

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM SITE VISIT

1. *Question:* With regard to outdoor access points, are there any limitations for mounting outdoor access points in the Spinal Injury patio zone to provide better coverage instead of trying to cover the area with a bleed through WAP from inside?

Answer: No limitations. Appropriate building codes will need to be followed for mounting to and penetrating through the exterior of the building.

2. *Question:* Can we be provided the Biomedical and Executive Offices blue prints or maps?

Answer: The best available drawings have been provided (either in the original solicitation or in subsequent amendments that included more drawings).

3. *Question:* Does the Cat6 cable need to be plenum rated? The SOW calls out part#7131688 (Blue CMP) or approved equal but SOW doesn't specifically mention plenum.

Answer: Yes, plenum is required.

4. *Question:* Does the Access Point cable need a network outlet at ceiling location, can cable be directly connected to AP?

Answer: Directly connected with proper cable management is acceptable.

5. *Question:* Can the VA verify conduit path for 3-4 cat6 cables to the Executive Trailer?

Answer: Could not be verified in timely manner.

6. *Question:* Provide approx. footage of Executive Trailer?

Answer: Refer to Trailer drawings added to the solicitation documents.

7. *Question:* Can vendors get a copy of the floor plans in PDF format without the colored Wi-Fi marking?

Answer: Yes.

8. *Question:* Currently there is no building plan provided for the Admin trailer, do you think one will be located?

Answer: Yes, the most recent Trailer drawings have been added to the solicitation documents.

9. *Question:* For purpose of cost savings, can we test & reuse cabling from old cisco locations (AP1200s not in use and left on ceiling)? Understand cabling is not tested or color requested for Guest network.

Answer: No.

10. *Question:* Can we remove the deactivated APs during our install even if we don't use those locations?

Answer: No.

11. *Question:* Please define any Infection Control areas and the safety measures needed while working in them.

Answer: Please review the supplemental Infection Control documents that were added to the solicitation. They are self-explanatory.

12. *Question:* Please define any Hazardous Materials areas, Asbestos, Lead Paint, etc.

Answer: VA Milwaukee facility is an old building, and does contain materials such as asbestos and lead paint. With every renovation project, the hospital includes provisions for the removal of these materials. This project should NOT encounter issues with lead paint or asbestos. Should the vendor, during installation, encounter a situation that they believe to be unsafe because of potentially hazardous materials, the VA will work with the vendor to assess the situation, and create a plan to work around the issue, if necessary. Also, if necessary, a contract modification may be made to cover any additional costs to the vendor to continue their work in such an area.

13. *Question:* Please define any Facilities Management requirements, Materials management, Recycling, Trash, etc.

Answer: Vendor is responsible for removal and proper disposal of all packaging and installation materials.

14. *Question:* Please define any fire stopping products manufacturers that are required or should we use a best cost solution.

Answer: A fire-stopping specification document has been added to the solicitation documentation. Please refer to that material for fire stopping requirement(s).

15. *Question:* Please provide a floor plan showing where the fire barriers are.

Answer: The Statement of Conditions drawings for Building 111 and SCI include smoke and fire partitions.

16. *Question:* Project timeframes: Response date, Install hours/time of day, Project duration.

Answer: Question is unclear. Proposal response date will be adjusted based on when answers to all vendor questions are made public to all interested parties. Proposals will be evaluated, in part, based on the project duration expected. There is no “correct” duration.

17. *Question:* Will any type of cutover support be needed?

Answer: Question is unclear. This is a standalone system. Going live with the VGIA infrastructure should have zero impact on existing hospital system functionality, and as such, can be “turned on” all at once, or in phased progression to test functionality along the way, therefore it is the Vendor’s choice.

18. *Question:* Fiber interconnect drawing?

Answer: No drawings available.

19. *Question:* Please confirm rack space for the new patch panels.

Answer: 2U of rack space will be made available in each data/LAN closet.

20. *Question:* Please confirm if we have existing ceiling supports for the new cabling.

Answer: You shall use existing cable supports when available, and appropriate. Trays and J-hooks exist, and should be used as much as possible. Where your cable run breaks away from the existing supports, you will need to provide your own cable supports (J-hooks) to meet the applicable code(s). The VA cannot verify the existence of cables supports for the entire building at this time. Please do your best to estimate potential costs for this component of installation.

21. *Question:* Will it be only one cable needed for each AP?

Answer: Vendor design is not dictated by the VA for this project, therefore it is not appropriate to answer this question.

22. *Question:* Can existing supports be used or will new supports be required?

Answer: Existing cable supports should be used. Supports for APs/repeaters/signal devices should be provided new as part of the proposal offering.

23. *Question:* Can j-Hooks be used for cables outside of the data closets?

Answer: Yes, and other cable routing infrastructure as well, including cable trays and ladders/baskets.

24. *Question:* Will "To Scale" DWG files be provided?

Answer: Yes.

25. *Question:* 7125 does not require Wi-Fi, it is 7131.

Answer: This should be noted on the solicitation document(s).

26. *Question:* Patch Panels for 2U?

Answer: VA is providing 2U for switch and patch panel components. If vendor design requires additional space, they will be responsible for providing the materials and clearing the installation plan with VA staff prior to start of work.

27. *Question:* 2479 is actually 2431.

Answer: This should be noted on the solicitation document(s).

28. *Question:* Where are the conduit paths and what is the square footage of Directors Office trailers?

Answer: Addressed above.

29. *Question:* What is the area of coverage for the Court Yard and is it only the concrete patio?

Answer: Cover the concrete areas that patients are able to reasonably access.

30. *Question:* Do you need coverage in front of the SCI building?

Answer: Yes, we'd like to see the area under the canopy covered for veteran's who like to sit outside as they wait for their rides.