

**Request for Information/Questions and changes to Specifications for National
Memorial Cemetery Pacific
RFP# VA101-13-R-0146**

- 1) Paragraph e on page 14 of 67 of the subject solicitation states:
e. Electronic Copy, offerors shall include one copy of everything being submitted in paper to be also submitted on a CD. This CD shall be submitted at the same time and along with the paper copy. MS Word, PDF and Excel format files only. If pdf is used then each Section submitted shall be a separate file. For example all required licenses must be one file, the technical proposal must be another file, and therefore there shall be more than one pdf file on the CD.

As part of the bid submission we are required to submit an email (PDF) of Volumes I and II.

We will not receive all subcontractor bids until just prior to bid closing. This will make it almost impossible to create a CD and submit it with our bid prior to bid closing.

Will you:

- (1) Allow the CD to be delivered within 48 hours of Bid Closing, or
- (2) Eliminate the requirement for the CD, and use the emailed PDF's of Volumes I and II instead?

Response: As outlined in the Solicitation "As a courtesy, e-Mail a copy of the Volume I and II to Susan.Lam@va.gov and the subject line should read "National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific-- (insert your company name)." The solicitation states that "The offeror shall submit one (1) sealed original offer (Volumes I & II), and six (6) copies of their technical proposal (Volume I) to the office of Ms. Susan Lam, Contracting Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Construction & Facilities Management by the date and time shown on the SF 1442."

The CD must be part of the original proposal package that will be delivered to the Government by the due date outlined in the RFP/Amendment.

The requirement for a CD is not eliminated.

- 2) Current response date is 9/9/13, which falls on a Monday. Given that the proposal documents are to be hand delivered via FedEx, these packages must be sent no later than Friday 9/6/13. Would the VA consider moving the date to Tuesday or Wednesday to allow for the shipping constraints that the current Monday response date has?

Response: As stated on the SF-30 the solicitation is hereby extended until September 18, 2013, 3:00PM ET.

- 3) Would the DVA consider the experience of the teaming major subcontractor to be included in the past Performance Record of Tokunaga Elite?
Such precedence has been established by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii and other Federal Solicitations.

Response: The VA evaluation board will evaluate the team proposed. Submission of past performance of Prime and Subcontract/Team will be evaluated according to the past performance factor.

- 4) Due to the complexity of this project, the short time given to submit a proposal, and the number of projects being bid at the end of the Federal Fiscal Year, we have been asked by several subcontractors / vendors to provide more time to allow them to submit a competitive quotation which will ultimately provide the best value to the owner. Consequently, we respectfully ask to extend the bid date three weeks.

Response: As stated on the SF-30 and in #2 above the due date for receipt of Proposals is hereby extended until September 18, 2013, 3:00PM ET.

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LIST OF CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATIONS

DRAWINGS

Please see the following addendum items and associated exhibits. All changes to construction drawings are identified by a revision cloud with a "delta 1" symbol.

- 1.0 **Drawing D-121: Clearing and grading limits**
Clearing and grading limits of Building 1002 have been revised to enclose entirety of grading limits. This change will not constitute a change to bid quantities.
- 2.0 **Drawing D-122: Callout for existing upstream catch basin**
Callout for existing upstream catch basin along Auwaiolimu Street has been moved to a more readable position.
- 3.0 **Drawing D-162: Compost filter sock symbol**
Plan representation of the compost filter sock (grid F-8) was revised to match the symbol in the Legend.
- 4.0 **Drawing D-172: Compost filter sock symbol**
Plan representation of the compost filter sock (grid E-1) was revised to match the symbol in the Legend.
- 5.0 **Drawing D-182: Compost filter sock symbol**
Plan representation of the compost filter sock (grid A-3) was revised to match the symbol in the Legend.
- 6.0 **Drawing L-001: Grading Note #7**
Grading Note #7 was revised to indicate that the SRE will notify the City and County of Honolulu of the location of the borrow/disposal site after being notified by the Contractor.
- 7.0 **Drawing L-002: Erosion Control and Best Management Practices (BMPs) Note #17**
Note #17 was added to indicate the installation of storm drain markers to all proposed drain inlets and catch basins per detail F9/W-507. This change will constitute an approximate change to bid quantities as listed below:
ADD:
 - 12 ea. of Storm drain marker
- 8.0 **Drawing L-151: Dimension callout**
(5.12') dimension near BEGIN SWALE (grid B-3) was deleted as dimension is not necessary.
- 9.0 **Drawing L-152**
At D9 under 'Legend' – Concrete Paving 1/L-501 – ADD '**SANDBLAST FINISH**'
- 10.0 **Drawing L-153: Swale station and grade breaks**
Swale flow line station and grade break have been added to the "344.54 FL" spot elevation callout (grid A-4) to match with the profile shown on sheet W-351.
- 11.0 **Drawing L-160**
At F3 – under Concrete Paving 1/L-501 ADD '**SANDBLAST FINISH**'
- 12.0 **Drawing L-161: Retaining wall detail callout**
'Retaining Seat Wall' callout has been revised to 'Retaining Wall' (grids E-1, D-2, D-6)
- 13.0 **Drawing L-161: Detail reference**

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Detail reference for 'Retaining Wall' and 'Concrete Curb' has been revised to 12/L-565 and 3/L-561 respectively (grids E-1, D-2, D-6, D-3, D-4, D-7)

- 14.0 **Drawing L-161: Added detail callout**
Detail callout and reference, "Retaining Seat Wall, 11/L-565", have been added to the plan (grid D-8)
- 15.0 **Drawing L-161: Dimension label**
Dimension pertaining to conc. walkway and retaining wall have been revised to point to the correct location (grids, D-2, D-3, E-8)
- 16.0 **Drawing L-161: Seat wall callout**
Callout 'Seat Wall See Structural Dwgs Profile See Sht. L-266' (grid E-5) has been deleted as the segment to where it is pointing is not a retaining wall but a concrete curb.
- 17.0 **Drawing L-161: Unnecessary text**
Texts "41" and "46" (grid D-9) were deleted as those are not necessary.
- 18.0 **Drawing L-163: Drainage structure top elevations**
Drainage manhole top elevations were revised to reflect the correct one (grid D-1, D-5)
- 19.0 **Drawing L-170**
At F5 – under Concrete Paving 1/L-501 ADD '**SANDBLAST FINISH**'
- 20.0 **Drawing L-171: Dimension callouts**
Dimension pertaining to retaining wall has been revised to point to the correct location (grid B-2).
- 21.0 **Drawing L-171: Detail reference**
Detail reference for 'Concrete Curb' has been revised to 3/L-561 (grid C-3)
- 22.0 **Drawing L-171: End swale station**
End swale station has been revised to sta. 3+18.96 (grid B-8)
- 23.0 **Drawing L-171: Note #2**
Note #2 has been revised to show the correct interior layout plan reference, L-172 (grid F-2)
- 24.0 **Drawing L-180**
At B7 – under Concrete Paving 1/L-501 callout ADD '**SANDBLAST FINISH**'
- 25.0 **Drawing L-181: Retaining wall stations**
Retaining wall begin and end stations (grid C-4, C-7) have been revised. Begin and end stations on the retaining wall baseline table were revised accordingly. In addition, names of the retaining walls were revised to be easier to distinguish from the other; i.e. retaining wall around the water faucet and trash receptacle was revised to "TRASH/FAUCET RETAINING WALL," while the retaining wall along the Memorial Wall was revised to "RETAINING WALL."
- 26.0 **Drawing L-181: Bollard detail reference**
Bollard detail reference (grid C-5) was revised to point to the correct detail.
- 27.0 **Drawing L-181: Walkway dimension**
Walkway dimensions (grid B-4, B-6) were revised.
- 28.0 **Drawing L-220: DPP Approval Block**
DPP-CEB Approval Block was added (grid F9)
- 29.0 **Drawing L-266: Add Alt.3 Court 14 Retaining Wall Profile**
Top of wall stations on Retaining Wall 2 Profile and Retaining Wall 3 Profile were updated.
- 30.0 **Drawing L-267: Add Alt.3 Court 14 Retaining Wall Profile**
Top of wall stations on Retaining Wall 1A Profile were updated.
- 31.0 **Drawing L-274: Add Alt. 3 Court 15 Wall Profile**

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Top of wall stations on Retaining Wall – 2 Profile were updated. Two C/TW spot elevation callouts were deleted.

32.0 Drawing L-280: Profile titles

The titles of the profiles were revised to reflect the changes to the retaining wall names in sheet L-181; i.e. retaining wall around the water faucet and trash receptacle was revised to “TRASH/FAUCET RETAINING WALL,” while the retaining wall along the Memorial Wall was revised to “RETAINING WALL.”

33.0 Drawing L-280: Trash/Faucet Retaining Wall profile

Wall profile stations have been revised to match what is shown on sheet L-181.

34.0 Drawing L-280: Retaining Wall profile

Concrete column stations were revised to show correct location.

35.0 Drawing L-421

Added detail call out to utility pad:

“Concrete paving, light broom finish, direction of broom finish, direction of broom finish perpendicular to direction of travel, typ.”

36.0 Drawing L-501

- Added to detail 1:
“Finish per plans”
- Added to detail 2:
“Finish per plans”

37.0 Drawing L-507: Epoxy-Coated Dowels

Description of epoxy-coated dowels was revised on detail C9. The lay out and spacing of the dowels were also revised.

38.0 Drawing L-530: DPP Approval Block

DPP-CEB Approval Block was added (grid F-9)

39.0 Drawing L-559: Detail C5, Accessible parking stall

Viewport has been extended to show where the “343.22 TC/342.72 BC” spot elevation callout (grid B-4) is pointing to.

40.0 Drawing L-559: Detail F9, Curb ramp 1 and 2

Detail references for “Detectable Warning Strip” (grid D-9), “Concrete Drop Curb” (grid D-8), and “AC Transition” (grid E-7) were revised to refer to the correct detail number.

41.0 Drawing L-589: Curb ramp detail

Dimension and callout for curb opening and removal of existing curb (grid B-8) were deleted.

42.0 Drawing L-810: DPP Approval Block

DPP-CEB Approval Block was added (grid F-9)

43.0 Drawing L-812: DPP Approval Block

DPP-CEB Approval Block was added (grid F-9)

44.0 Drawing L-813: Spot Reconstruction Area

Callout and detail reference for “Reconstruct Pavement” was added (grid B-1).

45.0 Drawing L-814: Add Alt. 1 Road Repair Plan-1

Leader for “Pavement Preservation (Slurry Seal)” callout was added (grid E-3).

46.0 Drawing L-815: Add Alt. 1 Road Repair Plan-2

Callout and detail reference for “Reconstruct Pavement” was added (grid B-1).

47.0 Drawing L-818: Add Alt. 1 Road Repair Plan-5

Callout and detail reference for “Cold-Plane Pavement and Overlay” was added (grid C-3).

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- 48.0 **Drawing L-819: Add Alt. 1 Road Repair Plan-6**
Callout and detail reference for "Pavement Preservation (Slurry Seal)" callout was added (grid B-4).
- 49.0 **Drawing L-858: Epoxy-Coated Dowels**
Description of epoxy-coated dowels was revised on detail F4. The lay out and spacing of the dowels were also revised.
- 50.0 **Drawing L-858: Traffic Control Plan**
Sign spacing was revised on detail D9 (grid B-9).
- 51.0 **Drawing L-858: Stall marking detail**
Detail F6, the stall marking detail was revised to have a black traffic paint outline (grid E-5).
- 52.0 **Drawing L-858: DPP Approval Block**
DPP-CEB Approval Block was added (grid F-5)
- 53.0 **Drawing W-150: Drain manhole reference**
The callout for "Drain Manhole with Cover" (grid E-6) has been revised to "Drain Manhole with Decorative Cover," and the detail reference for the drain manhole to be used was added.
- 54.0 **Drawing W-151: Site Utilities-1 notes**
Note #3 (grid F-3) about drain pipe line data was deleted; line data is shown on sheet W-150. Notes #4 and #5 were renumbered to note #3 and #4 respectively. New numbers were revised accordingly as used on the plan.
- 55.0 **Drawing W-151: Notes**
Note #3 was revised to show the correct reference for detail "5/L-519."
- 56.0 **Drawing W-151 and W-152: Subdrain pipe dimensions**
Added subdrain pipe dimensions in pipes that were missing previously.
- 57.0 **Drawing W-152: Drainline station**
Drainline station was added to where Drainline "1" and a 6-inch lateral pipe connect (grid D-4).
- 58.0 **Drawing W-152: Notes**
Note #3 was revised to show the correct reference for detail "5/L-519."
- 59.0 **Drawing W-160: Notes and Legends**
Notes and legends have been added on the plan (grid D-1)
- 60.0 **Drawing W-160: Drain inlet callout**
'Drain Inlet with Pedestrian Grate' callout has been deleted on the plan as structures were changed to drain manhole (grids D-1, A-2, E-2, E-3, F-4, F-9)
- 61.0 **Drawing W-160: Drain manhole callout and detail reference**
'Drain Manhole and Cover, See Det. F4/W-501 and F2/W-506' (grid E-8) callout and detail reference have been deleted as it is already listed in Legend (grid F-2)
- 62.0 **Drawing W-160: Azimuth/Distance**
Added missing azimuth and distance of the drain pipe (grid C-5).
- 63.0 **Drawing W-160: DL '6' station and pipe's azimuth/distance**
DL '6' station was revised. Thus, DL '6' reference station to DL '1' was revised to sta. 1+00 (grid E-4) and drain structure's stations, DMH13 and DCO1, were revised to sta. 1+06.56 (grid D-3) and sta. 1+21.50 (grid A-3) respectively. Pipe's azimuth and distance were revised as well (grid D-4, C-4)
- 64.0 **Drawing W-160: DMH5 top elevation**
DMH5 top elevation was revised to 429.06 (grid E-4)

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- 65.0 **Drawing W-170: Drain manhole callout and detail reference**
'Drain Manhole and Cover, See Det. F4/W-501 and F2/W-506' (grid C-2) callout and detail reference have been deleted as it is already listed in Legend (grid E-4).
- 66.0 **Drawing W-310: DPP Approval Block**
DPP-CEB Approval Block was added (grid F9)
- 67.0 **Drawing W-311: Catch Basin Labels**
On Drainline "7" profile, upstream catch basin was revised to show it as an existing structure identified as "B1002 – EXST CB." Next downstream catch basin was revised to be identified as "B1002 – CB1."
- 68.0 **Drawing W-351: Swale profile**
Swale profile was revised (i.e. added callouts for stations and grade breaks and revised elevation callouts) from station 2+01.75 to station 3+83.67 to correctly reflect information on sheet L-153.
- 69.0 **Drawing W-360: DL '1' structure top elevation**
DMH5 top elevation was revised to 429.06 (grid A-3)
- 70.0 **Drawing W-360: DL '4' FG callout**
Finish grade callout was moved to point to the right finish grade location (grid C-8)
- 71.0 **Drawing W-361: DL '2' slope**
Pipe slope was revised to 29.30% (grid B-4)
- 72.0 **Drawing W-361: DL '6' profile**
Drainline stations were revised; DMH5 top elevation and pipe's length and slope were also revised (grid F-3)
- 73.0 **Drawing W-361: DL '7'**
Pipe length was revised to 11.58' (grid A-8)
- 74.0 **Drawing W-362: Swale 2 profile**
End swale station was revised to 3+45.60 (grid D-5)
- 75.0 **Drawing W-380: Memorial Wall Drainline "2" profile**
Callouts pertaining to drain line size were revised from 6-inch to 4-inch. Callout at beginning of profile was revised to indicate "DL "2" Sta. 1+00."
- 76.0 **Drawing W-501: DPP Approval Block**
DPP-CEB and BWS Approval Blocks were added (grid F8).
- 77.0 **Drawing W-503: Pre-Cast Concrete Drop Manhole**
Detail reference for Standard Chimney Frame and Cover (grid A-7) on detail F9 was revised to refer to the correct detail.
- 78.0 **Drawing W-504: Drainage Infiltration Trench Detail**
Drainage Infiltration Trench Detail was removed (grid E1).
- 79.0 **Drawing W-505: DPP Approval Block**
BWS Approval Block was added (grid F9)
- 80.0 **Drawing W-506: Grating Seat Reference**
On detail C7, detail reference was added on Grating Seat callout (grid A-7).
- 81.0 **Drawing W-507: Type "A" Catch Basin**
Note #4, Detail D9 was revised to show the correct detail reference for catch basin reinforcing detail.
- 82.0 **Drawing W-507: Detail F9**
Detail F9 (grid E-5) for Drain Marker was added. Approval block for DPP-CEB was added.
- 83.0 **Drawing S-120**

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Grade beam added between pier S100 and S103.

84.0 Drawing S-140

- Lap for rebar at lanai called out on plan to help clarify.
- Miscellaneous line deleted.

85.0 Drawing S-151

Connection detail added where multiple beams attach to column at B1/BH.

86.0 Drawing S-152

Connection detail added for diaphragm transfer beam to valley beam.

87.0 Drawing S-557

Details F2 and F4 added from S-151 and S-152.

88.0 Drawing S-602

Vertical reinforcement for the boundary elements of Shearwall SW-3 revised to 8 bars to match detail.

89.0 Drawing E-110

Line weights for Typical Duct Bank Section revised.

SPECIFICATIONS

90.0 Specification Section 03 48 24 - PRECAST CONCRETE COLUMBARIUM UNITS

Revised specification Section 03 48 24 - PRECAST CONCRETE COLUMBARIUM UNITS to include the following:

- Under 1.3 REFERENCES, Added:
"NATIONAL PRECAST CONCRETE ASSOCIATION (NPCA)

NPCA QC Manual (2013) Quality Control Manual for Precast Plants"
- Under 1.7 MANUFACTURER QUALIFICATIONS, Added item e. as follows:
"e. The precast manufacturer plant(s) used shall be National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) certified in accordance with the NPCA QC Manual."

See attached specification Section 03 48 24 - PRECAST CONCRETE COLUMBARIUM UNITS.

91.0 Specification Section 32 05 33 - LANDSCAPE ESTABLISHMENT

Revised specification Section 32 05 33 - LANDSCAPE ESTABLISHMENT to include the following:

- Under 2.2.1 Granular Fertilizer, Revised percentages to read:

"12 percent available nitrogen
8 percent available phosphorus
8 percent available potassium"
- Under 3.2.1 Maintenance During the Irrigation Establishment Period, Deleted the 3rd, 4th, and 6th sentences. Paragraph revised to read:
"Begin maintenance immediately after irrigation equipment has been installed and is functional. Inspect irrigation equipment at least once a week during the installation and establishment period and perform needed maintenance promptly. Irrigation controllers shall be inspected and reprogrammed after power outages. Sprinkler heads shall direct water away from buildings and

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hard surfaced areas."

See attached specification Section 32 05 33 - LANDSCAPE ESTABLISHMENT.

92.0 Specification Section 32 84 24 - IRRIGATION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Revised specification Section 32 84 24 - IRRIGATION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS to include the following:

- Under 3.1.2.5 Restoration, Revised the first sentence to read:
"Fill top 12 inches with topsoil and compact with same density as surrounding soil."
- Under 3.1.5.5 Hose Bibb, Revised the sentence to read:
"Install above grade with support per details."

See attached specification Section 32 84 24 - IRRIGATION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

93.0 Specification Section 32 93 00 - EXTERIOR PLANTS

Revised specification Section 32 93 00 - EXTERIOR PLANTS to include the following:

- Under 3.3.2 Layout, Revised the third sentence to read:
"Do not plant closer than half the specified plant spacing to any pavement edge, fence or wall edge, and other similar structures."
- Under 3.5.6 Placement of Mulch Topdressing, Revised the second sentence to read:
"Place mulch topdressing to a depth of 2 inches."
- Under 3.5.7 Mulch Topdressing, Revised the first sentence to read:
"Provide mulch topdressing over entire planter bed surfaces and individual plant surfaces including earth mound watering basin around plants to a depth of 2 inches after completion of plant installation and before watering."

See attached specification Section 32 93 00 - EXTERIOR PLANTS.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO RFP (Amended RFP is attached)

1. On SF1442, section 10, the "Proposal Items" have been modified to clearly delineate which CLINS are Add Alternates.
2. On Page 15, under Factor 1 – Past Performance, it request the Offeror to provide project information on what the "Offeror considers relevant to the immediate acquisition." The paragraph has been changed from "the Offeror considers relevant" and replaced with "are relevant".
3. On Page 16, it states "subfactors to be considered" there are no subfactors for this factor. The word "subfactors" has been deleted and replaced with "factors".
4. On page 15 of the solicitation the following paragraph has been added "We have added to the solicitation the following sentence "A Proposal Compliance Review will be conducted after receipt of all proposals. Failure to provide prices for any CLINs or provide any information for the factors in the solicitation shall render an Offeror non-responsive and shall not be considered for award. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the factors outlined below".
5. The RFP has been amended to include the Evaluation process. The Evaluation process was inadvertently left out of the original solicitation. The Evaluation process is outlined starting on page 15 of the amended solicitation. The amended RFP is attached.