

1. We reviewed an area on the south side of the main VA building where an existing cable is located and the other end is located in a ground electrical box by building 11. This cable is to be connected as the main power feed to the building 11?

Answer: The overhead cable providing power to the trailer is to be disconnected at the building then fed underground through the existing cable that is in conduit run underground.

2. Also included in this task is the removal of the existing overhead power feed to building 11?

Answer: The contractor will remove the existing overhead power cable and the supports that is feeding building 11. Patch or replace existing panel as required to ensure water tight integrity.

3. There was discussion that the new connection point to the existing sprinkler line will be at the entry line to building 11 and everything past the outside of the trailer are not in scope?

Answer: The D/B is only responsible to engineer the new sprinkler flow required for Building 11 including the new addition. All other equipment and alarms related to the existing sprinkler piping system including the pipe size feeding the building is the responsibility of the WPB VAMC.

4. Will the existing fire line have needed supply for the added sprinkler system? If this is up to the D/B team we will need prints showing the fire sprinkler feed lines to this building, including existing fire water pressure calculations.

Answer: The D/B team will field verify the pipe size, WPB VAMC will provide the water pressure at the kickoff meeting.

5. How many work stations are to be included in contract. If we could get a sketch of the possible work stations layout this would help in costing?

Answer: After selection, the D/B team will meet with the stakeholders, then provide multiple options to meet there need. The final number of workstations and locations will be determined during the design. See revised SOW.

6. Included will be (1) data outlet, (1) phone outlet for voice over IP telephone and power?

Answer: All workstations are required to have two (2) data and a quad receptacle. All phones are voice over IP.

7. How many plug outlets will be needed at each work station?

Answer: See answer 6.

8. VA will supply & install the personal work stations?

Answer: All workstations will the responsibility of WPB VAMC to purchase and install.

9. What type of work stations will be installed, one point connection or will a complete rewiring of each station be needed?

Answer: The workstations have not been specified at this time. The contractor will provide power and data per answerer 6.

10. Will the new building be completely 12' x 12" VCT flooring to match as close in color as possible from trailer manufacture selection?

Answer: The flooring is to be installed per the SOW. The D/B is to provide color samples for approval.

11. Please give the VA preference for the relocation area of the refrigerator & shelving located at the new interior door location for costing?

Answer: The location of the refrigerator if, necessary will be part of the design process. Provide a dedicated receptacle for the refrigerator if is necessary to relocate. See answer 5.

12. Is it preference of the VA to renovate the complete HVAC system of this building to do away with the existing A/C window shaker units?

Answer: The sow including the drawing specifies to either replace or relocate existing HVAC unit and to supply a system that will cool the entire building. The SOW did not include the use of the window A/C units. If relocating the existing HVAC unit, provide service to ensure that the unit is operating properly.

13. The existing A/C unit on the east side exterior of building 11 will be relocated or replaced by the new system?

Answer: See answer 12.

14. Will there be need and if needed will the VA supply spot coolers to the existing office space during the HVAC renovation if needed?

Answer: The window air conditioners will be used during the construction. If supplemental cooling is required, then WPB VAMC will address.

15. If the new trailer does not match the existing exterior color, will we need to paint the existing trailer to match?

Answer: The SOW specifies the new trailer must match the existing trailer.

16. There were many items discussed at the site visit that were not included in the scope of work. Are we to expect a revised scope of work?

Answer: See attached revised SOW.

17. On page 45 of 111, paragraph 4.33, Statement of Work, it notes within the Requirements subparagraph that the project must be designed and built to VA specifications. Currently there isn't a VA Master Specification Section or VA Design Manual on the VA's Technical Information Library which address Modular Buildings. In the United States all modular buildings are constructed according to the International Building Code (IBC), IRC, BOCA, and the local jurisdiction adopts a specific code for the construction and installation of a modular building within the local area. Is it acceptable to have the modular building designed and constructed in accordance with the local jurisdiction?

Answer: There are VA requirements for fire protection, electrical, mechanical egress, wind and seismic loading that must be met, include locale codes were applicable. See revised SOW.

18. Is it acceptable to submit and use the proposed modular building manufactures signed and sealed construction drawings for the design submissions as long as the documents are sealed by a Florida Registered Professional Engineer?

Answer: Yes, the drawings need to sealed, wind calculations must be provided if requested.

19. Is it acceptable to submit and use the proposed modular building manufactures standard design specifications for the building components and finishes?

Answer: See answers 17 and 18.

20. We understand that the associated work to install the modular building needs to be designed in accordance with the VA Design Guides and Master Specifications. We also understand that the installation of the utility support systems must comply with the solicitation requirements and in compliance with the VA's Master Specification Sections. Is it acceptable to submit two specification sections, i.e., one section that covers the standard specifications used by the modular building manufacture and another section that will cover all the work associated with the installation of the support utilities to the modular building?

Answer: The utilities being supplying to the building is the responsibility of WPB VAMC. The D/B is responsible to tie into the utilities.

21. We understand the project requires two formal design submissions, i.e., a 30%, and 95%. Is it acceptable to submit two individual packages for each of the reviews, i.e., a package that covers the modular building and a package that covers the installation of the support utilities?

Answer: Yes.

22. During the Phase II site visit there were various issues that were discussed and I will outline the discussions below and request confirmation that these are to be included in the project scope. The Building 11 Expansion needs to include power, telephone and data drops for the 10' x 10' office along with rough-in for 5 to 6 work stations within the open area of the floor plan provided with the solicitation. Our proposed floor plan for the building should include a proposed layout for the office and the work stations. The VA will provide the work stations the contractor needs to design into the project the telephone, data, and power outlets for the work stations. It was noted that the VA is using voice over internet protocol (VOIP) for the telephones. Please confirm the number of work stations we have to include in our design-build proposal.

Answer: See revised SOW

23. For the noted 10' x 10' office how many walls do you want us to provide telephone and data outlets on, i.e., all walls except the wall with the door, or two adjacent walls opposite of the door wall, or all walls?

Answer: one wall will have 2 data and quad receptacle. The remaining office must meet electrical codes.

24. Please advise on approximate size of the VA provided modular work stations, i.e., 5' x 5', 6' x 6', 7' x 7', 8' x 8', etc.?

Answer: See answer 22.

25. For each of the modular work stations do we need to provide a dedicated receptacle for power to the work station, i.e., if each work station will have a computer, monitor, printer, coffee pot, etc., it is recommended to design for dedicated outlets for the work stations to avoid breakers tripping?

Answer: See revised SOW, all work stations will have (2) data and one quad receptacle.

26. During the walk through it was discussed that the VA would terminate that telephone and data connection to the VA's system. It was noted that there was a fiber connection box adjacent to the fire alarm panel and a secured cabinet below the fiber port. Do you want a wire way and gutter installed below the secured data cabinet for storing several feet of CAT 6 cabling to allow the VA staff adequate cabling to make the connections?

Answer: Yes.

27. Please advise on how the data and telephone cabling shall be terminate at the wall outlets and at the data cabinet, i.e., at the wall outlet provide a two port cover

plate with individual CAT 6 drops and color coded ports, and provided with modular connector on cable end at the data cabinet?

Answer: WPB VAMC OI&T department will terminate both ends of the cable. Each workstation will have (2) two data lines. Provided a junction box at the data cabinet, final size & location will be quadridentated with the OI&T department.

28. During the walk through it was discussed that the VA wants the aerial power pole and power cabling (overhead lines) removed and to complete the installation of the new underground power feeder to the exterior distribution panel, i.e., use existing power feeders from the laundry that serve the overhead power line and intercept the conduit along the exterior and pipe into the existing junction box and terminate the existing feeders to the new underground service. Complete the conduit and wiring to the existing exterior distribution panel from the new underground pull box and remove the old overhead power line, and pole. Please confirm the comments noted above on re-feeding the existing distribution power panel with the new underground conduit and wire?

Answer: The comments above are accurate.

29. During the walk through the storage unit on the east end of Building 11 was discussed and we were advised that the VA would relocate the existing storage unit. Please confirm that the VA will remove the existing storage unit?

Answer: The VA is responsible for removing the existing storage cabinet.

30. During the pre-proposal meeting and walk through the existing finishes were discussed and it was pointed out that we are to match existing finishes. Please provide any information you may have on the colors and manufacture for the carpet squares and the vinyl flooring at the entrance door?

Answer: Colors are to match.

31. Would it be acceptable to provide new finishes in the addition with a color that is close to the existing since it will be hard to find a matching product without the information requested above?

Answer: The building colors must match, including trim, color samples must be provided.

32. During the site visit it was noted that the existing fire main which serves existing Building 11 is not equipped with a backflow preventer and the tamper switches on the fire main's isolation shut off valves are not tied into the fire alarm system. Do we need to incorporate into our D-B proposal the installation of a backflow preventer?

Answer: see answerer 3.

33. Do we need to incorporate into our D-B proposal the connection of the existing tamper switches into the fire alarm system?

Answer: No, tamper switches and flow switches are the responsibility of WPB VAMC.

34. During the site visit it was noticed that the existing building has no skirting and the underside of the modular building is open to the elements. Should we include in our D-B proposal the installation of skirting for the new modular building or match the existing, i.e., no skirting?

Answer: Match existing.

35. In order to match the existing unit's finish, i.e., color, it would be beneficial to include painting the existing unit so it will match the new units finish. Please

advise if we should include painting the existing Building 11 to match the new modular building?

Answer: Both trailers are to match colors as close to the existing color, provide color samples for approval.

36. During the pre-proposal meeting and site walk through several discussions focused on the existing HVAC system and the need to disconnect the existing units and have the staff use the window units and if the VA would supply portable spot coolers to maintain the temperature in Building 11 for staff when the existing wall pack air handling system is removed. It was also noted that at the completion of the project the VA wanted all the window air conditioners removed. Please confirm that it is acceptable to remove the existing wall pack air handling system for a couple days while the new modular building is installed and that the VA will address any additional temporary air conditioning units required to maintain the temperature in the existing building?

Answer: See answered 12.

37. If the answer to question 36 is for the contractor to provide, is it acceptable to just replace the existing window units with larger units to meet the heat loads or does the VA want us to provide temporary spot coolers or install VA furnished spot coolers. Please advise on how the VA would like us to address this issue.

Answer: The S/B will provide HVAC for the entire building, window A/C units are not acceptable. WPB VVAMC will provide temporary A/C if necessary.

38. Upon completion of the work does the VA want the contractor to remove and dispose of the existing window air conditioning units?

Answer: No.

39. Will the existing building be occupied?

Answer: Yes. All tie-ins must happen after normal working hours and be scheduled, 1 week in advance.

40. Who does the Fire Alarm monitoring?

Answer: Siemens, contact is Socrates Demmet, phone: 1-772-419-2800

41. Who is responsible for moving the existing shed that is next to the existing modular building?

Answer: WPB VAMC will remove shed.

42. Who does final connections on all data and IT?

Answer: WPB VAMC OI&T will do final connections at both ends of the data lines.

43. Does the new exit door for the new modular building need to have an ADA compliant ramp?

Answer: If code requires.

44. In the SOW it requires the 2 building need to be adjacent and connected and to provide access to between buildings. Does this mean that they are to connect with a platform and canopy with one opening on each end? Or do you want them to butt up against each other, which would mean that we would then need to reconfigure the existing A/C unit on the exterior wall to make an opening to have access to both buildings?

Answer: The drawing shows relocating the existing AC unit or providing an A/C unit that will supply both trailers. The two trailers must appear as a single and operate as a single building and must be water tight. Colors must match, including trim.

45. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?

Answer: Yes

46. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?

Answer: Yes, badging will be discussed at the kick-off.

47. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site? Laydown Area?

Answer: During construction, a laydown area will be designated, this will be finalized during the kickoff meeting. Parking will be provided on campus and discussed during the kickoff meeting.

48. 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.

Answer: The S/B is to schedule a shutdown and to tie-in to the sprinkler system. This must meet safety life safety requirements.

49. 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?

Answer: Siemens, contact is Socrates Demmet, phone: 1-772-419-2800.

50. 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?

Answer: Yes

51. Will there be any need for material testing?

Answer: No

52. Who is responsible for the utility locations if needed?

Answer: Utilities supplying the building is the responsibility of WPB VAMC.

53. Will there be any lightning protection needed?

Answer: Only if the code requires it.

54. Describe any and all tasks that may be required for this project as it relates to infectious control?

Answer: A risk assessment will be done including Infection Control requirements when drawings have been provided and review.

55. What is the level of infectious disease control rating for this site?

Answer: See answer 54.

56. This project relies a lot of the reuse of existing systems and utilities. Will we be responsible if they turn out to be inadequate for the new project?

Answer: WPB VAMC is responsible for all utilities supplying the new trailer.

57. If changes from the VA's intended layout are needed for life safety (example: a new ADA ramp) will we have to eat the cost, or can that be a change order?

Answer: This is a D/B contract, the D/B is responsible for all code compliances.

58. The VA expects the new trailer to match the existing "seamlessly". This might be hard to accomplish unless we get lucky with finding the perfect match. Will they budge on matching the look if we are unable to find a trailer that matches exactly?

Answer: See answer 35.

59. Will the sign in sheet be released on next amendment?

Answer: Yes

60. Are the 90 performance days including design and submittal time?

Answer: The 90 days is for the construction period only, after final design has been approved.