

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question: What time is the Bid due? I can find the date but not the time.

Answer: The time and date is clearly shown in Block 13, Item A of the SF 1442 (Page 1).

Question: Under Section 12 31 00 Manufactured Metal Casework: There are no pre-approved manufacturers listed as reference. To submit a bid, are we required to pre-submit our manufacturer's specs to the architect for approval?

Answer: No, they do not submit products for approval before the bid, but they do need to provide a product that meets 100% of the requirements of the specs and drawings.

Question: At the pre-construction meeting it was stated that there will be a 10% retainage. FAR 52.232-59 (2)(e) states that if progress is satisfactory payment shall be made in full. Please clarify the VA's intent on this project.

Answer: 10% retainage will be held to \$150,000 once that amount is held we will re-evaluate and if performance is satisfactory we will stop withholding retainage at that point.

Question: Partition type 3 calls for drywall on each side. At mechanical shafts can a shaft wall with equal rating be used?

Answer: Yes, with a minimum of 4" studs and both fire and sound rating equivalent to Type 3 partition.

Question: What type of air barrier is being used?

Answer: The 'weather barrier', that is indicated on the Drawings, is specified in Section 054000.

Question: What type of floor finish is SLR-1?

Answer: See Amendment description related to this floor finish.

Question: Division 1.16 states that use of existing elevators is not allowed. Will a outside hoist be used as stated and will a trash chute be required?

Answer: Drawings indicate the staging areas assigned to the contractor for this project. Hoists and chutes are the responsibility of the contractor to implement the Contractors means and methods of construction.

Question: Does insul-2 require foil on one side?

Answer: Specification 072113 indicates the following:

2.2 MASONRY CAVITY WALL INSULATION (INSUL-2):

A. Polyisocyanurate Board: ASTM C591, Type I, faced with a vapor retarder having a perm rating of not more than 0.5.

From the site visit:

Question: Does contracting address (for bids) need to be updated? Currently it is medical center Iowa City. Should it be Iowa City Contracting lease space?

Answer: This was corrected on Amendment A00002

Question on finishing early and the possibility of VA wanting a credit back for unused general conditions.

Answered: We haven't seen that here and asked that the question be submitted in writing. We have not done that here previously and would not expect to in the future. Note that the number of days has been modified by amendment.