**SOLICITATION #** 36C77624R0079

**PROJECT NAME: Expand Mental Health Clinic Construction-Wilkes-Barre**

 **TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND VA RESPONSE TRACKING SHEET**

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|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Regarding Specification Section 09.05.16, Moisture Remediation System/Moisture Testing, should this be included since the floors are elevated and not at grade level? | Moisture tests are needed per specs for all areas on slab, specification is used in remediation if needed |
|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide Earthwork and Asphalt Specifications. | Asphalt, Earthwork and exterior concrete specifications will be provided in Addendum #01 |
|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide Specifications for the fencing. | Spec will be provided in Addendum #01 |
|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm the VA will hire the Commissioning Agent, not the General Contractor. | As stated in specs-EHMC, section 23 08 00 The commissioning process, which the Contractor is responsible to execute, is defined in Section 01 91 00 GENERAL COMMISSIONING REQUIRMENTS**. A Commissioning Agent (CxA) appointed by the VA will manage the commissioning process**. |
|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Specification Section 09.05.16, Moisture Remediation System, how would the Contractor know to include unless there has been a moisture test taken? Should the Contractor include this system, regardless? Please advise. | Moisture testing prior to flooring installation is required at all locations. Contractor does not need to include moisture remediation coating in bid. |
|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please advise what Elevators the Contractor can use.  | VA, Drawings designate elevator 5 to be used by Contractors |
|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please advise the quantity of self-leveling underlayment the Contractor should include. | At all existing hospital renovated space that is to receive new flooring.Self-leveling underlayment shall be included on the whole SQFT of the project |
|  | 06/10/2024 | 07/03/2024 | If qualified, may the Superintendent also act as the SSHO and the Project Manager also act as the CQC Systems Manager? | Yes |
|  | 06/12/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The office furniture that is to be removed and stored, then reinstalled, where is the Contractor to store with the VA? | The VA shall remove all office furniture |
|  | 06/12/2024 | 07/02/2024 | There are no pictograms of these signage in Reference, please advise: FIRE EXTINGUISHER SECONDARY SIGNAGE CABINET FLAGRESTROOM WALL FLAG-MOUNTED SIGNAGEDIRECTIONAL SIGNAGEBIOHAZARD SIGNSECONDARY SIGNAGE-NUMBER ONLY | SEE ATTACHED SHEETS I-141A AND I-141B |
|  | 06/13/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Regarding the 1” insulated metals panels by Cap Industries, Cap Industries stated they don’t have enough information to Quote the materials. Not enough Details showing trim transitions. They recommended Tecpan panels for this application. Since this is Basis of Design, please advise.  | Product is specified as Basis of Design. Alternate products acceptable. |
|  | 06/14/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Regarding First Floor demolition, Column Lines H to L, please confirm this exterior Atrium wall is to be removed or just the inside face? | Wall is not exterior, adjacent to Interior Atrium. Remove just interior face. Verify wall to atrium is rated as shown on A-101. |
|  | 06/18/2024 | 06/24/2024 | We were told today that most likely the Bid will go off on the 8th.Given the 24th is the cut-off for RFI’s and the Holiday coming up, do you expect to hold to the 8th? | At this time we do expect to hold to July 8th. If there are delays in getting the RFI answers sent out then PCAC will extend the due date for proposals in the same Amendment to allow sufficient time to draft proposals.  |
|  | 06/19/2024 | 07/02/2024 | In-wall electrical wire, may that be in MC cable or is conduit required? | Conduit is required. |
|  | 06/19/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please clarify if there is any asphalt work and if so, where on the Drawings. | Only asphalt work is patching and repairing around new fencing and door C2 new exterior concrete slab. Contractors responsible for repairing any asphalt damaged during construction. SEE 2/A402 and 4/A316. Specification section added in Addendum #01. |
|  | 06/20/2024 | 07/02/2024 | C2-26 Corridor not shown on finish plan. What is the extent of the area that needs LVT-1 and RB-1? | I-122 SHOWS EXTENT OF LVT-1 AND RB-1, ALL FLOORING WORK IS CONTAINED INSIDE NEW ROOM WAITING 225C2-26 - . RB-1 to be installed the entire perimeter of corridor so there is no visual change from existing to new base. |
|  | 06/20/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Discrepancy from finish schedule to finish plan. C2-205 shows LVT hatching, shows Res-1 on drawings. C2-206 shows Res-1 hatching, shows LVT-1 on drawings  | C2-205 SHALL BE RES-1 AND RESB-1 C2-206 SHALL BE LVT-1 FOR FLOORING |
|  | 06/18/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Specification 06 20 00 1.6 states that “Manufacturer must be AWI QCP Certified to manufacture products meeting the grades specified below.” Will AWI labeling be waived? | AWI QCP certification is required. |
|  | 06/18/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Specification 01 45 00 Section 3.4.A States “The Safety and Health Manager shall satisfy the requirements of Specification 01 35 26 Safety Requirements and reports directly to a senior project (or corporate) official independent from the CQC System Manager. The Safety and Health Manager will also serve as a member of the CQC Staff… The Contractor’s CQC staff maintains a presence at the site at all times during progress of the work and have complete authority and responsibility to take any action necessary to ensure Contract compliance.” Please confirm whether the CQC Manager must maintain a full-time site presence during construction or may the Project Superintendent, who is also serving as SHSO, satisfy the CQC staff requirement above as a member of the CQC Team? | The CQC Manager shall be a member of the general contractor’s on site work organization and shall have authority to act in all CQC manners for the general contractor. The Safety & Health Manager shall meet the requirements of 01 35 26. No where in the section does it state the SHSO must be on site at all times. |
|  | 06/18/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Drawings LP101 LANDSCAPE PLAN and LP501 LANDSCAPE DETAILS are listed in the drawing list but do not appear within the drawing sets. Kindly provide. | LP101 and LP501 will be included in Addendum 01. |

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|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Drawings LP101 and LP501 are identified on the Volume 1 Drawing List contained on Drawing G-001 but are not included within the Drawing Attachments, Specifically Attachment 2 – Drawings –EMHC – Part 1 of 4.pdf. Please advise. | LP101 and LP 501 will be included in Addendum 01. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Attachment 2 – Drawings – EMHC – Part 1 of 4.pdf contains a second Drawing S-003, howeverthe sheet contains no content beyond the Title Block data. Please advise. | Printing error, please disregard blank second S-003. Correct S-003 shows structural loading diagrams. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Attachment 5 – Drawings – EMHC – Part 4 of 4.pdf contains a Drawing between Drawings T-502and FA001 (Drawing T-601 possibly), however the sheet is distorted. Please advise. | There is a sheet T-601. T-601 will be included in Addendum 01. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm that the Offerors response to Volume I Technical and associated Factor 1, ProjectExperience (Technical) is limited to the prior projects data specifically detailed in Sections2.13.C.1 and 2.13.E. | This is confirmed it is limited to the prior projects data detailed in Sections 2.13C.1 and 2.13 E. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide dowel height for vertical reinforcing shown in Detail 17 on Drawing S-301. | Dowel height = 36" above top of footing elevation, match vertical wall reinforcement. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide dowel information at transition of slab on grade to slab on deck as shown in Detail7 on Drawing S-301. | Provide 1/2" diameter DBA, 4'-0" long @ 18" OC |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide dowel information at slab shown in Detail 11 on Drawing S-301. | Provide 1/2" diameter DBA, 2'-6" long @ 18" OC. Reference detail 11/S-501 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide top of footing elevations (T/FTG EL) for Columns 15.1-T.5, 15.1-U.5, and 15.1-V.1 shown on Drawing S-101. | Top of footing elevation = -3'-8" based on top of slab reference elevation = 0'-0" |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm the thickness and horizontal dimension of perimeter insulation shown in Details2/A-311, 2/A-312, 2/A-316, and 5/A-316. | 2” closed cell polystyrene. Combination of 4’(2’ horizontal and 2’ vertical or 4’ horizontal). |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm the slab composition at the Crawl Space Floor Pour-Back (refer to Keynote 13 onDrawing A-101A) shown in Details 17/S-301, 2/A-312, and 1/A-313. | Pour back concrete to be 4” thick, conform to CAST-IN-PLACE notes on sheet S-001 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide Plan reference for Detail 3 on Drawing S-501. | Detail 3/S-501 will be removed from the set |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Door Opening 107 is shown on Drawing A-101A but is not Scheduled on Drawing A-601. Pleaseadvise. | Door 107 is to have the same specification as Door 108 for door type, frame type, and hardware set. ACG |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Door Opening 226 is shown on Drawing A-102A but is not Scheduled on Drawing A-601. Pleaseadvise. | Door 226 is to have the same specification as Door 108 for door type, frame type, and hardware set. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Opening 213 on Drawing A-601 is scheduled as “FRAMELESS DOOR OPENING”. Pleaseconfirm that this is a Drywall cased opening and not a Hollow Metal cased opening. | Opening 213 is drywall cased opening. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm that Door Opening 24 is to receive Hardware Set 26.0. Note: is scheduled as suchon Drawing A-601, however Specification Section 08 71 00 does not note Openings for Set 26.0. | Door opening 24 receives Hardware Set 26.0. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The Door Schedule on Drawing A-601 indicates Hardware Set 19.0 for Openings 112E, 113E,114E, 115E, and 116E however, Specification Section 08 71 00 does not note the openings. Pleaseadvise. | Set 19.0 is correct Hardware Set for openings 112E, 113E, 114E, 115E and 116E. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The Door Schedule on Drawing A-601 indicates Hardware Set 19.0 for Opening 140 however,Specification Section 08 71 00 indicates Set 18.0. Please advise. | The correct Hardware Set for opening 140 is Set 19.0. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The Door Schedule on Drawing A-601 indicates Hardware Set 18.0 for Opening 141 however,Specification Section 08 71 00 indicates Set 19.0. Please advise. | The correct Hardware Set for opening 141 is Set 18.0. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The Door Schedule on Drawing A-601 indicates Hardware Set 11.0 for Opening 155 however,Specification Section 08 71 00 indicates Set 9.0. Please advise. | The correct Hardware Set for opening 155 is Set 9.0. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Specification Section 08 71 00 indicates Hardware Set 6.0 for Opening S-2.2 however thisOpening is not Scheduled on Drawing A-601. Please advise. | There is no S-2.2 opening in the project. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The Door Type Elevations on Drawing A-601 indicate Type 4 however this Type is notScheduled. Please advise. | Frame type 4 is not in the project. Please disregard. This was a change, and the frame type did not get removed. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Detail 12 on Drawing I-403 does not include Room HAC – C1-62 in the list of rooms however,the Finish Schedule on Drawing I-001 does. Please advise. | HAC C1-62 SHALL HAVE FINISHES LISTED IN ROOM FINISH SCHEDULE ON I-001 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Keynote 5 on Drawing I-101B refers to Detail 2/A-311 for New Gypsum Board and Plaster. Pleaseconfirm reference. | SEE SHEET A-501 FOR PARTITION TYPE WL |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm the intent of Partition Type – WL to be a new ¼” Mold/Moisture Resistant Type“X” Gypsum Wallboard applied direct to existing partition surface with a new Veneer PlasterSystem to then be applied. | Confirmed, new ¼” drywall to be finished to Level 4. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm the quantity of 49 for JSN Number F3050 (24”H X 36”W Whiteboard, Dry Erase)scheduled on Drawings I-601 and I-602. | Yes |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Are Tube Steel Supports required for the Divider Wall locations containing Resin Panels occurringat MH Waiting, Room C1-100 and Reception, Room C1-163? | No, U channel hardware needed for resin panels. See Details 2 & 3/ I-202 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Rooms C1-125 and C1-126 are scheduled to receive Floor Finish LVT-1 on Drawing I-001however, Drawing I-121A indicates LVT-2 as the Floor Finish. Please advise. | Storage C1-125 and Group Therapy C1-126 shall receive LVT-2 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Room C2-205 is scheduled to receive Floor Finish RES-1 on Drawing I-001 however, Drawing I-122 indicates LVT-1 as the Floor Finish. Please advise. | C2-205 SHALL BE RES-1 AND RESB-1 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Room C2-206 is scheduled to receive Floor Finish LVT-1 on Drawing I-001 however, Drawing I-122 indicates RES-1 as the Floor Finish. Please advise. | C2-206 SHALL BE LVT-1 FOR FLOORING |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please Confirm Whether the Toilet Partitions Shown at Rooms C1-63, C1-64, and C2-213 areCeiling Hung. | Partitions are floor and Ceiling hung see I431 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Keynote 6 on Drawing I-141A indicates 8 locations for Fire Extinguisher Signage howeverKeynote 7 on Drawing A-101A indicates 6 locations. Please advise. | There are 10 FEC in the project on first floor, see – see sheet G-006 for locations. 1 FEC on 2nd floor in Police Suite- see Sheet G-007 |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | “Liquid Applied Continuous Vapor Retarder, Typical” is indicated between the R-33 Poly-IsoInsulation and 5/8” Gypsum Cover Board in Detail 5 on Drawing A-316 however is not indicatedin Details 1 and 3 on Drawing A-316. Please advise. | Disregard note 5/A-316. There is not a liquid vapor retarder on top of metal deck. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide a Specification for the Chain Link Fencing shown on Drawing A-202. | Fence Specification will be provided in Addendum #01. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Wall Sections and Details seem to use the indications “Dampproofing”, “Liquid Applied VaporRetarder”, “Liquid Applied Vapor Barrier”, “Liquid Applied Air/Water Barrier”, and “WaterproofMembrane” interchangeably. Please clarify scope and extent relative to Specification Sections 0711 13 and 07 27 26. Reference 2/A-312, 2/A-314, 2/A-315, 3/A-315, and 5/A-316. | Bituminous dampproofing applies to below grade conditions - reference 07 11 13. Correct, “liquid applied vapor retarder, liquid applied vapor barrier, and applied and applied air/water barrier are interchangeable. This refers to wall construction. Generally speaking, applied to the exterior sheathing, prior to the finish material installed – reference 07 27 26. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm the Scope of work applicable to this project intended by Specification Section 0772 00 – Roof Accessories. | As defined by 07 72 00, this project has no roof hatches or metal grating roof walkway system. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Sheet Note G on Drawing A-401 indicates “Telecom Room to have Carbon Dioxide Extinguisherwithin 75’ of room. Please confirm responsibility for providing the Extinguisher – VA orContractor? | Contractor to provide and install CO2 fire extinguisher and fire extinguisher cabinet. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Plastic Laminate Casework General Notes number 7 indicates that all Countertops are 1 ½” thickhowever Drawing I-203 indicates ½” thick. Please advise. | Countertops with support are 1-1/2” thick (3/4” thick solid surface), sills and wall caps are ½” thick. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Equipment General Notes number 1 indicates “Contractor is responsible for removing andrelocating all existing furniture, fixtures, and equipment for renovation projects prior toconstruction.”. Please confirm. | The VA shall remove all office furniture |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Finish General Notes number 21 indicates “All window sills shall be SS-3 Solid Surfaces”. Doesthis include all new as well as existing? | Where all window sills are noted to be replaced use SS-3 solid surface |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm that there is only one (1) Telecom Room – Room C1-100A. | Yes only one |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Finish General Notes number 22 indicates “All existing and new exposed structure, deck, andductwork to be painted P-5 (uno).” Does the extent of this note include Rooms such as C1-159,CG-26, CG-23, CG-25, 1, ½, 2, ¾, 4, 5, C1-56C, C1-66, C1-67, C1-75, C1-82, C1-83, C1-84, C1-85, C1-86, C1-87, C1-91, C1-92, C1-114, C1-115, C1-117, C1-118, C1-C102, C1-C103, C-101B2, C2-10, and C2-32? | All rooms in scope of work indicated on Room Finish Schedule that have exposed structure are to be painted unless noted otherwise on that schedule. Only existing room to receive painted structure is C1-13 Corridor. |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Fire Protection Requirements notes contained on Drawing G-004 indicate “All new structural steelcolumns at the Mental Health Addition to be Fireproofed via Intumescent Paint, submittalrequired.” Please confirm and provide Specification. Please also confirm that this work includescolumns at the Exit Stair Corridor 2C as well. | Specification section has been added via Addendum 01. Confirm, includes columns at the Exit Stair Corridor 2C |
|  | 06/17/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Fire Protection Requirements notes contained on Drawing G-004 indicate “All structural steel atthe AHU Enclosure to be Fireproofed via Intumescent Paint, submittal required. Roof AssemblyFireproofing: Contractor’s discretion.” Please confirm and clarify “discretion” as well as BeamFraming versus Column Framing; provide Specification also. | Discretion meaning the contractor may use intumescent paint or spray on fireproofing to obtain required roof assembly rating. (beams and deck) |
|  | 06/21/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm all fire suppression pipe shall be painted Red. | Per the specifications all exposed fire suppression piping shall be painted red. Above ceiling piping does not carry this requirement. |
|  | 06/21/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Do all areas where fire suppression piping is to remain need to be back fed from other zones to keep those areas live? | The explicit requirements are to maintain a fire watch for any areas where the fire protection service is interrupted. Other methods such as the one mentioned could be employed. |
|  | 06/21/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Regarding the Phasing, once the new Exit Door is complete first, may both Phase 1A(if elected) and 1B be constructed concurrently? | Yes |
|  | 06/21/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Kindly confirm that the following AHU and EF points are required:General Exhaust Air TemperatureHeat Recovery Supply and Return TemperatureHRCP1 Command and StatusMinimum Outside Air DamperHeat Recovery Valve PositionSecond Supply Airflow Monitoring (two are indicated)Exhaust Damper Command and Status (Exhaust dampers are not indicated for any exhaust fans or louvers) | The points mentioned are not needed. Points removed. |
|  | 06/21/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The following equipment is shown on the drawings, but omitted from the schedules: Kindly Advise2W-VAV-112E-EF-11E-IU-2 and 1E-OU-2 | Added to schedules. |
|  | 6/21/2024 | 07/02/2024 | There are no specifications for the following signs please advise: Wall-mounted EXIT signsCeiling mounted EXIT signs | Specification 26 51 00 includes exit signs. |
|  | 6/21/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please provide a Link or Document for the most recent Signage Design Guide per Specifications.  | See attached VA Signage Design Manual |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Door number S-2.2 is shown to receive hardware set number 6 in the specifications but is not shown at all on the Door Schedule on Sheet A-601. Kindly advise. | There is no Door S2.2 in project |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Door number 155 is shown to receive hardware set number 9 in the specifications but is shown to receive hardware set number 11 on the Door Schedule on sheet A-601. Kindly advise. | The correct hardware for Door #155 is Set 9.0 |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Given that this Solicitation is of a Design-Bid-Build (DBB) and not a Design-Build (DB) nature, isthe requirement for a “Design Quality Manager” identified in Specification Section 01 45 00,Section 3.4A applicable? Please advise. | The specification states to include a Design Quality Manager “as applicable.” As there is no design, that position is not applicable. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Second Floor Demolition Plan - Area B (AD102B) specifies demolition of existing windows. Do existing windows have asbestos caulking associated? | Yes, price as all existing windows to be removed in project to have ACM. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | ACM Floor Plan G-002 specifies abatement in Waiting Room 225, Toilet 226 and Toilet 227; however, these rooms are not included in the asbestos summary table. Please clarify whether abatement in these areas is included in the scope of work, and if so, what type of ACM is to be removed. | Yes included these room for abatement. Area to be isolated. Anticipated types of ACM similar to area identified on 'First floor |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please clarify what asbestos black interior caulking in the Canopy Entrance is associated with (e.g., doors, windows, expansion joints, etc.). | The black caulking is on the interior canopy windows |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | What is the extent of tan stair tread and mastic abatement in the southeast stairwell? Does the scope of work include the entire stairwell, or will abatement be limited to specific floors? | The abatement is only for the floors affected. First and Second floors. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | What type of asbestos roofing is present on the Canopy Roof? | Canopy roofing is rubber roofing. Any suspected asbestos materials on or below the rubber roofing was assumed as ACM, as the VA did not allow destructive testing of the roof. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | First Floor Demolition Plan - Area A (AD101A) specifies demolition of complete window systems throughout the area. Do all these window systems have asbestos caulking associated? | Exterior window caulking and glazing on all tested windows. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 06/24/2024 | Item No. 3 on the Price / Cost Schedule states “Deduct No. 1 Includes all work in CLIN 0001 but removes all work associated with the new second floor Police Suite, including but not limited to all associated demolition and new construction.” Please confirm that this amount should be the total cost, less the omitted work and therefore a positive number. (As opposed to a “deduct” negative cost related to omitted work.) | This should be a positive number. It should be the total cost minus the omitted work. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Will the renovated police area on the 2nd floor require nurse call annunciation (ex: code blue alarms)? | The renovated police area on the 2nd floor does not require nurse call annunciation. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The existing nurse call stations are fed by headend cabinets on the first floor and 2nd floor. Is there a location within the renovated space that can be used to include a headend cabinet to avoid Ethernet distance limitations and aid with service and installation?  | The contract documents indicate on detail 1/T-601 to utilize CAT 6A cable or 12 strand MM fiber optic cabling for distances longer than 90 meters for the tie-in loop. There is a new nurse call cabinet in room TR C1-100A and will tie-into the existing nurse call cabinet nearest to this area with either fiber or Cat 6A cabling depending on the distance. All new nurse call devices in the renovated area will connect to the new nurse call cabinet with Cat 6A for distances up to 90 meters and fiber for longer distances. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Restrooms C1-14 and C1-15 show just new dome lights, will the existing stations in the room be utilized and just replacing the dome lights?  | For rooms C1-14 and C1-15 - the dome lights are new ceiling mounted types. the existing are dome lights are wall mounted types that are to be demolished and replaced with new ceiling type. provide new cabling from the new ceiling mounted dome lights to the existing pulls in the toilet areas. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 06/24/2024 | Would the VA consider allowing an administrative NTP to allow for submittals on long lead items to be submitted prior to official Notice to Proceed so as not to exceed the period of performance? | The VA will not consider an Administrative NTP. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm, is all work in hallways to take place during nights / weekends? | Yes, all work shall be conducted after hours 5:00pm and weekends |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | The specifications show quantities of asbestos containing material to be abated as part of this contract, however a general note in the phasing plan states to assume all work areas contain ACM. Please confirm, for bidding purposes, is the contractor to price in abatement for ACM quantities listed in the specifications only? | For bidding purposes only include quantities listed in specifications. General note is to state that contractor shall be aware that all work areas may contain ACM. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Is there a proprietary DIV28 Fire Alarm contractor at the facility? If so, please provide company and point of contact. | Fire alarm contractor is Johnson Controls. See P03 Brand Name J&A. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm if contract has material staging location at facility. If so, where is it? Is prime contractor responsible for any costs associated with staging? | See drawing for locations (limited on space available) Yes, if damage to concrete, blacktop or grass contractor shall restore to existing conditions. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Is the contractor responsible for costs associated with Submittal Exchange platform or EDMS? | Yes, contractor is responsible for these costs. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Is it anticipated that downtime will be required between phases to allow for relocation of staff and equipment? If so, how much down time should the contractor anticipate between phases? | There shall be approximately 2 weeks in-between phases. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Civil work is included in the drawings, however no specification sections for divisions 31-32 are included. Please provide these specifications for outdoor civil work. | Specifications sections 312000, 321216, and 323113 have been added via Addendum #01 |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The drawings indicate that the contractor is responsible for seeding grass areas disturbed by construction. Is the contractor responsible for watering and maintenance as well? If so, for how long is the watering and maintenance period? Please provide associated specifications. | Specification section 329200 Grasses has been added |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 06/24/2024 | Is this project tax exempt? | Offerors are hereby notified that under Pennsylvania Code 61 –31.11 – 31.16, a construction contractor may claim an exemption on property qualifying as “building machinery and equipment,” as defined under 72 P.S. § 7201(pp), that will be transferred pursuant to a construction contract with an exempt entity such as a purely public charity or a government entity. Please reference paragraph 2.5 on page 8 of the solicitation for additional information. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm, is the contractor responsible for erosion control / sedimentation control during period of exterior construction work? If so, please provide a specification section detailing the contractor requirements. | Erosion control is required. Erosion control measures listed in Specification Section 01 57 19 Temporary Environmental Conrrols |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Is the contractor responsible for hiring a third party engineer to oversee any digging / backfill? | Yes, see requirements in Specification Section 31 20 00 Earthwork included in Addendum 01. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Is the firestopping inspector to be hired a direct 3rd party subcontractor to the prime GC, or can the inspector be caried as part of the firestopping contractor’s package? | The firestopping inspector shall be a direct 3rd party subcontractor to the prime GC. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | The drawings clearly indicate work associated with underground storm utilities, although this section is excluded from the specifications issued. Please provide a specification section detailing the requirements for this work. | Underground storms are being modified. A new drain will be installed at light well area and tied into existing storm. Drains in existing light well to be demolished. This work is covered in drawings being issued in Addendum 01 |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Flat work concrete and new paving are clear requirements based on the drawings, however there are no relevant specification sections included. Please provide specifications for these work items. | Exterior concrete spec has been added |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 06/24/2024 | To allow contractors the opportunity for follow up questions, would the VA allow for further RFIs to be submitted following the responses of the original RFIs? | In order to keep this project on schedule follow up question will not be permitted in response to RFI’s. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Can contractor employees obtain proper badging on site? Approximately how long does this process take per person? | All prime contractors shall have VA badges. All subcontractors shall have a badge with the Prime contractor information on it. A badge shall be worn at all times. VA issued badges for prime contractor employees take approximately 1 week to obtain. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Will the contractor be permitted to use the freight elevator to transport equipment and materials to the 2nd floor? | Yes |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Is an electrical source available in all work areas for contractor use? Is the contractor responsible for costs of metering and of electricity used during construction? | The contractor will need to find the electrical source for work area and responsible of connection. NO meter cost. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Please confirm the SSHO will not have any shared duties as a QCM or Superintendent as outlined in Spec Section 01 35 26. | Nothing to confirm. This is not stated anywhere in the specifications. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Please confirm the superintendent shall not have any shared duties as a QCM or SSHO | Nothing to confirm. This is not stated anywhere in the specifications. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/03/2024 | Please confirm the QCM shall not have any shared duties as SSHO or superintendent. | Nothing to confirm. This is not stated anywhere in the specifications. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 07/02/2024 | Please confirm if either Starc Wall or Edge Guard are acceptable products within the hospital to use as ICRA Barriers. | Starc walls or Edgeguard are acceeptable as long as the temporary barrier is not required to be fire-rated. |
|  | 6/24/2024 | 6/24/2024 | Please confirm if we are to provide a divisional break down for all CLIN items | In addition to the Price Schedule, offerors shall submit a complete breakdown of the Division Pricing for Line Items (0001 – 0003) |
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