lutron design with a functionally equivalent solution from a single manufacturer (Wattstopper). The alternate solution would provide the same performance and functionality at a reduced cost and at the same time simplifying the installation requirements and user interface. Yes. Any reference to a specific manufacturer or part number is just given to demonstrate design intent. Alternate manufacturers are acceptable for all components.