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1	<p>Please be advised that one of the documents for this job that has been uploaded to FedBizOpps appears to be corrupted and will not open. This file is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA248-17-R-0084 Lead Survey Report.pdf 	Amendment 1 corrected the file.
2	In the solicitation, it shows in one place that the boilers are to be replaced in Gainesville VAMC and in another at the James Haley VAMC.	Amendment 2 clarifies that the project is in Gainesville. Only the contracting officer/administrator is in Tampa.
3	Attachment 1 appears to be missing from the solicitation and amendments that have followed. When possible, please supply us with a copy of Attachment 1.	Amendment 3 added the EMR attachment and the Customer Experience Form.
4	Please confirm that the M700 series sheets outline ALL points as required per 230911.	M700 series drawings show ALL points required by 230911, and much more than points: equipment hookups, valves, pipe sizes, appurtenances, etc.
5	Please confirm sales tax applies to equipment being installed on this project (as well as material).	There are no waivers for sales tax.
6	Layout Drawings – 22 05 11 & 23 05 10 require complete consolidated and coordinated layout drawings for all new systems, and for existing systems that are in the same area. Please advise if the Government requires these drawings in a certain format (e.g. AutoCAD, Autodesk Revit, etc.).	Autocad, Revit.

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7	Commissioning Agent – 01 91 00 states the Contractor will appoint the Commissioning Agent (i.e. separate contract) – please confirm. Will the CxA be responsible for leading the effort related to the VHA Boiler Plant Safety Device Testing (as referenced throughout the specifications)?	Yes.
8	VHA Boiler Plant Safety Device Testing – please confirm the requirements that are outlined in the VHA Boiler Plant Safety Device Testing manual have been transposed onto the drawings (i.e. please confirm no changes to details in the drawings will need to be made in order to meet the requirements of the manual).	Installation details for each safety device have been transposed from the Boiler Plant Safety Device Testing Manual onto the project drawings. Safety device testing procedures and checklists were not copied onto the project documents, and should be reviewed by the bidders.
9	Please confirm seismic design and calculations as normally outlined in 13 05 41 (i.e. delegated design) is NOT required.	That specification is not required.
10	23 52 39 3.3-G – Please confirm the VA will retain a licensed boiler inspector per G.1, and the Contractor is responsible for only the inspector as outlined in 23 52 39 3.3-C.1.	1. VA will provide boiler inspector for acceptance. It is expected that the boilers and associated equipment to be ready to inspect, defect free. 2. Contractor is responsible for boiler factory inspection per 235239.2.1.G, economizer factory inspection per 2.5.F, boiler manufacturer inspection after boil out per 3.2.B.1, inspect for damage after delivery per
11	Opacity monitors are mentioned in 230911 and 235100 (“if required”), please confirm Opacity Monitors are NOT required. They are not depicted on MP709.	Opacity meters are depicted on MP709 in point AO-7x02. And they are scheduled on MP603.
12	23 09 11 (stainless steel tubing) – please confirm that the stainless steel tubing requirements (as outlined in 230911) are COMPLETELY depicted on the drawings. We assume that all the mechanical details and P&ID’s on the drawings outline the extent of the stainless steel tubing requirements.	Stainless Steel tubing in control panels is not required.

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13	M-800 series drawings – Please confirm that the M-700 series drawing depict the complete extent of required interconnecting conduit and wiring as required for a complete system (as outlined in 230911) – including, but not limited to the Automatic Boiler/Burner Control System, Burner Management System with Safety Interlocks and Accessories, Main Instrumentation and Control Panel, Boiler/Burner Control Panels, Computer Workstation, Flue Gas Oxygen Analyzers, Flow Meters, Pressure sensors and transmitters, Boiler draft gages, temperature sensors and transmitters, recorders, and Boiler Plant Building Dangerous Gas Detection System.	Interconnecting conduit and wiring is not shown on the drawings. Complete wiring diagrams shall be submitted by contractor per 230911.1.4.D.3, 1.4.E.5, and 1.4.H.
14	01 45 29 1.1 states that the Testing Laboratory will be retained by the Department of Veterans – please confirm this is correct, and is not the responsibility of the contractor.	To be provided by contractor.

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15	<p>The current form of the technical proposal requires only the provision of 2 (or more) past completed projects that are relevant in nature. While past experience is very important, the proposal format includes no opportunity for respondents to provide any information related to the specifics of the project at hand. Given the incredibly complex and technical nature of this project, along with the potential for the project to negatively impact on-going medical center operations, it would seem that a description of the respondent's technical approach to this specific project would be an important consideration.</p> <p>For instance, many RFPs for projects of this particular nature require provision of a project schedule (and associated phasing narrative) that outlines key milestones and critical-path activities. They also include the requirement to outline anticipated project-specific risks, along with mitigation plans that will help ensure critical services to the medical center are not interrupted.</p> <p>Any firm that is capable and qualified to perform this project should be accustomed to providing this sort of technical information. Given that the VA is already considering technical qualifications as part of the selection process, adding elements such as schedule/phasing plans and/or risk mitigation plans would only help the VA make the most informed decision possible.</p>	<p>The Government understands that we have the ability to do this project as a Trade off and require more information to evaluate. It is the desire of the Government to evaluate on the basis of LPTA. Solicitation will remain as posted. No changes will be made to solicitation requirements.</p>
16	<p>Page 15 of 59 of the Original Solicitation under 1.6 B states hours of work to be "after normal business hours". At the prebid meeting regular daytime work was discussed. Can the majority of the work be performed during regular daytime hours Monday thru Friday 7:00AM – 4:00PM, except for utility shut downs, tie-ins or disruptive activities?</p>	<p>Yes, most work can be during normal business hours with exceptions as noted by RFI.</p>
17	<p>No landscape irrigation is indicated in the documents. Is irrigation required for new sodded areas?</p>	<p>No irrigation is currently proposed for grass only</p>

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18	Dwg PL-202 shows a 12" existing domestic water main that is indicated to be about 2' north of the north elevation of the proposed new Boiler Building. This 12" domestic water line is not shown on the Civil utility drawings for relocation. Is this water line in the way of the footings for the new building and required to be relocated?	Civil Base Plan C001, Civil Demolition Plan C200, and Civil Site Plan C300 show the water main, but there is no documented evidence of the location. There are no surface features (valve boxes) in this area. The water line is shown based on a VA utility drawing that is not a confirmed asbuilt. The design drawings have based the design on the location falling between Building 25 and the new building and the water line at a depth that is within 3 feet of the ground surface, running over the proposed trench. Once exposed, any conflict will require re-routing of water main.
19	Large excavations will be necessary to install the utility tunnel and storm water piping. Please provide as-builts of all known utility piping in the area of work.	Existing utilities have been shown based on physical features observed by topographic survey (i.e., valve boxes, manholes, junction boxes). Asbuilt drawings of utilities that are below ground without any surface features are unconfirmed.
20	There are no indications in the documents for Signage in the project. Will there be any Signage?	Yes, signage will be required per VA standard.
21	Sitework for this project will require extensive excavations. The immediate work area shown on drawing C-100 will be mostly consumed by this earthwork, will there be any additional laydown and worker parking areas provided? Where will they be?	C100 indicates the total area that shall be closed off for Contractor. It is anticipated that there shall be sufficient laydown area. The VA shall provide for additional laydown areas available to Contractor if needed. The excavation for relocated storm sewer is a small part of this area.

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22	In the Plumbing Fixture Schedule on drawing PL600, floor drains FD-C, FD-E, FD-H and FD-I are shown. The plumbing plan on PL200 indicates all four of these floor drain types. Specification 22 13 00 Facility Sanitary & Vent Piping specifies 3 of the 4 floor drain types. FD-I is not specified. What is the specification for floor drain FD-I?	FD-I has been added to the specification
23	In the Plumbing Fixture Schedule on drawing PL600, P-701 shower/bath unit is shown. Drawing A402, note 13 indicates this shower unit to be some type of prefab fiberglass unit, but it is not specified in 22 40 00 Plumbing Fixtures. What is the specification for plumbing fixture P-701?	Unit specification has been added.
24	The type of material for roof drain piping & fittings are not specified. What type of piping material is to be used for roof drain piping and fittings above and below grade?	Specification 221400 shall be provided
25	Type of roof drain is not indicated. What is the specification for the roof drains?	Specification 221400 shall be provided
26	Should roof drain piping be insulated?	Specification 221400 shall be provided
27	In the Plumbing Fixture Schedule on drawing PL600, a P-604 wall hung water cooler is indicated. We do not find P-604 water cooler on the architectural or plumbing plans. Is this part of the project?	Electric water cooler will be provided

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28	<p>With the labor day Holiday this past Monday and hurricane Irma threatening to close businesses in Florida early next week, can the bid due date be extended several days? This is quite a large project with a very short bidding period and few business days left available. An extension of the RFI due date would be very helpful as well.</p>	<p>A small extension to September 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM will be provided.</p>
29	<p>Page 15 of 59 of the Original Solicitation under 3.2 Site Prep states "none required for this project". Civil drawings indicate site demolition, earthwork, site utilities and quite a bit of "site prep". What is meant by this note in The Solicitation?</p>	<p>Civil drawings clearly show site prep, including demolition of existing; earthwork and grading, and utilities.</p>
30	<p>Page 13 of 59 of the Original Solicitation under 1.1 A states "asbestos abatement is required as part of this job". Page 10 of 42 states "no asbestos containing materials were identified in the scope of this survey". Is there asbestos to be abated on this project? If so, where?</p>	<p>See Asbestos survey report.</p>
31	<p>Please Confirm Guards are required</p>	<p>No guards are required.</p>
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The schedule on page 25 for the water softeners contradicts itself. It stipulates a flow of 210 GPM utilizing 42x60 inch tanks with 900000 grains of capacity, in the remarks it references a design basis of water king 240S-2. This is a 24 x 60 inch tank with a flow of 65 GPM /vessel with a capacity of 240,000 grains. This is a substantial difference in cost etc. Please advise. 	<p>See revised water softener schedule in Addendum #4. The 900,000 grain capacity is correct, the Basis of Design manufacturer and model number was wrong. Other entries in the schedule have been revised to clarify the details of the water softener.</p>
33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please confirm the current service provider for the Malcom Randall VAMC's Fire Alarm System. 	<p>There is no service provider for the fire alarm system.</p>

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34	Plan S-001 under Note 2 States that a Geotechnical Report was performed by Gator Engineering & Aquifer Restoration, Inc. (G.E.A.R), dated August 2012; Entitled "Geotechnical Report, Malcom Randall VA MC Boiler Building". We have been unable to locate this geotechnical report. Please advise where this report can be located or provide them to the contractors in an Amendment.	Provided in amendment 4
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