

Site Irrigation and Landscape Improvements
VA261-13-B-0748

1. Will the new 'Correct seismic deficiencies- Bldg 10, 13, & 14' be constructed concurrently with this project? If so, how will conflicts be prevented or resolved as to site fencing, staging, and access to the project between the two projects.
VA: Yes, but they do not interfere with one another. Coordinate with the COR and see X100 for staging area.
2. Will the government be providing accurate and up to date as-built plans prior to bid for the entire site where new construction is to occur?
VA: The VA will provide any available as-built plans for use in the coordination of the contractors work upon request.
3. How will the government handle unforeseen conditions, e.g. utilities found or damaged that were not shown on the as-built? Please note that the contractor can only attempt to locate utilities (pre-existing conditions) that have been provided by the government.
VA: The solicitation includes FAR clause 52.236-2 Differing Site Conditions by reference.
4. Is the archeologist required for this project? For bidding purposes, should the contractor assume full time presence of the archeologist during this project?
VA: No
5. Spec section 01-00-00-1.9-A.1 calls out that reserved items which are to remain property of the government are identified by attached tags or noted on drawing or in specifications s items to be stored. Please clarify specifically what items the government is reserving and wants stored.
VA: Reserved items which are to remain will be tagged prior to the Notice to Proceed and remain the property of the government. Visible tags will be utilized to designate reserved items. A comprehensive list will not be provided.
6. Will a soils report be provided per spec section 01-00-00-1.12-B & C?
VA: Yes, it will be provided to the awarded contractor.
7. Please clarify what the government is requesting specifically from the land surveyor per section 01-00-00-1.13, as this requirement seems just to be adding costs to the project that is un-needed.
VA: As-Built confirmation of elevations, location, and finish grade including new utilities and landscape within all areas in the scope of this project.
8. Is site water available at no cost to the contractor? Where can the contractor access this water for this site?
VA: Yes, site water will be available. The cost of backflow preventer, digging, and connection will be the contractor's responsibility. Location and connection to be determined through coordination with the VA COR.

9. Is a construction sign required for this project per section 01-00-00-1.29? If so, where is it to be located?

VA: Not Required

10. Please clarify requirements for the section of photography 01-00-00-1.31 & 1.32:

a. Will advance notice and permission need to be given to the government prior to taking pictures of the site as detailed in the contract documents?

VA: Yes

b. Define what the government considers a 'professional photographer'? If a professional photographer is required, this will add costs to the project.

VA: A professional photographer will not be required if the delivered photographs meet the specification requirement.

11. Please clarify per section 01-32-16.15-1.3 if a consultant not associated with the contractor is required to maintain the project schedule?

VA: 01-32-16.15-1.2.C, the referenced specification says the contractor has the option to develop within the organization or provide a consultant.

12. In section 02-21-00, it calls out for a professional land surveyor to perform a lot of unneeded tasks for this project which is very costly. Please confirm this section is required and will be part of the bidding requirements.

VA: Yes, final close out document is required from land survey to confirm the elevations, location, and finish grade including new utilities and landscape within all areas in the scope of this project.

13. Are joint fillers required on contraction and/or construction joints for concrete flatwork as required in past projects?

VA: Yes, joint fillers are required as noted in the specifications and contract drawings.

14. Per note 16, G1002 calls out that contractor shall pay for all required compaction tests, yet spec section 01-45-29-1.1 Testing Lab Services calls out "all material testing activities and inspection services required during project is to be retained by Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Clarify what the contractor is responsible to pay for and what the Dept. of VA is responsible for paying.

VA: Testing and Inspection services to be retained for this project for the VA are to be paid for by the contractor.

15. Per note 17, G1002, will USA come on the VA site to locate utilities?

VA: There is no NOTE: 17

16. The contract documents call out for this project to be completed in 120 calendar days, especially when the government can take up to 15 days to review submittals. With the phasing of this project, the physical extent of the project, and working in close proximity

with the public, would the government consider extending the completion time to make this project more manageable and cost effective.

VA: No, the project duration will remain 120 calendar days.

17. Section 32-12-16 calls out asphalt paving, yet no new asphalt paving could be found on the plans. Please advise where the new paving are to occur.

VA: New Paving is to occur where the paving is being removed see CD100

18. Section 32-17-23 calls out pavement marking, yet no new pavement marking could be found on the plans. Please advise where the new pavement markings are to occur.

VA: All pavement markings will be remarked as they were prior to the removal of pavement.

19. Where will the laydown area be located for this project?

VA: Materials will be stored and delivered to the site per NOTE: 2 on X100 of the drawings.

20. Will the existing dirt pile located next to building 31 be removed prior to the start of this project?

VA: No, it will be the responsibility of the contractor.

21. Are there any POC's outside the VA property within the City of Fresno right-a-way that will need city permits?

VA: No

22. The tree removal along Fresno Street will need a traffic control plan approved by the City of Fresno. Can the removal of these Eucalyptus trees be performed during normal business hours?

VA: This work can be accomplished during normal business hours "IF" it can be done without impacting traffic flow onto the facility and be performed under the safety requirements for the work to be done without impacting parking.