

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)
VA-251-12-B-0121

PROJECT NUMBER:	515-313	Please ensure that before submitting questions or requests for clarification that you thoroughly read the solicitation, specifications, drawings and other pertinent documents. When submitting questions on this project the Government requires contractors to specifically identify the specification and/or solicitation section(s) or drawing number(s) in reference to the question or request for clarification submitted. No question or request for clarification will be answered by the Government unless the above requirements are met. Failure to comply may prevent the Government from responding in a timely manner.	
PROJECT TITLE:	Mental Health Renovation B7		
PROJECT LOCATION:	Department of Veterans Affairs Battle Creek VA Medical Center 5500 Armstrong Road Battle Creek, MI 49037		
SUBMITTED BY:	N/A	City/State:	N/A
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TO:

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RFI NO.: OHC 1	DATE: 8.16.12	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE:
REPLY NEEDED BY: ASAP		

INFORMATION NEEDED:

1. Page 8 of Solicitation states Contractor to pay for Background checks; please provide the cost for these processes.
2. Will the VA perform their own inspections? Are there any general building permit/inspection fees that the Contractor needs to carry?
3. Per Spec 02 82 13.13 Part 1.1.4 Paragraph B states to remove asbestos from existing steam and condensate piping. These pipes are not shown on the plan; please quantify the amount of ACM abatement that is required.
4. Is temporary fencing/barricading around the site required?
5. Will seed or sod be required at green belt areas?

REPLY:

1. See bidders Instructions starting on page 7 and ending on page 8 in the Solicitation document, which states the following: All contractor employees are subject to the same level of investigation as VA employees who have access to VA Sensitive Information. The level of background investigation commensurate with the level of access needed to perform the statement of work is: NACI, \$243.00 (Job Superintendent). This requirement is applicable to all subcontractor personnel requiring the same access. The contractor shall bear the expense of obtaining background investigations. If the investigation is conducted by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) through the VA, the contractor shall reimburse the VA within 30 days.
 - a. We expect that the Job Superintendent, will be the only person who will contain the level of risk be

elevated to need a NACI Level Background Investigation. This is why we only included the costs for the Job Superintendent. NACI Level Background Investigation or higher level security investigations have additional costs associated with them, as noted above.

- b. Other personnel may require some level of background check however we don't envision those checks to be at the level of NACI.
2. Each specification section lists the applicable quality assurance requirements of the Contractor. The costs for these measures are born by the Contractor and shall be included in the Contract Price. There is no general building permit requirement.
3. A supplemental site visit was held August 13, 2012 to allow Bidders the opportunity to review the extent of demolition work and determine the necessary levels of effort to complete the work. Approximate ACM quantities are noted in the attached Hazardous Materials Assessment dated August 19, 2009. Bidders are also referred to Paragraph 1.1.2 Extent of Work.
4. No, temporary fencing/barricading around the site is not required. The Contractor may, at Contractor's expense, utilize temporary construction fencing to facilitate his operations, subject to maintaining access as required for on-going use of the occupied portions of the building during the construction period.
5. Contractor has the option to use either sod or seed at green belt areas in accordance with Specification 32 90 00 Planting.

REPLY FROM:
George A. Granger III, FMS General Engineer, Battle Creek VA

DATE:
8-20-12

ATTACHMENTS:
B-7 Hazard Analysis Report.pdf

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