

1. There is not a specification for the medium voltage switch. Are we to use the information from E601 to price the switch or can you send us the specification?

RESPONSE:

NEW PAD-MOUNTED MEDIUM VOLTAGE SWITCH SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

MANUALLY OPERATED, UNFUSED, 600-AMP, 3-PHASE, 15-KV, 4-WAY, PAD-MOUNTED, DEAD FRONT, AIR-INSULATED, WEATHERPROOF ENCLOSURE. PROVIDE BUSHINGS ON ALL WAYS FOR 600-AMP, DEAD-BREAK ELBOWS, CIRCUIT CONFIGURATION AND CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE SIMILAR AND EQUAL TO S&C, MODEL PME-10. COORDINATE FINISH COLOR WITH COR TO MATCH EXISTING MEDIUM VOLTAGE PAD-MOUNT SWITCHES AT THE STATION.

We will add this to the contract documents to Sheet E-601 as a more thorough description of the referenced switch.

2. The solicitation lists that the PPQs were due by 12:00PM, Eastern Time on December 30, 2018. This conflicts with the date listed on the ATTACHMENT 2: PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE of December 29, 2017 at 2PM. Would the VA please confirm the deadline for the PPQs to be submitted? It should be noted that the deadline of 12/29/17 was before the Pre-Construction meeting and only provided offerors and reviewers 11 full business days to turn the PPQs around.

RESPONSE:

The PPQ for solicitation VA249-17-R-1011 are due to the Contracting Officer no later than Tuesday January 30, 2018 at 2:00pm ET.

3. Would the owner accept (2) part performance questionnaires for the (2) completed projects to be submitted under Sub-Factor 1a – Relevant Experience as well as 1 past performance questionnaire for a relevant but in progress project? For example, if a GC has only 2 completed relevant projects, but several relevant projects in progress – would a 3rd PPQ from an In-progress project be acceptable? Also, are CPARS reviews acceptable in lieu of PPQs?

RESPONSE:

No. Projects listed for relevant experience under sub-factor 1(a), must be for completed projects only. CPARS reviews are an acceptable submission, but the Offeror/Bidder shall be responsible for providing that documentation as part of their submission. The Contracting Officer will not be responsible for providing CPARS information on behalf of a contractor.

4. Per the solicitation we are directed to, 'provide a Gantt chart of contract times broken into schedule of values by trade discipline and by General Wage Decision (formerly Davis-Bacon Act).' Does the schedule of values contained in the Gantt chart need to match our

base bid price or may they be estimated values? Providing exact values to match our base bid price would be nearly impossible since subcontractor bids typically come in the day before the due date and at times at day the proposal is due.

RESPONSE:

No. The schedule of values contained in the Gantt chart does not need to match your exact bids, the values can be estimates, but should be very close to your projected values.

5. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?

RESPONSE:

No. Sales tax exempt forms are never issued for construction projects

6. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?

RESPONSE:

Badging requirements is a post-award action. This information will be provided to the Awardee at the pre-construction conference.

7. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?

RESPONSE:

Parking accessibility is a post-award action discussed during the pre-construction conference. Information on parking will be provided at that time.

8. All Offerors are hereby advised that the patient lifts are not purchase made by the construction contractor but by the Lexington VA Medical Center. Procurement of these items will take place outside of the construction project itself. If your company supplies the type of patient lifts (or an equal) called out for in the specifications, and you would like to provide information to the medical center, please contact Douglas Abell at (859) 233-4511, extension 3388 or by email at douglas.abell@va.gov.