
Question:
Will it be acceptable to submit an electronic (scanned in) version of Bid Bond that we will submit through the Vendor Portal with our bid? Or would you like the Original sent to Murfreesboro?

Answer: Original bid bonds must be submitted directly to the Contracting Officer of record on or by the date and time for offer submission/solicitation closing. No copies permitted.

Question:
Please provide direction on the following tasks for this project: Phasing – What is the sequence for taking med gas lines/equipment off line to replace and reinstall?

Answer: For the Vacuum Pumps: Phase 1-Relocate tool cart and install new unit in the southern most location as well as tank. Phase II-Remove existing unit and install second new unit. For the Medical Air Compressors: Phase I-Locate new unit such that new Compressor #2 can be installed without removing the existing compressors. Piping modifications may be required to accomplish this effort. Phase II-Remove existing equipment and install new compressor #1. These are the suggested approach to the install, yet contractor may elect to install work in other sequence/manner as to accomplish the goal of the new install with minimal to no impact to the hospital.

Question:
The RFP is requiring the contractor to submit AutoCAD drawings. Does the VA have the

Paradigm drawings dated 10-17-2016 in AutoCAD 2013 and can they give the contractor an electronic copy?

Answer: This information was sent out in error, and is not applicable to the construction services being requested under this RFP.

Question:

The RFP is requiring the contractor to provide the VA specifications at the completion of the project. The contractor has already been provided specifications with this RFP. Can you elaborate on why we would be required to submit specifications after the project is completed?

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Answer: Paradigm response: Yes, the existing strainer that was to be relocated can be removed in its entirety.

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PP101 Note 10 – Vacuum Exhaust – the exhaust for the vacuum extends about 3 ft above roof and turns down this should be reviewed per 5.1.3.7.6 of the NFPA distance from openings and prevailing winds.

Answer: Government response: This is being reviewed internally

Question:

PP101 Note 5 – New Alarm Panel – the remaining local alarms for the lab air and dental air should they remain or be replaced? Are these alarms connected to Master Alarm panels?

Answer: Paradigm response: They are to be replaced under this project and connected to the master alarm panels.

Question:

PD101 Note 6 - Local Alarms - Med Air and Med Vacuum Systems as listed are provided with local alarms as required by NFPA99. The communication wires from the new equipment for Master Alarms are required. Is the dental air and lab air local alarms to remain as there is no other local alarms to these systems?

Answer: Paradigm response: Yes, the dental air and lab air local alarms are to remain.

Question:

No Drawings - Dental Vacuum Replacement - will drawings and specs be provided is this part of scope of work?

Answer: Government response: Drawings and specs have been posted

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Question:

Amendment 3 states that the new deadline for submitting questions is Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 4 PM (CST), however, that was the same date that bids are now due, according to Amendment 3. Please clarify the date which RFIs are due and the date in which bids are due.

Answer: Government response: Questions should be submitted by August 7.

Question:

It appears that the revised drawings issued in Amendment 3 containing the dental lab work were issued on 8-1/2 x 11 drawings. This would make the drawings not to scale. Please reissue the drawings at the correct size and scale.

Answer: The drawings are scaled on the left hand side of all pages and can be printed using standard plotter settings with 36 inch width ANSI scale, you will have to adjust your printer settings to achieve desired end size.

Question:

When the drawings are printed to scale, since they originated in 8-1/2 x 11 they resolution is too fuzzy to accurate takeoff. Can you please plot the PDF to 30 x 42?

Answer: The electronic version of the drawings was provided to the VA on a disk with the drawings formatted as 30" x 42". This has been an issue when the original files are loaded to the MATOC site.

Question:

On drawing PP102 of the Dental work note # 4 it tells us to clean existing Vacuum Piping back to pumps in basement. Please provide procedure/method to accomplish this.

Answer: This is a means and methods issue. Paradigm has typically seen a wire brush (the size of the pipe) that is pushed/pulled used in the piping along with a suitable cleaner (no chlorine!).

Question:

In RFI 25, it was stated that contractor would have to supply bottles for any temporary work. The VA should have a contract with a supplier for this. If the VA will not furnish, can you please furnish contact of bottled air supplier for the hospital.

Answer: Either temporary bottles or temporary tie-in to "spare" feed is acceptable. Air-Gas Inc. is our current contract supplier, but the contract is concurrently out for bid. However, any GSA approved vendor is acceptable.

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