

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		BPA NO.	1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE 1	OF PAGES 7
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NUMBER A00002		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 09-14-2017		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NUMBER	
5. PROJECT NUMBER (if applicable) No project #		6. ISSUED BY Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 4		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) Department of Veterans Affairs Network Contracting Office 4 2907 Pleasant Valley Blvd. Altoona PA 16602	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (Number, street, county, State and ZIP Code) To all Offerors/Bidders		(X)		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NUMBER VA244-17-R-1286	
		X		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 08-21-2017	
				10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NUMBER	
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE		FACILITY CODE			
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or electronic communication which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter or electronic communication, provided each letter or electronic communication makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.					
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)					
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.					
CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).				
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:				
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return <u>1</u> copies to the issuing office.					
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)					
The purpose of Amendment A00002 to solicitation VA244-17-R-1286 is to provide answers to all questions received by the deadline established in Amendment A00001, September 13, 2017. Any future questions received regarding this requirement may or may not be answered. The solicitation closing date is NOT extended. It remains 12:00 PM EST on Friday, September 22, 2017. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.					
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.					
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)			
		Edward Boddie Contracting Officer			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
(Signature of person authorized to sign)				BY (Signature of Contracting Officer)	
				16C. DATE SIGNED	

VA244-17-R-1286: Questions and Answers – Amendment 2

1. The drawing files issued do not appear to identify the desired locations for any of the cameras. Please provide drawings that include the cameras to be added as part of this project.

Answer: Revised drawings were included with Amendment 1, posted on September 10, 2017.

2. Is it necessary to be a Lenel VAR in order to extend the existing system?

Answer: The requirement for a brand name or equal is at least in part based upon the inherent requirement to maintain the Lenel factory warranty and support for the existing system. Ergo, work must be completed by either a contractor authorized by Lenel to sell and install their equipment and systems (referred to by Lenel as “Value Added Retailers – VARs), or a contractor providing evidence in their proposal that their products and services will not void the underlying warranty or adversely impact future system support.

NOTE: Lenel’s website is: <http://www.lenel.com/where-to-buy> . This information is provided to assist with proposal preparation, but should not be construed as a Government-imposed requirement to use, or an endorsement of, any company listed.

3. Is the existing Lenel On-Guard system on the hospital’s main Ethernet network or a dedicated security network?

Answer: The existing Lenel On-Guard system is on a separate, dedicated security network with no connection to the VA’s main Ethernet network.

4. Are the new cameras to be installed on the hospital’s main Ethernet network or a dedicated security network?

Answer: New cameras are to be added to the dedicated security network.

5. The statement of work indicates that the new cameras are to be integrated to the existing Lenel On-Guard security system. What type of NVRs (network video recorders) are currently in place?

Answer: The existing NVRs are Lenel LNVR DVC-HD 3U extended chassis with RAID 5 configuration.

6. Do the existing NVRs have sufficient capacity to support the new cameras included in this project?

Answer: It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure sufficient capacity is available to support the additional cameras.

7. If a new NVR is to be included, please provide specifications for the new recorder including desired storage capacity.

Answer: If a new NVR is required, specifications should meet or exceed those of the existing Lenel LNVR DVC-HD 3U with sixteen 4TB data drives. NVR should have sufficient capacity to store minimum 180 days of recorded video using the recording parameters specified.

8. The Statement of Work document, item D. indicates that contractors are responsible for "setting of PoE/Ethernet switches". Is it assumed that all existing PoE Ethernet switches are capable of supporting the new cameras included in this project, or will must new PoE Ethernet switches be provided to support the new cameras?

Answer: It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure sufficient capacity is available to support the additional cameras.

9. What are the recording requirements of the new cameras? Specifically, the recording format, resolution, frame rate, and desired recorded video retention time?

Answer: The requirements for the new cameras are at a minimum; H.264 compression, 720p resolution, 15 frames per second frame rate, assume 12 hrs. continuous recording.

10. The existing NVR and PoE Ethernet network switches are currently connected to UPS uninterruptible power supplies. Do the existing UPSs have sufficient capacity to support the new cameras (and PoE Ethernet switches if required)?

Answer: All new equipment is to be connected to uninterruptible UPS power supplies. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure sufficient capacity is available to support the additional cameras, PoE network switches, and NVR.

11. If new UPSs are to be included, please provide specifications for the new UPSs including desired backup duration.

Answer: The existing UPS uninterruptible power supplies are rack-mountable APC Smart-UPS RT series. If new UPS power supplies are required, specifications should meet or exceed those of the existing APC power supplies with 3 hour run-time at full load.

12. Given that two additional SOWs (Pharmacy and Community Living Center) were distributed during the site visit on 9/7/17, will the government please consider an extension of time for the submission of responses to this solicitation?

Answer: Per Amendment 1 posted on September 10th, the solicitation closing date was extended. Please download the amendment.

13. Can the government please update the solicitation to reflect the new SOWs that were distributed on 9/7/17?

Answer: Amendment 1 has been issued to reflect the additional SOW (Pharmacy and CLC camera addition)

14. Can the government please update the solicitation so that all shop drawings can be downloaded/printed/viewed properly?

Answer: Revised drawings were provided in Amendment 1, issued on September 10, 2017. Please download the amendment.

15. Can the government please verify that this solicitation and subsequent award are, indeed, intended for a Veteran Owned Small Business?

Answer: The solicitation is a 100% Veteran-Owned Small Business Set Aside. If the solicitation is a VOSB set-aside, any award would be as well. FAR Clause 52.219-27, Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned set aside was erroneously marked, and is removed from the solicitation.

16. Can the work for this solicitation be done outside of the hospital's normal daytime working hours?

Answer: Due to the security nature of this requirement (restricted access to the VA Pharmacy and storage warehouse) the intent is for this work to be completed during normal working hours.

17. Can the vendor bring in a Scissor Lift to be utilized for the project? Can the scissor lift be stored in Building 7 or elsewhere onsite?

Answer: A Scissors lift is permitted for use in Building 7 but not the within the main hospital (Building 1). Storage inside of building 7 is not permitted, but the unit can be stored in an approved location onsite.

18. Is there an existing cable pathway (conduit) between floors that can be used to pull cable through? If yes, what is the size of the conduit and is there enough space to pull additional cables? Is there enough space to install 2" EMT conduit?

Answer: There is an existing cable pathway between floors, however it is the contractor's responsibility to ensure sufficient capacity is available to add additional cables.

19. Is there an existing fiber tie between the Hospital (main building) and Building 7 (warehouse)? If so, are we able to use the existing fiber tie?

Answer: There is an existing fiber tie, however the additional cameras shall tie into the network switch located in the building 7 IT Room.

20. We were informed at the walk-through that existing conduit may be in place. Can you please verify if contractors are to assume that all cabling will require new conduit, or can existing pathways be used? Please confirm if all cabling is to be in conduit?

Answer: All cabling will require conduit, this includes existing pathways/conduits with space permitting.

21. On the drawings, the camera locations in the clouded areas present a challenge during the proposal effort because exact quantities are not provided. Will the VA be providing the prospective bidders with a total camera count to ensure consistent proposals?

Answer: Revised drawings were provided with Amendment 1.

22. Please confirm if the current system is on the VA network or on a standalone network? Is there a standard switch that is required for this project?

Answer: New cameras are to be added to the dedicated security network.

23. Two amendment additions for the CLC and Pharmacy were given at the site visit. Will digital copies be posted to FBO?

Answer: Amendment 1 was posted to FBO on September 10, 2017 providing the new statements of work and drawings. Please download Amendment 1.

24. Can the bid date be extended to allow time for Government responses to these questions and design adjustments based on the answers.

Answer: Per Amendment 1 posted on September 10, 2017, the closing date was extended to 12:00 PM EST on Friday, September 22, 2017. Please download Amendment 1.

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