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August 28, 2019

ATTN: Robert Parke, Contract Specialist
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RE: **Pre-Bid RFI's for Solicitation No. 36C26118B0618 / 612-501,
Dermatology Outpatient Service, building 644
8/28/2019, 3:00 PM PST**

1. In the 28:13:00 section, the ACS is named as Andover Controls. Please provide the expected ACS system. Please confirm if HSPD-1, or -2 compliant is a requirement.
It is Stanley. Needs to be confirmed with the VA.
2. Video and Software specifications are similar. Specs reference "Andover" compatibility with Windows XP or Win SVR 2008 OS. Please verify the correct product line, and/or intent of the VA.
It is Stanley. Needs to be confirmed with the VA.
3. Are there sole source justifications included for any of the specialty low voltage systems for the Access Controls, CCTV, Nurse Call, Fire Alarm, Direct Digital Controls? Please provide the names of the preferred existing subcontractors/vendors for the specialty low voltage systems previously mentioned.
It is not believed that the VA has sole source for FA. AC and CCTV shall be Stanley.
4. Section 01 00 00 General Requirements 1.28 Photographic Documentation, is in-house photographic documentation acceptable? Can the VA confirm that a commercial photographer is an absolute requirement?
Please defer this question to the VA.

1. Stanley Confirmed
2. Stanely Confirmed
3. AC and CCT Stanley confirmed, Nurse Call is WestComm, Fire Alarm is Secutron, DDC is Johnson Controls
4. Commercial photographer recommended

Daniel Chaparro - VA
8/30/2019

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Company Name and Offeror: ADON Communications

From (person submitting question):
Daniel Dhanota

Date of Proposal Inquiry: 8/19/2019

Phone Number: (916) 736-3266

Proposal Inquiry: (Type inquiry below)

Proposal RFI #1 –

ADON Communications is planning on bidding the Access Control system, we know it needs to match existing. However the specs say it is OEM Andover Controls. The Plans say Stanley Security, what one is it, so we can make sure new proposed devices can tie into new system.

Proposal RFI #2 –

ADON Communications is planning on bidding the CCTV system, we know it needs to match existing. The Plans say Stanley Security, what is the model number of the currently installed head-end unit, so we can make sure new proposed devices can tie into new system. Also is there spaces for these additional cameras?

Proposal RFI #3 –

What is the current system installed for the Paging Speakers? Are the new speakers PoE and require CAT6 to these locations?

Proposal RFI #4 –

Are 3rd Tier Subcontractors required to attach all the documents listed in "Submission of Bids"?

Proposal RFI #1 Response:

It is believed to be Stanley Security.

Proposal RFI #2 Response:

This is a new building and new system head end equipment is required.

Proposal RFI #3 Response:

Provide an IP based PA system for the new building.

Proposal RFI #4 Response:

The contractor submitting the bid is responsible for all bid submission material

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Proposal RFI #3 – Can you please provide the VA Signage Design Guide that is called out in the specifications and plans?

The VA signage guide can be found on the VA website at the following links:

For interior signage:

<https://www.cfm.va.gov/til/signs/Signage09-Interior.pdf>

For Exterior Signage:

<https://www.cfm.va.gov/til/signs/Signage04-Exterior.pdf>

For code-mandated signage:

<https://www.cfm.va.gov/til/signs/Signage08-CodeLS.pdf>

Proposal RFI #4 – Can you please provide the asbestos / hazmat report for the built up roofing area that is called out to be abated in the specs?

This question needs a response directly from the VA.

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Proposal RFI #5 – In regard to ASHRAE 135, is the VA looking for a full building system integration platform?

Per 23 09 23, this campus has standardized on an existing standard ASHRAE Standard 135, BACnet/IP Control System. The new DDC control system for the mechanical systems for the new Dermatology building must be compatible with the existing Metasys system located at the Boiler Plant.

Proposal RFI #6 – FX80's are a much better alternative for NAE's and pricing is more competitive, will this alternative be acceptable to the VA?

In our opinion the use of FX80 supervisory controllers are acceptable. Final approval must be made by the VA.

Proposal RFI #7 - Can we price an alternative for the Metasys old controllers? The old versions can be very expensive and lack new features and capabilities. Will an alternate option be accepted by the VA?

In our opinion the use of newer controllers are acceptable. Final approval must be made by the VA.

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Proposal RFI #8 – There is a fireproofing spec included in the spec book but no rating provided in the drawings or specs. I wanted to verify that fireproofing is required on this project. If it is please provide the rating.

Spray-applied fire proofing is required on this project. The fire rating is indicated on both plans and specifications. See explanation below:

Specifications:

The fire rating schedule requires 2-Hour fire-rated spray-applied fireproofing over columns, beams and steel deck in 2-Hour fire-rated rooms; and 1-Hour fire-rated spray-applied fireproofing over columns and beams in 1-Hour fire-rated rooms (ref. Section 07 81 00 Par. 3.5.A).

Plans:

The plans indicate which rooms require fire-rated construction via the partition types that surround them and the partition symbols indicate the applicable fire rating of either 1-hour or 2-hour (Ref. plans and legends on sheets AE-101 through AE-103). Structural members in those rooms shall receive spray-applied fireproofing of same fire rating as the surrounding fire-rated construction as specified in the fire rating schedule.

For example, at electrical room 1A15, Sheet Note 6 on sheet AE103 reads “Apply sprayed-on fireproofing at exposed columns, beams, and floor/roof deck in this room as specified”. Per the fire rating schedule, the fire rating of the spray-applied fireproofing in this room shall be the

same as the fire rating of the surrounding partitions: 2-Hour (Ref. plans and legends on sheets AE101, AE101-1, AE103, and Details 2/AE502 and 6/AE504).

Proposal RFI #9 – Can you please provide the interior sign sizes for each sign type? There is no size information provided on the plans or in the specs.

The sizes for each sign type are shown on the VA signage design guide incorporated by reference as part of the contract documents (Ref. Sheet AE602 Signage General Note 1). The VA signage guide can be found on the VA website at the following links:

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<https://www.cfm.va.gov/til/signs/Signage09-Interior.pdf>

For Exterior Signage:

<https://www.cfm.va.gov/til/signs/Signage04-Exterior.pdf>

For code-mandated signage:

<https://www.cfm.va.gov/til/signs/Signage08-CodeLS.pdf>

Proposal RFI #10 - In regards to the fire alarm, I was unable to find information about the fire alarm panel. Is there a manufacture requirement? Can you provide photos / addl info of the panel?

It is not believed that the campus has a standard but that should be confirmed with the VA. This is a new building and a new fire alarm control panel is required to be provided by the contractor and alarms sent to the engineering building.

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Proposal RFI #5–

Where is the MCR exactly located in Building 650? Also, can you provide the existing pathway to be used to get our new cabling there?

Proposal RFI #6–

Project duration is 500 days, is there a preliminary schedule available for this time frame of work to be done?

Proposal RFI #7–

The Communications specs or plans doesn't mention to include any active switches for the Voice/Data system. Will these be owner furnished/installed?

The data/IT design relied heavily on and was coordinated with the VA IT department therefore we suggest the responses for RFI's #5, #6, and #7 be provided by the VA.

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Proposal RFI #11 – In regard to the relocation of smoke shelter referenced in the plans, since the campus is set to be smoke free in the coming months please advise on if you would like the smoke shelters demoed instead.

This decision should be made by a VA representative.

Proposal RFI #12 – Is the monument sign that is existing in the area of the new building to be completely demoed? Or relocated? If it is to be relocated, please advise on the new location.

This decision should be made by a VA representative.

Proposal RFI #13 – Please identify the projects laydown area. Will we be able to utilize the parking lot next to the new building area?

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Proposal RFI #14 – The site plan shows the project area to be through half of the street area. Are we able to utilize all this space through the life of the project? Or is it expected that we do not block any traffic / impede into this street at all?

The project area boundary shown on the site plan is diagrammatic and it is intended to show the general area of the proposed building. The contractor shall not occupy the road or block/impede traffic.

Proposal RFI #15 – Will the portables be completely cleaned out before we are expected to demo them? Are you anticipating leaving anything inside?

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Proposal RFI #16 – In regard to the exterior sun shades, should they metal be powder coated?

The specifications call for exterior sun shades to have a Clear Anodized Aluminum finish (Ref. Section 09 06 00 Table 2.2.C). Contractor shall provide clear anodized aluminum finish per Specification Section 05 50 00 Paragraph 2.4.F.2.b. Please note powder coated or painted finishes for the exterior sun shades are not acceptable.

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Proposal RFI #18 – Spec section 02 82 13.21 references the need for 3,600 square feet of asbestos containing built up roofing. Is this part of this project? Or mistakenly left in the specs? If it is part of this project, is it the roofing on the portables?

Following is an excerpt from the Pre-Demolition Asbestos Survey:

“The roofing on Building 801 is single ply EPDM membrane roofing. It was reported to the inspector that the EPDM roofing was installed over the existing built-up roofing. In order to maintain the integrity of the roofing system, and at the owner’s request, PBS did not penetrate the roof membrane. The lower layers of roofing are presumed to be asbestos-containing until sampling can be performed that determines otherwise. Roof sampling may be warranted prior to building demolition.”

Asbestos-containing roofing removal is included in the project specifications given the reported existing conditions. The contractor may be given the option to verify asbestos content by sampling all layers of built-up roofing on Building 801 prior to demolition. If the roofing tests negative for asbestos, specification section 02 82 13.21 will not be required. However, if sampling verifies that asbestos-containing roofing is present, the roofing must be removed as specified.

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Proposal RFI #19 – In regard to project deduct #9 – if the space is removed from the project and no offices are constructed in this area, how is the IDF / electrical / IT room supposed to run conduits, wiring, cable trays, etc to the various office areas that are still being installed? Please advise and provide revised drawings to support this deduct.

Contractor is to determine and design the routing of the conduits, wiring, cable trays, etc. from the IDF/Electrical /IT rooms to the various office areas if BID DEDUCT #9 is exercised by VA. Submit Shop Drawings for VA approval. If routing conduits and associated supports above the roof, contractor shall maintain a clear vertical dimension of 80 inches minimum above the roofing walkway pads leading to the prefabricated exterior metal stair 1.

Proposal RFI #20 – The specifications reference a lighting protection spec but that spec has not been provided. Please advise if this scope is to be included in this project. If it is, please provide the spec section and drawings.

Mather has a Flash density (flashes/square mile/year) of 0 to 0.75. Lightning protection is not required. Delete all references for lightning protection in specification sections 27 and 28.

Proposal RFI #21 – The specifications reference spec section 27 52 31 but it was not included in the bid docs. Please advise if this scope is to be included in this project. If it is, please provide the spec section and drawings.

Disregard reference to 27 52 31.

Proposal RFI #22 – In regard to project deduct #9 – Nurse Call Staff Station is called out to be in room 2AC2D, which is called to be removed in deduct #9. Please provide the alternate location for the nurse call staff station as it is not provided and is to be located in one of the areas that is be deducted if deduct #9 is accepted.

If bid deduct #9 is exercised by VA, relocate the Nurse Call Staff Station to a location where appropriate staff is continuously present, such as to the Lounge (2A03) or Conference Room (2A02). The final decision is deferred to the VA.

Proposal RFI #23 – Detail 6 on ED802 directs us to detail 14/S501 but there is no detail provided on that sheet. Please provide detail.

This is a typo. It should read “attach to structure per detail 5/MH602”.

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Proposal RFI #24 – Are pip supports called out in details 9, 10 and 11 on sheet SS007 included under this contract? If do are they located on a design drawings? I cannot seem to locate the detail being used anywhere in the drawings.

See sheet MH401-1, MECHANICAL FIRST FLOOR
ENLARGED PIPING PLAN - NORTH, plan and sheet notes 1 and 2.

Drew Chalstrom - Buehler
08/29/2019

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Proposal RFI #17 – The utility plans provided mention the eye clinic which during the job walk, we were told was not being constructed in that area. Please advise if new drawings will be produced to reflect the eye clinic not being there. Also please advise if the stub outs for the water and SS still need to be installed.

The current plan is that eye will still be in place per design

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