

Answers to Contractor Questions
Project Number: 554-12-803
Solicitation: VA259-12-R-0404
FY 12 Facility Improvements, Denver VAMC

Clarifications

- **QUESTION: Can we make a pre-bid/site visit mandatory?**
ANSWER: Any project can be made mandatory dependent upon the complexity and work environment. In this case it is in a hospital environment and working rules are different than working in another building or facility.
- Address where to send RFP:
 - Electronic submissions to adrian.blackman@va.gov , page 42-43 on RFP
- Pertinent Dates:
 - Questions due by 7/2/12 by COB to adrian.blackman@va.gov
 - Proposals due on 7/17/12 at 1pm MST via email
- Confirmation of construction range is between \$100,000-\$500,000, cover of SF 1442 & On page 6 it states, \$100,000-\$250,000.
 - **QUESTION: What is the accurate construction range for this project?**
ANSWER: Construction range is \$100,000-\$250,000.
- **QUESTION: What is the difference between original SDVOSB verification and SDVOSB re-verification? Verification is the first time vetbiz.gov certifies a contractor currently, re-verification happens after original verification.**
 - **If contractor is in re-verification they can still submit proposal but can't receive award until re-verification is complete.**
- Bid Guarantee & Payment/Performance Bonds:
 - In section 10 on the 1442, it states the contractor will have performance/payment and bonds after award letter.
- Contractor shall begin performance within 10 days after **"Notice to Proceed"** and complete within 190 days.
- Post Award Compliance:
 - Compliance with Davis Bacon Wages and Application wage determination shall be expected of the contractor. The contractor can submit their weekly certified payrolls with their monthly invoice.
 - The job consists of:
 - Replacing shower seating in patient rooms (bariatric showers).

- Taking off & re-enforcing new bariatric seating, this will be phased in at 1 room at a time.

- **Question:** 5C107- Bathroom shower, does the shower pan need to be replaced?

Answer: The shower pan needs to be replaced.

- Automatic door openers need to be installed
- Car Readers - PIV, installed in pharmacy and storage closets.

Badge Reader specs attached.

- **QUESTION:** does the card reader have to be a sole source product?

ANSWER: Not a sole source brand name

- Check-in windows need ballistic glass
- On the 8th Floor there will be a reconfiguration for the check-in (external) and also a cut in door in the concrete wall. This may need to be done after hours (nights/weekends).
- Most work will be done during regular work hours, 7:30am-4:40pm but some will be nights and weekends, which will be coordinated through COR.
- Building 24 has several modifications, three rooms need installation of sinks;

Answer: Spec for sink should be added to SOW

- Pharmacy has several modifications needed.
- Nursing Home needs reducing slope in the common bathroom.

1. On the 8th Floor contractors viewed the check in area and a door will be installed in the office with partition and a roll down grill; **Question:** Are there multiple partitions and grills?

Answer: Refer to SOW and drawings provided. There will be four separate private check-in spaces, each having a roll down grill.

2. On the 5th Floor, there are multiple patient bathrooms, contractor will take wall tile off, reinforce and put in new bariatric benches.

- a. **QUESTION:** What are the SPECS on the tile?

ANSWER: Wall tile manufacturer is Interceramic 6"x8" tile

- b. Infectious Control will require plastic coverings.

- c. **QUESTION:** Will crash rail need to be modified?

ANSWER: YES

3. Contractors viewed the two sets of doors at the kitchen where automatic door openers will be installed.

- a. **QUESTION:** Will there be a surface mount?

ANSWER: YES, surface mount will be required

QUESTION: Which rooms will have sinks installed?

ANSWER: Room 60, Room 61 and Room 62 will all have sinks installed. Sinks to meet VA specifications, 224000, Type P-401

- b. **QUESTION:** Where is the nearest plumbing? **ANSWER:** bathroom

- c. **QUESTION:** Where are the drains for sinks? **ANSWER:** The canteen downstairs has drains. This will have to be coordinated after hours.

- d. Can the VA provide drawings for the drainage area in the canteen? **ANSWER: The VA does not have electronic drawings for this area. The VA will provide hard copy drawings after award. As noted on the walk, nearest water tie-in is the restrooms down the hall. Drainage will be from canteen store below and will need to be coordinated and completed after normal operating hours.**
- 4. Contractors viewed ER where ballistic glass and wall paneling will be installed in all FOUR ER check in kiosks and MAIN entry in ER.
 - a. **QUESTION: Is there a door installation? Answer: Doors will not need to be replaced as they are outside the ballistic perimeter. Doors will need to have locks installed.**
 - b. **QUESTION: Are contractors replacing Large ER window? Answer: Yes. The intent is to replace the existing glass window with a solid, non-sliding ballistic window with communication and pass thru capabilities.**
- 5. Contractors viewed Emergency Exit in the ER where the doors will be replaced with ballistic glass.
 - a. **QUESTION: IS the wall ballistic as well? The intent is to just remove the existing glass door and replace with a door with ballistic glass.**
- 6. Contractors viewed administrative area in the pharmacy where a wall and door will be installed.
 - a. **QUESTION: Is it a full or a ¾ wall? ANSWER: It is a Full wall**
 - b. **QUESTION: Will there be duct work for the air conditioning? ANSWER: YES**
 - c. **QUESTION: Is security/sound condition a consideration? ANSWER: Security with PIV which is addressed in attached document will be required but sound conditions are not a consideration.**

The Required Steps to Obtain a VA Government Badge:

- A. Plan in advance to have all persons working on VA property to obtain their VA contractor badge.**
- B. Prime contractor is to notify the COTR in writing, an e-mail is acceptable, the name of the individual that will be working on this project and include the company name and the position or job the individual will be performing on this project.**
- C. This individual must present themselves to 820 Clermont in the basement room B20 for finger printing.**
- D. Make an appointment with Annie Quattlebaum in FMS to present 2 forms of proper identification by calling 303-399-8020 ext. 2834. A list of acceptable forms of identification can be found on the following page. This step may take up to 3 days to clear if there are no concerns found.**
- E. After identification is entered into the system by FMS an appointment will be scheduled with Human Resources at 820 Clermont in the basement room B20 for photo and thumb print to obtain ID badge.**
- F. The badge may take up to a week to process.**

G. Badges must be worn and displayed on their person at all times while on VA property.

H. There is a \$250.00 fee for badges not returned at the end of the project and contracts cannot be closed out until all badges are turned in or paid for.

QUESTION: Are contractors building around furniture? **Answer:** **Wall will be built as to incorporate furniture on the inside of the new room.**

QUESTION: How will smoke detectors and the PA system be addressed while design and construction are taking place in the pharmacy? **ANSWER:** **Smoke detectors and PA system will need to be relocated per code requirements.**

QUESTION: Will air be redirected? **Answer:** **Testing and balancing of the system will need to be completed.**

7. Contractors viewed nursing home bathroom where a contractor will reconstruct the slope of the shower.

- a. **QUESTION:** does the new tile need to match the current tile? **ANSWER:** **As much as possible the new tile should match current tile.**

➤ **Evaluation Criteria:** **Evaluation Criteria is attached to the original solicitation**