

The following changes to the IFB VA256-12-B-1493 shall be in full force and effect on September 14, 2012 (9/14/12):

- A. The original due date for the sealed offer and bid opening of the above solicitation is hereby extended to **11:00 AM (CST) on September 19, 2012 (9/19/2012)**. Due to the time constraint of Government's funding obligation for this project, this time extension shall be FINAL. All interested bidders are strongly advised to make every effort to arrive early before the set forth bid due time due to the difficulty of finding parking spaces at the office designated in the said solicitation to receive and open bid. Interested bidders are strongly advised to thoroughly review section 2.15 Preparation of Bids of the said solicitation for all documents required to be submitted with their bids.
- B. The responses to the following questions (Highlighted in yellow) previously provided through Amendment A00006 are hereby corrected as follows. The corrected responses are in **Green color**:
 - 1. Plans refer to a mechanical alternate on plan sheet 108-100. See notes 2,3, and 4 referring a note to a deductive mechanical alternate. Is this alternate work or base bid work?

RESPONSE: this work shall be included in the base bid work. Refer to the response to question 30 below for more details.

- 2. 2.a. Amendment #1 revises the wording on the bid schedule to “Deductive Alternate Bid Item 1--Includes Base Bid. Except, delete one of the 2 required elevators within the two story expansion. Provide price for one (1) one elevator instead of two (2). Is this a DEDUCTIVE alternate price to deduct one elevator or is this an ALTERNATE price for the entire base bid with only 1 elevator? It appears what you want is an alternate price, not a deductive price. Please clarify.

RESPONSE: this is an ALTERNATE price for the entire base bid with only one (1) elevator. See the revised bid schedule attached herein.

- 3. 2.b. Amendment #1 revises the wording on the bid schedule to “Deductive Alternate Bid Item 2--Includes Base Bid. Except, provide a 10 year NDL roof system warranty in lieu of a 20 year NDL warranty as specified in Section 075200.” Is this a DEDUCTIVE alternate price to deduct roof warranty duration or is this an ALTERNATE price for the entire base bid with only a 10 year NDL roof system warranty? It appears what you want is an alternate price, not a deductive price. Please clarify.

RESPONSE: this is an ALTERNATE price for the entire base bid with only a 10-year NDL roof system warranty. See the revised bid schedule attached herein.

- 4. Please clarify the materials for countertops. Section 12 36 00 paragraph 2.1.a plastic laminate, 2.1.e quartz, 2.1.f solid polymer. Detail BA/A711 shows solid surface. Detail DA/A711 shows stainless steel. Sheet AF/A111 shows quartz in some areas and corian in

others. Confirm AF/A111 defines the materials correctly. Confirm there are no stainless steel countertops.

RESPONSE: Refer to interior elevations and details for countertop materials. There are no stainless steel countertops.

5. What type of glazing go into window Types 1 thru 6 (refer to plan sheet A612)?

RESPONSE: Refer to glazing schedule in Project Manual, 088000.

6. Please clarify the window treatments required. AF111 calls for WS-1 mechoshade, but this designation is not used on this finish plan. Also, no style or color which could affect price is shown. Please clarify locations if mechoshades are to be used.

RESPONSE: There are manual or electric shading devices at all exterior windows. See Addendum Number 3 to be issued on 09/13/2012 for information.

7. Please clarify the window treatments required. Section 12 24 00 paragraph 2.4.a calls for integral blinds where indicated. Please confirm. None are indicated.

RESPONSE: See glazing types for locations of integral blinds.

8. Please clarify the window treatments required. Section 12 24 00 paragraph 2.2 calls for standard cordless horizontal blinds (aluminum 1" slats). Where are these used?

RESPONSE: There are no horizontal blinds.

9. Please clarify the window treatments required. Section 12 24 21 paragraph 1.1 calls for lightproof shades where indicated. Please confirm. Light proof shades are not indicated.

CORRECTED RESPONSE: See response to #6 above.

10. Amendment #2 clarified that the renovation work is not in contract. We understand that amendment #2 is intended to mean that all work associated with note 6 on A101 and all work associated with note 12 on AD101 is not in contract as well as the MEP work referred to in these notes is excluded and that all work shown on mechanical, electrical, and plumbing sheets is not excluded.

RESPONSE: That is correct with further clarifications noted in Addendum Number 2.

11. Reference General Requirements, Sect 1.7 Resident Engineer's Field Office. Will the General Contractor be required to provide a Field Office for the Resident Engineer?

RESPONSE: refer to Addendum No. 2

12. There are 12 VAV boxes on the schedule VAV-V1 thru V12. These boxes don't appear on any of the drawings. They are all for the Visor Area which I don't see anywhere, please clarify.

RESPONSE: refer to Addendum No. 2

13. Will the VA issue a soils report for this project?

RESPONSE: refer to Addendum No. 2

14. Reference Spec Sect 01 91 00 General Commissioning Requirements, who provides the Commissioning Agent, the VA or the GC?

RESPONSE: the VA will provide the Commissioning Agent.

15. Reference Spec Sect 21 12 00 Fire Suppression Standpipes, 1.5.C Size of Standpipes to provide 690 kPa (100 psig) at the most remote connection.

- A) Is this required for a two (2) story bldg?
- B) Can this be achieved without a fire pump? None shown in new Bldg.

RESPONSE: Standpipes are not required in the two story section of the building; none are shown on the plans.

16. Plan Sheet C-204 shows a Fire Dept. connection at the vault. Is a second connection required on the exterior wall as shown on 108A-FP-101, Key Note 8?

RESPONSE: Detail 4 on Sheet C-204 shows an "Optional" Fire Department Connection. The Civil utility plan sheet does not specify that a FDC is required at the vault. The Siamese FDC indicated on the 108A-FP-101 sheet by keynote 8 should be provided as it will be the only FDC. (A separate fire department connection is required for the addition since the drawings are showing a new fire service to that area, in lieu of connecting it into the existing fire suppression system. Provide per details on 108A-FP-101.)

17. We do not find any liquidated damages in the specifications. If liquidated damages apply, please indicate what the dollars per day are.

RESPONSE: the Government decided not to include the liquidated damage clause in this solicitation.

18. Details 4 and 5 on plan sheet C201 provide paving details, but plans do not indicate where paving is to be provided. Please clarify on plan sheets C-201 Site Layout and/or C-301 Site Grading where the concrete paving is to be provided and indicate thickness required as 4/C201 indicates 5", 6" and 7" thicknesses.

RESPONSE: The shading was inadvertently turned off that delineated proposed pavement limits. Pavement thickness will be 6". A revised drawing is attached herein in addendum No. 3.

19. Reference plan sheet C-104 Civil Site Utility Plan. The proposed features legend identifies everything as existing utilities. If dark lines drawn are New Utilities Lines and Not existing, please clarify to all by amendment.

RESPONSE: Sheet C-103 has an "Existing Features Legend" and a "Proposed Features Legend". The linestyle is the same for each type of utility, but existing utilities are shaded back and thinner. Proposed utilities are darker lineweights and called out as proposed on the plan sheet.

20. No utilities are shown to be demolished. If any is required, please clarify.

RESPONSE: Sheet C-101 indicates all demolition work. Existing storm inlets are to be demolished and lines plugged as indicated. Irrigation water line is to be demolished and plugged as indicated by note 6. Irrigation control valves are indicated on C-101 for demolition.

21. Reference plan detail 5/C-202 Retaining Wall Details and Plan Sheet C-103 Top of Retaining Wall Spot Elevations. Detail 5/C202 indicates distance from top of retaining wall to Top of Footing varies from 9'-6" to 11'-2". Northwestern Most Retaining wall (Plan North West) indicates Top of wall (TW) of 55.80. Detail 5/C202 indicates bottom of footing at 40.12', which means top of footing is 41.12'. $55.80' - 41.12' = 14.68'$. This is in excess of the stated wall height of 11'-2" on C-202. Please clarify.

RESPONSE: Detail 5, Sheet C-202 should indicate wall height "VARIES (9'-6" to 14'-2")".

22. Reference C102 for retaining wall locations. Only three locations for retaining walls are identified. Reference C103, Top of wall for the Eastern (Plan East) most retaining wall has not been provided. Please provide.

RESPONSE: Top of wall elevation is indicated on drawing as TW=50.62 for plan east wall.

23. Details C7/A441 and Cut Sections B6/A301 and D2/A551 indicate a handicap ramp, but do not indicate how it is constructed. For example, details do not provide for thickness of concrete at ramp, do not provide turndown details or how far turndowns if required) must go below grade, reinforcing requirements, etc. Please provide details of how handicap ramps are to be constructed.

CORRECTED RESPONSE: Handicap ramp shown in section B6/A301 will be constructed as sidewalk between two retaining walls. Other handicap ramps will have additional details added to sheet C-202. See Addendum Number 3.

24. Are handicap parking signs or wheel stops required on this project? If yes, please indicate locations.

CORRECTED RESPONSE: ADA parking signs are required at the curb in front of each ADA parking stall along with parking stops. Locations and details will be provided on sheet C-102 and C-201. See Addendum Number 3.

25. Reference Civil sheets C101 thru C103. When engineer uses dark shading in areas, it is very difficult to read any notations in these areas. Recommend a lighter shading if any notes are to be used within these areas.

RESPONSE: Shading is shown as light as possible on original plotted sheets. Multiple reproductions of the drawings degrade the shading.

26. Detail 3/S-312 indicates slab thickness is 11" but states "...see plan for thickness and reinf." Foundation Plan S-111 indicates 8" structural slab over carton voids. We assume 8" structural slab is correct. If not please clarify otherwise.

RESPONSE: The slab is an 8" structural slab. The dimension shown on the detail should be corrected to 8 inches in lieu of 11 inches.

27. In reference to fireproofing, there does not appear to be a code page providing the construction type, and there are no details indicating fireproofing; however there is a fireproofing spec provided. However, The spec doesn't provide any hourly ratings either.

QUESTIONS: A) Does this project require cementations or in tumescent fireproofing,

B) What hourly ratings are required (if any)?

RESPONSE: Refer to Sheet GL-111. The existing building and addition are a combined building, Use and Classification is Group B, per IBC 2009, and New Business, per NFPA 101; Type IIB construction. The new addition shall be fully sprinklered; the existing building 108 is not fully sprinklered.

28. Is any new Landscaping Required? There weren't any landscaping plans or specifications issued.

RESPONSE: Landscaping is not part of the project.

29. Reference Plan Sheet A-211. Exterior Elevation Legend Notes "EFIS Finish". Elevation keyed Notes 12 is for Portland Cement Plaster on CMU.

QUESTION: Elevations list Note 12 where EFIS Finish is detailed. Is Cement Plaster or EFIS Finish required on the CMU walls? A Specification has been issued for EFIS, but not for Portland Cement Plaster.

RESPONSE : Provide EIFS where Portland Cement Plaster is noted in the drawings. Where EIFS is required on CMU substrate (see detail D2/A-511 and exterior elevations) provide minimum 1" insulation board on CMU, and masonry fill insulation, in voids of CMU.

At the exterior niche for the exterior door, #C-116, provide EIFS on 6" cold-formed metal framing for exterior cladding. Provide EIFS on 3 5/8" cold-formed metal framing at the exterior soffit, same location.

30. There is still confusion in reference to the work required in existing Bldg 108 and the Alternates listed there. Are we to price the Alternates listed on the Mech Plans? There are not listed on the Bid Form.

CORRECTED RESPONSE: Alternate 1, noted in the mechanical drawings, shall be included in the base bid. All of the following requirements shall be included in the base bid:

1. Demolish existing CHWS/R piping routed through interstitial space, as shown on sheet 108-MD-100.
2. Demolish existing chilled water pump and all associate pipe valves and fittings. Replace with chilled water pump, CHWP-1.
3. Demolish all steam condensate and return piping in mechanical room, as shown on sheet 108-MD-101.
4. Remove and replace air handling unit cooling coil casing. Provide existing air handling unit discharge plenum with new 1" thick insulated access door with locking handles. Replace any casing panels with interior corrosion.
5. Demolish existing fan coil unit and all associated piping, valves, fittings, and control devices. Suspend new fan coil unit, FCU-1, from ceiling with spring type vibration isolators.