

REF: VA261-16-B-0542 "Mental Health Care and Sleep Lab Units - VA San Francisco"

Please find attached Herman Construction Group's RFI questions for the Mental Health Care project at VA San Francisco:

1. In reference to Specification 01 00 00 General Requirements, Is it required for the contractor to have separate individuals for superintendent, quality control manager and safety officer for this project?  
Response: Superintendent is a must. QC is a vital function of the construction with the myriad functional role requirement. Safety Officer is anyone working on the job site. It is recommended that a separate Safety Officer be on site weekly as is required for safety reports.
2. Confirm that the V.A. will be providing the Certified Industrial Hygienist per section 028213.41 para 1.4.12.  
Response: Specification 02 82 13.41-30, paragraph 2.3.3 specifies requirement of the CPIH/CIH and is part of the process and contract.
3. Please provide latest asbestos abatement report for the project area (Bldg 20).  
Response: See Attached.
4. Where is the Bid Deduct #4 (for CMU Block Wall on C-3.0) on the bid form?  
Response: Bid Deduct #4 renumbered as Bid Deduct #10. Revise C-3.0 and C-9.0 accordingly.
5. Where is the Deduct for the deletion of Ext. Elevation scope of work shown on A-9.91?  
Response: A9.91 provides South and West Exterior elevations. These are for illustrative purposes to show deducts #7 and #9. They are not intended to represent a separate deduct.
6. Please provide the design for the concrete retaining wall shown on C-3.0, and G/C-9.0  
Response: Concrete Retaining Wall is a deferred submittal, design build. A/E is not providing design.
7. EIFS (Section 072400) does not apply to this project. Please delete from Specification Book.  
Response: Agreed. Specification Section 07 24 00 deleted in its entirety.
8. Metal Panels (Section 0724213) does not apply to this project. Please delete from Specification Book.  
Response: Agreed. Specification Section 07 42 13 deleted in its entirety.
9. Sheet A-2.3 show the rigid insulation under the membrane roofing as 2". However, detail 3/A-7.1 shows 4" minimum. Clarify this.  
Response: Detail 3 / A -7.1 takes precedence. Rigid insulation designed 4".
10. Cubicle Curtains (Section 102123) does not apply to this project. Please delete from Specification Book.  
Response: Agreed. Specification Section 10 21 23 deleted in its entirety.
11. Please provide basic scope parameters and/or specifications for the Design/Build Elevator work (section 142400).  
Response: Basic Elevator specifications: Single Car, passenger, hydraulic, commercial, standard. Elevator designed to be large enough to accommodate stretcher beds with attendants and individuals in wheelchairs. 2 doors. Anticipate 3000 to 3500-pound capacity. Coordinate elevator manufacturer with VA Medical Center.

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12. Section 053100, Paragraph 2.1D: This paragraph calls for manufacturers standard primer 2 coats that is compatible with specified finish paint. The deck mills won't do this. Their standard primer is one coat gray acrylic. Compatibility with finish paint is not their call to make. Please confirm one coat gray acrylic primer is acceptable or revise specification to delete prime paint and have the painter (spec section 09 91 00) prime the deck.  
**RESPONSE:** Section 053100, Paragraph 2.1D specifies "When finish painting of steel decking is specified in Section 09 91 00..." Review of Section 09 91 00 finds no reference to finish painting of steel decking. This paragraph is not applicable. The structural engineer reports: "Typically we do not have the metal deck painted when it is a structural application."
13. Section 053100, Paragraph 2.2F: This paragraph calls for an integral hanger system. The deck mills do not provide an integral hanger system for the specified metal deck products. Please specify a specific hanger product or remove from the steel decking specifications in its entirety. Hanger systems are usually provided by the specification requiring the hanger.  
**RESPONSE:** This paragraph is specific to steel decking units used for interstitial levels. This is not applicable. . The structural engineer reports: "We have metal deck anchored to steel framing.... We connect directly to steel framing."
14. Section 053100, Paragraph 2.1A: In general, will steel decking material conforming to Buy American standards, with a Recycled content of approximately 25%, be acceptable for use on this project?  
**RESPONSE:** Our design is based on the structural characteristics of the desk. ASTM A653, Gr60 is specified. As long as the product meets the specification standards, we are good with that. Buy America standards will need to be addressed by COR/CO/Contractor, in regards to compliance or if a letter is required.

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- Please provide a hardware schedule for specification section 08 71 00. [Hardware schedule to be coordinated with the AOR. See Attached.](#)
- Please clarify the calculation for the liquidated damages. The specifications state that the liquidated damages will be a ratio of unfinished work. Will this be the value of the unfinished work divided by the total contract value? If so, how will this be turned into a daily rate? [No LD's annotated in Specifications. Contractual action.](#)
- Please confirm that the successful general contractor will be required to meet the 25% SDOVSB requirement stated in the VA261-17-B-0771-001 document of the RFP. [Contractual action.](#)