

AMENDMENT NO. A00001

SOLICITATION: VA261-17-B-0452

PROJECT: 640-397

GENERAL

The following changes, additions or deletions shall be made to the following solicitation documents. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

***NOTE TO BIDDERS:** THIS PROCUREMENT IS A 100% SET-ASIDE FOR SERVICE-DISABLED-VETERAN-OWNED-SMALL-BUSINESS (SDVOSB) UNDER PUBLIC LAW 109-461. BIDDERS MUST BE CERTIFIED AND VERIFIED AS A SDVOSB IN THE VET BIZ DATA BASE AT [HTTP://WWW.VA.GOV/OSDBU](http://www.va.gov/osdbu) . BIDS RECEIVED FROM PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS WHOM ARE NOT VERIFIED WILL BE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE AND THE BID WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

BIDDER QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

QUESTION: We are missing page PL601 and all the Fire Protection section sheets: FX001, FX02, FX101 & FX102.

ANSWER: All referenced documents are attached to this amendment.

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QUESTION: Reference Specification 01 00 00-21 para c, confirm this is a requirement for this solicitation.

ANSWER: The assumption by the VA is that the project will be sealed off from the existing adjacent structures. However, in the event that, through the construction project a passageway is introduced by the contractor into the existing facility the passageway must be under negative pressure, and specification 01 00 00 section 1.8. D. paragraph C shall be required.

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QUESTION: As construction occurs on VA property, would you provide a list of permits required (Federal and State) and/or list of permits required on previous similar construction projects?

ANSWER: This project is entirely on Federal Property, and there are no local, state, or Federal permits that the contractor is required to obtain except if the project disturbs an acre or more of pavement and / or soil - the contractor shall be required to develop a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and submit to the state water board, and update annually until the site is turned over to the government. It is currently estimated that the contractor's site disturbance should be limited to approximately 40,000 gross square feet, so a permit would not be required, but if the contractor's means and methods requires additional ground disturbance the requirement for the SWPPP permit will be required. Regardless of the state permit - Erosion Control BMPS are required at all times. See also FAR Clause 52.236-7, which will be incorporated in the contract.

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QUESTION: Regarding Specification 01 00 00-3, paragraph 1.2 B. I.a. 2. States that written approval of **all** submittals for **all** divisions must be obtained prior to mobilization.

Meeting this requirement would preclude the contractor from performing a billable work activity for up to 126 days following award which could be a financial hardship to a SDVOSB contractor. In order to allow the contractor a reasonable timeframe in which to begin billable work activities, would you consider amending this requirement to read, "written approval of all general requirements submittals and submittals for initial work activities be obtained prior to mobilization"?

The contractor would submit work activity submittals and long lead item submittals as early as possible, either in the Pre-Construction POP or early in the Construction POP so as to maintain the work progress schedule without the ability to mobilize and begin approved, billable work activities being adversely impacted.

ANSWER: This requirement shall not be waived; however, your schedule of values shall be permitted to have line items for submittals with applied general conditions to those line items to cover your job office overhead. These line items can be billed when submittals have been returned to the contractor with

'no exceptions taken', or 'make corrections noted' by the COR all other comments shall be considered incomplete and not billable.

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QUESTION: Reference, 01 00 00 - 2, 1.2 B. SOW states contractor to remove unsuitable soil (per 31 20 00 as identified by the COR):

- a. Are there any soil reports and/or other pertinent information available for the area of excavation/construction?
- b. In lieu of soils report and for bidding purposes, what percentage of removals do you anticipate as being unsuitable?
- c. Are unsuitable soils to be considered non-hazardous Class II landfill acceptable material for disposal unless otherwise determined with testing per 31 20 00 -10 E?

Per 31 20 00 - 10 E.:

- a. COR determined unsuitable soils: confirm this to be non-hazardous Class III landfill acceptable material for disposal
- b. Confirm who is responsible for testing of suspected unsuitable soil, particularly in the event the results are that there is no differing site condition.

ANSWER: Soil from the stock pile was used previously, and determined to be suitable for fill; however, this cannot be verified for the entire stock pile, but it is assumed to be suitable.

If the contractor suspects the soil to be unsuitable, or unable to obtain the required compaction it shall be the contractor's responsibility to obtain soil test results. The testing agency must be approved by the COR, but retained by the Contractor. All unsuitable soil shall be removed from the site, and disposed of in accordance with all Local, State, and Federal regulations. The discovered quantity of unsuitable soil shall be subject to Changes, FAR Clause 52.243-4 and VAAR 852.236-88.

The soil stockpile on site is estimated at 450 cubic yards of loose material.

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QUESTION: Reference IFB page 15 of 66, Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Monitoring, request clarification.

ANSWER: The assumption by the VA is that the project will be sealed off from the existing adjacent structures. However, in the event that through the construction project a passageway is introduced by the contractor into the existing facility the passageway must be protected against the passage of fire and smoke, and a smoke and carbon monoxide monitor shall be installed in the 'vestibule'.

QUESTION: Is sheet M004 missing?

ANSWER: Sheet M004 is incorrectly labeled M005 in the Bid Set - make note that sheet M005 is to be considered sheet M004 as noted in the drawing index.

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