

Huntington VAMC-Western West Virginia Questions and Answers

1Q. SOW states Bid Item II should delete commissioning of HVAC, thereby implying commissioning of HVAC should be included in the base bid. However Spec 01_91_00 1.8C states the commissioning agent is appointed by VAMC. It further clarifies “The VA shall engage a CxA under a separate contract.” Will VA contract directly with a commissioning agent for all commissioning activities on this project?

1A. Contractor has commissioning responsibilities as indicated in 01_91_00 1.8.B. General Commissioning Requirements.

2Q. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?

2A. The project is not sales tax exempt.

3Q. Will the government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?

3A. Yes. Further instructions will be provided to the awarding contractor. Also see 01_00_00 General Requirements 1.5.B

4Q. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?

4A. Contractor’s personal vehicle parking will be at the furthest point away from the medical center, namely in the northeast corner of PL3. Preferred parking is not provided. Up to 2 work vehicles needed at the construction site will be coordinated with the COR.

5Q. Will the government accept Procore Project Management software as the primary submittal and data tracking tool for this project?

5A. Yes.

6.Q. Does the government have a fire alarm servicer they currently work with? What is the name and contact information of the person/s that will need to be coordinated with for security and fire alarm and suppression systems work and/or disruptions?

6A. Yes. Coordinate all work with existing systems to be disrupted through the COR.

7Q. During construction in an area where the ceilings or fire suppression system will be disrupted, will NFPA 241 apply? Will the government require additional security measures beyond NFPA code such as fire watch, temporary fire alarms, adjustments to sprinkler heads etc?

7A. NFPA applies, as well as may be detailed within technical specifications. Additional security measures may be applicable as required and detailed per the technical specifications. Normally, VA does not deactivate the fire alarm systems while work is being accomplished unless draining sprinkler systems for relocating a head. It is expected to never leave a fire alarm system inoperative beyond normal work hours, so a fire watch would naturally only apply during permitted hot work operations.

8Q. Has the work area been checked for asbestos?

8A. Yes, the AE also had CIH duties. See specifications and drawings. No asbestos was found.

9Q. What is the government policy if asbestos products are encountered during construction?

9A. Secure site and contact COR immediately. Refer to 01_35_26 Safety Requirements. Refer to 01_57_19 Temporary Environmental Controls.

10Q. Does the government currently have a third party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?

10A. VA retained a CIH through the AE to evaluate site prior to construction. Bid the project per the plans and specifications. Refer to 02_83_33.13 Lead Based Paint Removal and Disposal. Refer to 01_35_26 Safety Requirements. Refer to 01_45_29 Testing Laboratory Services. Refer to 01_57_19 Temporary Environmental Controls.

11Q. Who is responsible for utility locations?

11A. The contractor is required to locate all items that are shown on the plans and specifications. If additional verification is needed for work, coordinate with COR.

12Q. Due to current potentially significant tariffs being placed on the importation of building materials such as wood or steel by the current Presidential Executive Branch, if a tariff is placed after bid time and before award will the government consider a price escalation on a contract value for those product should an increase be effected?

12A. Bid the project per the plans and specifications.

13Q. Describe any and all tasks that may be required for this project as it relates to infectious control?

13A. Bid the project per specifications and drawings. Reference also 01_35_26, Safety Requirements 1.12 Infection Control. Refer to 01_57_19 Temporary Environmental Controls.

14Q. Attachment 3D drawings Group 2 unable to download from Fedbiz.gov?

14A. Documents are all available on FedBiz; if you are having issues contact FedBiz for resolution.