RFP 36E77618R0017 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET – OMAHA

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1.	11/29/2017	12-04-2017	Who is the Siemens Project Manager for Omaha?	Angela Mulinix is the COR for the equipment contract. Chaz Williamson will be acting as the Technical Monitor for construction issues locally at the Omaha site and David Harroun will be acting as the Technical Monitor for the equipment issues locally at the Omaha site.
2.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	What are the normal working hours for contractors at Omaha? Will nightwork be approved for the project?	Normal working hours are 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., M – F. Night and/or weekend work may be coordinated with the on-site technical representative (Chaz Williamson).
3.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	What are the working hours of the clinic area where the project will take place?	Normal clinic hours are 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., M – F and 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The clinic is closed for Federal Holidays. Unscheduled procedures could be conducted at any time, and may require interruption of contractor work. The contractor shall coordinate and schedule work that may interfere with patient care with the on-site technical representative.
4.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	Where is the laydown and staging areas for the site?	The contractor should make every effort to limit the amount of material and equipment needed to be stored on-site and, as much as possible, limit storage to the work area. Limited storage in the facility basement can be coordinated with the on-site technical representative.

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5.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	Is the work area noise sensitive?	Work will be conducted in a patient care area. In addition to strict dust and infectious control requirements for the work, work generating high noise levels and/or having the potential to transmit vibration through the facility structure shall be coordinate with the on-site technical representative and completed outside of clinic hours.	
6.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	Is there interstitial space?	No. There is a plenum between the acoustic ceiling and the deck above, with between 18" and 36" of clear space, depending on beam locations.	
7.	11/29/2017	12-04-2017	What is the lead time for the Siemens delivery of the equipment?	The turnaround time for Siemens is 6-8 weeks – but really the construction contractor will not be coordinating the delivery date with the vendor – the VA (Biomedical engineer rep from each site and Angela Mulinix) will be working with Siemens to secure the delivery date for the equipment once we have a confirmed construction schedule from the awarded contractor.	
8.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	How thick is the lead lining in the walls?	Lead shielding is 1/8" thick.	
9.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	Do the doors to the RF Room contain any sensors?	Yes.	
10.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	Are contractors allowed to use the VA restrooms?	VA restrooms are available for contractor use, with the expectation that contractor employees will not soil the area.	
11.	11/29/2017	12/14/2017	What parking is available on site?	Parking at the Omaha VAMC is extremely tight. Construction of a new Ambulatory Care Center on the medical center campus is expected to start by April, 2018, which will further limit available parking. The contractor's employees may use marked VA employee parking, including marked VA employee parking spaces at the Center Mall, located south of Center Street.	

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12.	11/28/2017	12/14/2017	Why was Guldmann Inc Patient Lifts not considered as the basis of the spec in DIV 11.73.00 on this project? Guldmann Products make up the majority of lifts presently utilized at the St. Cloud VA. Our lifts are superior in that the rails span a greater distance between attachments, are always offered with continuous charging rails, integrated scale and have a lower cost of overall ownership. Adding a different brand (Liko) of lifts is not in the best interest when it comes to facility maintenance and staff training aspects. Is there any way this can be removed from the rfq and move to owner provided? Any light you can shed on how to work to remedy this in the interest of our customer and us.	This question does not pertain to the Omaha/Lincoln/Grand Island facilities. Liko lifts are the standard lifts used in NWIHCS.
13.	12/13/2017	12/21/2017	Section 05 50 00 - Part 2.5 "Supports" Paragraph D "Frames for Lead Lined Doors, requires extending angles at jambs from floor to structural slab above. There is no structural or architectural detail for this on the drawings. Can you please provide one for each location?	Remove requirement to install angles at door jambs. Revise requirement to read: "Contractor to provide anchors recommended by manufacturer for site-specific substrates. In locations where wall studs can be accessed for anchoring through selective demolition of drywall, contractor to anchor frames accordingly. In locations where existing openings preclude use of traditional wall stud anchors (i.e. concrete), contractor to install (5) lock-in anchors per frame (2) each jamb and (1) at head. Curries concealed existing opening anchor CF004557 with plastic plugs or equal alternative. Anchors to be installed in manner that does not interrupt approved radiation shielding plan. Follow Steel Door Institute recommendations for anchor installation."

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14.	12/13/2017	12/21/2017	Section 08 11 13 - Part 2.3 "Metal Frames" Paragraph E.1.b states that still clip angles are to be welded to the jamb for lead lined doors. Part 3.1 "Installation" Paragraph B.1 dictates that we are to anchor the bottom of the door frames to the floor with anchor bolts. Can you provide an alternate installation method for the doors fitting into an existing opening?	Add the following to the end of Paragraph E.1.b. "In locations where wall studs can be accessed for anchoring through selective demolition of drywall, contractor to anchor frames accordingly. In locations where existing openings preclude use of traditional wall stud anchors (i.e. concrete), contractor to install (5) lock-in anchors per frame (2) each jamb and (1) at head. Curries concealed existing opening anchor CF004557 with plastic plugs or equal alternative. In locations where existing conditions prevent bolting anchors to the floor slab, contractor to install one additional snap-in anchor each side of door frame, within 6 inches of finished floor. Contractor to plug hole in frame and paint to match. All anchors to be installed in manner that does not interrupt approved radiation shielding plan. Follow Steel Door Institute installation recommendations."

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15.	12/13/2017	12/21/2017	Section 21 13 13 - Part 1.3 Paragraph A.3.a, states that the A/E must show on the contract drawings all piping including fittings and sizes for calculation purposes, from the water supply test connection to the point of connection where the sprinkler contractor is to start work. That information is not available on the contract drawings, Can you please provide?	Replace Section 21 13 13 - Part 1.3 Paragraph A.3 with the revised Section 21 13 13 - Part 1.3.A.3 as shown below: "1.3.A.3. Hydraulic Calculations: Calculated demand including hose stream requirements shall fall no less than 10 percent below the available water supply curve. a. Contractor must field verify existing conditions of all piping including fittings and sizes for calculation purposes, from the water supply test connection to the point of connection where the sprinkler contractor is to start work. b. The Contractor may use annual fire pump test data that is no older than 12 months as the water supply information. This data may be obtained from the VA Facility Engineer, if available, or from the water purveyor for the specific project site. The fire pump test data must be verified by the Contractor as reasonable and include the information below."
16.	12/13/2017	12/21/2017	Can you provide Fire Protection plans for the Omaha site?	The scope of work is indicated on drawing 4-FX101 included in drawing set. As-built fire sprinkler drawings may be available from the facility, and any record of fire pump tests should be obtained directly from the water purveyor.

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17.	12/13/2017	12/22/2017	For the roof patching at the Omaha site, is the current roof under warranty? If yes, who is the roof under warranty from?	At this time, a warranty cannot be located for the roof. However, if it is discovered that the roof is under warranty, the information will be provided to the successful Offeror and the site will assist with coordination during repair.
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