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1	82-S-1B, 82-S-601	Please provide the thickness of Pier Cap PC3A.	Calculate the depth based on Detail F9/82-S-601. Ref Pier Cap Schedule for other dimensions.
2	82-C-106	Are steam lines to be removed currently abandoned? Did see anything to relocate.	Steam lines noted for removal are previously abandoned.
3	02 82 13.41-2, 1.1.3, B.	Is VA providing Independent Asbestos Monitoring or is by contractor?	Contractor is to provide monitoring and VA will provide monitor. See asbestos specification 02 82 13.41 (Part 2, paragraphs 2.3.2 and 2.3.3) where it explains the difference between CIH and VPIH and what each of the roles are.
4	02 82 13.41-1, 1.1.2	Is insulated pipe direct buried or in a sleeve or tunnel?	The steam lines that are to be removed are encased pipes that are direct buried. Including the encasement, the pipes are approximately 18 inches in diameter. The asbestos-containing thermal system insulation is within the Ric-well encasement.
5	82-S-501/C7	What is the extent of the 8" concrete wall shown along grid line A to column line 9 or north of column line 10?	9, Ref F1/82-A-202
6	82-S-101, S-102, S-103	What is the structural detail for the edge of ramps at column lines C&D?	Edge of slab is at gridline.
7	82-S104	What is the structural detail for the edge of the slab at level 4 column lines 4 & 13 between grid lines A&C and C&D respectively	The 1'-0" dimension is the edge of slab from gridline. There is a curb.
8	03 30 00, par 3.5.A	Is there a maximum spacing of construction joints on grade? Specifications state slabs on grade shall have construction joints as shown; however, there is not a layout for construction joints on the plans.	The dashed lines on 82-S-1B represent the construction joints. Many of them are on grid lines or halfway between grids.
9	03 30 00, par 3.3 and 82-A-1B	Are the only areas considered interior concrete slab on grade for the purpose of defining location of the vapor barrier the following: BA101, BA104, BA105, BB101, BB103, BB105	Vapor barriers are required at all enclosed locations on the ground floor.

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10	03 30 00, par 3.13 and 82-A-202/F1	Which spaces are considered interior & exterior exposed areas for the purpose of defining grouted finish? Any columns, slab soffits, beams, exterior beam sides, retaining walls? Only the walls called out with rubbed concrete face on the architectural garage elevation A-202/F1	Reference Exterior General Note 5 and 6: ALL columns and cast in place elements that are exposed (interior to garage or exterior to garage) are to receive a rubbed finish. There are several instances where a column may be enclosed by a mechanical room or behind a precast wall. Those faces not exposed, do not need a rubbed finish.
11		Are chamfered corners required on concrete columns?	Yes. Provide chamfered corners on concrete columns.
12		Are chamfered edges required on cast in place concrete beams?	Yes. Provide chamfered edges on cast-in-place concrete beams.
13	03 30 00, par 3.1.A.2	Please confirm that sides of footings need to be formed? (Appears that the footings will bear on clay)	Sides of footings need to be formed.
14	Section F1/S-503	Need an East/West section through tunnel at varying condition	On sheet 82-S-503, ref detail D5 for connection to existing tunnel. C1 shows the tunnel dimensions and F1 gives the slope.
15	Sheet S-1B	Are we to use detail F7/S-501 for 8"x3'-2" Grade Beam extensions	Yes
16	Enlarged Plan F7/S411	What is the dashed line approximately 3.5' around the elevator pit	Interior transfer beam. Ref F3&F7/ 82-S-502.
17	E1/S-023	Are Carton Forms required under elevator pit walls	Yes
18	E1/S-023 & F2&F7/S411	With Elevator pit being 8' below finished floor and per section E1/S-023 pier elevation being 11'-11" below finished floor of 522.00, elevation given on plan is incorrect, please provide corrected elevations.	Dimensions on E1/82-S-023 are incorrect. The pit is 5'-8" below level B, and use the TOP elevations on plan.
19	F1 & F3/SS-501	Detail F1 shows piers being 24" diameter, F3 shows pier being 18" diameter, which is correct?	24"dia (7'-0") is correct.
20	S-1B & S-601	Is detail F9 to be used for perimeter retaining wall pier caps?	Yes
21	S-1B & C9/S501	Is detail C9/S501 to be used for Pier Caps at South retaining wall	Yes
22	S-1B	How do continuous footings tie into pier caps, reference typical foundation section at ramp retaining wall between columns D & C and 7 & 13	Ref F3/82-S-501
23	Spec. 316326 par. 3.1C and bid schedule page 3 of 64	Are we to provide an adder for temporary pier casing?	Adjustment shall be made for the use of pier casings for each separate pier size (diameter) on a per linear foot basis. See Revised Bid Schedule that requests unit pricing for steel casings.

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24		Are there any permit fees or is this handled by VA?	The VA does not pay for permits. Please refer to GR section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.10 D and FAR 52.236.7.
25	82-C-901-Construction Staging Plan	Please clarify the scope of work for the temporary access roads at staging area in Phase A. Parts of the access roads are already paved with asphalt or gravel. Please clarify if any work by the contractor is required at the paved parts of the access roads.	Contractor is required to maintain the roadways in the staging area that are already paved. Currently unpaved portions of the 24' wide light access route (west of building 79 as shown on sheet 82-C-901), will need to be paved during phase(s) as needed to maintain public vehicular access from the Lot 20/Lot 21 side of the utility work in the reconfigured Liberty Loop to the graveled parking lot (on DISD property leased to VA) at all times when the current/final public vehicular path from that area is disrupted, during the life of this project. Roadways shall be maintained to keep current conditions.
26	General Information	We request to postpone the deadline for RFI submission to May 10th to generate the maximum amount of feedback from the subcontractor community.	The RFI submission deadline will not be adjusted or postponed.
27	Geotechnical Engineering Report-page 10	"Slab-on-grade Treatment Depths" table on page 10 of the Geotechnical Engineering Report lists "5-story parking garage (west)" and "5-story parking garage (east)". Please confirm that "5-story parking garage (east)" is the parking garage under this contract.	Yes, the five-story parking garage (east) is the parking garage under this contract.
28	Section 01 00 00, page 15, item D	A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is required for this project, the fees are paid on a yealy basis by the user facility, are there any costs associated with the permit fee which the General Contractor should include in the proposal?	The contractor shall maintain a NPDES permit during construction activitives and will be responsible for any fees and costs associated with so doing.
29	Section 03 45 00, Precast Architectural Concrete	Section 03 45 00, paragraph 1.2 C, Related Work, indicates a reference to Blast Resistance, Section 03 45 10, there is not a specification section 03 45 10 in the project manual. Please delete the reference to this specification and confirm blast resistant precast is not required.	Section 03 45 00 was not included because blast resistant precast is not necessary. This reference should therefore be deleted.
30	Section 07 18 00 Traffic Coatings	Section 07 18 00 indicates coating for waterproofing and traffic surface, but does detail a required scope. The drawings do not indicate a intended scope of work. Please confirm the scope required for Traffic Coatings and location.	Traffic coating is to be on all vehicular surfaces for Level 4 and shall also include the complete vehicular surfaces for the two (2) ramps wich connect Level 4 and Level 3.

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31	Section 11 12 00 Parking Control Equipment	Section 11 12 00 lists only one supplier for the Parking Control Equipment, will this scope of work be sole sourced or are "or equals" accepted?	There are in fact many manufacturers who can meet the specification. The reference to the manufacturers after "End" should be deleted.
32	LEED	Several Specification Sections refer to support of LEED, however there is no mention of a LEED goal or scorecard. Will the project require a LEED certification?	No LEED certification will be required for the garage. Please delete all references to LEED certification requirements. However, the environmentally friendly requirements in the construction documents will still be enforced. Also, LEED forms needed for other reasons than LEED certification, are still required.
33	Page(s) 55/56 of 64	<p>Page 55/56 of 64 "Selection Criteria and Weightings", Subfactor: Technical/Management Approach states "This basis of evaluation will include the narrative and conceptual drawings (if included) considering the extent to which the Offeror demonstrates a clear understanding of the architectural and engineering requirements of the project."</p> <p>It is our understanding this is a design-bid-build project. The actual submission requirements for this proposal do not reference architectural and engineering drawings as part of the submission. Please confirm we are not required to address conceptual drawings, or our understanding of the architectural and engineering requirements of this project. Please confirm that we shall address our construction approach, in accordance with page 62 of 64, Factor 3, Schedule submission requirements, rather than our technical solution which is generally required in a design-build proposal.</p>	<p>The RFP section shall be revised thus: (Refer to paragraph A5 A Page 56 of 64 top of the page.):</p> <p>"The basis of evaluation will include the narrative and illustrations (if included) considering the extent to which the Offeror demonstrates a clear understanding of the construction requirements of the project."...</p>
34	Key personnel reporting structure	We cannot locate the required reporting structure for personnel. Will the government please confirm who shall report to whom (i.e. the Quality Control Manager, etc.)?	Refer to section 4.25 and 4.28 on page 37 of 64 in the General Conditions section of the specifications. The contractor shall report to the Resident Engineer on the jobsite.

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35	Factor 1 and Factor 2	If submitting as a Joint Venture, is there a certain number of projects that shall be submitted from each Joint Venture partner? Typically we see language that each Joint Venturer shall demonstrate one relevant project.	As stated in the Proposal Submission requirements, the offeror shall submit a maximum of five (5) completed Design-Bid-Build projects. Offeror is the legal entity (or Joint Venture) proposing on the solicitation and is registered on SAM, VetBiz, and maintains a valid DUNS number. It is the JV's business decision to demonstrate relevant experience (and meet the requirements of the RFP) from one or both entities comprised of the JV.
36	4.20 VAAR 852.219-10 (d)(2) top line of Page. 35	This clause limits the other concerns in a J.V. to small under the size standard corresponding to the NAICS code assigned to this procurement. Will this prevent a teaming agreement with a large business or using a large business as a key subcontractor?	Please review the document attached to this amendment (IL 049-06-4) on www.fbo.gov regarding Joint Venture and Teaming Arrangements for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses as it contains valuable information. Another source you may want to contact is the Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) (http://www.va.gov/osdbu/).
37	General	Please advise if this project is tax exempt or not.	Federal, State, and Local tax: Taxes must be included in your proposal. No tax exemption will be granted.