

**Questions and Answers
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NOTE: All responses are in bold.

Question 1: During the site visit the COR stated that the doors with badge swipe readers must have functional security access at completion. Does the VA expect the offeror to hire the VA security contractor for testing at completion? If so, provide the name and contact of the current VA security contractor.

Answer 1: No, the VA does not expect the selected contractor to hire a security contractor for testing, however after completion of the work the doors should be able to function as they do now. Two of the door sets have badge readers on the outside and it was stated that after repairs the badge reader should still be working properly, as well as any other hardware on the doors. Security access functions can be quickly verified by VA staff, so a security contractor will not be necessary for testing.

Question 2: Confirm that only the single and double wooden doors, with their frames, are to be replaced, and that all other doors listed in the SOW are to be repaired only, regardless of degree of damage.

Answer 2: Section 3.3 of the SOW has been updated to reflect changes to the scope, and is attached. The requirement is now as follows: The single wood door will be replaced with a steel door we have on site and will furnish to the contractor. The frame will need to be refinished like the others (not replaced). The double wood doors will need to be replaced with new steel doors and finished, and the existing frame will be utilized and refinished. All other doors listed in the SOW (to include seven exterior steel single doors, four exterior steel double doors, and two steel overhead doors) will need to be repaired and repainted.

Question 3: Confirm that the VA is in possession of a metal door which they plan to provide to the contractor for the replacement of the single wood door listed in the SOW, as stated by Dennis Ecord.

Answer 3: This is correct (also see question #2).

Question 4: During the site visit, the COR stated that the number of hurricane shutters to be repaired may exceed the 60 stated in the SOW. Please clarify the number of shutters to be repaired so that all contractors will be quoting the same scope.

Answer 4: Section 3.4 of the SOW has been updated to reflect changes to the scope, and is attached. The number of hurricane shutters requiring repair has been changed from sixty (60) to ninety-seven (97). The VA now requires the repair of ninety-seven (97) non-performing motorized hurricane shutters.

Question 5: Are first-floor shutters included in the SOW? There was some uncertainty about this at the site visit.

Answer 5: Out of the eleven (11) total shutters on the 1st floor, only two (2) will require repair.

Question 6: Are all hurricane shutters, including the first-floor shutters if they are included in the SOW, linked to Metasys?

Answer 6: All shutters except for those on the 1st floor are linked to Metasys.

Question 7: Is the offeror expected to hire Johnson Controls for access to and testing of the hurricane shutters?

Answer 7: Johnson Controls is not required for access and testing, however if there are connection issues to Metasys the contractor would then be responsible for resolving these issues, which may require Johnson Controls.

Question 8: Can the VA provide the most recent shutter assessment?

Answer 8: There has been no recent shutter assessment by a third party. An internal test conducted by VA staff determined that there are ninety-seven (97) shutters that are not functioning properly and will require repair.

Question 9: Can the VA provide the results from the last maintenance/repair of shutters, particularly for information on the number of motors needing replacement?

Answer 9: A Shutter Report, dated December 31, 2015, which was provided on the last contract for these services, is attached to this amendment. For proposal purposes, the VA asks that all contractors provide pricing under the assumption that nine (9) new motors will be required. If it is later determined that additional motors require replacement, a contract modification will be completed.

Question 10: During the site visit, a contractor raised a critical issue for accurately bidding this project. Without more information about how many shutter motors are not working, it will be impossible to accurately estimate cost to repair the shutters. A contractor that assumes a large number of motors will need replacement will be outbid by a contractor assuming a lower number. Since we were not provided access to the shutters during the site visit to do our own assessment, can the VA provide guidance on the percent or number of motors contractors need to assume will need repair or replacement, so that contractors will all be quoting the same SOW?

Answer 10: The number of new motors needed should be relatively low, but to ensure equity of proposal for all contractors, the VA asks that all contractors provide pricing under the

assumption that nine (9) new motors will be required. If it is later determined that additional motors require replacement, a contract modification will be completed.

Question 11: Can the VA provide specs for the door and frame coatings?

Answer 11: The specification for the door and frame coatings can be found at www.gsa.gov/portal/content/112254. The paint spec is Benjamin Moore BM 712, Fort Pierce Green.

Question 12: Are pipe hangers and brackets to be stainless steel?

Answer 12: Yes, the pipe hangers and brackets are to be stainless steel (also see question #15).

Question 13: To access the pipe hangers, brackets and insulation, it may be necessary to block portions of the parking lot. Will contractors be able to block the parking lot and have access during regular business hours? Or will the VA require WHEN access?

Answer 13: The VA will be able to block off sections of the parking lot with prior notice, however we will not be able to block the entire parking lot at any time.

Question 14: Will there be any limitations to access for the interior of the building in order to work on the shutters? Can this work occur during regular working hours?

Answer 14: Please refer to the SOW, section 2.6 for additional information. Work can be accomplished M-F from 7 AM – 5 PM, and on the weekends with prior approval.

In regards to facility access and security, please refer to the SOW, section 3.1.1 and 4. Any contractor employee or subcontractor employee requiring access to non-public areas of the building will be required to complete the mandatory Information Security Awareness and Privacy training.

Question 15: Section 3.2.1 Scope, Paragraph 2 states: “Remove and replace approximately 1,550 pipe support rods of differing sizes and remove and replace no more than 100 pipe support brackets that comply with ANSI / MSS Sp-58” can you specify if this is to be galvanized or Stainless Steel?

Answer 15: Stainless steel.

Question 16: Section 3.2.1 Scope, Paragraph 3 states:

Remove and replace approximately 500 linear feet of 4” piping insulation (See Figure 2).
Remove and replace approximately 850 linear feet of 2” piping insulation.
Remove and replace approximately 150 linear feet of 1” piping insulation.

Please identify if this is to be fiberglass Insulation, Calcium Silicate Insulation or Foam Glass Insulation as the cost can vary greatly.

Answer 16: Calcium Silicate insulation.

Question 17: Section 3.4.1 states: “Conduct field site survey to verify measurements, locations, and site conditions for 60 non-performing motorized hurricane shutters at the VARO St. Petersburg, Florida.

Repair sixty (60) existing non-performing motorized hurricane shutters (See Figures 4 and 5). This may include replacing the shutter motor.

Ensure sixty (60) repaired motorized hurricane shutters are tied into the existing building circuit grid (Metasys) so they raise and lower in sequential order.”

Can the VA be more specific? At this point the request appears to want us to price the project prior to testing, performing diagnostics and determining what repair is needed. It would be helpful to have the VA provide a figure of merit as to how many shutters need replacement, how many motors have failed, how many units need to be rewired to communicate with Johnson Controls system and how many units merely require cleaning and adjusting. This will allow all contractors to provide quotes for the same service.

Answer 17: First and foremost, the number of shutters requiring repair has increased from sixty (60) to ninety-seven (97). Since almost all of the shutters are on the 2nd and 3rd floors, the VA is unable to fully inspect them to determine specific repair issues.

It is estimated that no shutters will require full replacement based on the outcome of the last contract.

The number of new motors needed should be relatively low, but to ensure equity of proposal for all contractors, the VA asks that all contractors provide pricing under the assumption that nine (9) new motors will be required. If it is later determined that additional motors require replacement, a contract modification will be completed.

Please see the attached Shutter Report that was provided on the last contract for a better understanding of the repairs that were required.

Question 18: Are the frames to be reused or replaced? If they are to be replaced then what material should be used?

Answer 18: The door frames will be reused, not replaced (also see question #2).

Question 19: Is there a given amount of shutter motors allotted to this project?

Answer 19: The VA asks that all contractors provide pricing under the assumption that nine (9) new motors will be required. If it is later determined that additional motors require replacement, a contract modification will be completed. (also see question #10).

Question 20: What is the specific type of motor to be installed for the replacement? (Manufacturer, Model Number, etc.)

Answer 20: We do not currently have this information in our records and will only know upon discovery, but according to the provided Shutter Report from the last contract, the motors were replaced with Simu DMI5 motors. The product information is attached to this amendment (see “Motor Information for DMI5 60Hz”).

Question 21: What is the average elevation height of the piping?

Answer 21: 15 feet.

Question 22: Is all piping open area/exterior?

Answer 22: Yes.

Question 24: Do we need to add the 1st floor to the Metasys?

Answer 24: No (see also question #6).

Question 25: At the site visit it was determined the steel frames for the wooden door are in good shape. Please confirm that we are just required to replace the wood doors with new metal doors and hardware?

Answer 25: This is correct – please see questions/answers #2, 3, and 18.