

**SOLICITATION 36E77619R0091 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BOSTON JAMAICA PLAN VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (VAHCS) - TECHNICAL QUESTIONS  
AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET**

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1.	10-10-2019	10-10-2019	The Solicitation identifies two separate small business standards – \$20.5 Million in revenue and 750 employees. The multiple activities for this project as described scope of work would appear to reflect criteria for the 750 employee standard. We have not seen a Federal procurement listing more than one of these two criteria. Please clarify which one applies to this solicitation?	See Amendment 0001, which addresses this issue.
2.	10-10-2019	10-10-2019	Will the Veteran Administration’s LPTA evaluation take into consideration experience with abatement/remediation of asbestos-contaminated soil in accordance with current and unique Massachusetts Contingency Plan regulations that will apply to this project?	See Amendment 0001, which provides the submission requirements under each evaluation factor and element. Projects of similar size, scope and complexity will be taken into consideration under the specialized experience element.
3.	10-10-2019	10-10-2019	The Solicitation mentions this will be an LPTA evaluation to select a contractor providing Best Value to the Government. From an evaluation standpoint as defined by the FARs, “Best Value” has a very different meaning than “LPTA.” Please clarify whether the VA evaluate proposals for this project on an LPTA or Best Value basis.	The goal of any source selection approach is to obtain best value. Please refer to FAR 15.101 for the Best Value Continuum. Under this continuum, agencies can use tradeoffs, LPTA or any combination of these approaches to obtain best value. For this particular solicitation, the LPTA source selection process will be used in accordance with FAR 15.101-2.
4.	10-21-2019	10-25-2019	Will there be any other documents posted prior to the walk thru for the Jamaica Plains Crawl Space? Based on the information provided in the documents, we can only come up with roughly 20K SQ FT of area, there’s no information on pipe quantities for pipe insulation within the crawl space.	See revised SOW for additional details regarding estimated quantities. No pipe or pipe insulation removal is included as part of the scope of this project.

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5.	10-21-2019		There's a specification for shotcrete in the documents. What is the intent of having that in there?	Several areas have fractured rock and exposed mix soil that needs to be stabilized and sealed.
6.	10-21-2019		Will the encapsulation after the removal of soil and abatement be EPDM rubber membrane or the Shotcrete?	Shotcrete. No EPDM due to smoke hazard.
7.	10-24-2019		Can you identify a designated area for contractors to stage roll-off boxes/dumpsters/vac trucks at the Site? If so, what are the dimensions of this area so we can identify sizes / number of containers/trucks that can be on-site?	Potential staging areas are available, typically ranging from 1,250 square feet to 2,000 square feet. However, the VA cannot guarantee permanent space will be available throughout the duration of the project.
8.	10-24-2019		Can you confirm access points that will be available to contractors for entering/exiting the crawl-space work areas?	Walkthrough Identified possible access points from subbasement such as service elevators C-Wing, B-Wing, A-Core and E-Wing for ventilation or means and methods.
9.	10-24-2019		Does the scope include abatement of all horizontal surfaces (pipes, conduit, support beams, etc.) in the crawl space areas above the floor?	No
10.	10-24-2019		Is work limited to normal operating hours identified in SOW? Can work nights or weekends?	Contractors must obtain written permission from the Contracting Officer at least four (4)

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				working days prior to any work outside normal business hours, as identified in the SOW.
11.	10-24-2019		Can you provide an estimate of the volume of debris (soil, rock, cinder blocks, scrap steel, etc.) that needs to be removed from the crawlspace areas? This is critical so all contractors are bidding a uniform scope/quantity.	Estimated volume is 270 cubic yards.
12.	10-24-2019		Can you specify the depth of soil that needs to be removed from the crawl space areas?	Approximately 6-8"
13.	10-24-2019		Can you provide an estimate of the area requiring shotcrete installation vs. painting? This is critical so all contractors are bidding on a uniform scope.	Estimated volume is 175 cubic yards for shotcrete.
14.	10-24-2019		Can you specify the area (square footage) of crawl space requiring abatement? SOW says approximately 40,000 square feet, but yellow areas on provided map (Attachment 3) equal approximately 18,759 square feet. This is critical so all contractors are bidding a uniform scope/quantity.	The Building 1 subbasement/crawlspace area is approximately 40,000 SF, of which the VA estimates an area of approximately 26,000 SF that will require some level of asbestos abatement related services and encapsulation.
15.	10-22-2019	10-22-2019	Will you be providing a Traditional Asbestos Abatement Spec? It would seem that this project would require full containments to perform this type of work.	Traditional Asbestos Abatement (Section 02 82 11) has been added to Attachment 2 (Specifications).

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16.	10-22-2019	10-22-2019	<p>The scope of work is not very specific and could be open to interpretation. Can you please address the following:</p> <p>What is the total quantity of soils to be removed?</p>	Estimated volume is 270 cubic yards of debris (soil, rock, etc.).
17.	10-22-2019	10-22-2019	Are all soils to be removed to bedrock? If not, what is the depth of soil across the 40,000 sf to be removed?	6-8"
18.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	What is to be encapsulated once the abatement takes place?	All unimproved surfaces, all loose unexcavated substrate including fractured rock to hardpan soil or stable substrate surface.
19.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	Since a shotcrete specification section has been included, are we to assume the government wants shotcrete utilized to encapsulate the 40,000 sf of area once abatement takes place?	An estimated 175 cubic yards of shotcrete will be required.
20.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	Only a "Glovebag Asbestos Abatement" section 028213.13 has been included which lists "pipe and/or pipe fitting insulation, where encountered during selective demolition within wall and ceiling chases.	Traditional Asbestos Abatement (Section 02 82 11) has been added. The Glovebag Asbestos Abatement (Section 02 82 13.13) specification has been updated to clarify that the majority of the work is expected to fall under the Traditional Asbestos Abatement specification.

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21.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	Is there wall and ceiling demolition within the crawlspace?	No
22.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	What is the quantity of pipe insulation to be abated and reinsulated?	None
23.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	Will you be including a reinsulation spec?	No
24.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	Is there any uninsulated pipe which will require reinsulation? If so, what is the quantity?	No
25.	20-23-2019	10-23-2019	The Bid Date is listed in the Solicitation is listed as 11-07-2019 at 2:00 pm. On FBO is it listed as 11-15-19. Can you please clarify which is the correct due date and time?	-The Bid date is 11-07-2019 at 2pm EST.
26.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	The Bid Guarantee Language identifies "Phase I Proposals". Can you clarify what "Phase I" means?	Phase I Proposals are the when all proposals are due which is 11-07-2019 at 2pm. There will be no following Phases for this project.
27.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	The cutoff date listed in the solicitation for RFIs is Wednesday October 25, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Can you please clarify the correct date and time?	The site visit was scheduled for October 23, 2019. Technical questions were due October 25, 2019. All bids are due November 7, 2019 at 2pm EST.
28.	10-23-2019	10-23-2019	The solicitation calls for the response to be provided in Times New Roman and later calls for Arial. Can you please clarify which font is required?	Responses should be submitted in 12pt Times New Roman font