

**The following are answers to the questions supplied to the Contracting Officer:**

**Question:** Does the C.W. Bill Young VAMC have a certified scale that the contractor can use?

**Answer:** No

**Question:** Can government supplied facility escorts sign manifests?

**Answer:** Yes

**Question:** What is the estimated max weight that the pathogenic waste containers can hold?

**Answer:** 90 lbs.

**Question:** What size containers are anticipated to be utilized for Pathological Waste removal?

**Answer:** 31 gallon containers, see salient characteristics within the Performance Work Statement (PWS).

**Question:** How will and who will separate the pathology waste from normal RMW?

**Answer:** The professional specialized staff from the wards (where the waste is generated) will separate the waste into the correct containers

**Question:** Who will be responsible for missing containers that are being utilized by VA personnel?

**Answer:** The Department of Veterans Affairs will own the containers. Responsibility for care of the containers is outlined in the PWS. When in contractor possession of the container, the contractor is responsible for them other than normal wear and tear.

**Question:** If containers go missing, who is responsible for reimbursing contractor owned property?

**Answer:** The Department of Veterans Affairs will own the containers involved with these services.

**Question:** How will VA personnel stage the different containers for pickup? Who will be responsible for marking and classifying different waste streams?

**Answer:** The containers will be provided to the areas necessary for pickup in regards to Pathological Waste. Trace Chemo will be picked up from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Sending Room by the contractor as described in the PWS. The VA staff will place the Trace Chemo containers into a larger container for pickup as described in the PWS. The specialized VA personnel in the designated areas will be responsible for putting the correct pathological or trace chemo waste in to the correct container.

**Question:** Current performance has contractor containers inside the OR for RMW disposal, will there be specific rooms for amputations/chemo treatments?

**Answer:** The pathological waste will not be picked up from the OR. It will be coming from the 2B Pathology Lab where all of this is funneled to.

**Question:** From a training perspective, who is responsible for determining path/chemo/RMW?

**Answer:** The specialized staff in the generation areas.