

Questions and Answers #3

NOTE: QUESTIONS ARE STARTING AT #31. The first 30 questions are listed in the revised SOW and were asked during a previous solicitation. To avoid confusion, the numbering system will continue with #31. This ONLY affects the numbering and does not negate responses provided as a part of amendment 0003.

31. I have a question regarding the security systems on this project. The specifications for division 28 in section (28 20 00) mention a video surveillance system. I didn't see any camera icons on the drawings.

USFWS Response: As per question 24 in B08-Solicitation (Statement of Work), Video surveillance will not be installed.

32. IN spec section 28 20 00 it mentions intrusion detection in section 283100, but I did not see that section in the specs.

USFWS Response: As per question 22 in B08-Solicitation (Statement of Work), For the intrusion detection system, the construction drawings on E-104 reference Appendix 1 INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM (IDS) of the Specifications.

System Panels Authorized include:

- A. Bosch model numbers 8512G or 9512G series or
- B. DMP model XR150 Note: Proprietary panels will not be accepted due to the inability to provide adequate support.

33. I noticed the access control rough in detail on the E104 drawing, but I didn't see any specifications for a system. Is the division 28 for surveillance, and intrusion, and or access control open for bid on this project?

USFWS Response: Please see question 2 response above. Please see review questions and answers in B08-Solicitation (Statement of Work).

34. I see data drops on the drawing, but no telecom specs, is division 27 telecom open for bid on this project?

USFWS Response: Please review questions 22-28 and answers in B08-Solicitation (Statement of Work).

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- a. FWS Bon Secour, telecom addendum 03-07-2025
- b. FWS AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR IT INFRASTRUCTURE, March 2024 Version 2.0
- c. Division 27 Specifications, Communications

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d. Sheet E-104 of the Construction Drawings

35. Are there any landscaping drawings?

USFWS Response: There is no landscape plans. USFWS does not want shrubs, trees, etc planted. Grading, topsoiling, seeding, mulching, as required in the Civil drawings and Division 31 – Earthwork are required.

36. I see one pair of 6-0 x 7-0 front doors. Can you please provide color and glass specs? Is there bird coating on this glass as well?

USFWS Response: Please see Section 08 80 00 Glazing for glass specs. A color will be picked out by refuge manager at a later date.

37. I see the glazing breakdown, but I cannot find whether the windows are storefront or not?

USFWS Response Window schedule is listed on Sheet A-640. See specifications for other window requirements.

38. Specifications are calling for Bird-Safe glass. Currently I do not know of a manufacturer that makes a bird safe vinyl window with large missile impact protection. Use of any aftermarket surface applied Bird-Safe film will void the manufacturers warranty on the windows. I do have a company (PGT Industries out of Venice FL) that is interested in working with the architect on producing said windows. Can you help facilitate contact with the architect or guide me in the right direction?

USFWS Response: USFWS cannot facilitate a discussion of windows with all potential bidders. You are welcome to call the AE firm, Wiley Wilson, based in Atlanta. A-640 specifies bird-safe compliant frit or acid-etched windows or an alternative bird-safe UV layer on the window surface.

We will also accept window decals in patterns or shapes spaced 2-inch by 2-inch apart or UV reflective glass which birds can see and humans cannot. Specification 0 80 00, Glazing, specific requirements.

39. Please confirm this building does not require a fire sprinkler system.

USFWS Response: Correct

40. Please confirm that door 112 to the mechanical room is to be aluminum material.

USFWS Response: Correct.

41. Are all windows (W01, W02, W03) to be vinyl windows. Please Confirm.

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USFWS Response: Windows A-640 and A-641.

42. Will the contractor be required to haul off the dirt?

USFWS Response: Excess soil/dirt shall be hauled off site.

43. We were informed that the previous RFIs regarding the telecom will be removed. Please confirm.

USFWS Response: Funding sources have changed. Please see the following:

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- e. FWS Bon Secour, telecom addendum 03-07-2025
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- h. Sheet E-104 of the Construction Drawings

44. We would like to request the sign-in sheet, as this site visit was mandatory to ensure that no bids are submitted by companies that did not attend.

USFWS Response The contracting officer will ensure the proposals received are valid

45. Regarding the grinder pump and septic tank, does the Government require us to remove only the grinder pump and leave/abandon the septic tank or should both be removed?

USFWS Response On C-101, Note 14, demolish and remove sanitary manhole and pump. Keep the existing sanitary system operational until new building is complete. After removing manhole and pump, cap sewer line.

46. Is a GC license required for Alabama or can we utilize local subcontractors that meet Alabama licensing requirements?

USFWS Response Yes, we require the contractor to be licensed in the state of Alabama.

47. Please confirm mulching, seeding, and temporary seeding is required for the entire shaded region shown on p. C-105. If not what percentage of the area should we use for mulching/seeding/temporary seeding for bidding purposes?

USFWS Response: If the shaded area is not disturbed, it doesn't need to be seeded or mulched. Also, the area to the north of the new building, which is a gravel parking lot, will not be seeded or mulched.

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48. Please provide the contact information for the preferred building controls contractor.

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B. DMP model XR150 Note: Proprietary panels will not be accepted due to the inability to provide adequate support.

49. Please provide the contact information for the preferred building fire alarm company.

USFWS Response A fire alarm system is not required, per code.

50. Do the Superintendent, SSHO and QC Manager need to be 3 separate individuals?

USFWS Response: one person may fulfill the supervision, safety, and QAQC roles.

51. Can the period of performance be extended after award once the material/equipment lead times are confirmed due to current market conditions for the equipment for this project?

USFWS Response The POP is stated at 428 days upon NTP. The contractor would have to convincingly demonstrate why the POP would need to be extended.

52. Are soil boring reports available? If not, it will be assumed that excavation will be clear of rocks and obstructions.

USFWS Response: Soil borings are available in the solicitation, B08 -
Solicitation (Geotechnical_Survey)

53. Please provide bidding quantities for deteriorated underlayment base course.

USFWS Response: There is no need for that.

54. Please provide the site visit attendee sign in sheet.

USFWS Response: Please see attachments

55. Is there a bulk water fill i.e. a hydrant or water source we can pump from for grading operations in close proximity?

USFWS Response: no

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56. Is the General Contractor responsible for moving the fiber optic cable?

USFWS Response: yes

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57. Is the General Contractor responsible for temporary security fencing and reinstallation for existing FWS equipment yard?

USFWS Response Yes, a temporary fence must be installed as per the requirements in the construction drawings (GENERAL, SHEET 2 OF 91, G-002, PART 15) and in specifications 01 50 00 Temporary Facilities and Controls, 10 71 33, Protection of Work and Property.

58. Is the General Contractor responsible for Impact Fees?

USFWS Response: please explain.

59. Are all the engineering inspections and mock-up tests required?

USFWS Response: the inspections are required. Mock-up tests are not required.

60. Does the General Contractor have to be licensed in Alabama?

USFWS Response Yes, we require the contractor to be licensed in the state of Alabama.

61. Will the grinder pump be demoed by others?

USFWS Response On C-101, Note 14, contractor will demolish and remove sanitary manhole and pump. Keep the existing sanitary system operational until new building is complete. After removing manhole and pump, cap sewer line.

62. I see the glazing breakdown, but I cannot find whether the windows are storefront or not?

- a. I believe the windows are non-load bearing?

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USFWS Response Window schedule is listed on Sheet A-640. See specifications for other window requirements. Storefront windows are not a requirement. Windows are non-load bearing.

63. Does the design take into consideration sandy soils? Have the design for the footings been calculated to handle the soil conditions?

USFWS Response : The design is based on the soils and conditions in the geotechnical report.

64. Do you expect dewatering?

USFWS Response : See Section B, Foundations and Earthwork on Sheet S-001. Furthermore, in the back of the spec packet is GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN A REPORT PREPARED BY ECS SOUTHEAST, LLC, REPORT NUMBER 30:2598, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2024. BORING LOGS AND LABORATORY TEST RESULTS ARE INCLUDED FOR REFERENCE IN THE PROJECT MANUAL.

65. Does the chain link fence for this project need to be galvanized or black vinyl coated? We were unable to locate anything referring to the finish of the fence in the specs.

USFWS Response : Chain link fence is galvanized.

66. There are Wall Letters and Animal Shapes on the Exterior shown on the drawing but not listed in the specs. Key notes do not list any details.

- a. What is the size of the turtle and is it stud mounted?
- b. What size are the wall letters and what finish is requested?
- c. We need more details on the "wall mount information Kiosk"
 - i. What size are they?
 - ii. How are they attached?
 - iii. Are the mounted interior or exterior
 - iv. Do you have a spec sheet on these?

USFWS Response : FWS will furnish the turtle artwork at a later date, but installed by the Contractor. The lettering, logo, and information kiosk (or enclosed bulletin board) will be selected by FWS at a later date and purchased and installed by the Contractor. The studs behind that wall can support at least 200 lbs. per notes 1 and 3. As for sizes, they are generally drawn to scale on the drawings.