

RFIs for 36C257-18-Q-0546 Correct Inaccessible Dampers- Waco

Q1. At the site visit it was clarified that there really isn't any fire alarm/protection work required on these dampers. We are submitting this statement as an RFI. Please clarify that there is not any fire alarm/protection work required on the dampers in this project?

A1. There is no fire alarm/protection work required on the dampers in this project

Q2. In the Scope of Work, it states that the Contractor Qualifications shall be as follows:

- a. The contractor shall have on staff with licenses and technical professional qualifications in fire protection discipline or has passed the principals and practices examinations in fire protection or maintains a current license in fire protection engineering.
- b. The contractor shall have a minimum of four years of experience in application and interpretation of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards and the model building codes, four years of experience reviewing fire & smoke damper systems, four years' experience in health care facilities and two years' experience in acceptance test of fire protection systems.

Because there really isn't any fire alarm/protection work to be performed on the dampers in this project, is it necessary for the contractor to have a license in fire protection engineering? Would the VA be amenable to changing the license requirement to a mechanical license because it would have a significant impact on reducing the bid amount if we don't need to have a fire protection license?

A2. Yes, license requirement changed to a mechanical license.

Q3. Please provide VA Spec Sections "01 00 00 - General Requirements" and "01 35 26 - Government Safety Requirements" pertaining to this project.

A3. Please find all VA standards in the VA Technical information library.

Q4. Please provide all the VA Specs listed in the "Requirements".

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Q5. How long (calendar days) do we need to hold our pricing/bid bond?

A5. 90 calendar days

Q6. What will the required ICRA level be for the project?

A6. Class 1

Q7. Are all RFI questions and answers released under the original solicitation still in effect for the re-issued solicitation 36C25718Q0546?

A7. Yes, the responses are the same.

Q8. What is/are the brand name and specs of the fire control panel(s) that the dampers tie into and where are they located?

A8. Brand Name unknown. Each building has its own panel which reports to the main panel at the energy center

Q9. Are the current dampers tied into a building data automation system (such as for example a Siemens or Johnson controls system)?

A9. Yes

Q10. Please provide all mechanical drawings associated with the damper locations in question.

A10. All drawings were uploaded with the solicitation

Q11. Please provide any Asbestos Survey information for the areas covered by this scope of work.

A11. Buildings have been abated and not expected to encounter Asbestos.

Q12. Will the contractor be required to provide Asbestos abatement or remediation as part of the base bid in the event ACM is found?

A12. No abatement has been foreseen with this project.

Q13. Please provide any Lead Based Paint Survey information for the areas covered by this scope of work.

A13. No contact with lead based paint is expected.

Q14. Will the contractor be required to provide and Lead Based Paint abatement or remediation as part of the base bid in the event LBP is found?

A14. Not that we're aware of.

Q15. Will any part of this scope of work require integration to the Fire Alarm system?

A15. If Fire Damper is connected to existing Fire Alarm System, Yes it need to be reconnected after inspection/testing.

Q16. Please confirm the Fire Alarm System for this campus is Simplex Grinnell.

A16. Yes

Q17. Will any changes to the existing dampers be required due to code changes since the dampers were originally installed?

A17. All dampers must comply with NFPA 80 and EC.02.03.05 item 18

Q18. Which dampers will require shaft extensions as listed in item 6 of the "Requirements".

A18. DWG and list of dampers do not call or mention shaft extensions.

Q19. Please confirm that the intent of this project is to: Locate and make the dampers accessible, inspect existing dampers, repair dampers if required and possible, if repairs will not pass inspection then replace the affected damper; in that order.

A19. Confirm!

Q20. Please provide the ICRA requirements for working in occupied spaces on this campus, IE: Class 1, 2, 3, 4.

A20. Class 1

Q21. Please provide the specs for any surface mounted access doors required to gain access to the fire damper locations.

A21. Contractor must evaluate actual dampers and provide access doors as per NFPA 80 and EC.02.03.05 item 18.

Q22. Will the contractor be required to paint any surface mounted access doors installed under this contract, if so please provide the paint specification?

A22. Access doors shall be painted is place in rooms or corridors to current paint colors.