

RFI Responses

ISSUE DATE: 2.14.18

PROJECT: Modernize SPS Elevators SE-3 & SE-4
Project No. 541-17-507
Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center – Wade Park
Cleveland, Ohio

ATTENTION: Mr. Adam Miller

Adam:

The following is in response to RFI's received during the Bidding process of the project stated above:

- 1) Please indicate on the drawings where the laydown / material area would be for this project and how far away from the elevators it is.
Response: There is no space other than the construction area guaranteed to the contractor.
- 2) Who is the incumbent Fire Alarm company, and can you provide a picture of the existing fire panel?
Response: Fire Alarm System is Notifier, No pictures will be provided.
- 3) Are the elevators running on a generator? If so, please provide the location of the ATS switch.
Response: Yes, elevators are on emergency power. Refer to partial one-line diagram for elevator power designations. Refer to drawing E-1.1 for ATS location.
- 4) Please clarify the work schedule. Is the 90 days calendar days or work days? Will the 90 days commence the day that the elevators are taken out of service and work begins on them?
Response: The solicitation, Page 5, is clear that the time frame is calendar days, and is broken down to 60 days for submittals and manufacturing of the elevators and 30 days for construction. A time extension can be entertained based upon the actual manufacturing timeframes of the elevator. The 30 calendar days allowed for construction are going to be strictly enforced to limit downtime of the elevators to 30 days. The existing elevators will not be allowed to be impacted prior to completion of all submittals and all manufacturing of the elevators. All construction activities are limited to this 30 day time period.
- 5) Can both elevators be renovated at the same time?
Response: Yes
- 6) Is this project Tax Exempt?
Response: Yes
- 7) Specifications 142500 request that the elevator speed will increase from 75 to 125 Feet Per Minute. It also states that the existing Jack is to be retained. Is the existing Jack large enough in size in order to accommodate the request for increased speed? What is the size of the existing jack?
Response: See Amendment #1 – Speed to remain 75 FPM

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- 8) Specifications 142500 request that the elevator speed will increase from 75 to 125 Feet Per Minute. This will most likely cause an increase in the Horse Power on the elevator pump units. Is the existing wiring to the Machine Room adequate to support the increased Horse Power required?

Response: See Amendment #1 – Speed to remain 75 FPM

- 9) The specification requires cladding of the existing entrance frames. Please confirm this finish is to be #4 satin Finish. Drawings indicate the existing Stainless Door Frames to be removed. Is it acceptable to clad over the existing stainless door frames without removing the stainless as it is part of the frame itself?

Response: Drawings indicate that the existing stainless steel on the frames is to be removed and replaced, implying that the frame substructure may remain and be reused but that the actual finished paneling needs to be provided new. Existing frames are dented and we question the ability to clad over the existing material and provide a finished look. We would prefer that the note be followed as written. The Elevator spec calls for a Type 304 Stainless Steel No. 4 Satin finish.

- 10) Do you require HEPA FILTERS on the project at all times?

Response: See specification 01 35 26. This site is to be a Class IV (4). All requirements listed in the specification are required.

- 11) Do you require Air Quality Monitoring?

Response: See specification 01 35 26. This site is to be a Class IV (4). All requirements listed in the specification are required.

- 12) Specifications 14250 request an Intercom System to be installed, please indicate what type.

Response: The system unit can be determined in field. COMM's need to be between elevators and machine rooms.

- 13) Does the existing VCT tile in the elevator contain asbestos?

Response: Existing VCT flooring appears to be of 12 x 12 type and is not known to contain hazardous materials.

- 14) Will the Alarm for the StanCorp Oil Minder be placed in the Machine room? Please provide location.

Response: Yes, it will be located in the machine room, but the final placement needs to be coordinated in field with new machine room equipment.

- 15) Do you require augmentation to the existing Sump pump holes in the elevator pits or can they be used with no augmentation to the existing concrete?

Response: Drawings indicate expansion of existing sump pits and have provided details for achieving same.

- 16) Has the HVAC been sized based on Heat Dissipations of the new Elevator Equipment?

Response: Yes.

- 17) Elevator code does not allow any HVAC equipment over the elevator equipment, please confirm the location of NEW HVAC is compliant.

Response: New elevator equipment layout is not finalized and shall be determined in field by the Elevator Contractor. HVAC Contractor shall coordinate new HVAC equipment location based on final Contractor-proposed elevator equipment plan.

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18) Do you require any sprinkler work?

Response: Per note 6 on M-1.1, existing sprinkler system shall remain and be protected during construction.

19) Does the GC have to provide a work trailer?

Response: No work trailers will be allowed.

20) Does the GC have to provide a dumpster?

Response: GC can choose to remove trash/construction debris as they deem necessary. VA will not be providing dumpsters.

21) Does the GC have to provide a container to store Equipment?

Response: VA will not dictate how the GC performs the work.

22) Do you require all the submittal drawings to be stamped by a licensed architect?

Response: No.

23) Please confirm overtime and weekend working hours are acceptable in order to meet the schedule.

Response: VA anticipates the contractor having to work two shifts to meet the schedule. Weekend work will need to be approved as needed.

24) On A-1.1 General note 13 and 14 calls for off hour removal of debris and noise restrictions due to owners daily activities. Should all work be bid for off hour performance? Are overtime and weekend working hours acceptable in order to meet the schedule?

Response: See response to Question #23.

25) Please confirm the specifications just want provisions in the controller for remote monitoring and not the actual remote monitoring system.

Response: Confirmed. This understanding is correct.

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