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MEMORANDUM #1

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Project: CONSTRUCT CANOPIES, BUILDING 1 ATRIUM & ER
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Subj: JOB WALK-RFI

VA Engineering issues this memo to clarify the following RFI that were brought up during job walk on June 22, 2012.

1. Design Build is mentioned in the SOW, can we explain?
VA Engineering: Design/ Build includes but is not limited to: Fire Sprinkler system and Water Feature & pump system. Refer to fountain notes in SF517. Contractor shall thoroughly review both plans and specifications for additional design build elements of the project as applicable.
2. Access to atrium for concrete (specific hours, ingress and egress).
VA Engineering: Concrete work will need to be done after office hour from 6:30pm to 4:30 am, holiday or weekend. Concrete through main entrance lobby will be allowed. Provide proper protection for the flooring.
3. Possibility of closing down the parking lot for a crane? Or sectioning it off?
VA Engineering: Contractor shall schedule all crane activities during weekends and provide all signage necessary to re-route traffic during disruption and flagmen to support traffic diversion during crane operations. Contractor shall provide the COR a minimum of 14 calendar days written notice and obtain written approval of the phasing plan and traffic plan from COR prior to crane operations. Refer to Scope of Work.
4. Temporary barriers in atrium? When to be turned over to the contractor?
VA Engineering: Contract to provide NEW temporary barrier in Atrium during construction. Existing temporary barrier has been removed.



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5. Noise requirements in the atrium (noise abatement hours).
VA Engineering: The contractor shall be required to adjust work shift when construction activity creates noise exceeding the following decibel limitations at no cost to the government: Continuous noise- 55 Db, Peak Noise (3 or more occurrences in a 2 minute time period)-85 Db. Refer to Scope of Work Statement.
6. Means of bringing materials into the atrium (line pump, power source, etc.)
VA Engineering: All materials delivered to Atrium location shall be by crane or by wheeled carts. If using wheeled carts, all floors must be protected and carts must be covered. Refer to Scope of work Statement.
7. Are there bolts under existing concrete for the ER canopy?
VA Engineering: Yes. Anchor bolts were installed ONLY at ER canopies & Trellis. Contractor to verify layout, elevations and the accuracy of these anchor bolts prior to construction.
8. Will the elevator need to stay in service during construction of canopy?
VA Engineering: Contractor shall also phase construction activities to avoid interference with VA operations. The contractor shall maintain public access to Parking Lot C elevator at all times except that this elevator may be closed a maximum of 21 consecutive days for construction activity. Refer to Scope of work statement
9. Will there be another site visit allowed for the atrium area?
At this time a second site visit is not needed, however continually check FBO for any changes.
10. "Professional photos" term used in SOW, can we clarify what is meant?
VA Engineering: Contractor shall refer to the Contract Specifications for Construction digital images requirements.
11. In the SOW it states the contractors will be provided a staging & laydown area "according to the attached plan" The "attached plan" is not included in the bidding documents. Please provide.
VA Engineering: Refer to staging area drawing as attached.
12. There is a cut detail on AS101 & AS102 that directs us to 3/AS303. Detail 3 is not shown on AS303.
VA Engineering: Cut detail C/AS303 should be C/AS302
13. On sheet AS103 & SB102, there is a cut detail that directs us to AS304. Sheet AS304 is not part of the plans. Please provide AS304.
VA Engineering: Cut detail A/AS304 and B/AS304 should read A/AS303 and B/AS303
14. On AS 101 there is a note between Grids D & E just below Grid 1, that makes reference to (E) bollard per detail E/SF501. Detail "E" is not shown on SF501.
VA Engineering: Detail E/SF501 show bollards detail. Bollards and bollard covers were previously installed through a separate contract.
15. Just above Grid 3 on AS101, its makes reference to J/SF502. SF502 is not includes in the plans. Please provide SF502.
VA Engineering: Detail J/SF502 identifies stairs railing installation requirements that were completed through a separate contract. Detail J/SF 502 is not applicable to this solicitation. For your information only Detail J/SF502 is attached.



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16. On AS102 there is a detail showing the installation of Grace Ice & Water Shield membrane for canopies #1 & #2. Since Canopy #1 is already existing, does this detail pertain to Canopy #1?
VA Engineering: Detail applies to canopy #2 only for this solicitation.
17. In "B" on AS303, it is showing a (N) Illumination Direction sign and directs us to see detail on AS304 (which sheet doesn't exist). In the Sign Detail notes on AS303 it instructs us to follow "Contract Specifications Section 10 14 00. This Spec. Sect. is not included in the Specifications. In fact in the Specification Table of Contents it indicates Division 10 is not used. Please clarify.
VA Engineering: Contractor shall reference the sign detail on sheet AS303. Contractor to provide power supply for signage. Signage furnish by VA. Contractor to install.
18. In reference to Specification Section 07 40 00 Roof & Siding Panels. 2.6, Fabrication, is calling for a 22 gauge insulated metal panel (IMP). This does not match up to the 24 gauge (un-insulated) metal panel shown on the plans. Please clarify.
VA Engineering: Use 24 Ga Berridge Zee-lock (or equal) roof. Use Berridge 24 Ga Vee-panel at ceiling
19. In reference to Specification Section 07 40 00 Roof & Siding Panels. 2.7, B. Is the finish to be a manufacturer's standard color or a custom color?
VA Engineering: Use Berridge Kynar 500 Hylar 500 Royal blue color (or equal) for roofing color, Shasta white for ceiling and Parchment for trusses, columns, trellis, gutters and downspout.
20. On AS110 it indicates the color of the concrete benches are "color gray exposed aggregate" seat and base or similar. In talking with The Bench Factory, only the base come in exposed aggregate and the seats are either "slate natural stone" or "sand natural stone". Which do you prefer?
VA Engineering: Slate natural stone
21. On the Demolition Plan for Bldg 1, sheet AD110, there are several dashed lines with no notes indicating what the dashed represent. An example of these un-noted dashed lines go east - west through the restrooms. Please clarify.
VA Engineering: Dashed lines represent Existing roof/bridge lines.
22. In regards to the structural steel referred to in the drawings and specification for the Canopy Renovations Bid, will all the structural steel need to be zinc coated (galvanized) as noted in section 05 50 00 part F 3a?
VA Engineering: Structure steel- Primer painting required.

Should you have any question, Please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you.

Respectfully

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