

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) FORM

**SOLICITATION NO. VA-245-12-B-0169
PROJECT 512A5-10-307
Steam Repairs and Upgrade – Perry Point
Perry Point VAMC, MARYLAND 21201**

Request For Information (RFI): Responses to RFI's received through 6/8/2013.

Submitted By: All Contractors

Response By: Richard Watters (COTR), Richard.watters@va.gov, Building 101, Room 2, 410 642-2411x5169)

Question:

1. Dated 5/31/2013:
 - a. *Provide the correct scale on Dwg C-6 for both area 10 & 11 or confirm that 1"=20' is correct.*
 - i. Regarding the drawing C-6 with the site plan scale should be 1"=40' not 1"=20'.
2. Dated 6/4/2013:
 - a. *Looking in specification 010000-1 General Requirements. I didn't see anything about testing. I did notice that it went A, B, C, E, F and G. It was missing D which in the specification for the Mansion and Grist Mill that was the section for testing. If testing is required will it be by the owner or General Contractor and what testing will be required.*
 - i. Pending , and will be answered under next RFI Responses
3. Dated 6/5/2013:
 - a. *Section 01 00 00 paragraph 1.4 C, calls out for Guards 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Since this is primarily an exterior site project is this a necessary requirement? If it is required are the guards needed during working hours?*
 - i. Guards are not needed, unless the construction area is left in a temporarily unsecured condition.
 - b. *Section 01 00 00 1.17 COTR Field Office requires a trailer for the COTR. Please confirm that this is a requirement of the contract.*
 - i. Office Trailer is not required.

4. Dated 6/6/2013:

- a. *Request verification that there is no asbestos containing material in the mechanical rooms, manholes, or any other sites associated with the work.*
 - i. Mechanical Room asbestos containing materials have all been removed.
 - ii. The following steam manholes may contain asbestos; all other pits and manholes have had all the asbestos containing materials removed.
Manhole #11, 22, 24, 25
 - iii. Areas of existing underground piping are believed to contain asbestos piping insulation, but most if not all these locations are abandoned in place.

5. Dated 6/6/2013:

- a. *Please confirm, as stated during the site visit, that previous relevant historical renovation experience by the bidder or bidder's team will be part of the Determination of Responsibility review by the VA.*
 - i. Previous experience will be a consideration factor along with lowest cost.
- b. *Request that the bid opening be extended 7 to 10 days after the last amendment is issued to allow the bidders time to evaluate and factor in the changes and clarifications. As it currently stands the RFI cutoff is 6/14/13 and the bid opening is 6/19/13. Five calendar days (including a weekend) does not allow time to incorporate the amendment into the bidding process.*
 - i. The date of bid opening will not be changed.

Richard Watters,
(Contract Officer Technical Representative)

Cc: Jerry Jones (Contract Officer)

SUBMIT ALL QUESTIONS TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER BY E-MAIL,
Jerry.Jones6@va.gov OR BY FAX TO (410) 642-1102.

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL QUESTIONS IS June 14, 2013 at 5 PM 1 week PRIOR TO BID DUE DATE WHICH IS June 21, 2013 by 2:00 PM EDT.