

1. Question: H / A-402 depicts a 'Bed Locator' - Are the Bed Locators to have electrical services; if so how many electrical receptacles in each?

RESPONSE: There are four (4) homeruns shown at each patient head wall location. Two (2) shall be routed to the "Tower" location and two (2) shall be routed to the patient bed locator. The contractor shall coordinate with the patient headwall manufacturer for all connections.

2. Question: Solicitation Page 12 – Contractor Responsibility: "Contractor shall provide equitable consideration to the Government for additional time granted for completion of contract work"- Will a rate of equitable consideration be provided?

RESPONSE: No, the rate of "equitable consideration" will be negotiated at the time any additional contract performance time modification is considered.

3. Solicitation Page 38 of 50 section 4.15 "(b) Large scale drawings supersede small scale drawings." Question: Where do the specifications rate in the hierarchy of drawings noted?

RESPONSE: See FAR clause 52.236-21 Specifications and Drawings for Construction.

4. Question: Will the contractor be required to provide a temporary fence?

RESPONSE: A temporary fence shall be required to enclose the dumpster associated with the debris chute.

5. Question: Will the contractor be allowed to utilize a debris chute or will debris be routed through a service elevator and basement?

RESPONSE: The contractor shall utilize a debris chute. The most practical location for the dumpster and chute is shown in the attached document "Proposed dumpster location.pdf". Accessing the proposed dumpster location requires driving over sidewalks and decorative concrete. Damages to these surfaces shall be repaired/replaced at the expense of the contractor. If a location other than that shown in the attached document is preferred, the preferred location must be submitted to and approved by the VA prior to delivery of the dumpster, chute, and fencing. Any debris or material that is routed through Building 47 shall be covered and utilize the freight elevators and basement to exit the building.

6. Question: AD-104 General note D - Is general note D on drawing AD-104 correct; stating that the contractor is to remove and replace all ceilings in the working area shown?

RESPONSE: General note D is correct. Ceilings shall be removed & replaced as noted.

7. A-001 General note 12 – "Contractor to provide blocking in walls for any furniture and equipment as required for installation" Question: If not all of the furniture and equipment is shown; will the required blocking be quantified?

RESPONSE: No additional information will be provided.

8. Question: For scheduling purposes; how long is anticipated for the submittal review process?

RESPONSE: A/E review period is 14 days from date of receipt in A/E office. The VA anticipates an internal review period of 7 days from date of receipt from the A/E office.

9. Question: AD-001 General Note #43: “All walls within the project area on the fifth floor shall be completely removed to the base structure and replaced with new construction UNO.” - Is the ‘base structure’ limited to metal studs or is base structure referring to structural items beyond the studs?

RESPONSE: All walls shall be completely removed, including all metal studs. Base structure refers to structural steel and concrete.

10. Question: A-101 General Note #7: “Contractor shall verify if existing wall construction is equivalent to a smoke barrier (1HR. Fire Rated Resistance Rated). If not, contractor shall provide required partition. If any penetrations or openings are found, contractor shall seal to provide complete partition that is smoke tight.” - Contractors were unable to investigate if walls were equivalent to a smoke barrier. Will walls found not to be equivalent to a smoke barrier be identified?

RESPONSE: Contractor shall assume partition as required does not exist and shall provide for new partition in accordance with rating/barrier requirements.

11. Question: A-103 Equipment schedule items: Nurse call, UPS back-up and Panic button – Contractor furnished contractor installed. Specifications to be owner provided. - Will specifications be provided for the contractor provided UPS back-up, Security panic buttons and TV wall brackets?

RESPONSE:

- Nurse Call: The Nurse Call system provided in this project shall be compatible with the ongoing comprehensive SimplexGrinnell EZCare Nurse Call System upgrade project.
- UPS Back-up: Electrical has provided for 120V outlet in vicinity of UPS, equipment shall be provided by the VA.
- Panic Button: See attachment “Panic Button Specification.docx”.
- TV Wall Brackets: “TV Wall Bracket Specification.docx”.

12. Question: Will the firm maintaining the existing roof warranty be identified?

RESPONSE: The existing roof warranty is held by Versico Roofing Systems. The contractor shall coordinate their work to maintain the existing roof warranty.

13. Question: On plan sheet AD 104 in Asbestos Removal Key Notes B and C, we are directed to: “Remove ACM wrapped pipe in the wall and above ceiling. Remove TSI fittings on cold and hot water piping. Remove surrounding wallboard with asbestos containing joint compound. Coordinate with P 101.” On P 101, Plumbing Demo Keyed Notes 1 and 2 direct us to remove these same pipes only above the Fourth floor ceiling and only those which serve the Fifth floor. Is it your intent with this contract to remove all asbestos containing pipe insulation and pipes in the walls from the floor up and above the ceiling of 4 East as on AD 104 or do you only want to do this work above the ceiling as on P 101?

RESPONSE: The intent of this project is to remove all asbestos containing pipe insulation associated with piping that is to be demolished. Any/all walls that are affected by this demolition shall be patched, repaired, and finished to match existing adjacent construction.

14. Question: What is the extent of the ceiling and grid removal for the Fourth floor work? Is it complete removal as directed in note D on sheet AD- 104 or just in the areas of the plumbing and mechanical work?

RESPONSE: General note D is correct. Ceilings shall be removed and replaced as noted.

15. Question: What is the extent of the sheetrock removal for the Fourth floor work? Is it only in the areas of the plumbing and mechanical work and how wide are those areas?

RESPONSE: Yes, it is only in areas of mechanical and plumbing from ceiling to underside of deck, 1'-0" on either side of demo work unless noted otherwise.

16. Question: The legend on sheet AD104 refers to 36" transite duct and radiator backing. Is this to be removed on the Fourth floor also?

RESPONSE: Yes.

17. Question: What do the dashed lines at the windows on sheet AD 102 & AD104 indicate?

RESPONSE: Work associated with mechanical and plumbing demolition only.

18. Question: Section 093013 2.7 & 3.15 Grout Materials: This lists all types of grout, please confirm grout types to be used.

RESPONSE: For wall tile methods: Latex-portland cement grout (unsanded). For floor tile methods: Portland cement grout (sanded)

19. Question: Solid Surface Materials: Corian Thresholds will be extremely expensive, can an alternative material be used that have been used on other projects at the VA?

RESPONSE: Refer to 09 06 00, 1.2 Manufacturers.

20. Question: Wall Board in Toilet/Shower Rooms: Sheets A401 & A301, and detail 3/A405 are showing gypsum board in toilet/showers. Section 093013 calls for backerboard behind wall tile. Will the entire toilet/shower rooms be backer board ?

RESPONSE: Backerboard shall be located at all wet wall locations. Use moisture resistant gypsum board at other wall locations in toilet/shower rooms.

21. Question: Detail 4/A405: ½" will not be enough as we all know. The TCA recommends ¾ min., but with acrylic additive to mud we can get by with ½" mortar bed depth. However, to attain pitch you will have to be more than ½" at door.

RESPONSE: Thresholds at doorways shall be ½ inch high maximum.

22. Question: Will #5E528 Staff Tlt. & 5E544 HAC be thinset floor application?

RESPONSE: Yes

23. Question: Will #5E544 HAC be done with other rooms or at a later date?

RESPONSE: The work associated with 5E544 HAC shall be completed as a part of this project.

24. Question: Sheet I-100 Finish Schedule: 5E528 Staff Toilet shows CTW1,2 and P2 for walls. Is the tile to be a 4'-0" wainscot? If so what is location of CWT-2?

RESPONSE: CTW1,2 is on wet wall only floor to ceiling. CWT-2 band at 6'-0" AFF to top of tile. Other (3) walls are P-2.

25. Question: Is there a specification for the communications cable tray?

RESPONSE: Please see the attached document "Cable Tray Requirements.pdf".

26. Question: There is a new electrical room ground bar (room 5E524) shown on the riser diagram on drawing E601. Connections to the panels and transformers in the room from the ground bar are shown. Is this ground bar tied into the existing building ground system? If so what size of wire is required and where is the connection point at?

RESPONSE: No, the new ground bar is not required to be connected to the existing building ground system.

27. Question: The architectural details on drawing A402 shown a bed locator at the patient beds. What if any power circuits are required for these units? Also what might be low voltage systems (e.g. nurse call, voice/data) requirements for the bed locators?

RESPONSE: There are four (4) homeruns shown at each patient head wall location. Two (2) shall be routed to the "Tower" location and two (2) shall be routed to the patient bed locator. The contractor shall coordinate with the patient headwall manufacturer for all connections.

28. Question: Is there any interconnection required between the bed locators and the patient bed reading light (type C)?

RESPONSE: No, there is no interconnection required.

29. Question: Specification 102513 paragraph 2.1.G.j (patient bed service walls) calls for a patient wall mounted bed fixture powered through the headwall to be furnished with the Headwall. However the electrical drawing calls for a type C fixture (Alkco #HZN4L351) switched through a switch furnished with the headwall and circuited to a normal power circuit not associated with the headwall. Do we furnish the Alkco fixture as specified on the fixture schedule or is this patient bed light to come with the HiliRom patient service wall?

RESPONSE: Yes, the contractor shall furnish lighting fixture type C.

30. Question: There are no drawings showing work to be done on the 4th floor. Is there any voice/data/CATV work to be done on the 4th floor?

RESPONSE: The only work to be done on the 4th floor related to voice/data/CATV is to pull the CATV wiring back as stated in note 7 on drawing ED100.

31. Question: The CATV riser shows RG-11 coax cable to be pulled to each TV location. Is this correct or should that be RG-6?

RESPONSE: Yes, RG11 wiring shall be provided.

32. Question: This diagram also shows (4) 1" conduits for RG-11 being run from the existing CATV rack on the 5th floor to the new CATV equipment rack location. How many RG-11 cables will need to be provided in each conduit?

RESPONSE: One (1) RG-11 cable shall be provided per conduit.

33. Question: There is also a note for the existing TV cables from the 4th floor to be extended/relocated to the new CATV equipment rack. How many cables are there?

RESPONSE: Assume four (4) CATV cables to be extended/relocated.

34. Question: Are all of the existing security devices in the area (cameras, access control, Aiphone intercom, panic buttons and chime/alarm for the stairwell door) to be demolished?

RESPONSE: All of the existing security devices on 5 East shall be removed and returned to the VA.

35. Question: Are there any new security devices? None are shown on the drawings.

RESPONSE: Review drawing A103 and E103 for information regarding security devices.

36. Question: There is a question regarding the project related to bed locators at the medical gas headwalls. There seems to be a discrepancy between the plans and specs so the question is “is there a bed locator behind each patient bed? If the answer is yes, do the bed locators have any services?”

RESPONSE: Each patient bed has a bed locator, however, there are only electrical requirements, the med gas is located in the adjacent tower.

37. Question: Ante Rooms 5E507A and 5E508A:

Finish Schedule on I 100 shows walls as EP1 and WP1 except 5E508A also shows CWT. Detail C/A401 is showing wall tile in 5E507A. Please confirm if either of these Ante Rooms receive wall tile, and if so to what extent.

RESPONSE: There is no wall tile in Ante Rooms. Refer to Addendum #3 dated 4-1-13. On sheet I-100, omit CWT from wall finish for Ante 5E508A. On sheet A401 omit hatch on elevation C.

38. Question: The monitoring system on AD-103: Who is responsible to move this and then to recertify the system? If the contractor is responsible, what company/manufacture is to be used to recertify the system?

RESPONSE: The contractor shall relocate as required for new ceiling layout, and recertify at the end of construction. The company/manufacture used to recertify the system is General Electric/GE Healthcare.

39. Question: AD-104 – The note on this page indicates that the 4th floor will be vacated during the construction phase of the project. If this is to happen, what will the anticipated start date be for the project based upon how this affects the phasing of the rest of the project? In the past this has been an issue...sometimes having to wait from 6 months to a year for an area to be vacated for work to begin. Also, will the area be vacated only during the construction phase (phase II) or will the area be vacated during the demo phase (phase I) as well as there is demo and abatement that will occur on the 4th floor?

RESPONSE: It is the intent of this project that 4 East be vacated during both demolition and construction. However, there are numerous factors involved that will affect when both 4 and 5 East are vacated, making it impossible to establish an exact date at this time. This issue will be addressed during the Pre-Construction Conference.

40. Question: Based on the current condition and age of the hospital floors, is the entire floor to be leveled for flooring? Skim coating in these areas has not been sufficient in the past. Is your intention to level the entire floor as the spec section 09 65 19 does not indicate this?

RESPONSE: The intent of this project is to level the entire existing concrete floor in 5 East utilizing materials in accordance with Specification 03 54 16. The contractor shall coordinate use of these materials with the flooring manufacturer.

41. Question: There is no manufacturer listed on the drawings or in the specs for the cable, patchpanels, jacks, etc. Do you know what is in the building right now?

RESPONSE: Manufacturer information should not have an impact on the items referenced. Refer to the requirements of the specifications.

42. Question: Sheet A-103 equipment list item #8 calls for patient lifts in 5E515 and 5E502 yet plans show 20 item #8 in all bedrooms. How many lifts are there?

RESPONSE: The information presented on A-103 is being misinterpreted in the above statement. The "Remarks" column related to item #8 is specifying the patient lifts in rooms 5E515 and 5E502 as "Bariatric" and is not to be used to quantify the number of lifts. Refer to A-122 for location and type of patient lifts.

43. Question: What is the height of the wall tile to be removed per note 8 on AD-103?

RESPONSE: The height of wall tile is not consistent throughout the Ward. All walls within the Ward are to be demolished floor to ceiling.

44. Question: Does the note for the countertop on 9/A-762 mean that the countertop is plastic laminate and the backsplash is solid surface?

RESPONSE: No, the detail is for both conditions. Refer to I-101 for solid surface or plastic laminate locations.

45. Question: What type of countertop is to be provided at section 8/A-762?

RESPONSE: See I-101. Countertop is L-2.

46. Question: What type of countertop is to be provided at the CNL Office (details 18 & 19/A-761)?

RESPONSE: Refer to I-101. Countertop is L-1, bases are L-2.

47. Question: Sanitary Napkin Disposals and Under Lavatory Guards are listed on the Toilet Accessory Legend on sheet A-401 and shown on the mounting height details but are not specifically noted on the plans. Are these items used? If so please provide locations.

RESPONSE: Staff Toilet 5E528 only. Locate next to TA4 as shown in mounting height elev. for toilet accessories.

48. Question: Clothes Hooks are listed on the Toilet Accessory Legend on sheet A-401 but are not specifically noted on the plans. Is this item used? If so please provide locations.

RESPONSE: A clothes hook shall be located on the back of every Patient Toilet Door. Refer to ADA compliant mounting height for toilet accessories for TA8 mounting height.

49. Question: TA5 is noted on the plans and elevations on sheet A-402. Per the toilet accessory legend on A-402 TA5 is a grab bar which obviously does not apply at this location. What is TA5 on sheet A-402?

RESPONSE: Paper Towel Dispenser (N.I.C.). See Addendum 3 dated 4-1-13.

50. Question: What is a "Pipe 8 Standard Column"? This is noted on sheets S-100 and S501. This is not a typical designation. Is this 8" schedule 40 steel pipe?

RESPONSE: Standard pipe is Schedule 40.

51. Question: Details 1 & 2/A-302 refer to detail B8 on A403. There is no B8 on A403. Should the reference be to 3/A-302 instead?

RESPONSE: Yes. See Addendum 3 dated 4-1-13.

52. Question: Please provide a plan that shows the extent of the floor expansion joint. Floor expansion joints are not noted on any of the floor plans.

RESPONSE: Existing floor expansion joint runs from column line E12 to D12 then D12 to D-13. Refer to sheet A-102 and details located on A302 and A303. Contractor shall verify with existing conditions.

53. Question: Some medium pressure duct upstream of the VAV boxes is shown as flat oval and some is shown as rectangular. Should it all be flat oval or should it be bid exactly as shown?

RESPONSE: Medium pressure ductwork upstream of VAV boxes should be bid as shown.

54. Question: Sheet M104 shows existing ducts for AC-4 & AC-5 to remain. Does the duct system to remain include the fire damper/fire-smoke dampers shown on these two ducts?

RESPONSE: Sheet M-104 ducts that remain should include the existing fire damper/fire smoke dampers to remain as well. Contractor shall verify these items are in working order.