

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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NOTE: All answers are in bold

Q1. General note 6 on all of the drawings (except GS-115 it is General note 8) states "Brick to be cleaned and existing areas to be cleaned around windows". Can you define what the scope of work is for this item? Is it different for each building?

A1. Please refer to pictures shown in word documents for scope of work concerning which windows require work.

Q2. Does the entire façade on building 15 get cleaned since it is getting water repellent?

A2. No. The brick is to be cleaned only where noted in the documents in relationship to the drawings.

Q3. Please confirm the response to Question 2 on Amendment 002 is still in place, and that we will be required to demolish and rebuild the walls to be plumb in areas where the parapet walls have been pushed away from the back-up walls. These areas appear to be listed as LF repainting on the photos.

A3. Yes, the contractor will be required to demolish and rebuild the walls to be plumb in areas where the parapet walls have been pushed away from the back-up walls.

Pictures are provided to help determine if parapet repairs are required.

Q4. Please confirm the response to Question 3 on Amendment 002 is still in place, and at areas where the relieving angles are too close to the surface we are to remove the mortar, wire-wheel the angle, coat with zinc-rich primer, and install single component urethane sealant joint.

A4. Confirmed.

Q5. There is a new note on the drawings "Brick to be cleaned and existing areas to be cleaned around windows". Please provide clarification on the scope of this note. Is it the intent of the VA to have to contractor wash the entire surface of all buildings? Are we to include the washing of the perimeter of all windows even if no work was done in those areas? Or is this to simply mean we are responsible for the cleaning of our work and any adjacent areas that were contaminated from our work?

A5. This note is in reference to cleaning of work completed by the contractor and any adjacent areas where contamination may have occurred from this construction work.

Q6. The amendment's pictures detail the linear feet of tuck pointing, but they do not specify the square footage of brick repairs on each building. This is still left open to interpretation. Will there be quantities identified for brick repair/replacement or should this remain open for interpretation?

A6. Contractor to assume 5,000 square feet of new brick to be used to replace damaged brick.

Q7. B11 pic #6, reads 40' of tuck pointing. Please verify that this quantity is correct.

A7. Please note pic # 6 is supposed to be 400' LF. This will also change note #8 found on A-111 to adjust for 360 LF from 8,145' to 8,505'.

Q8. B11 pic #102, reads 5' tuck pointing. Please verify that this quantity is correct.

A8. Note is correct for 5' linear feet.

Q9. On building 15 it says remove and replace cap stone? Is this remove and re-install or replace? I see that there is a parapet detail but it does not tell us what needs to be done when the stones are removed. Is there to be new thru wall flashing, weeps, etc.? The stone looked to be in good shape what is the problem in that area?

A9. The cap stone shall be refurbished to like new condition and re-installed. Scope is to remove and replace cap stone. Once the cap stone is removed, and before it can be replaced, new wall flashing, weeps, etc will be required if existing conditions shown it is needed.

Q10. Is there a water repellent specified?

A10. No, contractor is to submit a product for government approval. Product must be of commercial item use, extensively in the central NC region where the VAMC Salisbury is located.

Q11. What is the intent of the displaced brick repairs? To remove and reinstall the displaced brick or to simply seal them by tucking a new joint around the displaced brick and can you provide an allowance for this repair it that is the intent.

A11. To remove and reinstall as required. Review each item noted and approximate linear feet of repair work required.

Q12. Would the owner consider including a contingency allowance for any repairs not shown on the drawings.

A12. No.

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