

RFIs for 36C257-18-R-0346 Design-Build Parking Garage Phase II- 2nd Set

Q1. Regarding the submission of the proposal, is it acceptable if the electronic e-mail copies be submitted prior to the November 8, 10:00 am deadline, and then the hard copies and electronic CD copies be submitted by overnight delivery by 10:00 am the following day, November 9? Considering pricing sometimes runs up to the last minute when receiving sub bids, this would allow the GC ample time to assemble the hard copy documents after finalizing the lump sum pricing.

A1. No, the electronic e-mail copy can be submitted prior to the November 8th deadline. However, the full Phase II Proposal both electronic and hard copies are due on or by November 8, 2018 at 10:00 AM CST.

Q2. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #10 where it states that “emergency power can be an add alternate.” Will a new A.1 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE be issued as the current one in the original solicitation only shows one (1) add alternate for an additional level?

A2. The Response to question #10 on the previous RFI questions (Amendment 0004) was in error. The correct response for the previous question and this question is as follows: The contractor shall follow the contract requirements, design requirements and the design guides as stated within the SOW.

Q3. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #21 & #22 concerning remote monitoring of systems such as fire alarm, security, etc. The answers for #21 and #22 are conflicting. The intent of Q21 was to find out if these systems had to be monitored by a location / system back at the main hospital building. Should the answer be yes, Q22 was intended to find out where exactly each one of these tie-in locations were in the main hospital building. If indeed systems such as fire alarm, etc. have to be tied back into the main hospital building, please advise which building and more specifically which room in that building.

A3. These systems shall be tied into the closest building. Exact room number will be the responsibility of the contractor to determine.

Q4. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #26 concerning VOIP phones and emergency security phones. Just to make sure we understand the answer correctly; the VA does not want any regular wall phones (VOIP) anywhere in the garage and they only want the 4 wireless emergency security phones. Correct? Or does the VA want 4 wall phones (VOIP) and 4 emergency security phones (Blue Flashing Light with Hands-Free Communication Once Activated)?

A4. No VOIP will be required. Emergency security phone are only required and one at each elevator location.

Q5. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #28 regarding CCTV. Please confirm that, based on the answer given in #28, the contractor is to only include boxes, pathways/conduit and ring/string for installation by others.

A5. The contractor will be required to provide and install the infrastructure for a CCTV system. Exact locations of cameras, conduit, power supply and etc. will be up to the Contractor to determine. This will include pull strings in the conduit.

Q6. Is the contractor to provide a pathway for the CCTV back to the main hospital building for remote monitoring of the CCTV system, and if so, to what specific location?

A6. These systems shall be routed to the closest building (Building 171).

Q7. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #31 where it states that tensile fabric sun shade on the top level can be an add alternate, will a new A.1 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE be issued as the current one in the original solicitation only shows one (1) add alternate for an additional level?

A7. See revised bid schedule

Q8. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #33 where it states that shuttle/bus stop can be an add alternate, will a new A.1 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE be issued as the current one in the original solicitation only shows one (1) add alternate for an additional level?

A8. See revised bid schedule

Q9. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #35 and #47 where it states that DWG drawings were to be issued with the amendment, no DWG drawings / files were attached. Please clarify.

A9. Please see the attachment labeled "Master Utility Plan"

Q10. Once the RFI's issued prior to the 9/27 deadline are answered, can we be provided 2 additional days to ask RFI's based on the answers we receive? More times than not responses will generate a follow-up question that is equally important.

A10. The VA will consider the request.

Q11. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #48 and #49, were the existing Barrack Building foundations removed along with the structure itself? How will any encountered unforeseen underground obstacles be handled during construction?

A11. Per FAR & VAAR Requirements. More specifically per differing site conditions sections.

Q12. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #55 regarding wire mesh on the ground level. Your answer stated there is no wire mesh on the ground level, yet the conceptual

rendering and structural drawings provided with the original solicitation both indicate wire mesh on the ground level. Please verify that wire mesh is NOT required on the ground level as per your answer in RFI #55.

A12. **The Response to question #55 on the previous RFI questions (Amendment 0004) was in error. The contractor shall follow the contract requirements, including the structural drawings provided with the original solicitation.**

Q13. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #57 regarding traffic coating on all floors. The answer provided here of “traffic coating is to be installed on all floors” adds an enormous cost to this project. Just to be clear, a “traffic coating” product is different from a “concrete sealer” product. If both, or only one of the products is required it is critical to know what product goes where as the costs associated with one product versus the other is considerable. On other parking garages we have constructed, traffic coating coverage can vary depending on the local environment and what the owner desires. On average most decks receive a traffic coating on the top level exposed to the environment and over enclosed rooms on mostly the ground level and the remainder of the deck will receive a concrete sealer application. Is it indeed the VA’s intent to have us place a “traffic coating” product on every floor level? If not, and it is a combination of products, the what is the extent of the traffic coating area and the concrete sealer area desired / required by the VA on this project? If it is their intent to have traffic coating on all floors then we strongly recommend that all floors except for the top level be provided as an alternate. We also strongly recommend that the VA investigate the long term maintenance costs associated with “traffic coatings” to help weigh their decision.

A13. **See revised bid schedule**

Q14. Refer to Amendment 0004, RFI answer #58. This answer conflicts with answers provided in #10, #31 and #33. Please clarify. Will there be more than one alternate? If so, please provide an updated Bid Schedule.

A14. **Yes, more than one alternate will be on bid schedule. See revised bid schedule**

Q15. Under the Statement of Work, Item 8.xiii: This item states that the structural double tees are to be factory topped. Is this a firm requirement or can it be at contractor’s option? Restricting to only factory topped double tees may greatly reduce competition among structural precast firms.

A15. **The contractor shall follow the statement of work (item 8.xiii) and the contract requirements. Structural double tees are to be factory topped.**

Q16. Refer to the Attachment Document issued in Phase 1 that was developed by HFS Company. Can we receive a higher resolution version of the Attachment 3: Traffic Flow document? We can’t read the provided version once it is zoomed in.

A16. **Please see the attachment labeled “1. Final Report”**

Q17. Refer to the Attachment Document issued in Phase 1 that was developed by HFS Company, Attachment 4: Conceptual Structural Design. How much can we alter the structural design to make a more economical deck?

A17. **The contractor shall adhere to the original conceptual structural design**

Q18. Refer to the Attachment Document issued in Phase 1 that was developed by HFS Company, Attachment 6: Conceptual Rendering. Are the low walls that are on grade required?

A18. **Yes**