

VA101-17-R-0396 RFI Responses

Question: Are you looking to buy the laboratory equipment (Biological Safety Cabinets, Sterilizers, Washers, etc...) listed in the 201700661075 v3 specification?

Response: *If you are seeking to supply any items as a subcontractor on this project you will need to check the vendors registered in www.fbo.gov , all contractors that have expressed an interest in this project will have registered there. Any items that will be in need of purchase will go through the prime contractor for this project.*

The seed project Dixie Buildout does not require purchase of any laboratory equipment.

Any equipment to be purchased/installed as part of any future task order, we will include the appropriate specifications and any other procurement requirements as part of that Task Order's pre-bid documents.

Question: Can you buy directly from the manufacturers of the type of equipment listed that meets, or exceeds the specification?

Response: *The SDVO can directly purchase all materials/equipment needed for the work from a manufacturer, supplier, or subcontractor. This is the SDVO's choice. Note: if there is any VA-provided material and/or equipment that will be provided to the SDVO to use as part of the construction, this government-furnished material will be specifically stated in the Task Order.*

Question: You must buy from a veterans listed, or some other type of disadvantaged business?

Response: *The awarded SDVOSB contractor is at his own discretion in the use of suppliers, keeping in mind the Buy American Act.*

Question: Bids are due by 7/21/17?

Response: *Proposals are due from all prime contractors 7/21/2017.*

Question: Will the VA be providing dumpsters for the disposal of all waste generated from the project?

Response: *Not for this first task (Dixie Buildout). A dumpster may be required for future tasks and those costs will be taken into consideration on future issued task orders.*

Question: Please confirm that the VA will be providing office space for our personnel during the project and a office trailer is not required.

Response: *Confirmed. The VA will provide one medium sized-office space for just the prime contractor personnel. No other office trailers (for subs) will be allowed due to the lack of available site space. The SDVO is responsible for getting any data/internet/wireless service for their personnel; use of the VAMC's system is prohibited.*

Question: Can you please provide what specific plans and specs from FBO are required for the initial project?

Response: *As stated at the site visit this is the responsibility of all SDVOSBs bidding on this project to make that determination.*

Question: Is a full time QC/Safety manager required for the project?

Response: *Yes, but one individual can be both the QA/QC and Safety manager.*

Question: Where is the mechanical, electrical and fire alarm being terminated by the current contractor for the initial project?

Response: *At the exterior boundary of the space being built out as shown on the documents.*

Question: Can you tell me if the Biological Safety Cabinets, Sterilizers, washers & other lab equipment items have been bought, or not on this project yet?

Response: *Not on this first task (Dixie Buildout).*

Question: Is this project sales tax exempt?

Response: *Yes, but it is up to the supplier to accept the exemption or not.*

Question: If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?

Response: *Document will be issued with the initial task order against the SATOC.*

Question: Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?

Response: *Government will provide badges as needed but GC is responsible for issuance to employees and all subcontractors on the site.*

Question: What is the guaranteed turn-around from the VA for RFIs and Submittals? A standard of 20 work days (28 calendar) is provided. Will a faster turnaround be provided due to the duration of this project?

Response: *RFI and Submittals response time will be discussed and in agreement with the awarded Contractor*

Question: Who is the COR/SRE for this project?

Response: *COR information will be made available to the awarded Contractor*

Question: Will all MEP be in place before we arrive? *The MEP will be terminated at the boundary of the space being built out. It will be GCs responsibility to tie in and trim out in new space as shown on the drawings.*

- a. If so, is CMHP still responsible for trim-out after drop-ceiling is in place, or will the new GC own trim-out? *GC will trim out*
- b. If MEP is not complete, where are the exact tie-ins for each system? *CMHP will be completed prior to NTP.*
 - i. Mechanical
 1. TAB? *GC is only responsible to TAB space.*
 - ii. Electrical
 1. Medium Voltage *At build out boundary*
 2. Low Voltage
 - a. Fire *At build out boundary*
 - b. Data *At build out boundary*
 - c. PAC *AT build out boundary*
 - d. Who is responsible for programing these items after complete? *For devices being installed in this space it will be responsibility of the GC*
 - iii. Sprinklers
 1. Testing? *GC just for space being completed under this contract.*

Response: *see as stated above in blue.*

Question: Please designate the exact space to be provided for laydown on this project?

Response: *Laydown will be coordinated as needed after award. Available laydown area or space for Conex boxes is extremely limited – and it will be the SDVO's responsibility to coordinate the timing and delivery of materials to the site as needed to maintain progress so that materials are not stockpiled here for weeks.*

Question: Who is responsible for site-work once this project is complete?

Response: *Not Applicable*

Question: Please provide hazardous material clearances

- a. Asbestos
- b. Lead
 - i. Specifically for the paint on the bricks and all painted steel surfaces within this room (above windows)

Response: *Will be provided post award, as it is believed by the government the area is currently free of any asbestos or lead.*

Question: During the site walk it was discussed that by the beginning of this project the

windows may or may not yet be installed by CMHP.

Response: *That is correct for bidding purposes assume the windows will be in place.*

Question: Will the project be pushed back if the envelope is not complete and tested, or should the GO account for having to temporarily weatherproof all openings in order to begin finish work in this space?

Response: For bidding purposes assume permanent windows will be in place.

Question: What are the tolerances expected in the slab as poured by CMHP?

Response: *FF and FL data is not available; contractor will be responsible for preparing the floor as needed to finish out the space in accordance with the drawings and specifications. Thus the reason for the highly recommended site visit to ensure all contractors' s reviewed existing conditions of the space that the work is being performed.*

Question: What are the tolerances acceptable in the finished floor?

Response: *Finished floor is noted in the specifications for specific flooring scheduled to be installed in each space.*

Question: What are the requirements for finishing the brings?

Response: *Please see drawings for finishes required*

Question: What form of schedule is required for this project?

- a. Primavera?
- b. Third-party scheduler?
- c. Cost-loaded for payment?
- d. Frag-nets for time extensions?

Response: *Cost loaded for payment*

Question: Are all project RFIs included in the contract, or only RFIs specifically included in the bid documents?

Response: *Those included with the solicitation should be taken into consideration at this time.*

Question: Please confirm that office space will be provided in the Dixie building for the duration of the project, and that this space will not be within the scope of the work to be completed.

Response: Confirmed

See previous comment in reference to office space above.

Question: What construction utilities are provided for by the VA?

- a. Power? *Will be made available and VA will pay for bill. Contractor will need to connect.*
- b. Water? *Will be made available and VA will pay for bill. Contractor will need to connect.*
- c. Toilets? *Toilets will need to be provided.*
- d.. Dumpster – *For this first project a dumpster will not be required.*

Response: *See as stated above in blue.*

Question: What is the security requirement for this project?

Response: *Secure area being worked in and any materials being stored.
The VAMC is not liable for any theft/damage to SDVO materials.*

Question: Will CMHP be off site before start of this project? *No*

- a. Will the sites be separate? *No, coordination to share space may be required*
- b. Will personnel from this project be subject to CMHP safety orientation and regulations? *No*
- c. Will lay-down areas be separated? *Yes*
- d. What are the bounds of separation? *As needed and will be coordinated upon NTP*
- e. Trade damage/delays? *Area will be surveyed upon NTP*

Response: *See as stated above in blue*

Question: Is the GC for this to be responsible for the lighting fixtures, diffusers, and other MEP related fixtures or are those on the current MEP contractors for the site?

Response: *The GC is responsible to provide all material as required to build out the space as shown on the documents unless noted otherwise.*

Question: Are the window sills in the scope of the GC?

Response: *Yes (GC meaning CMHP?)*

Question: Is the GC responsible for any FFE in this space? Any Desks and millwork,etc?

Response: *Only those identified on the drawings.*

Question: May we hand-deliver the bid packages? If so, where specifically shall we drop off the package?

Response: *Please follow the directions for proposal submission in the solicitation.*

Question: Do tab pages and the table of contents count against the 80 page limit?

Response: *Content and organization is included in the 80 page limit.*

Question: Can CPARS be used in place of Client Satisfaction Questionnaires?

Response: *No, all Client Questionnaires are to be submitted by the referenced client directly to Contracting*

Question: Page 16 and page 21 show the standard form and amendments are required in both the Technical and Price proposals. Can we only include it in the Price Proposal?
Thus, allowing more pages for content in the Technical proposal?

Response: *Please follow the directions for proposal submittal that are in the solicitation. Amendments are not counted against your page count for technical proposal submission.*

Question: Please confirm that Factor 3 belongs under Tab 4 even though it is an evaluation factor.

Response: *Past performance information shall be submitted as requested in the solicitation. Tab 3 and 4 will possibly contain similar and/or same information.*

Question: Tab 5 is for Key Personnel, yet key personnel are to be in Factor 2. Is this necessary in both locations, Tab 3 and Tab 5?

Response: *Tab 5 is requesting "Resumes of Key Personnel for this Contract"*

Question: Please clarify expectations of Tab 5 if different than Factor 2.

Response: *Solicitation page 19, Factor 2, 2.2 Key Personnel, is requesting to identify the qualifications of all key personnel and their disciplines.*

Question: Factor 2.1 Specialized Experience based for \$1 M or more experience. Yes, the seed project is \$100K-\$250K. Is it possible to lower this requirement to \$500K to match the proposed jobs more closely?

Response: *The specialized experience based on \$1M or more is to satisfy the ability to perform at the SATOC performance level.*

Question: I have not located the Food Service Plans and specs. Will these items be in the scope of work.

Response: *No, see Statement of Work for Dixie Buildout in the solicitation page 5.*

*Please be advised parking is not available anywhere on the VAMC campus for Contractor Personnel.

*Please be advised that any product that may be listed in the specs by name is for a basis of design only – and that the VA will review and consider all substitution requests for other products that are

shown to meet or exceed the spec requirements. All proposals should clearly state any substitutions that your firm is suggesting.