

2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. A00001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 12-04-2012	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable) 438-13-101
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6. ISSUED BY  Department of Veterans Affairs Network 23 Contracting Office 2501 W. 22nd St. Sioux Falls SD 57105	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)  Department of Veterans Affairs Network 23 Contracting Office 2501 W. 22nd St. Sioux Falls SD 57105
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8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)  To all Offerors/Bidders	(X)	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. VA263-13-B-0089
	X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 11-08-2012
		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

**11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS**

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers  is extended,  is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:  
 (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning   1   copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. **FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER.** If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified. 12-11-2012 at 10:00 AM CST

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(X)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

**E. IMPORTANT:** Contractor  is not,  is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)  
 Solicitation VA263-13-B-0089 titled, "Install A/C System for Building 1, 2nd and 3rd Floor" is hereby amended to include the following information. Questions, answers, and clarifications from Site Visit #1 and #2 provide additional contract requirements. A revised bid schedule is attached to this amendment and shall be used by Contractors to submit bids. All other terms and conditions of the original solicitation remain the same.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Crystal Dobbins Contracting Officer
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR  _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED
	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)
	16C. DATE SIGNED

Install A/C Upgrades for Building 1  
Site Visit #1  
11/15/2012

Questions and Clarifications:

1. Please provide specifications for cold-formed metal framing.
  - a. Refer to plan sheet 1-SF001 in the steel framing notes. See note #13 and the note after referring to cold-formed steel.
2. Asbestos – The previously provided spreadsheet provides 7 pages of areas identified with asbestos, but there are a lot of additional blank pages. Pages 1-8 reference the asbestos for Building 1 from the last assessment.
3. Types of asbestos that are known to exist at the VA in Sioux Falls, SD (not all-inclusive).
  - a. Transite
  - b. Mastic in the floor
  - c. Piping insulation in the walls and overhead areas
  - d. Floor tiles
  - e. Sprayed on ceiling
4. The period of performance has been changed to 370 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed. All contract work shall be completed within the said period of performance.
5. Please review the security requirements for contractors and subcontractors to obtain flash badges.
6. This project was originally designed to be scheduled in four phases in coordination with contract VA263-12-C-0254. The Install A/C project has been changed to include five (5) phases. The work on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shall now be Phase 1 and shall be completed first. The VA is currently working in that area and will hold off installing the ceiling and flooring until all work identified in this project is complete. The period of performance for Phase 1 shall be 30 calendar days from the date of the notice to proceed.
7. How will the phasing be handled?
  - a. Phasing will need to be coordinated among the General Contractors for both contracts and the VA Health Care System. The VA has to coordinate several office relocations for people on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor prior to turning over the space to the contractor. This VA coordination could take 1-2 weeks and could result in both project General Contractors to stop work until VA personnel are relocated. This shall be built into the project schedule.
8. What are the working hours?
  - a. Depends on the phasing and location.
  - b. Some areas are patient care areas.

9. Are there special requirements for working in a Mental Health area?
  - a. Tools should be kept on the Contractor.
  - b. Tools will need to be locked in a tool box when Contractor is not in the work area.
  
10. What are the infection control requirements?
  - a. These are specified in the general requirements. Refer to attachment “S02. Install AC System Specifications” on [www.FedBizOpps.gov](http://www.FedBizOpps.gov).
  
11. Will there be elevator access to the work site? Which elevator?
  - a. Building 1 elevator will be available for construction but priority will be given to VA patients and staff.
  
12. What are the fire sprinkler requirements?
  - a. Contractor shall repair any damaged lines due to contraction, coordinate with engineering during construction, ensure hot work permits are in place, and work around.
  
13. Please clarify the new electrical alternate panel.
  - a. This is a temporary panel that will be installed if the alternate option is accepted by the VA.

**Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System  
2501 W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105**

**Meeting:**

Site Visit - Install A/C System for Building 1 - VA263-13-B-0089

**Date:**

11/15/2012 at 10:00 AM CST

**Please Sign In**

Name	Title	Company Representing	Phone Number	Email
Rich Duncan	Estimator	GSF, Inc Taborer Building & Mechanical	605-357-8300	shorty@sfbx.com
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Dwight Christoff	Sales/PM	Midwestern Mechanical	605-261-6515	dewey@mwmch.com
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Ryan Helman	ENG	VA	336.3230	ryan.helman@va.gov

Install A/C Upgrades for Building 1  
Site Visit #2  
11/27/2012

Questions and Clarifications:

1. All questions and clarifications must be submitted to the VA Contracting Office. Please submit in writing to Kelly.Nussbaum@va.gov. Do not contact the A/E firm directly.
2. This project will be phased simultaneously with another contract to complete an aesthetics remodel of the same area. Flexibility of the Contractor will be required.
3. Please provide additional clarifications of the phasing of the project.
  - a. There will be 5 phases.
  - b. The rooms will be vacated during each phase of the project.
  - c. The phasing has the potential of being separated by periods of time when the Contractor will not be able to work. For example, when moving from one phase to the next, there may be a break of time of a couple of weeks to allow for the VA to move personnel from one area to the next.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor has been demoed by the VA and is currently being remodeled by the VA as well. Some demolition of the duct work has been demoed in this area. The VA will leave out the ceiling and the flooring until the 30 day interim completion date for this is project is complete. This area will be Phase 1. The Contractor shall have 30 calendar days from the Notice to Proceed (NTP) to complete this work.
5. There is no formal training requirement for Infection Control. Please reference Section 01 00 00 for General Requirements.
6. The period of performance of the contract is 370 calendar days after the date of the notice to proceed. There will be five (5) phases. The work on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shall be Phase 1 with a 30 day completion timeline from the Notice to Proceed. The phasing on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor shall be determined between the other Mental Health Project that will be going on and with VA. The VA will need to coordinate locations for employees on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. This will determine which phases will be 2, 3, 4, and 5.
7. The work will be taking place in the Mental Health area. Therefore, Contractors will be required to keep tools on them or in a locked toolbox at all times.
8. Asbestos abatement requirements
  - a. If asbestos is discovered during the project and was not identified on the Asbestos Assessment Report for Building 1, this shall be handled in accordance with FAR clause 52.236-2 – Differing Site Conditions. A contract modification shall be negotiated to fund the abatement.

9. Staging is available on the south west corner of the VA campus. Parking will be street-side as there are no reserved parking spaces for Contractors.
10. Please clarify the sprinkler system move for 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.
  - a. Will the VA leave out the ceiling grid and flooring? Yes – The VA will leave out the ceiling and flooring.
  - b. What about other utilities? And duct work? The sprinkler system will be relocated by others and the VA will remove all of the ducting on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor identified in this project.
11. Electrical Work: Building 1 is on generator back up power. Mental Health 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is the only floor that could have overnight patients. All shut down work will need to be coordinated.
12. The ceiling height on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is set at 7'-9" from the floor.
13. All concrete sidewalks shall be reinforced with #4 rebar, 2 foot on center (2 feet O.C.). Control joints shall not be spaced more than 7.5 feet apart.
14. Window AC Units: If this project cannot be completed and commissioned prior to the cooling season the General Contractor shall install 40 each VA furnished window AC units throughout the project limits as directed by the VA and remove the window AC units at the end of the project. The VA will show the Contractor where the window AC units are staged during the off season. It shall be the Contractors responsibility to provide all means and methods to install and remove the window AC units. This work includes installing all VA window accessories that may be needed for a proper window fit. Each room typically has one (1) window AC unit. Larger rooms could have two (2).
  - a. This will be Contract Option Number 1. If this becomes a requirement of the Contractor, the option will be exercised at the discretion of the VA. The price of the option shall be firm fixed price for the duration of the contract, and will be evaluated as part of the total contract price for award purposes.
  - b. This following FAR clauses and provision are made a part of the original solicitation.
  - c. FAR clause 52.217-7 Option for Increased Quantity – Separately Priced Line Item
  - d. FAR clause 52.245-1 Government Property
  - e. FAR provision 52.217-5 Evaluation of Options
15. A revised bid schedule is attached and shall be used by Contractors for submitting bids.

**Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System  
2501 W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105**

**Meeting:** Site Visit #2 – Install AC Upgrades for Building 1

**Date:** 11/27/2012

**Please Sign In**

Name	Title	Company Representing	Phone Number	Email
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Kirk Hellingrath	Project Manager	Baetz-Forsyth Hvac	605-33605215	richie@baetzforseth.com
Rich Lueker	Estimator	GTPE	605-357-8300	sharby@stfx.com
Shawn Jamnet	President	JS Const	605-939-0860	Shawnnet@yahoo.com
Dwayne Christoffels	Sales P/M	Midwestern Mech	605-261-6515	dewey@mwmech.com
Chris Brewer	PM/Estimator	Midwestern Mech.	605-444-9204	cbrewer@mwmech.com
Steve Van Dam	Field Supervisor	Precision Mech	605-341-7618	chawky@precisionmech.biz
Terry Kelly	JS Construction	JS Construction	605-231-0359	tkelly@swiftconinc.com
Clark McMillin	Home Manager	Rainie Saws	605-582-8411	cmc@RainieSaws.com

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Jason Bales	Service Mgr	Prairie Sons	605-582-8611	jason@prairie-sons.com
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Troy Swift	President	Dakota Electric Inc	605-351-2805 / 605-339-0075	troy@dakotaelectricinc.com
Tom Overberg	Estimator	Wuth Electric	605-946-3983	tom@wuth-electric.com
Ron Hansen	Proj. Mgr	Winn Const.	402-932-5296	ron@winnvet.com
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Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>BID SCHEDULE INSTALL A/C SYSTEM FOR BUILDING 1 PROJECT 438-13-101</b>				
<b>Contract Line Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>BASE BID</b>				
CLIN 01	Install A/C System to Building 1 2nd and 3rd Floor	Lump Sum	1	\$ _____
<b>BASE BID TOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>CONTRACT OPTION NUMBER 1</b>				
CLIN 02	Install and Remove 40 Window A/C Units	Lump Sum	1	\$ _____
<b>CONTRACT OPTION NUMBER 1 TOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>ADD ALTERNATE NUMBER 1 - PRIORITY NUMBER 1</b>				
CLIN 03	Electrical - Replace Main Switchboard	Lump Sum	1	\$ _____
<b>ADD ALTERNATE NUMBER 1 TOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (BASE BID + CONTRACT OPTION 1 + ADD ALTERNATE 1) =</b>				<b>\$ _____</b>

The low bidder for purposes of award shall be the conforming responsible bidder offering the low aggregate amount for the first or base bid item, plus (in order of priority listed in the bid schedule) those add alternate bid items providing the most features of the work within the funds determined by the Government to be available before bids are opened. If addition of another bid item in the listed order of priority would make the award exceed those funds for all bidders, it shall be skipped and the next subsequent add alternate bid item shall be added for each bid if award on it can be made within the funds.

All bids shall be evaluated on the basis of the same add alternate bid items. The listed order of priority must be followed only for determining the low bidder. After determination of the low bidder, award in the best interests of the Government may be made to that bidder on its base bid and any combination of its add alternate bid items for which funds are determined to be available at the time of the award, provided that award of the combination of bid items does not exceed the amount offered by any other conforming responsible bidder for the same combination of bid items.

Similarly, the VA will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement including the add alternate. Evaluation of options will not obligate the VA to exercise the option.