

RFI's

VA NC - Construct New Specialty Care Building 42 - Durham, NC

1. Is this project sales tax exempt? If the project is sales tax exempt can the government provide a sales tax exemption certificate?

Response: **No.**

2. Will the Government provide comprehensive written badging requirements for the project if badging is required?

Response: **No. Badges and parking passes are available in the engineering office.**

3. Where will the designated parking area be for workers accessing the construction site?

Response: **Parking locations will be made available at the time of award. Current locations are on site and locations are subject to change.**

4. 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.

Response: **No. Use Submittal Exchange.**

5. 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?

Response: **Simplex Grinnell**

6. Does the Government currently have a 3rd party testing service for those items requiring testing or is the contractor free to locate and hire applicable testing firms?

Response: **Gas - PSNC. Others - Contractor is responsible for all testing.**

7. Who is responsible for the utility locations?

Response: **General Contractor.**

8. 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.

Response: **Defer to contracting. Price escalation is a case by case issue.**

9. Can the superintendent or on-site project manager also act as the SSHO?

Response: **No.**

10. Sheets AI107 and AI108 are missing from the drawings, can you please provide them?

Response: **See attached.**

11. Please issue name of existing CCTV/Video system company.

Response: **VA uses Simplex Grinnell, this is not proprietary and doesn't require sole source.**

12. Please issue name of existing security/nurses call/telecom company.

Response: **Security System - Sonitrol, software system is proprietary. Nurse Call - current system is Rauland Responder IV Nurse Call - Rauland Borg authorized distributor. Nurse Call – new system install starts 11/05 and is CODE BLUE.**