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RE: Questions for Solicitation VA245-12-B-0113

TO: Shari M. Kesecker

1. Bid Item #2 states delete toilet accessories, medication cabinets, kitchen equipment, signage, and lockers. Is this deduct to include installation or just material.

Response: Include material only in deduct

2. Assuming acceptable performance by the Contractor, is it the intention of the VA to not withhold retainage.

Response: Yes

3. Please explain where typical stair detail shown on C104 is taken from.

Response: It is assumed that the question is directed at the site drawings. The typical stair detail shown on LP103 indicates the stair construction for the courtyard area.

4. Please explain where aluminum fence and gate shown on C104 is taken from.

Response: It is assumed that the question is directed at the 6' high metal fence detail on sheet LP104. This fencing should be used as indicated in coded note 9 for the fence surrounding the courtyard. Additionally, it is used in Alternate #4 as Fall Protection from the wall in the area of the removed connecting corridor.

5. We have had a significant number of highly qualified subcontractors withdraw from bidding this project because the government has decided not to pay for stored materials (on or off-site). This decision may impact price, quality, and productivity. Will the government reconsider their position on this issue.

Response: No

6. Drawing E501 indicates by note at the left side of the riser diagram to tap and splice existing loop service at existing manhole. Drawing ES102 existing loop connection indicates to provide manhole and splice feeder from existing loop. Please confirm if manhole is existing or needs to be provided.

Response: Drawing ES-102: Both existing and new manholes are to be used. Existing manhole is to be used to make splice to existing loop and provide new feeder to new manhole. New manhole provides new feeder to site and accepts new spliced feeder from existing manhole.

7. Review and confirm the scale on TE604 and TE605.

Response: The drawings were intended to give visual reference of room locations in relation to each other, and ARE NOT TO BE SCALED. Drawing scale of TE-604 is approximately $1/16" = 1'-0"$. Drawing scale of TE-605 is approximately $1" = 150'-0"$

8. Review and clarify requirements for new underground duct banks A-A, B-B, C-C, D-D. Duct bank detail 3-5 on E503 refers to note 5 and says to refer to plans for sizes and quantities. Detail 8 on E503 for D-D per note 5 to provide a 4" 3-cell Maxcell Inner duct in 1 duct, yet the duct bank conduit size is only 4". A 4" duct is not possible within a 4" duct.

Response: Duct bank Details A-A, B-B and C-C: Delete note 5 and references to inner duct. No inner duct shall be provided for the power feeder duct banks. Drawing E-503: Duct bank Detail D-D: Revise note 5 to read "Provide (3) 1.5" inner ducts for each of the (4) 4" low voltage conduits"

9. Provide an updated site drawing showing the overall routing for new duct banks from connection point for the new 14.47KV electrical service to the new building and confirm quantity and locations of proposed manholes. ES100 and ES102 do not match up to CS108 thru CS110. Drawing E501 only indicates 2 new manholes while ES100 indicates 3 new manholes.

Response: Updated site drawing will not be provided. Contractor shall base bid as follows:

- a. For routing of electrical feeder, follow routing of electrical line shown on CS-108 thru CS-110.**
- b. Sheet ES-102: For the new manhole in item #1 above, locate the manhole as shown on CS-110. This is referred to as the "approximate connection location" on CS110. The location of the manhole at Avenue C on ES-102 should shift slightly to the West to match the location shown on CS110. Follow routing indicated on CS110 from manhole to the site.**

Thank You
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