

RFI-VAMC Fayetteville, Ar 564-15-110 New Flooring N&FS and Canteen Dish Rooms

Responses

07/27/2017

1. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate? **All projects that the VA in Fayetteville, Arkansas advertise are not sales tax exempt-The prime contractors and sub-contractors are required to pay sales tax.**
2. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required? **Review section 5 in the SOW and Spec 01 35 26 Safety Requirements.**
3. Where will the laydown area & designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site? **Yes, the station will allow limited laydown by the current contractor storage containers. The Contractor may also use the area directly adjacent to the gazebo. All approved laydown areas shall be approved by the COR and abide by applicable codes and regulations and contract specifications. There is limited designated parking for contractors on a first come first serve basis.**
4. Will the fire sprinkler system and/or the fire alarm system need to be disrupted during construction? If yes, what if any additional security measures will the government require e.g. fire watch, temporary fire alarms, adjustments to sprinkler heads, etc. **Review specification 01 35 26 Safety Requirements Part 1.14 Fire Safety.**
5. Does the Government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with? What is the name and contact information of the person or persons that will need to be coordinated with for security and fire alarm and suppression systems work and/or disruptions? **All utilities shall be coordinated by the COR. Fire suppression is not applicable (N/A) to this project.**
6. Has the work area been checked for asbestos? **Yes**
7. What is the Governments' policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction? **If work is suspect you are required to stop work in that area under suspension and notify the Contracting Officer and the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) immediately.**
8. 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? **The GC shall engage a 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing firm.**
9. Please clarify the ceiling in the basement. Will the ceiling tile and grid be replaced? **Yes, review drawing AE101, Canteen Dish Room; basement, revised 8/9/2017, keyed note 13.**

10. There is a gas pipe on the floor under the washer in the basement. What do you want done with this pipe? **There is no gas piping on the floor in the basement canteen dish room. The piping is an abandoned steam pipe and contractor shall demo pipe below grade and properly dispose.**
11. The pass thru window in the basement is stainless steel to be removed. When this is removed to block in the wall. Will there need to be a back splash put on the counter top. If not the water will run back to the wall and down to the floor. **Yes, the contractor is to provide a welded seamed backsplash. The contractor may re-use the existing counter and modify. All modifications and shop drawings shall be approved by the COR.**
12. Is this project best price and technical acceptable? **As stated in New Tradeoff Instructions to Offerors 1.1, 1.2 & 1.3 attached: The Government intends to use the "Best Value" tradeoff process source selection approach in accordance with FAR 15.101-1. Awards shall be made to the most responsive responsible offeror whose offer, in conformance with this solicitation, results in the overall best value to the Government, price plus other factors considered.**
13. Will the epoxy coating be to the top of the tile in all areas only? **Refer to drawing AE100, N&FS dish Room; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Revised 8/9/2017 keyed notes 7-11.**
14. What height do you want the wall coating to go to by the shower area walls? **Refer to RFI question and response #13.**
15. When the tile is removed from the wall back to the glazed blocks, what is the depth of the plaster that must replace by concrete board to bring the wall out to the same thickness as the wall is above the tile? **Refer to RFI question and response #13.**
16. We have some value engineering to help cut cost and to turn back over the area in a shorter time frame. Is this something the VA would like us to present for review as an alternate? **You are required to submit a proposal per specifications and drawings. Any voluntary alternates to the plans and specifications are at the contractors option and shall not be considered during original bid evaluations.**
17. Will this work be done during hrs that the canteen is open? The infection control barrier shall be constructed from 1430-0500 M-F and any time on Saturday and Sunday. **Once the infection control barrier wall has been fully constructed per the plans and specs and has been approved by the COR, the contractor may work during regular business hours. All construction waste shall be removed daily after 1430 M-F.**

18. Will the Dish washer area have to be solid walls for infectious controls? **Yes, review Drawings AE101, Canteen Dish Room; Basement, revised 8/9/2017 and the revised SOW dated 8/9/2017 section v.**
19. What type infectious controls do you want in the basement area? **Refer to RFI question and response #18.**
20. How is the GC to attached the new finishes on the glazed block wall? Blocks may start to break if we drill in any materials. **Refer to RFI question and response #13**
21. Could you please clarify the dimensions of the drawing for the new drain, Specifically the width of the bottom of the drain. **The width of the bottom of the trench drain shall be 12" wide minimum. Contractor shall field verify all final dimensions.**
22. The specs provided on the Consolidated spec sheet do not include any of Division 10,11,22,26.Can you please add this to the spec sheet. Subs are asking for this information and I have nothing to provide them. **Review added specification in sections 9, 10, 22, and 26. Specification section 11 has been deleted from the contract.**
23. We formally request a one week extension to the RFI response date and a one week extension to the bid due date. **The proposal due date has been extended to: September 13, 2017 NLT 2:00PM**
24. We also request an opportunity for a second walk through with the COR. We need engineering and the COR present with our plumber to view the decking underneath the second floor kitchen. This will have to be accessed from the basement. **Only contractors who attended the first project site walk through shall be granted additional project site walk throughs and shall be scheduled by the COR. Contractors are prohibited on the project site without a COR approved escort.**
25. Can we please schedule a time with you to get a plumbing contractor back to the job site to inspect the structure under the second floor canteen room please. It was the last floor we looked at, and there were some concerns about the direction of floor joists versus the direction of the trench drain. **Only contractors who attended the first project site walk through shall be granted additional project site walk throughs and shall be scheduled by the COR. Contractors are prohibited on the project site without a COR approved escort.**
26. The plumber will not provide a drainage warranty to retrofit an 8" trench drain with CPVC onto a 3" cast iron pipe. We will warranty the scope of work, but not it's functionality. This is not a good plan and the 3" pipe will clog and have issues down the road, it's also not up to code. You

mentioned getting a code waiver. Will the waiver also waive the contractors responsibility to uphold a warranty? **The 8" trench drain shall discharge into an 8"x3" reducer. No 8" CPVC shall be used. Also review drawing AE100, N&FS Dish Room; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, revised 8/9/2017, keyed note 3.**

27. How thick is the concrete on the 2nd floor nutrition room? Is the government 100% sure that the floor structure will not be effected when the concrete is cut to install the trench drain? **Review added drawing set titled 1934 Bldg 2 Dining Hall. The contractor shall field verify and shall be responsible for maintaining floor structural integrity.**
28. The drain spec calls for 6" minimum below the drain pan. Is the concrete thick enough to support that and house the drain? **Review drawing AE100, N&FS Dish Room Floor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, revised 8/9/2017, detail 2.**
29. When the concrete is cut and if the crew discovers that the structure is perpendicular to the direction of the trench rain, what will the VA do to mitigate the issue? **If this is a differing site condition you will refer to FAR Clause 52.236-2 Differing Site Conditions**
30. Will the VA provide floor plans for the first floor kitchen area that needs new flooring? **Review drawing AE101, Canteen Dish Room; Basement, revised 8/9/2017.**
31. Will the VA provide the name and number of the local Hobart equipment company that services and installs the kitchen equipment. **Gordon Dodson, Territory Area Manager  
[Gordon.dodson@hobartservice.com](mailto:Gordon.dodson@hobartservice.com) Office Phone: (405)686-1031 Cell: (405)826-6428**
32. The spec listed at the bottom of the diagram for the Trench Drain calls for 5'-10 3/4". Is this five feet ten and three quarter inches? Can the VA please clarify if this is the correct measurement. **Review drawing AE100, N&FS Dish Room Floor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, revised 8/9/2017 detail 2.**