

RFI(s) with Answers:

Q: I am currently looking at Solicitation Number VA25713B0114. I have been unable to locate any Technology Drawings for this project. Will there be any Telecommunication or Technology work on this project

A: See sheet E-112

Q: The asbestos survey shows streaked floor tile containing asbestos but not sure which streaked tile is asbestos. Any chance we can get a drawing showing the specific locations of asbestos containing material?

A: "Both tiles (light green floor tile, streaked floor tile) contain asbestos. All floors in the work area have tile."

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A: Arrow Q series office function satin finish lever lock sets, with 6-pin, 0-bitted 'H' keyway non-IC cores.

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A: Yes.

Q: Infection Control: Note 3/GI003 states, "The ICRA shall be written into the contract.....to prevent cost discrepancies." Please provide a project-specific *Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA)* for this project (i.e. Class III, Class IV, etc).

A: Class IV. Also see attached spec 028500.

Q: Infection Control: Note 7/GI003 states, "Construction workers shall wear Dupont Tyvek coveralls or equivalent over clothing and shoe covers..." In the past, the VA has allowed contractor workers to HEPA vacuum their clothes before leaving the ante-room in lieu of wearing coveralls and shoe covers. Would that be acceptable on this project?

A: It is acceptable to have the contractor's workers HEPA vacuum their clothes before leaving the ante-room in lieu of wearing coveralls and shoe covers. If the contractor workers fail to abide by this then they will be required to wear coveralls and shoe covers.

Q: Statement of Work, paragraph 2.3.D.: Subject reference requires a CQCP. Is a full-time, sole responsibility contractor quality control manager required in addition to the project superintendent?

A: A full-time, quality control manager is not required if the superintendent has experience as a quality control manager. A review of the superintendent resume is required if quality control manager and the superintendent is the same person.

Q: Statement of Work, paragraph 2.2.A.ii.d.: Subject reference states, "Any ACM left out of this report is the contractor's responsibility to abate and remove." That statement is unreasonable and conflicts with Section 028211, para 1.2. and Section 028213, para 1.2. As best we can tell, neither the survey performed by PSI nor the plans/specifications detail ACM quantities to be abated. Please provide so we know what to bid.

A: See attached drawing SK-1

Q: Statement of Work, paragraph 2.2.A.ii.e.: Subject reference states, "Loads must be verified with a structural engineer for the new placement of nuclear storage safes In Room 234 Hot Lab. If additional supports are required, it is the contractor's responsibility to install." This is a design requirement and should be performed by the Designer of Record, not the contractor. Drawing 5- 101 identifies other structural modifications but does not include Room 234. Without engineering data, further site investigation and sufficient time to perform a design analysis, it is not reasonable to make structural design a contractor requirement. Please provide any structural modifications necessary to support the Hot Lab lead-line safes.

*A: Are there actually 6 of these at 2,500 pounds each? It looks like maybe there are only 3? If there are actually 3 in hot lab 234 in addition to 3 in hot lab 215 structural will probably need to add another beam. **Yes there are 6 at 2,500 pounds each. 3 in each hot lab. Hot Lab 234 should utilized the same beam as hot lab 215 W16x36 44' long beneath centerline of proposed safe location in Room 234***

Q: Statement of Work. paragraph 2.2.A.iv.f.: Please identify locations for expanded metal walk platforms that need to be installed for access. Also, please provide construction details.

A: Answer, "Expanded metal walkways are only required if the equipment is not installed as indicated, and not accessible from the existing walkways. If required construction shall match existing with expanded metal spanning between existing structure."

Q: Section 010000-2, paragraph1.2.B.: Subject reference describes an 'Add Alternate No.2". Standard Form 1442, Section B, makes no provision for an "Add Alternate No. 2". The Bid Schedule takes precedence. Please revise the Bid Schedule if "Add Alternate No. 2" pricing is required.

A: Amendment A00005 has been issued to clarify. Their no Add Alternates.

Q: Section 010000-9, paragraph1.6.G.: Subject reference identifies an "Add Alternate No.1". Additive Alternate No.1 is also summarized on Drawing Gi-001. Standard Form 1442, Section B, makes no provision for an "Add Alternate No. 1". The Bid Schedule takes precedence. Please revise the Bid Schedule if "Add Alternate No. 1" pricing is required.

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Q: Section 010000-22, paragraph 1.16.L.: The list of Contractor-provided field office FFE is quite lengthy (expensive) and includes numerous duplications. Is that the intent? We ask because the field office is only 720 SF (say 12' x 60') subdivided to provide only one office and one toilet. Please clarify.

A: No field offices are allowed.

Q: Section 010000-22, paragraph 1.16.L.: Will utility services (water, fuel and electrical power) for the Resident Engineer's field office be provided by the Government at no expense to the contractor?

A: No field offices are allowed.

Q: Section 010000-26. paragraph 1.20.A.: Will electrical power and fuel, if any, required during construction be provided by the Government at no expense to the contractor?

A: Electrical power will be provided by the government at no expense to the contractor. Any fuel needs will be the responsibility of the contractor.

Q: Section 010000-32, paragraph 1.28: Please provide more information about the storage space to be provided by the contractor (i.e. specific location, size, proximity to existing utility services, finishes, etc.)

A: Disregard section 010000-32 1.28 Storage for department of veterans affairs equipment.

Q: Drawing A-100: In reference to the phasing plan, how much time will the VA need to occupy the newly constructed area between phases? This is important for schedule planning purposes.

A: 45 days will be needed in order to transition to the new areas.

Q: Drawing A105: What do the small solid black dots on the reflected ceiling plan represent? Those dots are not identified on the Legend.

A: These are can lights.

Q: Section 117300: What manufacturer is the basis of design for the ceiling mounted patient lift system?

A: Basis of design was Medicare Products, model 625.

Q: Notes 2&3, Drawing A-104: Are material data sheets available for the Owner-furnished fume hood and PPE cabinet?

A: Attached.

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