

Questions and Answers
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NOTE: ANSWERS ARE IN BOLD

Q1. Reference Sheet A-101: Hatch area indicates new framing and/or drywall. Some areas will require only new finishes. Refer to construction documents. This note is extremely vague and misleading. Who determines which walls receive what? Do not have a drawing specifying wall types or what those walls will be constructed with. Please provide/clarify.

A1. All walls are to receive new finishes as noted in the hatching. Contractor is to assume that all walls will require new framing. Contractor to assume this on bid day this will be the contractor's responsibility if required later. Walls adjacent to rooms 1015, 1189, 1104, 1103, 160, and 120 if possible, are not to be reframed due to impact on adjacent areas. Rooms 1201 and 1027 may not require new framing as well. All new walls shall be constructed with 20 gauge framing material 16 o.c. and 5/8" thick type x drywall as per specifications. As stated before all walls are to receive new finishes as noted in the hatching. Contractor is to assume that all walls will require new framing. Contractor to assume this on bid day this will be the contractor's responsibility if required later

Q2. Reference Sheet A-102: Finish schedule and plans reference cc-1, cc-2 material. The specs and drawings do not give any information about thickness, actual selection from the product family or how this product should be used / installed in a column wrap configuration.

A2. The specification gives a manufacturer. Contractor can conduct product research of the material noted, for defined thickness by the provided information in the specifications GM433A Silver. The government is asking for this or an equivalent material as noted.

Q3. Please provide details on the "dome" dimension and specifications.

A3. Please see drawing A-106 with the note R-1. See finish schedule on A-102 for R-1 dimension and specifications.

Q4. Reference Sheet A-103: Please clarify what a queue control strap is specified as and how it should be attached.

A4. This is a device that can be used to close the bathroom if required. Examples of these devices can be found at every international airport at bathrooms. Please see photo below for example.



Contractor to submit shop drawing showing how it should be recessed at the doors with appropriate blocking.

Q5. Reference Sheet A-104: Typical Elevator Detail Lists floor tile on walls. Is this correct or supposed to be paint? Did not see edge detail or enlarged plan of this design if intent is to be tile. Please provide/clarify.

A5. Please find specification for the material to be installed.

Laminam, Filo, Colors:

PT-7 - Oro – (Tan)



PT-8 – Mercurio – (Blue)



Q6. Are the columns in face round or square? A-104 says columns to be squared, hatches on A101 shows rounded with new framing.

A6. All columns are to be squared except for the main column at the front entrance and the four columns at memorial & directory wall.

Q7. Feature wall on A-104 bottom left image. Images and materials for this wall contractor supplied?

A7. Yes

Q8. Reference Sheet S-101: Plans state left & center wings 2nd floor framing plan. What is this referring to?

A8. The plans are referring the left and center of B2 facing West as one looks at the plan for the front entrance of Bldg 2. The drawing shows the second floor of Bldg 2 so; the information can be gathered to determine the required structural elements to be design for demolition works that are required.

Q9. Reference Sheet S-102: Provide Seal Dimensions for all military and department seals, logos, color requirements, etc. and method of etching, painting, etc. required.

A9. Diameter of the seal shall be 20".

Q10. Unable to locate the stamped concrete pattern, construction requirements, or color requirements.

A10. Concrete requirements shall be as noted on S-101 in respect to all structural elements. The color & style of the concrete stamp shall be determine during the submittal process and shall be comprised of the manufacturers full color palette & style chart available to select the concrete.

Q11. Unable to locate toilet partition color selection, materials, or dimensions.

A11. Please find drawing A-103 for dimensions, drawing A-101 for material type, and color selection from manufactures full color palette shall be determine with submittal process and direction by the interior designer.

Q12. Reference Sheet G-101: The project description section lists construction fence requirements. Cannot find an overall site plan with dimensions for overall lengths of this fence. According to the General Conditions type of fence to be used is below but doesn't specify length nor number of gates and how wide gates are to be. Also states move when COR says to, can a length of time be specified?

A12. Construction Fence: Before construction operations begin, Contractor shall provide a chain link construction fence, 2.1m (seven feet) minimum height, around the construction area indicated on the drawings. Provide gates as required for access with necessary hardware, including hasps and padlocks. Fasten fence fabric to terminal posts with tension bands and to line posts and top and bottom rails with tie wires spaced at maximum 375mm (15 inches). Bottom of fences shall extend to 25mm (one inch) above grade. Remove the fence when directed by COR.

Simply the Fence can be removed when all outside work is completed and outside ear is free from excess material, tripping hazards, and other hazards posed by the construction work.

The item highlighted is a general specification found in general requirements. Please see drawing C-101 clarification below:

CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL CONSTRUCTION FENCE. THIS FENCE SHALL BE A SOLID FENCE WITH MIN HEIGHT TO BE 84". METAL FENCE POST TO BE AT EVERY 6' OR AT MIN TO WITH STANDARD WIND LOADS OF 90 mph.

THE FENCE SHALL BE SOUTH OF TEMPORARY ENTRANCE AND PROVIDE ENOUGH SPACE FOR THE CONTRACTORS MOBILIZATION, LAID DOWN YARD OF MATERIALS, AND ANY ADDITIONAL SPACE REQUIRED TO RENOVATE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF B-2.

CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A FRONT GATE TO BE SECURED AT ALL TIMES AND SUBMIT FENCE LAYOUT FOR GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

TOTAL LINEAR FEET OF CONSTRUCTION FENCE SHALL BE NO LESS THAN 320'.

Q13. Reference Sheet AD-102: Key notes 2 & 3 state abate if required. What are we abating, lead/asbestos? Can we have a copy of a lead and asbestos survey of the area?

A13. There is no information of any currently hazards at the front entrance of Bldg 2. Contractor to assume asbestos on insulated pipes in all chases and walls can be discovered during demolition. Contractor to assume no less than 10 linear feet of abatement of pipe insulation per 10 pipe chases or pipes in walls.

Q14. Contractor to probe during demo to locate columns. Structural Engineer to inspect and determine the scope of demo at column locations. Does VA provide a structural engineer and if not to what extent are the scope / deliverables to the government?

A14. Contractor is to provide a Register Structural Engineer to inspect and determine the extent of the demolition at column locations. A shop drawing shall be developed by the contractor with

engineer seal for demolition penetration through exterior walls and around columns at front entrance as well as a seal approving any structural rework (needs a little work)

Q15. Discusses dust partitions and dust barriers at doors but not locations. Is the VA going to provide that on a demo plan or life safety plan?

A15. No, the contractor through discussion with COR will determine the demolition plan and life safety plan before construction can start. Both the demolition plan and life safety plan will be submitted to the government for approval.

Q16. Numbered phase demolition is mentioned on drawings throughout in general notes but do not see a drawing that outlines the demolition phasing and sequencing.

A16. Sequence shall be as follows:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Phase IV

Contractor to understand special consideration is required for corridor and work around the elevators to be on off hours and weekends.

Q17. Reference Sheet E-101: Fixtures 6"x4' T-5 Lamps going horizontal throughout corridor and then vertical in corridor left of elevators- are these contractor provided?

A17. Yes, these lights were not hatched, but are to be contractor provided and installed.

Q18. What are they circuited to?

A18. All lights shall be wired to their designated switch devices as shall on E-101. See legends and symbols for switches. Also, please note Key Notes:

***CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDED AND INSTALL NEW 225 AMP SQUARE D OR EQUIVALENT. CONTRACTOR CAN INSTALL IN ELECTRICAL ROOM G047 OR G032 LOCATED IN GROUND FLOOR.
ALL PENETRATION SHALL BE THROUGH MECHANICAL ROOM DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH FRONT LOBBY.***