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RFI NBR	Question Response	Company Submitted By	Dated Received
1.	As an 8(a) and SDVOSB contractor, our company regularly reviews and responds to federal government solicitations that we are qualified for via our small business certifications. Our experience is that federal agencies require all certifications to be valid and current (i.e., registered in SAM) as of the contract award date; however, we have found that this solicitation requires our certifications to be valid as of the response date. As we are a small business, we require a Joint Venture partner to meet the requirements of this Design/Build solicitation, but the timetable for finalizing the CVE certification (to meet the VA's SDVOSB requirement) would exceed a response date submission deadline (even though we started the process earlier this month, we do not control the approval speed once the federal government has our paperwork). Would the VA consider amending this solicitation to allow for certifications being finalized prior to the award date?	Raymond Engineering	March 15, 2018
	<p>VA Response: <u>Pursuant to VAAR 804.1103-70 Vendor Information Pages database.</u></p> <p>All service-disabled Veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) and Veteran-owned small businesses (VOSBs) participating in the Veterans First Contracting Program must be listed as verified in the Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database at https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/ at the time of submission of offer/quote to receive contract awards under the Veterans First Contracting Program. Contracting officers shall check the VIP database before evaluating offers or quotes and before making awards to confirm an offeror's status as a verified SDVOSB or VOSB. Contracting officers shall continue to consult the System for Award Management (SAM) to verify the contractor has represented it meets the size standard for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code applicable to the acquisition, per <u>FAR 4.1103</u></p>		
2.	Reference A.2 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INFORMATION, Item 2. (b), (2) sub-factor 2(b): Please confirm that this entire section has a total of a 20-page limitation when combined with section (f), the A-E SF330s.	Jarrett Construction	March 20, 2018
	VA Response: VA Response: Sub-factor (a) (10 pages), sub-factor (b) (10 Pages) and (f) (10 Pages) total 30 pages.		
3.	The SF1442 states that a Bid Guarantee is required. Please confirm that a Bid Guarantee is not required until Phase 2 submission.	Jarrett Construction	March 20, 2018
	VA Response: Required in Phase 2.		
4.	Representations and Certifications are issued under 3.1 52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications (Jan 2018). However, the list of items to include in Phase I under > A.2 Proposal Preparation	Jarrett Construction	March 20, 2018

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	Information > 1. Two-Phase Design-Build Selection Evaluation Procedures > C. Phase I Proposal Preparation Instructions does not list Representations and Certifications. Please confirm that Representations and Certifications are required for Phase I and designate where they should be placed in Tabs A through E within the Technical Proposal.		
	VA Response: Tab A.		
5.	Please confirm the due date and time for Phase 1 of the proposal is April 23, 2018 at 1 PM . The original SF 1442, Box 13A states we should “Refer to A1” for the proposal due date. A.1 General Proposal Information – Design Build > 6. Design (DB) Proposal Due Date states the proposal is due April 23, 2018 at 1 PM. However, Amendment 1 conflicts with this date as the revised block 13A to states the proposal is due at 1400 (hour) local on 6 April 2018.	Jarrett Construction	March 20, 2018
	VA Response: Phase 1 proposal is due April 23, 2018 at 1PM.		
6.	Please confirm that the locations noted below are also acceptable locations for the design build parking garage. a. Surface Parking Lot by the elevated water tower (70). b. Surface Parking Lot to the West of the area noted for the “New Parking Garage” c. VA Surface Parking Lot at the corner of NW 14 th Ave. & NW 17 th St. (new surface parking lot across the street from the VA Medical Center	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: Locations accepted will be A and B		
7.	Please confirm the future design capacity of the parking garage to be 500 to 600 spaces.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: Yes because of future expansion		
8.	Please confirm the design shall include a basic car counter system with an electronic sign that notes the number of available spaces and notes when the garage is full.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: Please add as a deduct alternate		
9.	Please confirm that the VA will provide the staging area/areas requested for the construction of the project as long as the requested staging areas are justified and reasonable.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: Yes		
10.	Please confirm that the property across the street will be an	Jarrett	March 28,

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	acceptable location and that the contractor will not need to submit for approval the plans for the new parking garage to the apartment/condo owners or the City for approval.	Construction	2018
	VA Response: Not Applicable		
11.	Please provide the as-built/record drawings for the utility systems located within the surface parking lots to the west of the main hospital and north and west of the fisher house along with the as-builts for the new surface parking lot across the street from the VA.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: It will be provided if it is available		
12.	Please confirm that areas which have a fall risk of over 8 ft shall be provided with a fencing system to eliminate the fall risks associated with the various openings within the garage and limit a fall to less than 8 ft to the ground or a hard surface.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: from 2 nd floor and above suicide prevention fencing		
13.	The solicitation documents note a requirement for access control and PIV readers. Please confirm that the design shall not include an access control system or advise on how the access control shall be incorporated into the design.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: Please add as a deduct alternate		
14.	Will there be any SCID Van Accessible parking on the first level of the garage?	AKEA	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: No		
15.	Will there be any Handicapped Parking in the Garage?	AKEA	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: No		
16.	The Solicitation states that a Bid Bond is required. What are the specific limits required in the bid bond?	AKEA	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Provide only in Phase II if invented		
17.	The solicitation states that the garage shall be expandable. How many net additional spaces are required for that expansion phase?	AKEA	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Between 200 to 300 spaces		
18.	What would be the maximum height or number of levels anticipated or allowable for the final completed garage after the garage expansion is complete?	AKEA	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: No preference		
19.	Has a contractor performed similar work to this for the government in the past? If available, please provide the incumbent contract number.	Justin Ferguson	March 29, 2018
	VA Response: MILICON 561-632-6224 Project was employee parking lot at the VA Miami		

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20.	If you are unable to provide a contract number, is it safe to assume this is a new requirement for the government?	Justin Ferguson	March 28, 2018
	VA Response: This is a new requirement for the VA Miami		
21.	Are there any as built available of the existing site showing above and underground utilities?	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: See attached		
22.	Can VA provide a copy of the geotechnical investigation reports previously performed for the existing VA development?	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Yes, upon contract award		
23.	Has there been a site investigation performed? If yes, can the same be provided? VA Response: Actual site of garage TBD	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018
24.	Are there any known environmental issues within VA property and in close proximity to the project site?	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: None currently known		
25.	Is VA considering in the budget for contingencies and dedicated allowances (e.g. permit fees and other soft costs)?	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Some contingency is considered		
26.	Considering that this is a federal facility, can you please indicate the local permitting agencies that will be required for this project?	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: None		
27.	Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?	Hernandez Consulting	April 9, 2018

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		Construction	
	VA Response: No		
28.	Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Yes		
29.	Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Yes, this will be arranged upon NTP, so there is enough worker parking		
30.	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.	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: This will be discussed along with other project requirements at the project kick off meeting		
31.	Does the Government have a fire alarm servicer that they currently work with? What is the name and contact information of the person or persons that will need to be coordinated with for security and fire alarm and suppression systems work and/or disruptions?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: This will be discussed along with other project requirements at the project kick off meeting		
32.	Does the Government currently have a 3 rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Contractor can hire 3 rd party testing firm as long as the firm is accepted by the VA Miami		
33.	Who is responsible for the utility locations?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Contracting Firm		

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34.	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 products such as steel or wood should the executive branch levee tariffs effecting such materials? Most of these materials would still have been Buy American compliant as the tariffs would increase pricing on all steel or wood materials, regardless of origin.	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: This is all speculation at this point. The contract arrangement is a firm fixed price (FFP) and no adjustments will be allowed		
35.	During the site visit it was said that the parking garage needs to be expandable by adding floors up to 250-350 more parking spaces. Does the VA have an exact number of spaces it would like the ability to expand to?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Between 200 to 300 spaces		
36.	Can the VA clearly delineate all the possible garage locations the VA will consider? Three were shown during the site visit walk but the one circled in the solicitation was not one of them.	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Locations accepted will be A and B		
37.	Will the VA provide Geotech reports for all proposed locations?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: It will be provided if it is available		
38.	Does the VA want screening including in the design for suicide prevention?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: From 2nd floor and above suicide prevention fencing		
39.	Will the VA consider a sky bridge over NW 14 th Avenue if the parking garage is built at the furthest away surface lot?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018

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	VA Response: Please add as an alternate		
40.	Can the VA confirm how many levels they would want added in this first phase above the ground floor? Solicitation says 2-4 floors but in the site, visit 2-3 was called out.	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Per site visit		
41.	What is the VA's not to exceed budget for design and construction?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: The magnitude is between \$5M and \$10M.		
42.	Are we allowed to make curb cuts and a new entrance into the parking garage from NW 14 th Avenue or must all traffic still flow through current main gates?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: To be addressed by VA Police		
43.	Does the VA want an automated counter system to know how many spots are open?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: TBD		
44.	Does the VA want the parking spots numbered in a particular way?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: TBD		
45.	For Factor 4 it is asked for an approach to construction safety and infection control. Is infection control necessary since the parking garage will be on the exterior of the hospital?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Generally, no, however if site dust / dirt becomes an issue, then ICRA may go into effect		
46.	If we have a teaming arrangement in place with an expert A/E team, should we include their Safety/EMR information in Factor 4?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	VA Response: Yes		