

VA701-12-R-0108 Amendment A00004 – ATTACHMENT 4:

FAYETTEVILLE SOLAR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Can you please provide me the viewing of the site drawings as instructed in your RFP? We are trying to bid on the carport solar canopy project.

ANSWER: Drawing are included as part of amendment package for reference only. Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project.

2. Regarding this solicitation, can you provide a single-line diagram for the facility? Please include the number and location of utility meters and the usage of each meter.

ANSWER: Utility meters are located on SWEPCO's side of the two Woolsey street metering points. These are used for billing. Drawing are included as part of amendment package for reference only. Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project.

3. Please also provide the maximum size solar systems that are able to be installed at the two sites taking into consideration the current net metering laws.

ANSWER: This system will not be net metered. Connection to the utility will be made under their rules for Distributed Generation. Site 2 is deleted from the scope of work.

4. Regarding this solicitation, do you have any soil boring samples or other geotechnical information for the site that is available for review? This information will help determine structural design for the solar canopy. Thank you.

ANSWER: Drawing are included as part of amendment package for reference only Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project. Designers should expect to take soil samples in the areas where canopies are installed for an accurate design.

5. It is our understanding that a portion of Site 2 is actually leased by the VA from a private owner. How much of the leased space is included in this project? What is the term of the lease and how many years are left on the lease? Does the lease with the Owner allow for construction by third parties?

ANSWER: Site 2 is deleted from the scope of work.

6. Do the 855 panels stated on page 145 include or not include the northern most parking areas outlined in red on Feasibility page 29? Is that area to be covered or not?

ANSWER: Reference pg 29 of App C – Feasibility Study. The parking lot to the north is excluded from the scope. (Note that the Feasibility Study is included in the solicitation for reference only and does not dictate any features of the scope of work. Limits of the PV area are bound by the areas indicated in App B Table and Figure.)

7. Is the intent of the distribution of power from the PV panels to provide power to the single building served by the transformer, or are we putting excess capacity back on the utility grid or providing extra capacity back to the main campus?

ANSWER: All energy generated should be consumed on site. See response to Q3.

8. Item 11 under the heading "The Contractor Shall" states - PV modules shall have minimum 25-year limited warranty that modules will generate no less than 80% of rated output under Standard Test Conditions (STC). PV modules that do not satisfy this warranty condition for any reason shall be replaced within two (2) weeks. Warranties on any replacement PV modules shall be for 20 years from date of replacement. The respective shippers shall prepay shipping costs in each direction. Panels shall be part on the CEC list of approved modules.

ANSWER: See Response to Q9.

9. Item 12 states that - All PV systems shall carry a five-year warranty from both the manufacturer and the installer, including parts and labor. Warranty shall start on the date of Substantial Completion.

- a. Is the Prime Contractor to furnish a 5 year or a 20 year warranty?
- b. Is the Prime contractor to furnish a warranty that the 80% efficiency will be maintained for 5 years or 20 years?

ANSWER: The successful offeror shall provide a 5-year warranty that covers the entire PV installation and includes all material and labor. Beyond the 5-year warranty, the PV modules shall be warranted for 25 years per conditions as described in the Statement of Work. (Modules replaced under warranty shall be warranted for another 20 years from the date of replacement.)

10. What are the requirements for providing any preliminary drawings for the proposal of this project if any? I know there is a list of required drawings under Appendix A para 2.3 Description of Work but under Appendix E, II, VOL I, 5, E states for a one line diagram of the proposed system. We just want to make sure that a one line diagram is all that is required for the proposal so we do not leave anything out.

ANSWER: All proposal elements defined in the RFP area expected in the offerors proposal.

11. The solicitation notes the proposed system size of 100 KW (DC rating) Minimum for all combined sites. From the project's scope of work, project overview, bold note under Figure 1, page 1/6: **NOTE: Contractors shall propose a minimum system size of 100 kW (DC) for all sites combined.** Our question is: Is the base bid for Item 0001, lot 9, to be design for 100KW (DC)? Is the system size for bid item 0002, site 2, parking lots 15, 17, 18, & 20 also to be sized for 100KW (DC)?

ANSWER: 100kW is the minimum size PV system that will be considered. Site 2 is deleted from the scope of work. However, the offerors are encouraged to offer larger systems in an overall project package that provides the best value. Award will be based on best value to the Government and each proposal will be evaluated based on the factors indicated in the solicitation.

12. Are there any available site utility drawing available for both sites 1 & 2, which will show approximate location of underground utilities, i.e., domestic water, steam and condensate, primary electrical service, chilled water, telephone/data, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, cable TV, etc. If they are available can these be posted on the FBO document site?

ANSWER: See Response to Q1. Site 2 is deleted from the scope of work.

13. Can we get copies of the existing service entrance gear (electrical 13.2KV/12,470 line up)?

ANSWER: See Response to Q1.

14. Can you provide a contact information for your SWEPCO service representative?

ANSWER:

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15. Can you provide a contact person for Schneider Electric who has knowledge of the existing national metering system currently installed?

ANSWER: Schneider Electric Phone No – 615-287-3500

16. Can you provide any information on the facilities electrical coordination study which would indicate the available fault current at the service entrance equipment?

ANSWER: Due to the changes to the electrical system during the construction of the Major Project (Clinical Addition) all previous studies are void. Contractor is scheduled to provide a new study in October 2012.

17. Can we obtain any single line drawings from the local utility company SWEPCO which will show their feeder identification and approximate routing of the primary service or services?

ANSWER: Contractor may field survey the site to identify the location of two Woolsey Street metering points.

18. Can we get any information on the existing 13.2 (12,470) gear?

ANSWER: Drawing are included as part of amendment package for reference only. Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project.

19. Lighting. What are the desired lumens during both phases – full lighting and reduced lighting? What are the expectations of the motion sensing lighting? Do all lights turn bright when someone is detected in the parking area or just a small area where the individual may be?
ANSWER: Refer to VA Electrical Design Manual for the required maintained lumen levels. Lights within 25 feet of detected motion shall cause the light fixture to go to full brightness. Reduced light level shall vary field adjustment from 80% to 20%.
20. kWh delivery. What is the timeframe the kWh delivery will be measured over for performance of the system?
ANSWER: One year from date of acceptance.
21. Please specify the VA review timeframes for design and engineering to be included in our construction schedule.
ANSWER: See Revised SOW section 3.0
22. Is local permitting required? Sometimes it is not required on Federal property.
ANSWER: No.
23. Is there a plan to redirect VA Hospital visitors for parking during construction?
ANSWER: The successful offeror shall submit a plan for approval prior to construction. Refer to revised SOW section 2.4.
24. Is a Geotechnical report available for the soil conditions at the project site?
ANSWER: See Response to Q4.
25. **Feasibility Study, Paragraph 5.6 DATA COLLECTION**, Electrical Systems refers to electrical one-electrical diagrams provided to the NOVI team for their site visit. Will VA provide those diagrams for proposal purposes?
ANSWER: See Response to Q1.
26. **2.0 Statement of Work: Metering System** shall, last bullet. It is our understanding that the contractor for the national system was previously selected. Should portions of this bullet be deleted?
ANSWER: Refer to revised Statement of Work.
27. **2.0 Statement of Work, The Contractor shall: item number 4.** Please provide a qualitative/quantitative description for assist the VA Center energy engineer to apply for....
ANSWER: Coordinate process through SWEPCO. See response to No. 14.

28. 2.0 Statement of Work 5th Paragraph last sentence; Should the last sentence refer to a sub meter for each site as opposed to a main meter for each site?

ANSWER: Each site will receive a main meter.

29. Are there spare conduits within the existing transformers?

ANSWER: Unknown. Contractor must assume no spare conduits are present for those that be cannot field verified.

30. How much spare capacity is available for the existing transformers?

ANSWER: Unknown. Contractor shall assume none for design unless loading can be field verified.

31. Where the documentation lists, "Contractors shall propose a minimum system size of 100kW (DC) for all sites combined," does it mean we should propose one bid as 100 kW for all sites combined and then another bid for a larger overall system size that we feel would reasonably and optimally fit? Or will our larger, optimum system size suffice?

ANSWER: See Response to Q11.

32. Is a soil or hydrology study necessary?

ANSWER: As the Designer of Record, the contractor will be responsible for determining what analysis will be necessary for a properly engineered structure. Additionally, the successful offeror is required to comply with all applicable VA design standards. (Ref SOW 2.4 Technical Req.)

33. Can aluminum direct-bury cable be used or is wiring in conduit required?

ANSWER: No. Copper conductors only per VA specifications 26-05-13 and 26-05-21. Conduit is required for all cable. Medium voltage cables shall be enclosed in concrete encased conduits as per 26-05-41 ducts.

34. Will the PV system be completely grid-tied or net-metered?

ANSWER: This system will not be net metered. Connection to the utility will be made under their rules for Distributed Generation.

35. Can we provide an alternate form of production modeling, such as by using PVSyst, rather than PVWatts? We believe that PVSyst is a more accurate and reliable modeling platform, and will allow us as system designers to maximize the benefit to the VA through its use.

ANSWER: Use PVWatts to ensure all offerors are consistent in their production modeling approach.

36. Due to unforeseen conditions, we could not make it to the site visit. Can you confirm the equipment present at the interconnection for the two sites, called out on the site map?
ANSWER: Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project. Refer to drawings included with amendment.
37. During the site visit, it was mentioned that part of the northwest parking lot was under a lease and, therefore, not available for solar. Please provide a map indicating which area(s) are not available.
ANSWER: PV will be limited to areas indicated on the solicitation. Drawings are attached to amendment.
38. Are all inverters intended to interconnect in the Building 27 switchgear? Are individual breaker cubicles available for each of the 12.47kV interconnection points? Are these breakers already installed, or will the winning bidder furnish hardware to empty cubicles?
ANSWER: It is acceptable but not required to interconnect in building 27. Offeror must include breakers and related hardware in contract.
39. The 12.47kV conductor run lengths are given at 1196', 1396', and 1520', respectively. What percentage of these distances is in existing duct banks? Has the availability of spare ducts been verified?
ANSWER: Medium voltage conductors are in existing duct banks for full run. Spare ducts are intended for maintenance or expansion use and should not be used for this project.
40. Please provide a single-line diagram of the 12.47kV system.
ANSWER: Drawing is included in amendment package for reference only. Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project.
41. Please provide a site plan showing all manholes and duct banks between the inverter sites and the interconnection point.
ANSWER: Drawing is included in amendment package for reference only. Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project.
42. Please provide a power plan for Building 27.
ANSWER: Drawing is included in amendment package for reference only. Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project.

43. Please provide a roof framing plan for Building 44.

ANSWER: Panels will not be allowed on roof.

44. Appendix A, section 2.4 states the following: "The PV solar panel mounting structure shall be corrosion-resistant." Is there an ASTM standard that needs to be met or do we discuss what standard we plan to implement in the proposal?

ANSWER: Mounting structures are required to be corrosion resistant and the offeror should define how the product proposed meets this requirement. The offeror can convey how "corrosion resistance" adds value to his product in terms of meeting industry standards, reduced maintenance cost for the owner, additional guarantee against corrosion beyond the 5 year warranty period, etc.

45. Appendix A, section 2.4 states the following: "lighting shall be installed to suitably illuminate the covered parking areas during night time hours". Is there a lighting standard that should be met or do we discuss what standard we plan to implement in the proposal?

ANSWER: Reference the VA's Electrical Design Manual for appropriate light levels. (Note prescriptive requirement for bi-level lighting based on occupancy control. See response to Q19.)

46. Is Wi-Fi available on campus? If so, what signal type?

ANSWER: No.

47. Does the VA have a loading criteria specification or is ASCE 7 sufficient?

ANSWER: See response to Q33.

48. Are there as-built or electrical design drawings for Building 4 and the equipment adjacent to Site 2? After reviewing the site visit, this information is pertinent to the design/price this project.

ANSWER: Site 2 is deleted from the scope of work. Drawing is included in amendment package for reference only. (Note that drawings are limited in accuracy due to changes during various projects.) Offeror is responsible for field verifying any information deemed necessary for the successful design and construction of this project.

49. Can the VA provide contractors the single line drawings inclusive of 500KVA transformer and switchgear in Basement of Building 4 associated with SITE1 prior to proposal due date?

ANSWER: See response to Q48.

50. Can the VA provide contractors the single line drawings inclusive of 500KVA transformer and switchgear outdoor pad-mounted associated with SITE2 prior to the proposal due date?
ANSWER: See response to Q48.
51. Please confirm there is available space in basement of Building 4 associated with SITE 1 for possible 225KVA isolation transformer.
ANSWER: Space is very limited in building 4; no known space is available inside for any large equipment.
52. What is the KAIC rating of switchgears associated with SITE 1 and SITE 2?
ANSWER: Site 1 Building 4 50k AIC bussing with 42k AIC breakers. Site 2 is deleted from the scope of work.
53. Can the VA provide drawings showing existing underground utilities that may interfere with routing of power conductors from PV to AC tie-in points for SITE1 and SITE 2 prior to the proposal due date?
ANSWER: See response to Q1.
54. Can the canopy extend beyond the back of curb and over grass where there is room?
ANSWER: Marginal overlap can be tolerated. Extension beyond the curb should not extend beyond 2 feet. Minimum clearance requirements must be observed.
55. What expectation does the government have for training site personnel on system operation and maintenance?
ANSWER: Refer to revised SOW 4.1.11.1.d. After the O&M manuals and as-built drawings are approved, training for VA maintenance personnel shall be scheduled. Training shall include field demonstrations of relevant operation and maintenance items from the O&M manuals and other pertinent features.
56. For Site 1, would you please provide the specifications for the existing electrical gear in the electrical room? Specifically, make, model, age? Busbar size (Amps?), main breaker size(Amps?), voltage, Any known restrictions as far as tapping in on the line side (between the utility meter and the main breaker?)
ANSWER: Site 1 Building 4 50k AIC bussing with 42k AIC breakers. Two 800 amp main breakers. No existing utility metering is located at this site.

57. Is the electrical room drawing/sketch showing dimensions of existing gear, clearances and other dimensions available to allow us to determine whether additional electrical equipment (for solar system interconnection) can fit in this room or would need be placed elsewhere?
ANSWER: Space is very limited in building 4; no known space is available inside for any additional equipment. Design should include the proposed type, size and location of equipment required.
58. For site 1 interconnection, what are the utility transformer size (kVA) and primary and secondary voltages?
ANSWER: 500 kVA, 12,470/208 volts
59. Is there a minimum height-above-grade requirement for solar canopies at sites 1 and 2?
ANSWER: 11'-0" (Ref Sect. 2.4 Technical Requirements, 5th par.) Site 2 is deleted from the scope of work.
60. Can restriping any of the parking areas be considered in order to optimize the parking areas for solar?
ANSWER: Restriping will be considered in proposals if necessary to ensure the PV system has minimal impact on the number of existing parking spaces.
61. Will the unused transformer at Building 44 remain available as an interconnect point?
ANSWER: Yes, This transformer may be used but is not required to be used in the design.
62. Do the existing light poles have to stay in place as they are in the middle of the proposed solar structures? They will also cast a shadow over the PV system lowering its efficiency. May offerors propose an alternative lighting source in our design?
ANSWER: The successful offeror shall be responsible for removal of the light poles. (Gov shall have the option of retaining possession of the light poles.) The successful offeror will also be responsible for restoring exterior lighting to areas left without adequate light due to the removal of the light poles.
63. Taking into consideration the grade elevation of the parking lot by building 4, does the VA want the structures to be consistent in height to the elevation of the parking lot?
ANSWER: Yes. You may follow the grade elevation. We desire an aesthetically pleasing appearance. The slope should be averaged and not appear to be "connect the dots."
64. Can we suggest alternate areas or solar PV on the rooftop?
ANSWER: No.

65. Is there a geo tech report? If not, can we bore?

ANSWER: See response to Q4. Boring is permitted.

66. Can we be given details on the grading of parking lot steepness and/or drawings?

ANSWER: Sites will need to be topographically mapped by contractor.

67. Is there a plan for where electric, water or communication lines run under the parking lot?

ANSWER: See response to Q1.

68. What kind of latitude would we be given for a phasing plan where we do drilling and let concrete sit and then come back?

ANSWER: All work must be executed within the constraints of the RFP. Phasing plans will be permitted that are in conformance with the requirement in the SOW . Items affecting engineering must be approved by the engineer-of-record. Note that only 60 parking spaces can be taken out of service at one time. Features of work must be left in a condition to minimize hazards to the public.

69. Can we go into the dirt in the outer edges of the parking lot with columns/piers? Or can we have the VA lose some parking spots?

ANSWER: The offeror shall propose a design that minimizes impact to VA operations. Preserving parking spaces is a high priority. Pier columns can be located out of the parking area if the VA determines the location will not to interfere with future activities.

70. Can we propose bollards as opposed to concrete piers?

ANSWER: No.

71. Are there any areas where inverter noise or interference may be a concern toward hospital equipment?

ANSWER: Inverters shall be located such that the noise level caused by the inverter is no more than 60dB at the exterior of any occupied building. This is in addition to any other VA requirements for locating electrical equipment defined in the VA Electrical Design Manual, NFPA, Industry Criteria, etc.

72. What are the security and firewall provisions of the hospital network?

ANSWER: Outside connections are not allowed.

73. Please confirm the voltage of the desired POI to the VA electrical system

ANSWER: Design shall determine the best voltage. 208Y120 volt three phase serves most buildings. Medium voltage 12,470 volt provides the campus backbone.

74. Has the utility done an interconnection study?
ANSWER: Coordinate with the utility company for any requirements they may have. Contractor shall bear the cost of any utility co charges for the study. See response to Q14 for utility co. POC.
75. Are there any specific requirements to connect to the VA National Metering System?
ANSWER: See response to Q15 and revised SOW Section 2.3
76. Are there specs for the LED lighting?
ANSWER: LED Lighting shall conform to industry standards, VA specs, and design manuals. Control must meet the performance requirements of the RFP.
77. Can any of the equipment i.e.; combiners, disconnects be mounted to the carport structures?
ANSWER: Yes, but cabinets must not pose a safety hazard to the public, must be lockable, and must be accessible without a ladder.
78. Will we be required to install any bollards or wheel stops?
ANSWER: Only where necessary to properly protect the system/structure from traffic intrusion or other hazards.
79. What length of time is required for monitoring? Typically contracts are 3 to 5 years with the monitoring companies. Are there specific monitoring requirements?
ANSWER: Revised SOW section 2.3
80. Will all exposed conduit have to be painted to match carport structure, if yes what color?
ANSWER: Match carport structure, color is optional to the offeror. Color should remain aesthetically pleasing and congruent with rest of site.
81. Has a civil Topo report already been done for the site and is it available to the proposers?
ANSWER: No report done.
82. What interconnection shut down restrictions will be required?
ANSWER: Solar PV system will automatically disconnect if utility power is lost. System is required to meet all NFPA 70 requirements.
83. What minimum canopy height vehicle clearance is required?
ANSWER: See response to Q59.

84. Please verify that only the one small laydown areas on the east side is the only area available for laydown or superintendent office space?

ANSWER: The only laydown area available on site is the one shown on the site plan. The successful offeror will bear all necessary costs associated with offsite office space, storage, and staging.

85. Are there any other construction projects that may interfere with this project? If so what is the timing?

ANSWER: Yes, projects are always on going, therefore coordination and compromises will have to be made. The Woolsey Street landscaping improvements shall be considered. Construction of new parking deck near PV Site may impact minimally. Contractor is to incorporate this risk into their proposal, see attached drawings to amendment.

86. The proposal documents for Solicitation No. VA701-12-R-0108 specifically mention "joint ventures" several times but DO NOT address Teaming Agreements or any other type of partnership agreement. Please clarify if a Teaming Agreement between the primary SDVOSB contractor and a subcontractor will be recognized and accepted as the basis for a proposal, especially when the qualifications of one firm are used to balance the other. Will any of the Technical Evaluation for Past Performance and Company Experience allow for utilizing Primary Subcontractor Experience; or must all of the experience be required to be under the Prime Contractor?

ANSWER: Teaming arrangements are permitted in accordance with FAR 9.6: Contractor Team Arrangements. Offerors are reminded of the requirements for the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business set aside per VAAR 852.219-10 (RFP 4.12). Evaluation of the proposals will be done in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria stated in the solicitation (Appendix F). In addition, ensure that all offers include the required Project Organizational Chart and Narrative per Appendix E: Instructions to Offerors: Section II.I.4.B.

87. In Appendix E: Instructions to Offerors – Volume I Technical Proposal Requirements - Section 7. Past Performance (p. 6 of 7), it states "Contractor shall provide Past Performance information and descriptions of at least three (3) similar grid-tied photovoltaic systems installed in the last three (3) years (Attachment 3). Is Attachment 3 a document that needs to be submitted within the proposal to fulfill the requirements? If so, can you please provide Attachment 3.

ANSWER: Delete all references to "Attachment 3" in Appendix E: Instructions to Offerors: Section II.I.7. Proposals shall include all information required in regards to Past Performance references in a narrative format that addresses the requirements of Appendix E: Instructions to Offerors: Section II.I.7.

88. Our resumes and project reference sheets are off the shelf PDFs. Are those types of documents required to be reformatted meet the font and formatting specs in the RFP?

ANSWER: All proposals shall conform to the format requirements stated in Appendix E: Instructions to Offerors Section I, 1-2.

89. Will the contractor be responsible for state and local taxes? If so, what taxes, and what rate? Will we be required to include sales and use tax in our price?

ANSWER: Price proposals shall include all taxes (Reference FAR 52.229-3). It is the responsibility of the contractor to determine the applicable taxes and rates to include in their Firm-Fixed Price.

90. Can we get any additional clarity on the evaluation factors other than what is listed here?

ANSWER: Appendix F Section (b) lists a Description for each of the Evaluation Factors and Sub-Factors.

91. Does the VA intend for the projects in the Corporate Experience section to be different from the projects in the Past Performance Section pg. 6? What type of information is required for the projects under corporate experience?

ANSWER: Corporate Experience is the offeror's past relevant Solar PV projects completed and experience to provide the required planning, implementation and completion of the project on schedule. Past performance considers the quality of the offeror's past performance. The projects cited may be the same; however offeror's are encouraged to demonstrate their experience and performance on previous contracts of similar size and scope.

92. 2.AC ENERGY DELIVERY – Not quite sure what the VA expects the GC to include in this section, it talks about what we are pricing which our estimator will read to make sure he understands the scope of work. Does the VA want a narrative or is this just for information purposes? By the evaluation explanation it seems to be informative not required to submit any narrative, please clarify?

ANSWER: Volume I Technical Proposals will include a narrative that will explain how the offeror will design and build a technically superior system according to the specifications given in the RFP. Within that narrative, offeror's will detail the total AC energy delivery of the proposed system. Volume II Price Proposals will include the AC Energy Delivery as cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) produced. Offeror shall provide the guaranteed kilowatt hours (kWh) that the proposed system produces in the first year.

93. What exactly is the Buy American requirement for the Solar PV on this procurement?

ANSWER: Proposal's shall conform with Buy American Act requirements that are listed in the clauses and provisions indicated in the RFP. There are no certificates required to be submitted as this is not a purchase of a supply. Further clarification regarding Trade Agreements can be found in FAR 25.2 and VAAR 825.2.

94. What are the bonding requirements for this job, if any?

ANSWER: Performance and Payment Bonds are required for the contractor in accordance with FAR 52.228-15(b). The Penal Amount of Performance and Payment Bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price. A Bid Guarantee is

required with the offeror's proposal as well in accordance with RFP 2.7, FAR 52.228-1(c). The amount of the bid guarantee shall be 20 percent of the bid price or \$3,000,000.00, whichever is less.

95. What are the insurance requirements for this job?

ANSWER: RFP 4.6 and 4.7 list insurance requirements for performance of the contract.

96. Is there an onsite Key Personnel requirement?

ANSWER: Key Personnel whom hold positions that require onsite presence for contract performance will be onsite provided that the contractor conforms to FAR 52.236-6: Superintendence by the Contractor.

97. Can other teaming partner and/or subcontractors submit PPQs as well?

ANSWER: Past Performance questionnaires can be submitted on behalf of Prime or Subcontractors.

98. If Past History Performances are already on file with the VA within the last one to two years, do new Past History Performances need to be submitted?

ANSWER: Offerors are advised to submit Past Performance questionnaires to their references to return to the VA Contract Specialist for the Fayetteville Solar project. Past Performance information will be obtained via available means including but not limited to: Past Performance Questionnaires, CPARS/PPIRS and personal experience by contracting personnel with regards to the contractor. The VA cannot guarantee that it can obtain questionnaires that were submitted for previous procurements, thus it is recommended that contractors submit questionnaires to all references and ask that they reply specifically for the Fayetteville Solar project.

99. Is the Prime required to have a representative onsite at all times during construction?

ANSWER: Yes. Reference FAR 52.236-6 which is incorporated by reference to the solicitation.

100. Do engineers need to be onsite during construction? If so, at what frequency?

ANSWER: Yes, Engineers are required to be onsite as applicable to ensure successful performance of the contract.

101. Are second tier subcontractors authorized?

ANSWER: Yes, as long as the Prime Contractor is compliant with the limitations on subcontract In accordance with VAAR 852.219-10(c)(3).