

**SOLICITATION VA701-17-R-0082 SAN DIEGO INPATIENT PSYCHIATRY EXPANSION TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET**

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1.	7-18-2017	8/1/2017	Please provide which pages DO NOT count towards the max 35-page count?	Per Attachment 1, the Volume I page limit does not apply for any Past Performance Questionnaires that are submitted directly to the CO.
2.	7-18-2017	8/1/2017	The COM schedule will be 11x17 will it count for one page?	Yes.
3.	7-18-2017	8/1/2017	If possible, can the Past Performance Forms /CCASS/PPIRS – not count, some are over 6 pages long for each project?	These forms will count as part of the page limits. The page limitation for increased to 35 pages instead of past projects at 30 to account of this.
4.	7-26-2017	8/14/2017	I am inquiring to find out if the low voltage products for this project have been selected? If they have is there a place where can find the specifications. If not would you be so kind as to direct me to who I could speak with regarding low voltage specifications?	The low voltage systems are “turn key”. The specifications do not mention mfr names, only performance characteristics. However, consider that some of the systems maybe an extension of the existing, therefore the new may have to match the existing eqpt and should be confirmed with VA. Also, refer to Question #12 response.
5.	7-27-2017	8/10/2017	Regarding the waterproofing system that needs to be removed per the demolition plans, please clarify: Is it a rigid system (epoxy) or flexible system (elastomeric)? What is the thickness? 30 mils, 60 mils, 120 mils, etc.? What is the current adhesion to the concrete?	It's not clear from the question precisely which waterproofing system is being referred to in this question. However, a detail of the existing deck coating assembly to be removed is shown at 5/AE107. Existing deck appears to be in moderately good condition, however it is recommended that this be verified in the field for full assessment.

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6.	7-27-2017	8/14/2017	Per single line, the plans are adding new breakers in Main Switchboards PP1B, D1B, D1XB per E0.3 and CEM1, EQ1B per E0.3A. Please provide the manufacturer and AIC rating of the existing distribution board.	The manufacture is Eaton. The available short circuit shown on the single line. The Isc under each board is available short circuit on that board. The breaker rating shouldn't be lower than available short circuit. See attached existing single line drawing - RFI-6 Single Lines - 08-14-2017.
7.	7-27-2017	8/10/2017	The Patient Patio (52) is not listed on the finish schedule on page IF204. Will the patio require some type of finish material?	No. Patient patio (52) will not have any additional finish other than the installed roofing material.
8.	7-31-2017	8/14/2017	On E-sheet (E4.2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Signal Plan) do I run 1" conduit (empty) with pull string back to the Data Room for every CCTV Security Camera, or is there a j-box for every camera?	Refer to CCTV riser diag DWG E0.4 for point to point wiring. Refer to Legend on DWG E0.1 for conduit requirement. Each run will go straight to the headend equipment room.
9.	7-31-2017	8/14/2017	On E-sheet (E4.2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Signal Plan) Key Notes # 14. Where is the Telecom Utilities located, or how far is the footage from the Telecom Utilities to #14?	Refer to dwg 1/E0.5 and E2.8. Telecom Utilities are located in room B165
10.	7-31-2017	8/10/2017	E2.8 shows (1) 4" being routed to Main Computer Room for Fo cables. Please provide location for this room?	Main Computer Room located in BB102. See attached Building 1 and Building 11 basement Floor plan for room location - RFI-10 - BLDG 1 AND BLDG 11_BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN - 08-14-2017.
11.	7-31-2017	8/14/2017	E5.4 Note "2" calls out to provide a monitoring circuit for fire alarm from Expansion space to Police Office Room # 1615. Please provide location for this rooms?	Correction. Police office is in room 1505. See attached drawing showing location - RFI-11 - Building 1 First Floor Overall Plan - 08-14-2017.

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12.	7-31-2017	8/14/2017	Can you please identify the manufacturers of the existing low voltage and security systems that will need to be tied in?	TTG-E?/VA Video Surveillance (CCTV) System – Pelco PACS ----- Hirsch Fire Alarm----- Edwards Panic buttons- Bosch, Access Control- Hirsch/Identiv, Cameras- Pelco, NVR- Pelco, POE Switch- Cisco 3850.Nurse Call- Rollins Responder 6
13.	7-31-2017	8/10/2017	Is a hazardous materials report available?	The Hazardous Materials survey is included as an appendix to the project manual – See Appendix B at the end of Volume 2 (ATTACHMENT 7).
14.	7-31-2017	8/14/2017	Please confirm that note 4/S2.1 is applicable – “perform asbestos abatement and containment at the interstitial areas...”	Design team was not involved in the CA of the previous project. Refer to hazardous material survey provided in project manual for most recent known conditions. Please note that the survey does not address 100% of hazardous materials. Therefore, the contractor is responsible to collect additional samples or treat suspect ACM as ACM. - CK
15.	7-31-2017	8/10/2017	Will there be a structural demolition plan be provided to show the demolition necessary for the installation of the new steel columns?	The demolition over the existing columns are provided in the structural details.
16.	7-31-2017	8/10/2017	Please confirm that the only new light weight concrete will be for the metal deck infill shown in the shaded areas on page S2.2.	There is no lightweight concrete construction required. The slab infill shown on S2.2 had been completed in the previous project.

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17.	7-31-2017	8/10/2017	In our experience working at the VA in LA Jolla, there will be significant cracking at the normal/light weight concrete used for deck fill. These cracks will be exposed to the elements. There is also not a way to quantify them. Will the VA be responsible for protecting these cracks against weather and/or water intrusion until the roofs are dried in?	Contractors should hold an allowance to cover the protection of cracks against weather and water intrusion.
18.	7-31-2017	8-15-2017	The specifications state that the craning of steel will have to be during off hours. Please clarify when the hoisting of steel on the roof will be allowed. Also, will the hoisting of any other materials be required to take place after normal work hours?	Crane lifts are usually schedule on week-ends when the parking lots are empty and the trucks can be stage to unload without interruption.
19.	7-31-2017	8/10/2017	Please clarify the composition of temporary walls. Will the temporary walls be required to be plywood or gypsum board? Will these walls need to be built to the existing ceilings?	Please refer to specification section 01 00 00 – 1.5.E for requirements for temporary construction partitions at fire rated conditions. Where fire rating does not need to be maintained, temporary partitions must be installed for infection control purposes as described in 01 00 00-1.6D.
20.	7-31-2017	8/14/2017	It was mentioned at the site visit and in the RFP that the \$10 million cost limitation is to include design. In light of this project bidding so many times in the past, what is the approximate construction budget apart from design costs? Will this project get awarded if it is at or below that dollar amount?	The VAAR Magnitude for the project is between \$5 and \$10 Million. The Construction Budget is on the low end of this magnitude. If the proposals come in above budget the Government will review pricing to determine if a competitive range can be established per ATTACHMENT 1 Section C3, and enter into discussions with the offerors in the competitive range. The goal is to award this construction project at all or below our budget.
21.	8-1-2017	8-1-2017	Please clarify the project # for the project. Page 1 of the solicitation states the project # is 664-331, but page 1 of Attachment 1 states the project # is 605-330.	The solicitation is correct. The project number is 664-331.

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22.	7-31-2017	8/14/2017	For this Inpatient Psychiatry Expansion project, what kind of locking requirements would you prefer?	Please refer to the door schedule and door hardware specifications for locking requirements. Access Control- Hirsch/Identiv, HSPD-12 compliant.
23.	08-01-2017	8/10/2017	In section 074000 Metal Wall Panels paragraph 3.C. it states that the color for the ACM panels can be found in section 090600 but in review of this section there is no reference to WP-1. Please provide color for the Aluminum Composite Panel.	Final color selection to be determined once Aluminum Composite Panel manufacturer is contracted.

24.	08-01-2017	8-21-2017	Please confirm that the Composite Metal Panel hatch in the exterior materials legend is designed to show location of this material and not actual joint orientation.	Confirmed
25.	08-01-2017	8-21-2017	Keynote 7.02 on the roof plans calls for WP-2 to be an insulated wall panel for the mechanical screen. As this is an open air, exterior condition an expensive insulated panel should not be required and adds unnecessary cost to this project. Please confirm if insulated panel is required, if not please specify alternate panel for the mechanical screen. This seems like a luxury for a project with budgetary concerns.	Insulated panel is not required for mechanical screen. Please provide for an equivalent, but uninsulated panel system. Revise basis of design product to Centria Concept Series, with similar design aesthetic.
26.	08-01-2017	8-21-2017	Please provide material, gage, color, and finish for coping cap at parapets.	At metal wall panel parapets, coping cap to be of the same materials of the panels, and thickness and installation of accessories and flashing shall be as recommended by the panel manufacturer. At exterior plaster, provide zinc coated galvanized steel coping, or clear anodized aluminum. Gage per SMACNA guidelines.
27.	08-01-2017	8-21-2017	Please provide size and specification for the tubular skylights "solatubes."	Tubular skylights to be 21" in diameter, as shown on detail 8/AE107. Basis of design is: Solatube 21" 750DS-C
28.	08-01-2017	8-22-2017	Please provide specification for the waterproof membrane and air barrier behind ACM panels.	Please refer to specification section 07 21 13 section 2.3 "Vapor Retarder". Installation procedures are located in section 3.4 of this same spec section.
29.	08-01-2017	8-22-2017	Please provide specification for wall louvers.	See attachment for new specification section 08 90 00 for wall louvers. RFI-29 - Spec Section 08 90 00

30.	08-02-2017	8/15/2017	If submitting as a Joint Venture, does the Joint Venture have to be verified by CVE prior to award or prior submission of the proposal?	Per section 2.4 "Joint Ventures" on page 8 of the solicitation, all Joint Ventures will be required to be refistered and verified as an SDVOSB entity in VetBiz. Section 2.3 "SDVOSB Set-Aside" states that failure to be BOTH visible and verified at the time of proposal submission will result in the offeror's proposal being deemed unacceptable and ineligible for award.
31.	08-02-2017	8-21-2017	The new inpatient psychiatry expansion will require a new fire sprinkler system to cover the expansion. Which existing system will supply this expansion (north, east, south, west)? Where is the point of connection for the new supply?	For fire sprinkler, refer to Sheet P1-1 which depicts the connection to the existing 4" fire sprinkler main near SW11-1I in the first floor interstitial space. For fire alarm, FA terminal cabinet in 1st floor interstitial space.  New fire sprinkler system to connect with existing system. Existing fire alarm control panel is located in the center core by the elevators on all levels. The make is GE, EST3.
32.	8-11-2017	8-21-2017	Patient Room 3 (AS202 - Keynote 22.20) Does plumbing fixture require a counter top?	Yes. Counter is required as shown.
33.	8-11-2017	8-21-2017	Patient Room 3 (AS202 - Keynote 12.104, 121.12) Who is furnishing and installing these items? Is this FF&E furniture or custom casework?	Assumption is this question is referencing keynotes 12.12 and 12.14. This is FF&E furniture.
34.	8-11-2017	8-21-2017	Casework Spec 064116: 1.4 Submittals - A4 (Hardware Boards) Please confirm if hardware boards are necessary for project. Submittal cut sheets should be provided for approval while the hardware boards seem like an unnecessary expense.	Hardware boards are not required. Cut sheets are acceptable for review.
35.	8-11-2017	8-22-2017	Casework Spec 064116: 1.4 Submittals A4B (Waste Management Activity Logs) Is this requirement necessary for project?	Yes, it is required to log all construction demo debris and recycling materials.

36.	8-11-2017	8-21-2017	Casework Spec 064116: 1.5 Quality Assurance 3 and 4f (qualified engineer) Confirm if this is a necessary requirement for project. It is asking that we have a Licensed Structural Engineer by the state of California? This seems like an unnecessary expense for a structural engineer to look at the structural value of the casework.	A licensed structural engineer is not required for casework fabrication as described in Quality Assurance 1.5.E.3 and 1.5.F
37.	8-11-2017	8-21-2017	Casework Spec 064116: 1.7 Extended Warranty - confirm if project needs a five-year warranty? This seems like an excessive expense from the casework subcontractor and the general contractor to have a five-year warranty.	Extended Warranty not required.
38.	8-11-2017	8-21-2017	Casework Spec 064116: Wood Materials B1 and B2 - please confirm what cores will be used on project? MDF with no added urea formaldehyde that can have white melamine finishes at semi exposed surfaces or medex water resistant cores that would need to be laid up with white plastic cabinet liner for semi exposed surfaces. Note: medex cores would be a more expensive option. Will plywood cores be acceptable? The would provide durability and not be cost prohibitive.	Coreboard can be one of the composite wood panel products listed in the subsequent sections B1, B2 and B3. All 3 are determined to be suitable for this project. It is up to the bidding contractor to determine which will provide the most value to the project.
39.	8-11-2017	8/21/2017	Casework Spec 064116: 2.3 Hardware (A hinges) Does the end user really want continuous piano hinges at cabinet doors? Under 2.5 fabrication B3 in same spec it is asking casework to be flush over lay style. This cannot be accomplished with a piano hinge? We suggest using a RPC 5 knuckle hinge at cabinet doors or a concealed Blum 120 degree hinge for durability and cost effectiveness. Will this be acceptable?	Not acceptable. Hardware must be non-ligature in nature.
40.	8-11-2017	8/21/2017	Casework Spec 064116: 2.3 Hardware (D locks) Can you please confirm if cabinet locks are required at all doors and drawers? Can you confirm if end user is going to furnish and install Schlage "C" keyway? Can this lock be substituted with an Olympus 850S/850LC cabinet lock with Schlage C keyway for greater durability and cost effectiveness?	Confirmed. All cabinet doors and drawers must be locked as described in the specification.



41.	8-11-2017	8/21/2017	Casework Spec 064116: 3.3 Field Quality Assurance - What is being asked here is a WI Monitored Project which involves WI throughout the project. This cost about four times the amount as does a Certified Compliance project that is being requested. Please confirm if Certified Compliance project is being required or WI Monitored project is being required.	WI monitoring is not required.
42.	8-15-2017	8-22-2017	Are you able to confirm the 15 year roofing warranty is meant as a pass through to the manufacturer? It usually is, but we always like to have the confirmation.	Confirmed. It is typically a pass through to the manufacturer.
43.	8-16-2017	8-22-2017	Please confirm that the furniture package noted in specifications 12 56 70 and 09 06 00 is FF&E and will not be included in the general contractors' bids.	The furniture package is owner furnish and owner installed. Contractor is responsible for any non-furniture related finishes depicted in spec section 09 06 00.
44.	8-16-2017	8-22-2017	Please confirm that the food storage equipment noted in specification 11 41 00 in NIC. None of the items noted in the specifications are shown on the plans.	Confirmed.
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