

Welcome Center, Solicitation #VA245-13-B-0225 Questions (Answered by DC VA MC Project Team)

Question 1: The web site says Response Date: September 2, 2013; however, the date in the documents is different. Please clarify.

Answer 1: The response date is now September 11, 2013 at 2pm.

Question 6: Please identify and indicate the designated staging / laydown area for this project.

In addition to the fenced in construction area as shown on AD100, the back portion of lot 1 asphalt parking area is available for placement of the construction sea containers and dumpsters.

The grass area adjacent to the back portion of lot 1 is available for laydown area.
The DC VA Medical Center will not be responsible for the security of neither your sea containers, dumpsters, nor your material storage in the laydown area.

Question 7: What is the size of the sprinkler line to be partially demoed?

Sprinkler lines in the hospital vary from 3/8" to 1"

Question 9: The drawing states that the contractor is to secure all necessary permits; however, this is a Federal facility, therefore, permits with local jurisdictions are not the normal. Please clarify what permits the contractor will be required to secure.

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Although the contractor is not required to secure the DCRA building permit and the DDOE Permit, they are however required to be in compliance with the federal and local jurisdiction construction regulations. Construction contractor is also required to provide for review erosion and sediment control plan to the DDOE.

Question 10: The owner along with the A&E or Civil Engineer of record are normally the ones to pull any environmental related permits; however, this is not a Design Build project; therefore, who will be required to pay for any necessary permits?

Architect is required to pay for the DCRA building permit and the DDOE permit.
All other permits and fees necessary for the construction of the welcome center is the responsibility of the contractor.

Question 11: Since this is not a Design Build project how will any additional requirements imposed by the permit process be addressed?

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Question 13: For the requirement -- "All Bidders/Offerors shall submit the following information pertaining to their past Safety and Environmental record. The information shall contain, at a minimum, a certification that the bidder/offeror has no more than three (3) serious, or one (1) repeat or one (1) willful OSHA or any EPA violation(s) in the past three years." Is this to be a self-issued certification on our own letterhead supported by our OSHA 300A forms? If not, please explain from whom we should request the certification.

The contractor can self-issue certification on their own letterhead that is supported by OSHA documentation. OSHA documentation to be provided by the contractor

Question 18: The valet parking line, of vehicles, will interfere with the construction progress and impede on the boundaries of the scope of work. Will the Valet parking line be redirected by the VAMC?

Valet parking will NOT be redirected during construction. The main entrance of the Hospital will be expected to operate as normal. Vehicle lanes can be shut down on an as needed basis.

Question 19: Drawing AS101 shows the boundaries of the area of the scope of work as designated by note #-11. Drawing AD100 shows a construction fence with a reduced area. Can we install a construction fence in compliance with the boundaries shown by note #-11 on drawing AS101?

Yes

Question 20: There is no specification for Division 12, Furnishings. Are we to assume that the furnishing shown on the drawings will be furnished and installed by VAMC?

Yes office furniture, waiting area furniture, and conference room furniture will be supplied by the DC VA Medical Center. All Millwork shall be provided by the construction contractor.

Question 25: Electrical drawing #ESP103 notes that the existing building lightning protection system shall be re-certified prior to the interconnecting to the new system. Who is responsible for the recertification?

Construction contractor is responsible for recertification

Question 26: Drawings #ESY101, Who is the Manufacturer of the existing Nurse Call System.

CTSI is the only nurse call system used in the DC VA Medical Center.
Construction Contractor will be required to use CTSI Nurse Call System.

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Question 27: Reference General Conditions of the Specification, after award, who will the submittals be sent to and who will do the submittal review and approval.

The Architect of Record and their Consultants.
The DC VA Medical Center Engineers and Project Managers
The DC VA Medical Center Safety Department

Question 29: The associated NAICS code is 236220, which is \$33.5M, however the actual RFP says the size standard is \$14M. Can you please clarify the size standard for the above referenced solicitation?

Answer 29: The size standard for NAICS code 236220 is \$33.5 Million.

Question 30: Item 1 of “Pricing Notes” on Dwg. SS201 states “Provide allowance for partial demolition of abandoned foundations at the locations of new foundations.” However, the Detail 2 on Dwg SS201 shows the existing pile caps and grade beams (5 each) to be all removed. Please clarify.

Yes provide an allowance.

Question 32: Detail 7F on Dwg SS201 notes “undercutting (-6’-0”) for pricing purposes only.” Do you need a unit price for additional undercutting beyond (-6’-0”) ? If yes, please issue a price sheet for the unit price and the allowance required from RFI Item 1 above.

Yes provide a unit price.

Question 33: One existing bollard should be removed and reinstalled at the construction entrance area. Please provide the details of existing bollard for removal and reinstallation.

Contractors to include in their bid a \$2500 unit cost to furnish and install One bollard. Product data is required to be forwarded during the submittal process to match the existing bollards.

Question 35: Is the furniture shown on Dwg. IF.1 in this contract?

The furniture is not included in the construction contract.

Question 38: Does this project require that the structural steel fabricator be an AISC Certified shop? Can this requirement be waived if a Structural Engineer visits the fabrication shop and certifies the fabrication drawings?

The steel must meet AISC standards and certification as specified.

Question 39: Is a full safety person required at the site during construction of this project? Can the qualified site superintendent be also the site safety manager?

A half time (20 hours/week) Site Safety Environment Officer is required to be on the construction site above and additional to the designated project Superintendent.

In addition, The Project Site Superintendent shall also be required to be act as the Site Safety Environmental Officer.

Question 40: Is a full time traffic control person required at the construction entrance area?

The construction Contractor shall be required to have traffic control persons at the construction entrance areas.

Question 46: Please advise who will pay for the tuberculosis testing for the trade workers on site? The Construction contractor will be required to pay for the tuberculosis testing of the workers on site.

Question 52: Please verify whether FF&E package is to be included in contractors base bid pricing as CFCI. If not, please clarify whether FF&E is GFGI or GFCL.

FF&E is not included in the contractors bid. However contractor will be required to coordinate in the field electrical power location and blocking for the OFOI wall mounted Televisions.

Question 53: If FF&E package is CFCI , will contractor be required to submit it as option pricing? Please verify. If so, please provide revised bid form with an estimated FF&E budget value and line item for HAR (handling and administrative rate). The HAR fee typically does not exceed 5% of the FF&E value and should account for all administrative costs, overhead, bonding fees, administration of subcontracts, profit, and any other costs associated with and related to the coordination and processing of the procurement and installation of FF&E.

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Question 54: Reference ESY101; please provide manufacturer name and contact information of existing nurse call system.

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Question 55: Reference sheet EST101, Security Notes; please verify type of cabling to be provided.
Please also provide approximate locations and quantities of devices.

Johnson Controls shall be the proprietary installer. Include in your bid Cat 5 as standard cable.
Allow for a combination of 75 devices (cameras, panic buttons, card readers) to be included in the construction bid.

Question 57: Please clarify whether a separate QC Manager will be required as part of the general contractor's staffing personnel for this project.

A quarter time (10 hours/week on the site) QC Manager is required.
The QC Manager duties are required to be above and in addition to the designated Project Superintendent.

Question 58: Please clarify whether contractor's site superintendent may also act as the designated SSHO for this project.

A half time (20 hours/week on the site) Site Safety Environment Officer is required.
The Site Safety Environment Officer duties are required to be above and in addition to the designated project Superintendent.

The Project Site Superintendent shall also be required to act as the Site Safety Environmental Officer.
Both the Site Safety Officer and the Project Site Superintendent are required to have OSHA 30 training.