

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER

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3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NUMBER

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5. PROJECT NUMBER (if applicable)

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 VA Northern California HealthCare System
 3230 Peacekeeper Way, Bldg. 209
 McClellan CA 95652-1012

8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code)

To all Offerors/Bidders

(X)

9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER

VA261-17-Q-0663

9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)

X 07-17-2017

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended, is not extended.
 Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or electronic communication which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

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A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not, is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment is to provide responses to questions that have been received from interested vendors. Please see the attached document for the information.

The quote due date remains at 4:00 pm Pacific Time on July 19, 2017.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

Michael P. Hodahkwen
 Contracting Officer

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16C. DATE SIGNED

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

BY

(Signature of Contracting Officer)

07/17/2017

Amendment #5
Questions and Answers

- 1) What is the location where services will be performed?

The location is 3801 Miranda Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

- 2) Does the government pay for the background check?

Yes, the VA pays for the background check. The vendor is responsible for completing the documentation so that it can be submitted to our Security office.

- 3) Are the services paid for after monthly invoicing?

Yes, the billing is in arrears.

- 4) What is the approximate cleanable square footage for this solicitation?

We have received the following estimated square footages. Please keep in mind that these are estimates and vendors were given the opportunity of a site visit to perform their own measurements of the facility.

Location	Sq. Footage
MSICU	10,016
IICU	9,940
4A	17,537
4C	16,757
3A	16,756
3C	17,602
2A	17,006
2C	17,045
ED/EDOU	11,286
(A, B, C, & D)	71,848
A, B, C, D, E & F)	102,281

- 5) Since this is a new contract, we assume that the VA has been providing this service previously. If this is the case, would the VA equipment, i.e., floor machines, scrubbers, high speed burnishers, large floor vacuums, vacuum cleaners, etc., be available for use by the successful contractor? This would make the 16 month contract much less expensive if some or all of the equipment could be used for this temporary period.

The contractor provides all equipment, supplies and services. VA equipment will be transferred to other projects.

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- 6) If this is allowed, does the VA have a listing of equipment that could possibly be used for the temporary contract? Once again, this would mean less equipment to be purchased by the contractor.

No, we do not have that information available.

- 7) 2.2.1.3 - This section states that the contractor is to “refill plastic bags, refill all paper towels, soap, toilet paper and seat cover dispensers. In addition, the contractor shall also empty, clean and disinfect sanitary napkin receptacles; replace soiled bags with new bags.” Does the contractor purchase and supply the plastic liners, paper towels, soap, toilet paper, seat covers, sanitary napkins and sanitary napkin bags? Or does the VA purchase and supply these items.

The VA will provide supplies as stated above.

- 8) If the contractor is to supply all of these items, can the VA provide the bidders with the approximate volume of items purchased each month? Annually?

This information is not available. We have the overall budget for VAPAHCS but not for the individual buildings.

- 9) 2.3.1. Strip, Scrub, Seal, and Wax Floors: Strip, scrub, seal, and wax floors as necessary to maintain a uniform glossy appearance. As necessary in a 16 month contract, does this mean once, twice? What is the required frequency in a 16 month contract?

Scrub and recoat (Patient rooms) quarterly, strip and re-finish: strip and re-finish: bi-annually, deep scrub and recoat with finish quarterly, scrub with automatic machines daily, buffing twice a week.

- 10) 2.3.3. Clean/Shampoo Carpets: All carpets shall be cleaned in accordance with standard commercial practices.....After shampooing, the carpeted area will be uniform in appearance and free of stains and discoloration. Same question as in 2.3.1 above, what is the frequency in a 16 month contract. These types of periodic services come with a cost to the contractor. Please specify the frequencies of the services for both 2.3.1 and 2.3.3.

As deemed necessary by the contractor.

- 11) Since this contract is only for 16 month, will the VA allow for uniform vests or other type of less expensive uniforms due to the short length of the contract?

No, the VA will not provide uniform vests or other type of less expensive uniforms.

- 12) Does the “Executive Order (EO) 13495, “Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts,” signed by President Obama on January 30, 2009, that became effective on January 18, 2013, apply to this contract? Assuming that EO 13495 does apply, will the VA provide a list and tenure schedule of former employees to the successful contractor?

No, the Nondisplacement clause does not apply to this contract. All existing employees shall be relocated to somewhere else in this facility (Palo Alto Main Campus) or other facilities of their choosing (Menlo Park or Livermore locations). No employees will be terminated or out of a job as the result of the award of this contract.

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- 13) 3.7.1 The Contractor shall provide a TB test for all employees prior to their starting to work under this Contract. Will the VA require TB tests for this temporary 16 month contract? Will the VA pay for this testing or is the contractor to include this cost in their bid?

The VA will neither provide the TB test nor reimburse the contractor for such a test. The contractor will provide evidence of passing the TB test for their employees to the government.

- 14) No Contractor personnel may be assigned to work under this contract until the Contractor has provided initial orientation and training as outlined in 4.4.1 – 4.4.18 below. Will the training that is specified in 4.4.1 – 4.4.18 be required for this temporary contract?

Yes, the contractor will have to provide an initial orientation and training to their staff prior to working under this contract.

- 15) Will the VA consider extending the proposal due date of July 14th . Questions have not been answered and this will have an effect on the technical and pricing proposal? In addition, there is not enough time to obtain the past performance references by the current due date.

The due date was extended in Amendment #4 to 4:00 pm Pacific July 19.

- 16) What's the current staffing level?

This is performance based contract; therefore, contractor shall provide the staffing level necessary to meet or exceed PWS's requirements.

- 17) In the site drawings, there are lines through different areas. Do they also need to be cleaned.?

Yes.

- 18) Is Building 7, Wing 7H included in the PWS.?

Not at his time, but when construction for Building H is completed, it will be added to the contract through a bilateral modification.

- 19) Do all rooms in Building 520 have carpet.?

Yes.

- 20) Do patient rooms need to be aseptically cleaned.?

Yes.