

**Request for Information (RFI) Tracking Log****Solicitation: 36C4818R0248****Project: 546-129****Title: Design Build Construct 250 Space Expandable Parking Garage– Miami VA****Revised 4-16-18**

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 <b>response</b> 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
	<b>VA Response: <u>Pursuant to VAAR 804.1103-70 Vendor Information Pages database.</u></b>  All service-disabled Veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) and Veteran-owned small businesses (VOSBs) participating in the Veterans First Contracting Program <b>must be listed as verified in the Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database at <a href="https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/">https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/</a> at the time of submission of offer/quote</b> 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>		
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

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	<b>VA Response:</b> 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
	<b>VA Response:</b> 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 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.	Jarrett Construction	March 20, 2018
	<b>VA Response:</b> Reference para 3.1 (d) which states “The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the SAM Web site accessed through <a href="https://www.acquisition.gov">https://www.acquisition.gov</a> . If there are any changes to this then add under Tab A.		
5.	Please confirm the due date and time for <b>Phase 1</b> of the proposal is <b>April 23, 2018 at 1 PM</b> . 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 28, 2018
	<b>VA Response:</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Ave. & NW 17 <sup>th</sup> St. (new surface parking lot across the street from the VA Medical	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018

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	Center		
	<b>VA Response: Locations accepted will be A and B</b>		
7.	Please confirm the future design capacity of the parking garage to be 500 to 600 spaces.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	<b>VA Response: Yes</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: Please add as a deduct alternate</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: Yes</b>		
10.	Please confirm that the property across the street will be an 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.	Jarrett Construction	March 28, 2018
	<b>VA Response: Not Applicable</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: It will be provided if it is available</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: from 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and above suicide prevention fencing</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: Please add as a deduct alternate</b>		
14.	Will there be any SCID Van Accessible parking on the first level of the garage?	AKEA	April 9, 2018

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	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 invited		
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: Project number was 546-125 and was a minor. Project was employee parking lot at the VA Miami		
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 29, 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?	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018

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	<b>VA Response: Actual site of garage TBD</b>		
24.	Are there any known environmental issues within VA property and in close proximity to the project site?	KMK Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: None currently known</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: Some contingency is considered</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: None</b>		
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 Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: No</b>		
28.	Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: Yes</b>		
29.	Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: Yes, this will be arranged upon NTP, so there is enough worker parking</b>		
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	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018

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	VA's networks and is currently in use at many VA locations.		
	<b>VA Response: This will be discussed along with other project requirements at the project kick off meeting</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: This will be discussed along with other project requirements at the project kick off meeting</b>		
32.	Does the Government currently have a 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
	<b>VA Response: Contractor can hire 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing firm as long as the firm is accepted by the VA Miami</b>		
33.	Who is responsible for the utility locations?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: Contracting Firm</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: This is all speculation at this point. The contract arrangement is a firm fixed price (FFP) and no adjustments will be allowed.</b>		
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

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	<b>VA Response: Between 200 to 300 spaces</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: Locations accepted will be A and B</b>		
37.	Will the VA provide Geotech reports for all proposed locations?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: It will be provided if it is available</b>		
38.	Does the VA want screening including in the design for suicide prevention?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: From 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and above suicide prevention fencing</b>		
39.	Will the VA consider a sky bridge over NW 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue if the parking garage is built at the furthest away surface lot?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 16, 2018
	<b>VA Response: No</b>		
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
	<b>VA Response: Per site visit</b>		
41.	What is the VA's not exceed budget for design and construction?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: The magnitude is between \$5M and \$10M.</b>		
42.	Are we allowed to make curb cuts and a new entrance into the parking garage from NW 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue or must all traffic still flow through current main gates?	Hernandez Consulting Construction	April 9, 2018
	<b>VA Response: To be addressed by VA Police</b>		
43.	Does the VA want an automated counter system to know how	Hernandez	April 9,

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	many spots are open?	Consulting Construction	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. Also include any teaming arrangement. The VA expects that if the company is selected for award based upon technical evaluations, the original teaming arrangements shall remain in place with the prime. If there is a replacement, then this must be submitted for review and approval.		