

VA response to pre-bid RFI's

Project: Correct Secondary Electrical Deficiencies 534-16-101

- Panel schedule 5L7 is shown on drawing E-702 & E-703. Single line only shows 1-panel 5L7. Should one of these schedules be deleted or should it reflect another panel? **Response: Delete the panel schedule for 5L7 as shown on revised drawing E-703.**
- Bid deduct #3 includes work associated with replacing panel 1HE8. Per single line, drawing E-602 (second row from top) panel 1HE8 is to be demolished. Which is correct? If panel 1HE8 is to be replaced, can a panel schedule be provided? **Response: Panel 1HE8 is being demolished and not being replaced as part of the bid deduct. See notes on power riser diagram sheet E-602 for rerouting existing active branch circuit(s).**
- Drawing E-602, single line (second row from top) indicates panel "MKLE2" as existing to be replaced. No panel schedule is provided. Can a panel schedule be provided for panel MKLE2? **Response: See revised drawing E-703 for the new MKLE-2 panel schedule.**
- Drawing E-605 is annotated to show where the HDB is located? Please let us know where this can be found. **Response: Panel HDB can be found on drawing E-603, top row, left hand side and also drawing E-102B, bottom right hand corner, in room BB214.**
- Drawing E-605 shows a UPS that is a bid alternate. What is to be included or excluded when pricing the bid alternate? Did not know if it is just the UPS or all work associated with the UPS. **Response: – The work involved with UPS bid deduct includes, at a minimum, the UPS itself, UPS components and accessories, UPS housekeeping pad, all new/demolished/rerouted feeders to and from the UPS, ATS-UPSPUPS, ECB-PUPS, branch circuit breakers in panels 2HE3 and HDB, etc. as shown on drawings E-603 and E-605 and specification section 26 33 53.**
- Where is the designated contractor parking area? **Response: Delete reference to contractor parking shown on drawing X-001. There is no designated contractor parking on the facility. See revised drawing X-001.**

- How many parking spots are reserved for this particular project?
Response: There are no designated contractor parking facility on this facility. See revised drawing X-001.
- Are work hours only for 2nd and 3rd shift in order to not disrupt patient care? **Response: Project working hours are Monday through Friday 5:00PM-1:30AM. Weekend working hours to be coordinated and approved by the COR.**
- Where is the contractor laydown yard located and how much space is specifically set aside for this contract? **Response: There is no specific laydown area for this project. Contractor laydown area is the construction site coordinated and approved by the COR.**
- Do all employees have to be OSHA trained per division 1 of the specifications? **Response: All contractor employees are required to have 10 hour OSHA certification. Superintendent and project managers are required to have 30 hour OSHA certification.**
- What is the protocol for working around the PVC sprinkler piping in the ceilings? **Response: There are PVC sprinkler piping above ceilings throughout the facility. Contractor is required to exercise extreme caution when working around PVC sprinkler piping. Contractor is also required to identify shut off and isolation valve locations in the area of work prior to commencing work.**
- Is the PVC sprinkler piping running throughout the hospital?
Response: There are PVC sprinkler piping above ceilings throughout the facility.
- Are the new doors/frames required to be fire rated? If so, please provide details for proper pricing. **Response: Yes, new door and frame are required to be rated. See revised drawing AE101 for door/frame details and ratings.**
- Are any new walls to be fire rated? **Response: Yes, see revised drawing AE101 for wall ratings.**
- Is Commissioning required? If yes, please provide requirements.
Response: Third party independent commissioning is not required, however there are detailed contractor/manufacturer testing requirements in the specifications for all electrical

wiring, components, motor controllers, motor control centers, UPS's, ATS's, ECB's, panelboards, grounding, etc.

- Please provide detailed requirements for what controls work will need to be performed when shutting down, disconnecting and reconnecting/replacing the motor control centers? **Response: Contractor shall hire Controls Management, Inc (CMI) for all required disconnecting and reconnecting of existing controls to new motor control centers/controllers.**
- Is CMI the sole-source vendor to the VA for any controls work that has to be performed when shutting down, disconnecting and reconnecting/replacing the motor control centers? **Response: Yes, Controls Management, Inc (CMI) is the sole source for all control work to be performed on this project.**
- Will a superintendent from the GC need to be present at all times? **Response: Yes, GC's superintendent is required to be present at the jobsite at all times when work is on-going. Additionally, project superintendent must be able to arrive in jobsite within two hours of an emergency call.**
- What will be involved with Section controls? **Response: Refer to project design documents.**
- How many ceiling tiles can be removed at one time in an area? **Response: Maximum of two ceiling tiles can be removed per 50 SF area, otherwise plastic barrier will be required. Depending on the time and location, project COR may allow deviation from this requirement.**
- Please specify all allowances to be included in the bid. **Response: Refer to project design documents for specific allowances.**
- What is the notification period required by the VA for establishing a protocol to shut down panels? **A minimum of ten working days written advanced notice is required for all scheduled electrical outages.**
- Please specify what, if any, equipment the Owner will take possession of after demolition. **Response: Turnover of any demolished equipment over to the VA shall be determined during construction as they have the first right of refusal. Contractor**

shall remove all demolished items from site, not turned over to the VA, per the disposal and VA GEMS requirements.

- Please clarify the size of the new finale tags for all panel locations and size of lettering. **Response: Nameplates shall be 6" wide by 2" high to fit the required lettering. See revised drawing E-001.**
- Is this project already fully funded? If so, for what dollar magnitude? **Response: Refer to RFP for magnitude of project.**
- What impact does previous abandonments on past projects have on the evaluation and decision-making of awards on this contract? **Response: Refer to RFP.**
- Does the VAMC have a plan for contractors transporting equipment up to the sixth floor? If yes, please specify. **Response: Use service elevators up to the fifth floor then take stairs to the sixth floor penthouse.**
- RFP page 9 of 65, under Proposal Submission states that the Government intends to award to the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable offeror further states that it will be determined as to the "best interest of the Government". Please clarify the evaluation method for determining an award. **Response: Evaluation method for determining award of this project is detailed on project RFP.**