

**VA261-13-R-1247- Bldg. 650 Pancake Finishes**

**RFI's and Government Response through June 26, 2013**

**Proposal RFI#1** – I would kindly request that the bid date for this project be moved out until July 9<sup>th</sup> or later. I believe it to be in the government's best interest to move the bid date because of the holiday on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Many people will be out of town or not at work on the 5<sup>th</sup> and we will not be able to submit the most competitive bid. Please consider this request.

The proposal due date has been extended to July 10, 2013 at 10:00 am PST. All bids must be submitted through the Vendor Portal.

**Proposal RFI#2** – Can you please supply the name of the Oliveras Moving Company?

Olivarez, Inc  
1830 CLAYTON AVE, # 9  
MODESTO, CA 95350-4760  
(209) 585-7586

**Proposal RFI#3** – Do you have the contact information for Armstrong flooring for the removal of the VCT flooring debris and haul away?

<http://www.armstrong.com/commflooringna/vct-recycling-program.html>

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**Proposal RFI#4** –During the pre-proposal conference, Mr. Castaneda mentioned that the phasing will need to be agreed to with the occupants, but typically 5 to 6 offices can be made available at one time. The specification requires to keep traffic off for a minimum of 72 hours. How long will these offices be made available for?

We will make sure the offices are available for the time needed.

**Proposal RFI#5** – Are weekend and after work hours permitted, if so when is the estimated start time?

Yes, weekend and after work hours are permitted. The estimated start time is 1700 PST and all the work must be completed before 0800 PST the following day. The contractor is authorized to work 10 hour shifts at nights and weekends.

**Proposal RFI#6** – For dust control/paint smell what do you suggest to be in compliant with Infection Control procedures?

Recommend using an air hog to return air or to tie into the existing exhaust that goes outside. The restroom exhaust can be tied into.

**Proposal RFI#7** – What is the activity level like in the facility on weekends and after work hours?

The facility is pretty empty, there may be some doctors in the area completing work, however we will coordinate with the staff to prevent any issues.

**Proposal RFI#8** – The drawing provided shows the area of construction in relation to the building, but does not provide a floor plan of that area. This plan indicates a total area of 92,623 square feet. However, the pre-proposal conference agenda indicates the area of construction to be 35,000 square feet. Is there a floor plan that indicates the room dimensions? (Drawing 1 of 1)

Cad drawing provided.

**Proposal RFI# 9** – Will the wait here stickers and signage be provided by the VA?

Yes, the wait here stickers will be provided.

**Proposal RFI#10** - The specifications include section 09 29 00 Gypsum Board, which covers the installation of gypsum board.

- a. No drywall damage was visible during the site visit. Are wall repairs required as part of the scope of work? If so, how can we quantify the amount of repairs required.

There is some small damage, in addition some damage behind the 6” cove. Please assume 1500sf of sheetrock patching. However, I would assume most patches can be fixed with sheetrock mud only.

**Proposal RFI#11** - Could secure storage container be used in lieu of the secure moving truck? How big of a laydown area will be available for storage of furniture/equipment?

We can provide enough space for two conex boxes (8’x8.5’x20’) on the North side of 650. Or up to 6 boxes in the gravel lot on the East side of campus.

**Proposal RFI#12** - The Specification Section 09 65 13 – Resilient Base & Accessories indicates 6-inch, Group 2, Style B. The existing wall base at Section F located across the corridor from UROLOGY is 4-inch. Are we to match the existing or provide 6-inch in all areas?

Please match existing.

**Proposal RFI#13** - The Scope of Work (General 1.8) requires a security guard after hours while work is in progress. If secure moving truck or storage is provided, will security guard services be required when no work is in progress, such as weekends or holidays?

Good question, no. We are very concerned about patient information, if the selected contractor can show all items are stored and locked on-site we can walk with the VA Police after each work shift and they will sign off on the security, and monitor by camera. The last contractor that left a patient filing cabinet unsecured was read their rights and removed from campus, so please weigh your options.

**Proposal RFI#14** – Does the VA have a finish schedule?

Not yet.

**Proposal RFI#15** - There are restrooms in the work area, are we to assume no new flooring and paint of the entire restroom, walls and ceilings?

Assume flooring and paint of all restrooms in the work area as shown, please ensure your proposal shows these areas separately.

**Proposal RFI#16** - Are only the walls and door jambs to be painted, exclude all T-Bar ceilings?

Correct

**Proposal RFI#17** - How many paint colors will be required?

Each area has not decided on their colors yet, we are providing four color/accent combos so I would assume 8 to 10 colors.

Specifically regarding labor as in two different colors next to each other: Each office, exam, waiting area will get a field and accent color.

**Proposal RFI#18** - Will wall base be standard black or is a colored wall base required?

A color may be required, we are providing options that do not carry an additional cost beyond plain black. This is in accordance with the Armstrong rep.

**Proposal RFI#19** - Will only one color of VCT be required?

No, there will be some accent coloring, like discussed in the waiting areas, but not more than two colors in a given field.

**Proposal RFI#20** - Will doorway transitions be required to be made under the door or taken to the next full tile?

Under the door.

**Proposal RFI#21** - Some offices are carpeted, are these offices to receive VCT? If so, is the existing carpet installed over the old VCT?

Ignore the carpeted areas

**Proposal RFI#22** - It was stated during the Pre-bid conference, that no asbestos is present in the work area, is there an environmental report?

Yes, no haz materials shown within the footprint of this project.

**Proposal RFI#23** - The scope of work allows 5 days from the issue of the NTP for VA to provide the required colors, this does not allow enough time to order 35,000 sf of VCT from the same dye lot, if the material is in stock receiving the material will take 2 weeks, if VA selects a color that is not in stock it may take 6 weeks to receive the material. Can VA make a color selection in advance of the NTP, in order to determine the schedule?

No, but we can delay your start date, with CO concurrence.