



RFI #	Question	Response	Column1
1	Please confirm the number of air scrubbers required for each containment area.	As required to meet pressurization and other conditions of spec.	
2	What fire alarm system is expected to be installed in the renovated space. Please advise.	Match and tie into existing for the building	
3	Please provide name and contact information for the fire alarm contractor currently servicing the building and existing panels.	GROT Company, Mike Bafundo, Edwards	
4	Will there be a need for HEPA filtration for the containment of infection control?	Comply with ICRA Class III requirements at minimum. Obtain ICRA permit from VA citing final class protection.	
5	Are ICRA requirements established by the A.S.H.E (American Society for Healthcare Engineering) in place for this project? Note: On page 73 of 67422210 VEG 2303 100 percent CD Technical Specifications_01.pdf states the VA personnel will handle infection control but does not specify how nor is a class of ICRA given (but is highlighted "yellow" on the page)	See response to RFI #4. Contractor is responsible for all ICRA requirements of the specification.	
6	Confirm there are 3 containment areas on AD111; only 2 of the areas are called out on plan page AD111.	Confirmed, there are three containment areas shown on AD111.	
7	Will the three separate containment areas serve as ante rooms? Will there be a need for doors and air scrubbers on the three separate containment sections?	Comply with ICRA Class III requirements at minimum. Confirm requirements with COR.	
8	Will handrails be present on or around the hallway of temporary barriers? If so, would the handrails affect the 4'-0" minimum space requirement of the hallway?	Handrails are allowed to extend into the minimum required width.	
9	Please provide magnetic shield design for RF shielding contractor to determine the amount (thickness) of the magnetic shielding.	Magnetic shielding will need to be designed by the shielding contractor based on the specific MRI unit that is procured by the VA. Coordinate with COR. Refer to Siemens spec documents.	#10&12, #4
10	Please confirm the floor to deck height for the patient lift to attach to.	Floor to deck height is approximately 13'-3".	
11	Please confirm weight capacity of the motor for the patient lift.	Confirm station standard patient lift manufacturer with COR and provide bariatric rated lift (800lb min). GULDMANN GH3	
12	Please confirm the number of air scrubbers required for each containment area.	See response to RFI #1	
13	Please provide "2012 Asbestos Reinspection Report -18708" called out on page AD111.	EXISTING DOOR CONTAINS ACM TO BE ABATED AS PART OF DOOR DEMOLITION. REFER TO THE 2012 ASBESTOS REINSPECTION REPORT - 18708 FINAL REPORT, BLDG. 163, INCLUDED WITH BID DOCUMENTS	
14	Are we to dispose/abate any asbestos, lead, mold, or other hazardous material as part of this project? If so, provide appropriate hazardous material site survey report(s).	Refer to RFI #13	
15	What will the ICRA level be for this project?	Refer to RFI#4	
16	Are there any required/proprietary subcontractors the successful Offeror is required to hire associated with this project? For example, is there a required/proprietary HVAC/mechanical system controls subcontractor?	No. Refer to RFI 3 for fire alarm contractor information, Johnson Controls Metasys	
17	Will all work associated with this project be performed during regular working hours? If not, specify when will work be required to be performed.	Refer to specs and scope of work. Alternate hours to be coordinated in advance with COR. Normal working hours, however, all loud, high vibration and and disruptive work will have to be done after hours or on the weekend	
18	It is our understanding that the Solicitation is a negotiated Bid (RFP) design-bid-build project with the Government's AE being responsible for the design portion (providing a full and complete set of Specifications and Plans) and the successful Offeror being responsible for bidding and building the project based on the Specifications and Plans provided by the Government. Put another way, the successful offeror will not be required to perform any design-build services as part of the contract - correct? Contracting officer to answer	Refer to specifications. Certain elements of the project are delegated design (eg fire protection) as is typical industry practice.	
19	Are we required to provide a 24 hour/day on-site fire watch during any portion of the project?	Refer to specification 01.35.26	
20	Please confirm 1) Fire suppression system to be left in place as-is. 2) Parts of the fire suppression system are to be replaced. If so, please specify what is to be replaced. 3) The entire fire suppression system is to be removed and replaced throughout the entire project space.	The fire suppression scope is #3. Refer to sheets FD110, FX110 and FX120 for requirements.	
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22	Telecom Room BB117 is not shown on the technology drawings. Please provide a drawing showing where telecom Room BB117 is located.	Refer to Partial Overall Floor Plan - Basement on sheet A-101 for location of Telecom Room BB117.	
23	Is the wireless access point (WAP) referenced in the drawings being provided by the Government and contractor is responsible for installing, or is the WAP a contractor supplied and contractor installed item? If contractor supplied and contractor installed, please provide details on the type of WAP required.	Contractor to provide Category 6A Cabling for Wireless Access Point locations designated in the plans. The VA will provide and install Wireless access point devices.	
24	How many open ports are on the patch panels in the intermediate distribution frame (IDF) in telecom Room BB117?	Refer to specification section 27.11.19. Contractor to provide and install patch panels as needed for newly installed cables.	
25	Are the cameras in Room BA118B being mounted to the wall or the ceiling?	Refer to specification section 28.23.00. Surveillance devices are to be installed per typical industry practice and in accordance with PSRDM.	
26	Drawing GI004, Keynote 1 requires the contractor to provide temporary shoring for removal of the old MRI and delivery of the new MRI. Please provide the structural as built drawings for below the project area floor to allow the temporary shoring system to be priced for bidding purposes.	Existing as-bults can be obtained from the COR.	
27	Drawing GI0004, Keynote 1 requires the successful Offeror to provide temporary shoring for removal of the old MRI and delivery of the new MRI. What is the weight of the old MRI being removed and what is the weight of the new MRI being installed? This is needed to price the temporary shoring system for bid purposes.	The existing machine is approximately 8,000 lbs and the new machine is approximately 10,000 lbs.	
28	Reference Sheet A-101, Room Schedule. Where is Room BA108B1 located?	Between Grids J/K & 13/14.	
29	Sheet AE 121, Keynote 1 and EP111, Keynote 1 reference a "patient lift." What type of patient lift is required? Provide the make, model number, power requirements, overhead anchoring, and other requirements to price the correct patient lift system.	Refer to response to RFI #11.	
30	Is the successful Offeror required to provide the patient lift referenced in Sheet AE 121, Keynote 1 and EP111, Keynote 1?	Refer to response to RFI #11.	
31	Drawing AES31 and other contract drawings reference roof work required. Is the roof under warranty? If so, who should be contacted to ask the contractor holding the roof warranty to perform required work so as not to invalidate the warranty.	American Roofing	
32	Drawing MD111, Keynote 6, Drawing MD112, Keynote 3, and Drawing MP111, Keynote 8 reference BID ALT 1. There is no BID ALT 1 shown in the Solicitation A.3 PRICE/COST SCHEDULE for the seat project. Is there a BID ALT 1 for this project? If so, what are the requirements for BID ALT 1 and please amend A.3 to include BID ALT 1.	Bid Alternate 1 per drawing sheets noted, which involves replacing the chilled water line set from the MRI heat exchanger to the chiller, will be part of the base bid. Replace chilled water lines completely in the base scope. There are no alternates.	
33	Drawing ET111, Keynote 4 requires the contractor to provide and install 50" display with wall mount. Provide details on the 50" display the VA wants to fulfill this requirement.	Display will be VA provided and installed. However, the wall backing shall be installed per the CDs.	
34	The Solicitation instructions for Volume II (Past Performance) Subparagraph i.1, on page 15 of 89 states (in part): "Offerors are encouraged to submit information relating to up to three projects it has completed or is in the process of completing." If an Offeror submits two projects it has successfully completed instead of three projects will the Offeror submitting two projects be evaluated lower than an Offeror submitting three projects?	The projects are used for evaluating past performance. If only submit two of the required three are submitted, the third would receive a neutral rating.	
35	We noticed that the vendors site specific drawings show a 350amp feeder to a UPS, however the 100 percent combined drawings do not show this feeder, which should we go by.	Siemens sheet E-102 shows the 350 amp breaker is part of the UPS. The 25 and 200 amp panel DPEQ circuit breakers shown on Vahalla EP601 should be a 350 amp circuit breaker.	
36	The Siemens drawings indicate a 180KW UPS (other than the E4504FP - 0.7KVA shown for Rundown), but the engineered drawings do not, are we not installing the 180KW 93PM UPS?	Yes, contractor installs the UPS. Refer to notes on Siemens drawings.	
37	If the 93PM UPS is actually used, who is moving the UPS into the equipment room from the dock?	The contractor. See Siemens drawings.	
38	Engineered drawings do not show the panel "MP" shown in vendor drawings, with the shunt trip main "M", and sub breakers "A and B" is it not being used? (1-Line only shows 200amp ECB, with no indication of shunt trip	Panel MP will take the place of the CRAC-1 and MRI enclosed circuit breakers shown on Vahalla sheet EP111.	
39	Is the shield being replaced?	Yes, Refer to RFI # 9 for Siemens Drawing Specs.	
40	If shielding is being replaced, who is the shielding contractor?	Shielding to be installed by the GC	
41	Please clarify the space below the MRI Suite. What is the depth of the crawl space?	4-6 ft to floor deck	
42	Please advise if there is any overhead structural support required for the patient lift system, as one is not shown on the drawings.	Refer to the Specifications, Drawings, Calculations that reflect the support needed from the ground.	
43	Please provide the contact information for the roofing contractor to modify the existing roof system.	Refer to RFI #31	
44	Please advise if the facility provided fire extinguisher cabinet will be flush mounted, fully recessed or semi recessed.	Fully recessed.	
45	Please provide the fire alarm company's contact information to modify the fire alarm system.	Refer to RFI#3	
46	MRI lighting "F31" shows to be surface mounted in the lighting schedule, is this correct?	Light Fixture Type "F31" is an under counter task light that is to be surface mounted on the bottom side of the upper cabinet.	
47	Can the Superintendent also be the Prime Contractor's Commissioning Manager during commissioning?	No.	
48	Is any commissioning essential on this project?	Refer to specification 01.91.00. VA to confirm if 3rd party CoA is under contract.	
49	Is a full-time on-site quality control manager required for this project?	Yes.	
50	Can the Project Manager also be the quality control manager?	Yes.	
51	Is a full-time on-site Safety and Health Officer required for this project?	Yes.	
52	Can the Superintendent also be the site safety and Health Officer?	Yes.	
53	As is typical for most VA projects, can the QC plan be executed by the onsite superintendent and Administrated by the PM without additional staff?	Yes.	Question needs to be answered.
54	Is there any tax charged to labor performed on the project?	Yes.	
55	Is there any tax charged to equipment on the project?	Yes.	
56	Is there any reason to believe the slab has moisture in it and moisture remediation will be needed?	This project is located in Texas rain and humidity charts apply.	
57	Do other areas on this floor need moisture remediation on the concrete slab?	Refer to RFI # 57	
58	Will any of this work have to be performed after hours or weekends?	Refer to RFI # 17	
59	Will this project be done in phases?	Mean and Methods.	

60	Will each phase have to be fully completed before moving to the next or can some phases be completed simultaneously?	Refer to RFI # 60	
61	How many areas will we be given at a time?	Refer to RFI # 60. Have a Formal Memo for requesting access to areas that are shared with departments outside the project to the CDR.	
62	Where do we need to vent air to the outside of the building for the ICRA?	Loading dock	
63	Will we have to remove a window in each room to vent air outside or is there another means of venting air from the space to achieve the negative pressure required by ICRA?	Vent air to loading dock	
64	Can plastic wall panels be used for the ICRA walls, such as STARC Panels?	Non-flexible panels are required.	
65	Will temporary sprinklers be required?	PROVIDE TEMPORARY HEAT SENSORS ABOVE CEILING LEVEL WHERE CEILING ARE REMOVED FOR DEMO OR NEW WORK. ENGAGE LICENSED AND SITE-APPROVED FIRE ALARM CONTRACTOR TO INCORPORATE TEMPORARY SENSORS INTO FA SYSTEM. REFER TO SPECIFICATION 01 35 26 FOR ADDITIONAL INTERIM LIFE SAFETY AND INFECTION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS IN WORK AREAS.	
66	Will the contractor be required to turn the existing sprinkler heads up during construction once the ceiling is removed?	If protecting above ceiling during construction to avoid impairing sprinkler system, listed upright heads must be used.	
67	Will we have to test and balance the HVAC system after the work is complete?	Yes.	
68	Who is the manufacturer of the current Nurse Call system	Lone Star	
69	Please provide a contact for who services the current Nurse Call System	Lone Star	
70	Who is the manufacturer of the current Fire Alarm system	Refer to RFI#3	
71	Please provide a contact for who services the current Fire Alarm System	Refer to RFI#3	
72	Who is the manufacturer of the current Security and Access Control system?	Refer to RFI#45	
73	Please provide a contact for who services the current Security and Access Control System? Who is the manufacturer of the current Security and Access Control system?	Refer to RFI#45	
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77	Who is the manufacturer of the current HVAC Controls?	Johnson Controls	
78	Please provide a contact for who services the current HVAC Controls?	Johnson Controls	
79	Is there any chance of uncovering hazardous materials?	Refer to existing hazardous material survey to be provided by VA.	
80	Who is the existing signage vendor for this VA?	Services by the VA.	
81	Are doors to be factory finished or field finished?	Means and Methods	Is this according to the Specs?
82	Will there need to be insulation above the new ceilings?	Yes.	
83	What is the height from finished floor to bottom of deck above?	Refer to RFI # 10	
84	When touch-up painting in the corridors, can we go doorway to doorway, or do we have to go corner to corner?	Corner to Corner	
85	Is there a floor or crawl space below the work area or is it the bottom floor with slab on grade?	There is a crawl space	
86	If there is a crawl space, please provide pictures and details of how we can access it?	Can be accessed from stair BS-2. 	
87	At the site visit it appeared that the MRI is in the Basement on the bottom floor. However, Sheet CID04 calls for temporary shoring to be placed under the slab during transport of the MRI machines, if this is a slab on grade then there is no way possible to support the slab any further, please clarify how to proceed?	There is a crawl space	
88	Is the Existing Concrete Located in Mechanical BA229, to be Left as is or, is it to be Polished/ Finished?	Left as is.	
89	Is the Overhead Door to Remain in Place or Removed for Access?	Refer to AD111 keynote #5	
90	Will the VA have the space entirely cleared out before the contractor begins construction?	Yes.	
91	Will the contractor be required to move any of the existing furniture or equipment?	Any remaining equipment/furniture will be removed by Contractor	
92	Who is the existing Signage Vendor?	Refer to RFI # 01	
93	Is there an Asbestos Abatement Report Available?	Refer to RFI #13	
94	On Sheet AE611 it shows a Barn Door detail, please provide a basis of design for this door?	No basis of design for the sliding barn doors.	
95	On Sheet AE121, Note 1 calls for a Patient Lift. Can you provide a Specification and basis of design for the new Patient Lift?	Refer to response to RFI #11. The accessory mounting rail is similar to this - https://nexspan.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Nexspan-Equip-Rail-brochure-07151.pdf	
96	On sheet AE151 it states that equipment number A1132 will be provided by the VA but installed by the contractor. Can the VA please provide some information and details of what this is and how it will need to be installed (shop drawings, cut sheets, brochures)?		
97	On sheet AE531 it shows a roof penetration, is this roof still under warranty?	Yes.	
98	What contractor installed the existing roof so we can get in contact with them to make the repairs?	Refer to RFI #31	
99	What is the existing brick on the exterior that we will need to match (manufacturer, color, brand)?	Acme Brick - send sample best matching existing brick to be approved by interior designer	still needs to be answered
100	In Specification Division 01 00 00 - 4, Note J, it Calls for a 7'-0" High Chain Link Fence Around the Construction Area. The Project is Mostly Taking Place Inside. Can You Supply a Drawing that shows where the required fence will need to be placed?	Fencing is required for layout yard. Layout Yard will be provided after Project is Awarded.	
101	The section view of wall type RF1 on Sheet AE601 has a note that states RF Shielding by Shielding Contractor, is the VA hiring a Shielding contractor under a separate contract or are we supposed to provide a Shielding contractor?	Shielding subcontractor is provided by the General Contractor	
102	If the contractor is to provide a Shielding contractor, can you provide a basis of design product for the RF Shielding panels?	Refer to RFI #40	
103	The section view of wall type RF1 on Sheet AE601 shows the RF Shielding being recessed into the concrete slab, this is the only area that shows or annotates anything of such. Is this accurate and do we have to recess the concrete slab to install RF Shielding under the floor?	No depressed slab is required. RF shield on MRI room floor can be installed on top of the existing concrete slab, which is more typical for renovation projects.	
104	If this is on the bottom floor and there is nothing underneath it, then this should not be required.	Refer to RFI # 104	
105	Since this room was already an MRI room is any of the RF Shielding already in place that could be reused?	No	
106	What is the period of performance for the seed project? Check SOW	Per the SOW on page 3 paragraph 2.3 A, the POP is 365 days	
107	The solicitation states the magnitude of construction for the IDIQ is \$20MM - \$50MM but then also states that the maximum ordering limit per task order is \$3MM. Which is correct? Contracting officer to answer.	The magnitude and max ordering period are two different things. Per FAR 36.204, Advance notices and solicitations shall state the magnitude of the requirement in terms of physical characteristics and estimated price range. The max ordering per task order is just that.	
108	Can the NAICS code be changed to 236220, since the seed project is clearly general construction and most all "Site Prep" projects are general construction? NAICS 238390, by definition, is for singular trades such as window shades and blinds, water proofing, modular furniture, installing drywall, flooring, it is not for projects that encompass multiple of these trades to be done together. Contracting officer to answer	though the seed project may fit under the NAICS of 236220, the scope of the IDIQ contract will have many projects that will have Lead lining walls for X-ray room contractors which is incorporated in the assigned NAICS of 238390.	
109	Does the original bid bond need to be mailed? Contracting officer to answer	Can be sent via email	
110	Page 15 of the solicitation states to provide proof of bonding capability along with performance/payment bond for seed project. Is this an error? Is it supposed to say along with a bid bond for the seed project? We cannot get a P&B bond without having a contract in place for the project. Contracting officer to answer	Only Bid bond for seed project is required at proposal submission	
111	Page 15 of the solicitation states to include the Past Performance Questionnaire. Does the contractor need to provide the complete PPQ or only Pages 1&2 or only Page2? Contracting officer to answer	Pages 2-4	
112	Is the only Representation and Certifications required pages 31 - 42 in the solicitation? Contracting officer to answer	Yes	