

VA701-17-R-0071 DES MOINES CONSTRUCT PARKING GARAGE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET

ITEM NO.	DATE QUESTION RECEIVED	DATE QUESTION ANSWERED	QUESTION	GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
1.	10-20-2017	11/07/2017	Please confirm that testing will be the responsibility of the Contractor.	Per spec section 01 00 00 "General Requirements" (in the Project Manual revised on September 07, 2017) the contractor is responsible for all testing.
2.	10-20-2017	11/07/2017	Who is responsible for Commissioning?	See 1.9 & 1.10 in spec section 01 91 00 "General Commissioning Requirements" for the responsibilities of the VA and the Contractor(s).
3.	10-20-2017	11/07/2017	Is there any Government Furnished Property (GFP) in this project?	No.
4.	10-24-2017	11/07/2017	We have a question concerning the soil report for the project: Section 1.10 Physical Data of the General Requirements portion of the Specifications states that a soil report was completed for the project and is available for inspection by bidders upon request. Since this soil report is considered part of the contract documents, would you please post it to the FBO site for bidders to download?	The Geotechnical Engineering Report (by ECS - dated June 15, 2016) is attached to Amendment 00002.
5.	10-24-2017	11/07/2017	We have a question regarding elevations: It appears that Building Level 01 elevation of 100.0 is approximately equal to site elevation 139.0, but I have been unable to find anywhere in the plans to confirm that correlation. Please provide the site elevation that is equivalent to Building Elevation 100.0.	Per "General Plan Note 1" (on sheets A0101, A0102, A0103, & A0104), the elevation of Level 01 is noted as 100'-0" in the documents which is equal to the actual elevation of 139'-0".
6.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	Is there a phasing requirement for each area?	No.
7.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	Hazardous materials Is a ACM/lead survey available?	No.
8.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	Hazardous materials Is ACM or lead expected to be encountered in any of the project areas?	No ACM/lead materials are expected to be encountered in any of the project areas.

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9.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	Hazardous materials If ACM or lead is encountered in any of the project areas, will it be treated as a change of condition?	Yes, any encounter of ACM/lead materials will be treated as a change of condition.
10.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	VA TRIGIGA CPMS (01 00 00) How many user licenses will the government require to be purchased?	Tririga is not required for this project. The language will be removed from the specifications
11.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	Can the superintendent also serve as the SSHO?	The SSHO must be a separate person. Additionally, the superintendent and SSHO may NOT be assigned to other construction projects.
12.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	Operation and maintenance training requirements (01 91 00 3.8 C.5.a) Please confirm that it is the government's intention that the contractor engage in the production of a compilation of personnel training videos?	Yes
13.	10-25-2017	11/07/2017	Operation and Maintenance Requirements (01 91 00 3.8 C.5.a) Will a competent employee of the contractor be acceptable to produce the training videos, if required?	Training videos will be produced by professionally recording the on-site training provided to VA CIH Maintenance personnel prior to closeout.
14.	10-26-2017	10-27-2017	Since most of the VA projects we have completed in the last few years have been assessed and reported by the VA contracting officers on CPARS (Contractor Performance Assessment Reports System) can we use these performance reviews in lieu of a PPQ? The information provided is very similar if not identical.	Yes, the information can be provided directly from CPARS.
15.	10/31/2017		Should the schedule be submitted as a pdf or in MS Project?	
16.	10/31/2017		Are there crane height limitations?	
17.	10/31/2017		When will the required tree watering begin and end?	
18.	10/31/2017		Is there an existing irrigation system in place? If so where and is there a spec (size of lines, type of heads, # of heads, tie-in point)	

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19.	10/31/2017		Will 2" water tie-in on 4" ductile iron be a live tap?	
20.	10/31/2017		Is the intention that we start the work in March after frost is out of the ground?	
21.	10/31/2017		Red Cross Drive is the designated contractor access road and per the contract will be returned to the VA in like condition however the road may not survive the duration of construction. Will the contractor be required to repair the road and to what degree of repair is the expectation given existing conditions?	
22.	10/31/2017		Will parking along Red Cross Drive be suspended during construction?	

23.	10/31/2017	11/02/2017	In response to the Past Performance Questionnaire, can we submit projects that are rated under CPARS (CPARS is not listed as an option in the RFP documents)?	CPARS is where the evaluations are rated and PPIRS is where the CO will find the projects that were rated in CPARS. Please provide the projects that are in PPIRS/CPARS if available. If a project is not in PPIRS/CPARS, please provide the PPQ.
24.	10/31/2017		Will existing 18" drainage line from the upper parking lot be cleaned out / serviced prior to construction?	
25.	10/31/2017		Is there a place to tie into for electrical power to the trailer?	
26.	10/31/2017		Is there a geotechnical report available to the contractor prior to bid?	
27.	10/31/2017	11/01/2017	Do you know if it will have cameras, access control or parking gates to control access?	Yes, there are elements that can be found in the solicitation posted on FBO..
28.	11/01/2017		Geotech report Please provide a Geotech report for this project	
29.	11/01/2017		Structural underpinning Will reinforcement be required for the vertical connection between 4' lifts of concrete fill? If so, please structural details for this connection.	
30.	11/01/2017		Underpinning placements Is there a limit on how many underpinning sections can be opened up at one time? Or can all of the respective sections (IE. Section 1 placements) be opened up simultaneously?	
31.	11/01/2017		Underpinning shoring Will Sacrificial shoring be allowed to remain in place permanently as part of the underpinning placements?	
32.	11/01/2017		Sealant Will sealant be required between double T connections? Only T to wall connections are shown on the architectural drawings. Please provide drawing detail.	

33.	11/01/2017		<p>Elevator flooring</p> <p>The plans and specifications do not call out the flooring for the elevator, please clarify</p>	
34.	11/01/2017		<p>Elevator lobby</p> <p>The plans and specifications do not call out the flooring for the elevator lobby area, please clarify what the flooring is in this area.</p>	
35.	11/01/2017		<p>Shoring</p> <p>What are the anticipated loads on the shoring of the existing retaining wall?</p>	
36.	11/01/2017		<p>As built</p> <p>Please provide an as- built of existing retaining walls, including elevations and footing details/dimensions?</p>	
37.	11/01/2017		<p>Precast concrete</p> <p>The plans and specifications do not clearly call out the color of the precast. The statement of work states that it is natural gray concrete, however the specifications do not list a color in the finish schedule. It has been left blank.</p> <p>Please verify that the precast is natural concrete gray</p>	
38.	11/01/2017		<p>Precast finish</p> <p>Please clarify what finish is required (if any) for the exterior exposed precast concrete.</p>	
39.	11/02/2017		<p>Section 01 00 00 – 8: Security Guards – This can add a good amount of cost to the project. Was this the original intent to have full time security guards during off hours and during weekends when project staff is not on site?</p>	

40.	11/02/2017		Is a commercial photographer required or can the contractor take progress pictures if the contractor is experienced with project photo documentation?	
41.	11/02/2017		Section 01 00 00 – 2 (pg 12 of the pdf project specs) refers to a “neutral concrete colored precast structure....” Please provide clarification on color scheme, if required.	
42.	11/07/2017		Plan sheet C0001, Demo Note 10, calls for stumps to be ground in place. Will it be permissible to remove trees and stumps instead of grinding them in place?	
43.	11/07/2017		Plan sheet C0001, Demo Note 10, calls for much to be saved and used for landscaping. If the VA intends to keep mulch for grinding, how much material should be saved and where all should it be stockpiled?	
44.	11/07/2017		Plan sheet C0001 shows trees to be removed. Will the VA mark the trees to be removed (paint/ribbon)?	
45.	11/07/2017		Plan Sheet P102, between gridlines K & L, just west of gridline 6, refers to a 4” water with an I.E. 77.50 with a reference to connection on the civil plans (south end of the structure). Civil plans, C0003, references the water tie in at the north end of the building but shows nothing on the south end (per plan P102). Per plan C0003, there is a 4” water shown under the SW running along the west side of the retaining wall (hospital side) but no elevation provided for pipe or reference to details for this tie-in on the back side of the wall, assuming that the intent was to tie into the existing 4” shown under the SW (estimated top of walk is +/- 140.50 in this general area). Also, the 4” stub out from the south end of the structure is approx. 20’ to the north of the proposed southerly vehicular bridge which would have an existing retaining wall cut out for the bridge installation. Please provide clarification/details on the proposed 4” tie-in to the existing 4” watermain located on the backside (hospital side) of the retaining wall, under the sidewalk.	

46.	11/07/2017		Plan sheet, A0314, details 1 & 2 references the new fence along both the proposed north and south bridges. There is also a note referencing project spec 32 31 40 which addresses new fence construction. Is there a spec available for the existing decorative fence along the top of the existing retaining wall? Is there a fence tie-in detail for new to old fence connection (ie: brackets, corner posts, etc)?	
47.	11/07/2017		Plan sheet, C0001, calls for the removal and salvage of the existing “disk golf” structures/units and return to the Owner. Is there a concrete base on these structures?	
48.	11/07/2017	11/08/2017	Given the complexity of this project, the need to coordinate with all associated trades to investigate the work, plans, site, etc., the need to have critical RFI’s submitted by key trades and the RFP submission date being a few weeks out, November 21 st , we are respectfully requesting that the RFI submission deadline be extended from Wednesday, November 8 th to Friday, November 17 th , 2017. Please advise.	The date was questions will not be formally extended. However, please submit any questions that come up. The VA will review and try to respond to as many as possible.
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