

Note: (communication from the COR already to aid in our responses)

4. Will the government accept the use of the industry leading Procore Project Management software as the primary submittal and data tracking tool for this project? The software is compatible with the VA's networks and is currently in use at many VA locations.  
**VA's response:** ProCore is acceptable the VA OIT
5. Is the VA expecting to have the same Fire alarm, Fire sprinkler servicers and systems already on site to incorporate these two facilities as well?  
**Response:** yes. Fire alarm is Notifier. Sprinkler services monitored by Koorsen vai the fire alarm panel. Koorsen is under a service contract and could change at any time.
6. If so, what is the name and contact information of the person or persons that will need to be coordinated with for security/ fire alarm and suppression systems work?  
**Response:** Koorsen, but could change.
7. Are there any other systems that will tie in with the rest of the systems in the existing buildings. Ex. HVAC controls, Nurse calls, Intercoms, security surveillance etc?  
**Response:** yes, Nurse call and security via the new fiber.  
The HVAC will be tied into the existing control system via a data outlet connected to the new fiber per specification 23 0923 and drawings TS-102 and T-601. BAS contractor to provide an IP address for the BAS system interface.
8. Will the VA cover costs for any material testing?  
**Response:** NO See specifications
9. Where will the temporary electrical come from?  
**Response:** Contractor is responsible for temporary electrical
10. Where will the comm come from?  
**Response:** see Addendum for TS101 and TS102 from Building 17/Bldg 1 as applicable.
11. What is the current energy management system?  
**VA Response:** Johnson Controls
12. Are all the "Green" requirement wither in materials and/ or equipment already specified on the Spec book or will the GC have to submit products to be approved?  
**Response:** The requirements are listed in section 01 81 13 Sustainable Construction Requirements and the sections referenced within that section.  
There is no requirement for the LEED documentation if that is what they are asking but they do need to submit the products listed as far a low VOC, recycled content, etc. as indicated in the section.  
Please also make sure they see 01 74 19- Construction Waste Management
13. We understand that the designers have used "green house" and "small home" patient centered care concepts. Could the VA provide the specific articles/specifications that were used for these designs? If the specs are located in the technology information library, please give the title of the documents.

**VA's Response:** The "Small Home Design Guide" is located on the technical information library.

14. Please confirm that the same Qualified SSHO can also act as the Superintendent, and that the Project Manager can operate via Emails & Phone calls with progress-review site visits?

**Response for David to determine:** As I read the FAR Clause the super can be one and the same as long as they meet the following requirements

**1.7 "SITE SAFETY AND HEALTH OFFICER" (SSHO) AND "COMPETENT PERSON" (CP) :**

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The SSHO or an equally-qualified Designated Representative/alternate will maintain a presence on the site during construction operations in accordance with FAR Clause 52.236-6: *Superintendence by the Contractor*. CPs will maintain presence during their construction activities in accordance with above mentioned clause. A listing of the designated SSHO and all known CPs shall be submitted prior to the start of work as part of the APP with the training documentation and/or AHA as listed in Article 1.8 below.

**1.8.A**

The designated Prime Contractor SSHO must meet the requirements of all applicable OSHA standards and be capable (through training, experience, and qualifications) of ensuring that the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.16 and other appropriate Federal, State and local requirements are met for the project. As a minimum the SSHO must have completed the OSHA 30-hour Construction Safety class and have five (5) years of construction industry safety experience or three (3) years if he/she possesses a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) or certified Construction Safety and Health Technician (CSHT) certification or have a safety and health degree from an accredited university or college.

15. On alternate two, the description is to seed area where new foundation and concrete structures would have been. Please confirm if the GC will clear and grub then infill and after seed the area where the foundation pad and parking lots would have been?

**Response:** YES. IF DEDUCT ALTERNATE #2 IS SELECTED, PAD FOR BUILDING 202 SHALL BE GRADED AND SLOPED TO DRAIN. AREA SHALL BE STABILIZED WITH PERMANENT SEEDING.

**ALTERNATE DEDUCT #2**

CONTRACTOR SHALL GRADE AND PROVIDE PAD FOR BUILDING #202. PAD SHALL BE CROWNED AT THE MIDDLE AND SLOPED AT 1.00% TO PROVIDE POSITIVE DRAINAGE.

16. Will the storm drainage be modified on Alternate #2 to exclude inlets or piping going to and around building #202? **Response:** ALL STORM SEWER SHOWN ON THE PLAN IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BASE BID. THE ONLY UTILITY ITEMS INCLUDED IN THIS DEDUCT IS TO STUB UTILITIES TO 5' OF THE BUILDING AND CAP/MARK.

**ALTERNATE DEDUCT #2**

CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE UTILITY SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO 5' FROM THE BUILDING. ALL UTILITY SERVICE CONNECTIONS SHALL BE CAPPED AND MARKED FOR FUTURE CONNECTIONS.

19. Reference Spec Section 26 05 41 2.1 C calls for a fiberglass ladder, which adds substantially to the cost. Drawing T-502 Manhole Detail calls for an aluminum ladder; which is to be provided? Is a standard galvanized steel ladder acceptable?

**Response:** NO, Fiberglass is preferred by the VA

20. **Clarification:** Water Softener: Duplex, capacity of 60,000 grains maximum to 40,000 grains minimum, 15 to 20 GPM flow, 20 psi max pressure drop, 2.0 cu ft resin, 5.0 gpm backwash, 1 ½" connections, 120 volt.

21. **Clarification regarding needing a handrail on the top of the retaining wall in the back of bldg 201:** Fabricate 1-1/2" diameter steel pipe railings and posts with welded joints. In addition to the dead load design, railing assembly to support live load of 200 pounds per lineal foot applied laterally to rail and 500 pounds point load applied anywhere vertically to top of rail.

All rail piping, components and fittings shall be hot-dipped galvanized G-90.7. Splice Connectors to be steel welding collars.

Apply two (2) coats of MPI 119 (Exterior Latex, High Gloss (acrylic) to galvanized metal. Finish color is white, submit color charts to VA COR and architect for selection.