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1	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Do the replacement fire doors include listed, labeled fire-rated transfer grilles/louvers at locations where air transfer between spaces is required by HVAC design? Or shall all louver openings be eliminated and compensatory HVAC provisions be made? Please provide a door schedule identifying which openings require transfer capability and confirming the listing status of all specified grilles.	All fire/smoke door assemblies included in the scope of work shall be UL listed/labeled as stated in the contract drawings. Please reference door schedule AE601 - AE604.
2	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the scope of electrical rough-in work required to bring all FMC at door head locations into compliance with NEC 356.30 prior to installation of replacement door assemblies. Are new conduit runs, junction boxes, and supports included in the base contract? If existing FMC will be reused, provide a written plan for achieving code-compliant support at all observed locations.	Provide supports for flexible metal conduits at all door head locations included in the scope of work to comply with NEC. Contractor shall provide means and method to for achieving code-compliance.
3	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are the exterior egress door frames included in the replacement scope? The existing wood frames show significant structural deterioration beyond cosmetic repair. Please confirm whether new hollow metal welded frames are specified for all exterior egress doors. Additionally, confirm that the replacement door assembly will include a positive-latching lockset meeting NFPA 101 and VA master key requirements.	Multiple exterior egress doors have been indicated to receive new doors and frames. Refer to door schedules AE601 through AE604 and applicable floor plans AE100 through AE137B. Provide wall repair as necessary where indicated by the contract drawings.

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4	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that replacement door thresholds for all accessible egress openings meet ADA Section 404.2.5 (maximum 1/2 inch height, beveled 1:2 maximum slope). Provide a threshold schedule identifying heights for all replacement openings and confirm whether the existing exterior approach slope requires remediation to achieve ADA-compliant accessible route.	Provide thresholds at replacement accessible egress openings in accordance with the contract door details and applicable accessibility/code requirements. Refer to GI006 threshold details, AE601 through AE604 door schedules, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.10 Restoration, for repair/replacement of adjacent work disturbed by the door installation.
5	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Do the replacement fire doors include listed, labeled fire-rated transfer grilles/louvers at locations where air transfer between spaces is required by HVAC design? Or shall all louver openings be eliminated and compensatory HVAC provisions be made? Please provide a door schedule identifying which openings require transfer capability and confirming the listing status of all specified grilles.	All fire/smoke door assemblies included in the scope of work shall be UL listed/labeled as stated in the contract drawings. Please reference door schedule AE601 - AE604.
6	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Does the contract scope include modification of the existing Fire Alarm system to provide properly supervised releasing circuits for all new EM door hold-open devices? Please identify who is responsible for FA panel programming, circuit extension to each hold-open location, and FA acceptance testing per NFPA 72. Provide a list of all openings with EM hold-opens and the FA control panel(s) that serve each zone.	The VA shall be provided with a complete and operable system. All work is the responsibility of the contractor.

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7	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm whether any replacement fire doors will be converted from manual self-closing to automatic-closing (smoke-actuated release) and, if so, identify the detector coverage requirements per NFPA 72 Section 17.7. Are any new smoke detectors required at door locations as part of this contract? Provide FA as-built drawing showing existing detector locations relative to all replacement door openings.	Provide fire alarm/interface work required for doors within the contract scope as shown in the contract drawings and door schedules. Refer to AE601 through AE604 door schedules, GI007 Door Hardware, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, Specification Section 28 05 00 Common Work Results for Electronic Safety and Security, Specification Section 28 05 13 Conductors and Cables for Electronic Safety and Security, and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.19 Tests, for testing/operability requirements.
8	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Has a comprehensive hazmat survey (LBP and ACM) been completed for all surfaces disturbed by the door replacement scope, including door frames, surrounding masonry, painted wall surfaces within the work zone, and existing threshold flooring materials? Please provide the survey report or confirm that abatement is included in the scope. Clarify who is responsible for pre-abatement air monitoring, containment, and clearance testing per OSHA and EPA requirements	No pricing is to be included for LBP or ACM. If suspected LBP or ACM is encountered during construction, immediately notify the CO/COR. Differing site conditions will apply. Refer to GI008 for ACM/hazardous-waste notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment, 1.15 Dust Control, and 1.17 Fire Safety. If hazardous materials are encountered, comply with applicable OSHA/EPA requirements and coordinate with the VA COR before disturbing suspect material.
9	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide structural drawings showing lintel types, sizes, and bearing conditions at all exterior door openings within the project scope. If lintel conditions have not been recently surveyed, will a pre-construction structural probe and assessment be required before door frame removal? Clarify responsibility for any lintel repair or replacement identified during frame demolition.	Contractor shall request to conduct lintel assessment prior to construction.

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10	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide or confirm the VAMC's ILSM policy and requirements for this project. What is the maximum number of fire doors or egress doors that may be removed simultaneously? What are the VAMC notification and approval requirements before beginning work on any fire door or egress door? Will the VAMC Environment of Care (EOC) Committee require a pre-work ILSM submission?	Contractor shall coordinate VAMC ILSM requirements with the VA COR before work affecting egress or fire protection. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes, Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17 Fire Safety, including maintaining access, egress, temporary partitions, impairments, and fire watch requirements, and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas, for coordination/notification requirements.
11	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	What ICRA class has the VAMC assigned to this project? Are ICRA barriers (negative pressure containment, HEPA filtration) required for all door work zones, or only in specific patient care areas? Please provide the VAMC Infection Control Officer's requirements for dust control, barrier type, daily inspections, and ante-room provisions if applicable.	Refer to GI010 Infection Control Risk Assessment and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. Contractor shall coordinate final ICRA implementation, barrier type, negative pressure/HEPA requirements, and inspections with the VA COR and Infection Control staff before starting work in each area.
12	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide the hardware schedule or confirm that the VAMC Facility Manager will provide the keying schedule before hardware procurement. What cylinder type and key blank does the existing VAMC master key system use? Will the VA furnish cylinders (GFE) or is the contractor responsible for procuring VA-compatible cylinders from the VA-approved locksmith?	Refer to AE601 through AE604 door schedules, GI007 Door Hardware, the survey picture book, and Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware. Permanent lock cylinders shall be turned over to the VA locksmith for permanent installation per Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.5.C Key Control.
13	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that all fire door panels will be factory-machined for all required hardware by the door manufacturer before labeling, with no field modifications to the door panel after labeling. If field modifications are unavoidable, what procedure does the specification require for maintaining or re-establishing the fire door label? Will a label service representative be required on site?	All fire door panels shall be UL listed/labeled by the manufacturer. In the event of unavoidable modifications, contractor shall seek direction from the VA COR and the VA specifications.

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14	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a paint and finish schedule for all replacement door frames and doors, including color selections, paint type, and number of coats. Clarify the extent of wall painting adjacent to new frames — is a full room/corridor repaint included, or only patch painting within a defined distance of the new frame? Confirm that specified paints meet VA low-VOC and infection control requirements.	Refer to General Note 13 and General Note 24 on the applicable A-series drawings, AE601 through AE604 door/frame schedules, and Specification Section 09 91 00 Painting. Existing color selections shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer. Wall painting applies where frames are replaced or where adjacent finishes are damaged during construction, as clarified in later RFI responses.
15	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a frame schedule specifying the ANSI/SDI series, gauge, profile, and anchor type for each opening condition (masonry, metal stud, plaster/CMU). For masonry openings, confirm that masonry T-anchors or equivalent are specified. For metal stud partitions, confirm that floor anchors and jamb straps are included. Identify any openings requiring reinforcement for door closers or exit devices.	Refer to AE601 through AE604 door/frame schedules, GI005 Door and Frame Details, GI006 Door and Frame Details, the survey picture book, Specification Section 08 11 13 Hollow Metal Doors and Frames, Specification Section 08 14 00 Interior Wood Doors, and Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware.
16	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	What temporary door or opening protection is required during the gap between removal of existing doors and installation of new assemblies? For fire-rated openings, what standard must temporary barriers meet? Is the contractor required to install temporary hollow metal or wood doors, fire-rated curtains, or other equivalent protection? What is the maximum allowable duration for an unprotected opening before VAMC requires the work to stop?	Temporary door/opening protection shall comply with Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17 Fire Safety, including temporary construction partitions, maintaining means of egress, and maintaining existing fire protection systems. Coordinate duration, phasing, and any temporary barrier/door requirements with the VA COR under GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas.

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17	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the hardware specified for all exterior egress doors. Are panic exit devices (rim or mortise type, ANSI A156.3 Grade 1) required at exterior egress from I-2 occupancy areas per NFPA 101 and the applicable building code? Provide hardware schedule listing hardware type, ANSI grade, and fire rating for each exterior egress opening.	Refer to AE601 through AE604 door schedules, GI007 Door Hardware, and Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware for exterior egress-door hardware requirements, including panic/fire-exit hardware where scheduled or required by code/NFPA 101.
18	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide the VAMC Tuskegee construction access policy, including: (1) permitted construction hours by floor/wing; (2) any floor or wing blackout periods tied to patient procedures or census; (3) minimum advance notice required for work in patient care areas; (4) after-hours work availability and cost basis (overtime premium vs. regular time); (5) VAMC escort requirements for contractor access to secure or clinical areas.	Construction access, work hours, storage, parking, outages, and coordination requirements are addressed in Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.5 Construction Security Requirements, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas, 1.14 Use of Roadways, 1.17 Temporary Toilets, and 1.18 Availability and Use of Utility Services. Final access/secure-area requirements shall be coordinated with the VA COR and VA Police after award. All shutdowns and work that will affect facility operations will be required to be after hours. Minimum of 15 days notice for shutdowns or other impacts to patient care areas.
19	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Does the Tuskegee VA have a proprietary systems concerning access control? If so, what is that proprietary company? i.e. JCI, ABS, etc.	Avigilon.

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20	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that abatement is not part of the project scope of work. If asbestos/lead abatement is included in the project scope, please send abatement assessment report.	Abatement is not specifically quantified as a base-bid scope item in the provided documents. No pricing is to be included for asbestos abatement. If suspected asbestos is encountered during construction, immediately notify the CO/COR. Differing site conditions will apply. Contractor shall comply with GI008 ACM/hazardous-material notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. Do not disturb suspect ACM/LBP or hazardous materials; immediately notify and coordinate with the VA COR before proceeding.
21	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that there are no expectations to modify existing curtain walls.	Contractor shall provide all work included in the contract scope of work.
22	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	On floor finishes, if existing floor finish is obsolete or no longer in production, what finish is acceptable and what size area for this proposed floor replacement?	If existing floor finish is obsolete, Contractor shall coordinate alternate finish with the VA interior designer.
23	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Door 3A-B-05 SOW is DOOR/FRAME/HARDWARE with existing conditions material may not have matching replacement for build back, what material would be acceptable? To what degree past SOW should we apply new material application? This is for wall cover and threshold.	New door/frame/hardware must meet or exceed the requirements of the contract documents. Alternate finish materials shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.
24	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Door 3A-B-06 SOW is DOOR/FRAME/HARDWARE with existing conditions material may not have matching replacement for build back, what material would be acceptable? To what degree past SOW should we apply new material application? This is for the threshold flooring material including but not limited to cove base, terrazzo, and pour in place materials	New door/frame/hardware must meet or exceed the requirements of the contract documents. Alternate finish materials shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.

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25	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Door 3A-B-10 SOW is DOOR/FRAME/HARDWARE with existing conditions material may not have matching replacement for build back, what material would be acceptable? To what degree past SOW should we apply new material application?	New door/frame/hardware must meet or exceed the requirements of the contract documents. Alternate finish materials shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.
26	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Door 3A-B-11 SOW is DOOR/FRAME/HARDWARE with existing conditions material may not have matching replacement for build back, what material would be acceptable? To what degree past SOW should we apply new material application?	New door/frame/hardware must meet or exceed the requirements of the contract documents. Alternate finish materials shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.
27	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Door 04-3-09 SOW is DOOR/FRAME/HARDWARE with existing conditions material may not have matching replacement for build back, what material would be acceptable? To what degree past SOW should we apply new material application? This is for the threshold flooring material including but not limited to cove base, LVT or wood flooring.	New door/frame/hardware must meet or exceed the requirements of the contract documents. Alternate finish materials shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.
28	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please note the questions above are for all applicable doors and frames to be replaced, please advise on how to proceed with build back materials that are acceptable under these circumstances including but not limited to wall tile, brick, flooring material also including but not limited to terrazzo, LVT, tile, wood including cove base and pour-in-place curbs and cove base.	New door/frame/hardware must meet or exceed the requirements of the contract documents. Alternate finish materials shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.

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29	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Door 4A-B-16 SOW is DOOR/FRAME/HARDWARE with existing conditions having a transom above door, should the replacement also have transom? (same question for Door 05-B-02 and other typical doors with this condition)	New door/frame/hardware must meet or exceed the requirements of the contract documents. Alternate finish materials shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.
30	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	How should we address existing conditions if floor cover material is damaged? As seen on Door 05-01-11 and other various areas.	Flooring is not included in the contract unless damaged during construction.
31	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please be advised that Door 13-01-08 was not identified on the Plans as a replacement, but there is an image of this area in the provided documents.	Door 13-01-08 is not included in the contract.
32	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Does Door 15-01-05 include arched transom glazing replacement as well?	The entire door assembly shall be replaced.
33	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Should there also be a stoop added for Door 65-B-01?	Only provide items included in the scope of work.
34	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Door 68-B-05 has a fire rating of 20 min, do the side lites require replacing with frame, if so what fire rating is required for side lites?	The entire door assembly shall be replaced. The entire assembly shall have the same rating.
35	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA be supplying phasing plan for complete work areas to be shut down during construction?	Phasing notes have been provided in the contract drawings. Contractor shall create a phasing plan and submit to the VA for approval.
36	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will there be buildings/areas that cannot be shutdown as a phased area? a. If yes where will these areas be located? b. How many doors at one time outside phased areas be worked on a one time? c. Will work areas outside phased areas need to be assessable & infection control be removed & area open after each work period?	Shutdowns shall be coordinated with the VA COR. Phasing plans shall be submitted to the VA for approval.

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37	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For bidding purposes please advise if all doors & frames will be able to be installed during normal working hours? a. If not what door & frames install locations will need to be during weekday after hours or weekends?	All shutdowns and work that will affect facility operations will be required to be after hours. Other construction activities can be performed during normal business hours. Any after-hour or weekend work shall be coordinated with the VA COR.
38	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will new wall protection rails be included in this contract	Wall protection rails are not in the scope of work.
39	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will there be any special wall finishes repairs such as but not limited to as wallpaper, murals, paint textures etc. be included in this project a. For bidding purposes please advise will all door demolition be able to be performed during normal working hours? b. If not what demo locations will need to be during weekday after hours or weekends?	Contract drawings state what is expected for painting, repairs, etc. Construction shall be performed during normal business hours. Any after-hour or weekend work shall be coordinated with the VA COR. All shutdowns and work that will affect facility operations will be required to be after hours.
40	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For bidding purposes please advise will all door painting be able to be installed during normal working hours? a. If not what locations will painting need to be during weekday after hours or weekends?	Construction shall be performed during normal business hours. Any after-hour or weekend work shall be coordinated with the VA COR. All shutdowns and work that will affect facility operations will be required to be after hours.
41	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	We did not see a finish schedule for walls & flooring, will there be flooring replacements or repairs to existing finishes to be included? a. If yes where what locations will the new flooring finishes be located?	Flooring is not included in the scope of work unless damaged during construction.
42	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA be able to schedule a second site visit after RFIs are posted? a. Will a second round of RFIs be allowed after second site visit?	No further site visits will be scheduled and no additional RFIs will be accepted.

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43	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA want information on contractors possible design teams?	No. Contractor design-team information is not requested unless required by the submittal/specification requirements. Refer to Specification Section 01 33 23, 1.3 Submittal Register and 1.5 Submittal Preparation, and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.2 CQC Plan, for required submittals/personnel documentation.
44	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will there be an area established for construction temporary office?	Contractor shall provide its own temporary office space on site if needed. Temporary buildings/offices may be erected only with Contracting Officer approval and shall be removed by the Contractor at completion. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.B Operations and Storage Areas.
45	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will there be an area established for construction conex storage?	Yes.
46	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA or the AE of record be performing all inspections?	Inspections shall be performed by both the VA and AE.
47	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Where do you find the design for the fire alarm to be associated with each door?	Fire alarm interface requirements are shown in the contract drawings and door schedules where applicable. Refer to GI007 Door Hardware, AE601 through AE604 door schedules, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and Division 28 specifications, including 28 05 00 and 28 05 13.
48	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA be supplying a fire alarm schedule of equipment for each door?	No separate fire alarm equipment schedule will be provided unless shown in the contract drawings. Contractor shall use the contract drawings, GI007 Door Hardware, AE601 through AE604 schedules, Division 28 specifications, and field verification to provide complete and operable fire-alarm-related door interfaces.
49	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please supply contact information for the VA fire alarm contractor/supplier.	Johnson Controls - Simplex

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50	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will there be any mechanical, electrical or plumbing tasks included in this project?	Only electrical associated with proper operation of doors.
51	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will soft walls be acceptable for dust partitions /infection control?	Dust/infection-control partitions shall comply with Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment, 1.15 Dust Control, and 1.17.E Temporary Construction Partitions, and with GI010 ICRA requirements.
52	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will any infection control monitoring meters be needed during construction?	Infection prevention and control measures are provided in GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. Any monitoring meters required by the final ICRA implementation shall be coordinated with the VA COR/Infection Control staff.
53	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that and all Basis of Design items and materials that the VA has satisfied all Buy American Waivers, if applicable, and sole source requirements as needed. Please provide us any Buy American Act Waivers that would be provided under this contract. This is not currently in the plans, documents, or specifications.	Refer to solicitation and answer provided on Amendment 0004, RFI Log_RFP, answer to question 32.
54	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA pay for the engineering and design submittals, as well as all applicable deposits required by various manufacturers to put equipment into design and/or production?	No.
55	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is this project sales tax-exempt? If so, can the government provide a tax exemption certificate for materials purchased	No. See RFP section 1.4.1.2. Seed Project 1 in Charleston, SC is the only tax-exempt seed project, and Seed Project 2 and Seed Project 3 should include tax.
56	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	How soon after a contract award is the NTP expected to be issued?	At CO discretion but usually within 30 days of award.

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57	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the government include an Economic Price Adjustment Clause in the contract to address price fluctuations in materials?	No.
58	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the government consider reducing the bid hold period to 90 days due to current inflation risks?	No.
59	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA accept the use of Procore software or equivalent as the primary submittal platform?	Yes.
60	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will payment applications for materials stored on-site or in a bonded warehouse be approved?	Only those stored on site in a secure location and inventoried, and only if approved by the CO. No payments for materials stored off site.
61	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is an external scheduling consultant required, or can scheduling duties be handled in-house by a qualified team member?	Scheduling may be performed in-house by a qualified Contractor representative unless the Contractor elects to use an outside scheduling consultant. Refer to Specification Section 01 32 16.15, 1.2 Contractor's Representative and 1.3 Contractor's Consultant.
62	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are contractors required to provide a temporary site office or trailer, or will space be allocated within the existing facility?	No space will be allocated within existing facility. Provide own office site trailer on site if needed.
63	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will there be designated parking and staging area for contractor personnel?	Staging will be established. Parking will not be.
64	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	How many parking spaces will be provided if there is on-site parking?	Staging will be established. Parking will not be.
65	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the government provide a detailed badging and access protocol for contractor personnel?	Yes, after award.
66	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If impairments to fire alarm systems exceed four hours, will the VA provide support for fire watch personnel, or is the contractor solely responsible?	The VA Fire Department will provide fire watch.

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67	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm modular walls (such as STARC) are allowed for ICRA.	Modular/STARC-type barriers are acceptable only if they comply with GI010 ICRA requirements and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment, 1.15 Dust Control, and 1.17.E Temporary Construction Partitions. Contractor shall submit proposed barrier system for VA/COR approval.
68	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are as-built drawings available for existing conditions, or will the contractor need to verify all dimensions on-site?	No as-built drawings are available.
69	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Drawings require panic hardware to connect to the existing alarm/security system, please provide the contact for the company that manages the existing system, along with the manufacturer and model of the current system.	Johnson Controls and Simplex.
70	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Note 23. All Egress Doors shall have exit signs. Is the intent for all Egress Doors to receive new exit signs? If not, how many doors have existing exit signs and how many receive new exit signs? Is there a spec for the signs required at this facility?	Photos have been provided for all doors in the scope of work. If any exit signs are missing or inoperable, they shall be replaced.
71	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Note 17. Patch existing floors as necessary to properly install new floor finishes. Is this note for patching and repairing floor finishes damaged during door replacement?	Correct. Note should read "Patch existing floors as necessary to properly install new doors."
72	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a flooring schedule for any room that will possibly need repaired.	No separate flooring schedule is provided. Flooring is only to be repaired/replaced where damaged during construction or where required to properly install the new door work. Coordinate replacement finish with the VA interior designer. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.10 Restoration, and Specification Section 09 05 16 Subsurface Preparation for Floor Finishes.

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73	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	The drawings list existing automatic door circuit location is unknown. No panel schedule is included, yet new circuits must be added. Please provide existing electrical panel schedule or as-builts to properly size and spec the electrical work	New electrical circuits shall be provided. Existing electrical circuits are unknown and shall be traced during construction. For bidding purposes, assume 100-foot circuit runs.
74	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Three different notice periods appear across the documents. Please clarify the correct days for stair closure.	15-day notice.
75	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm whether lintel evaluation and any required reinforcement, repair, or replacement is included in the Contractor's base contract scope, or whether deficiencies discovered during demolition will be addressed as Differing Site Conditions under FAR 52.236-2.	Contractor shall request to conduct lintel assessment prior to construction. If concealed lintel deficiencies are discovered that are not indicated in the contract documents, notify the VA COR before proceeding; resolution will be handled under applicable contract provisions for existing conditions/differing conditions. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.7 Alterations and 1.10 Restoration.
76	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Drawings acknowledge lead paint and asbestos may be present. If abatement is part of the Contractor's scope of work please provide a hazardous materials survey or quantify the abatement.	No pricing is to be included for asbestos abatement. If suspected asbestos is encountered during construction, immediately notify the CO/COR. Differing site conditions will apply. Refer to GI008 for ACM/hazardous waste notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. Contractor shall not disturb suspect hazardous materials without required coordination and controls.
77	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is there a door schedule for the doors in Building 120 it is not on the two pages of door schedules.	Building 120 was done in a separate project, Project #619A4-22-120. Construction has already been completed.

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78	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For the existing egress doors shown in the survey pictures (ATTACHMENT 17), will the Contractor be required to remove and replace the entire door/frame assembly or only the non-compliant hardware?	Contractor shall replace egress door materials as detailed in General Notes, applicable floor plans AE100 through AE137B, door schedules AE601 through AE604, and the survey picture book schedules. Hardware-only locations shall receive hardware only unless the drawings/schedules indicate door/frame replacement.
79	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 08 11 13 and 08 14 00 require new hollow metal and wood doors to match existing profiles. Please confirm if the VA has a preferred manufacturer or if any existing door/frame profiles must be exactly duplicated.	Match existing style and color.
80	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	The drawings list over 30 separate building floor plans (AE100 through AE137B). Will the Government provide a consolidated door schedule or must the Contractor field-verify every door shown in the survey pictures?	Door schedules have been provided in the contract documents. Contractor must field verify existing door conditions.
81	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware requires new hardware to be compatible with existing electronic access control where present. Please clarify which doors (if any) currently have electrified hardware or must be upgraded to electrified.	Electrified/access-control hardware requirements are shown in the contract door schedules and hardware requirements. Refer to GI007 Door Hardware, AE601 through AE604 door schedules, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, Specification Section 26 05 19, 26 05 26, 26 27 26, and Division 28 specifications.
82	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA provide the exact make/model of existing card readers, strikes, and power supplies so that new hardware can be fully integrated without field modifications?	Contractor must field verify existing door conditions.
83	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 02 41 00 Demolition requires removal of existing doors/frames. Are we permitted to dispose of removed doors/frames as scrap or must they be turned over to the VA?	Demolition items are the responsibility of the contractor to dispose of per VA specifications unless requested to turn over to the VA.

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84	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For doors in occupied patient areas, what are the exact ICRA containment and negative-air requirements per the ICRA matrix shown on drawing GI010?	Refer to GI010 ICRA recommendations and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control, including HEPA filtration, barriers, walk-off mats, and dust-control provisions. Final containment and negative-air requirements shall be coordinated with the VA COR/Infection Control staff by work area.
85	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 35 26 Safety Requirements references full-time QC and SSHO. Given the small project size and multiple buildings, will double-hatting of the Superintendent/QC/SSHO be permitted on this seed project?	No. For this project, the Superintendent, QCM, and SSHO may not be double- or triple-hatted where later RFI responses prohibit shared duties. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C for SSHO requirements and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4 for CQC/QCM requirements.
86	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the required fire-rating for replacement doors and frames in each building (e.g., 90-minute, 60-minute, or 45-minute).	Required fire ratings are shown in the door schedules AE601 through AE604 and the survey picture book schedules. Assemblies shall be labeled and rated as indicated for each opening.
87	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	The survey pictures show numerous existing doors with non-compliant closers and panic hardware. Will the Government accept UL-listed equivalents or must exact matches to existing brands be provided?	Contractor shall provide door hardware that complies with the VA specifications.
88	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 07 84 00 Firestopping requires firestop at all new door/frame penetrations. Are we responsible for firestopping on both sides of the wall or only the Contractor-installed side?	Contractor shall provide all firestopping necessary to maintain the rating of the complete door assembly and shall meet all requirements of the VA specifications and NFPA 101.
89	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For painting (Section 09 91 00), must the new doors/frames be painted to exactly match the existing color or can a standard VA-approved color be used?	Paint colors shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer.

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90	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	The project involves multiple buildings with different construction dates. Will the Government provide as-built drawings before bidding or must the Contractor rely solely on the survey pictures for existing conditions?	Base bid on the contract drawings, specifications, survey/picture book, and site visit. Contractor shall field-verify existing conditions before fabrication/procurement. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.7 Alterations and 1.26 Construction Documents.
91	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 00 00 requires temporary signage. Will the VA provide the exact verbiage and graphics for all temporary directional and egress signage?	Contractor will provide required verbiage for temporary directional/egress signage, subject to COR approval. Contractor shall furnish and maintain temporary signage as required by Specification Section 01 58 16 Temporary Interior Signage and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.24 Construction Sign and 1.25 Safety Sign.
92	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are there any doors that require coordination with the VA's existing Lenel or other access control system for programming and testing?	Yes. Doors with existing or scheduled access-control interface shall be coordinated with the VA's access-control system. Existing access-control system is Avigilon. Refer to GI007 Door Hardware, AE601-AE604 door schedules, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and Division 28 specifications.
93	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please clarify whether new door hardware must include any electronic monitoring (REX, door position switches, etc.) beyond what is shown in the hardware schedule.	Contractor shall provide door hardware per contract documents.
94	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 57 19 Temporary Environmental Controls – is full containment required only for demolition or also for installation of new doors in occupied corridors?	Contractor shall coordinate full environmental controls with the VA COR.
95	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the Government allow off-hours work (nights/weekends) in patient areas to minimize disruption, or must all work occur during normal business hours?	Yes. Coordinate with COR in advance.

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96	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For the specialty door details on drawing AE501, please provide clarification on the required frame profile and anchoring method for the new hollow metal frames.	The contractor is responsible for means and methods of proper installation.
97	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 74 19 Construction Waste Management – is there a specific recycling goal or must all metal doors/frames be recycled?	Contractor must comply with waste disposal as required by the specifications and provide the VA with a waste management plan.
98	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are the existing wood doors (Section 08 14 00) required to be replaced with solid-core or can they be replaced with hollow-core where they currently exist?	All new doors shall be replaced in compliance with the VA specifications.
99	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	The project schedule (Section 01 32 16.15) must show phasing. Will the Government accept a single overall schedule or must separate schedules be provided per building?	The Project Schedule shall show phasing, activity sequencing, and trade movement as required by Specification Section 01 32 16.15, 1.5 Complete Project Schedule Submittal and 1.7 Project Schedule Requirements. A single overall schedule is acceptable if it clearly identifies building/area phases and satisfies the specification requirements.
100	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm whether the Contractor is responsible for core drilling and installing new electrical conduits for any electrified hardware shown in the survey pictures.	New electrical circuits shall be provided. Existing electrical circuits are unknown and shall be traced during construction. For bidding purposes, assume 100-foot circuit runs.
101	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 45 00 Quality Control requires third-party testing of fire-rated assemblies. Who is responsible for the cost of the independent fire-door inspection and labeling?	The contractor is responsible for all costs related to the project's scope of work.
102	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For doors located in radiation or imaging areas, are there any additional lead-lining or shielding requirements beyond standard fire-rating?	Provide shielding/lead-lined requirements only where indicated by the contract drawings/schedules. Refer to AE601 through AE604 door schedules and Specification Sections 08 11 13, 08 14 00, and 08 71 00. If existing shielding conditions are encountered that are not indicated, coordinate with the VA COR before disturbing the assembly.

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103	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	The survey pictures show numerous existing frames with rust and damage. Will the Government accept frame repairs or must all damaged frames be fully replaced?	The contract drawing detail requirements for each door in the scope of work.
104	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is the Contractor required to provide temporary egress lighting and signage during door replacement in corridors?	Yes, where required to maintain safe egress during construction. Contractor shall provide temporary egress lighting, signage, barriers, and alternate routing as necessary and as approved by the VA COR. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes, Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17 Fire Safety, and Specification Section 01 58 16 Temporary Interior Signage.
105	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the exact number of doors to be replaced per building so that the bid quantity can be verified against the drawings and survey pictures.	Door quantities shall be taken from contract drawings AE100 through AE137B, door schedules AE601 through AE604, and the survey picture book schedules. Contractor shall field verify existing conditions before fabrication/procurement.
106	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 00 00 requires as-built drawings. Will red-line markups on the contract drawings be acceptable or must new CAD as-builts be provided?	Red-line/as-built markups are acceptable if maintained current during construction and submitted as approved completed electronic/scanned PDF sets. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.13 As-Built Drawings, which requires two full-size as-built sets kept current and two approved completed electronic/scanned PDF sets submitted within 15 calendar days after each completed phase and after project acceptance.
107	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are there any doors that interface with the existing fire alarm system (e.g., door hold-opens or magnetic locks) that require coordination with the VA's fire alarm vendor?	Yes, where doors currently interface with fire alarm devices or where new door hardware requires fire alarm interface, Contractor shall coordinate with the VA COR and fire alarm vendor. Refer to GI007 Door Hardware, AE601 through AE604, Specification Section 08 71 00, Division 28 specifications, and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.19 Tests.

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108	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Given the project is limited to correcting egress deficiencies only, will the VA accept minor adjacent wall repairs (patching/painting) as incidental or must they be priced as a separate line item?	Contractor shall provide patching/painting as described in the contract drawings.
109	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 35 26 and 01 00 00 require a full-time dedicated Site Superintendent, QC Manager, and SSHO. Given that work will occur simultaneously in multiple buildings across the Tuskegee campus, will double- or triple-hatting of any of these three key personnel be permitted?	No. The Superintendent, QC Manager, and SSHO shall not be shared/double-hatted for this project where prohibited by RFI responses. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9 for SSHO requirements and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4 for CQC/QCM requirements.
110	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For this relatively small, focused egress-correction project, will the Government allow a part-time SSHO or must a full-time SSHO be on site whenever any work is occurring?	A full-time SSHO is required when construction activities are occurring unless otherwise approved by the Contracting Officer. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A, which requires a full-time SSHO at each project site/shift with no other duties.
111	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of SSHO?	No. The Superintendent cannot serve as the SSHO. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C, which require a full-time SSHO with no other duties and separate from the Superintendent/QC Manager.
112	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If no to the question above, will the SSHO need to be full-time for this project?	Yes. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A, which requires a full-time SSHO at each project site/shift when construction activities are occurring.
113	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of QA/QC?	No. The Superintendent cannot serve as the QA/QC Manager for this project per the project RFI responses. Refer to Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4 Quality Control Organization.
114	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If no to the question above, will the QA/QC need to be full time for this project?	Yes. Refer to Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.A and 3.4.B, which require CQC staff presence during progress of the work and a CQC System Manager on site at all times during construction.

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115	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can a superintendent be a triple hat to cover the requirements of SSHO and QA/QC?	No. The Superintendent cannot be triple-hatted as SSHO and QA/QC. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.
116	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the issued drawing set is the latest and complete set.	Yes. The issued drawing set is confirmed as the latest and complete set for bidding, subject to any issued amendments.
117	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the current design documents meet current VA TIL guidelines.	Contractor must meet the requirements of the drawing set and the VA specifications.
118	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is the use of temporary plastic wall panels (such as STARC panels) acceptable?	Temporary wall systems such as STARC/Edge Guard are acceptable only if they comply with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.E, including smoke/fire rating requirements where applicable, and are approved by the VA COR.
119	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is responsible for the terminal clean of the project area?	Contractor is responsible for maintaining clean work areas and final cleaning of areas affected by its work. Cleaning and infection-control closeout shall comply with GI010 ICRA requirements, Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment, 1.15 Dust Control, and applicable construction waste/cleanup requirements.
120	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is responsible for contracting the commissioning agent?	No commissioning is required for this project; therefore, no separate Commissioning Agent is required unless directed by the Contracting Officer. Door installations must meet the contract documents and NFPA 101.

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121	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm order of precedence for the contract documents. Does SOW prevail over the specifications and construction drawings?	The VA specifications take precedence. Contractor shall also comply with Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.26 Construction Documents, which requires the Contractor to compare drawings/specifications, promptly notify the Contracting Officer of discrepancies, and perform details necessary to carry out the intent of the documents.
122	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if the contractor is responsible for phasing on this project?	Yes. Contractor is responsible for preparing and submitting a project phasing plan to the VA for approval. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G Phasing.
123	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if there are any required ballistic rated doors?	No ballistic-rated doors are indicated unless specifically scheduled. Refer to AE601 through AE604 door schedules and AE501 specialty door details.
124	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	How many areas can have doors replaced at once?	The number of doors/areas that may be worked on concurrently shall be proposed in the Contractor's phasing plan and approved by the VA COR. Egress, ICRA, fire-safety, and facility-operation requirements must be maintained at all times. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17 Fire Safety.
125	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA be providing/conducting an ACM survey?	No.
126	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If a Prime Contractor is awarded multiple projects at the same VA Medical Center location: Can the Superintendent be shared across multiple projects at the same site/location, or should they only be dedicated full-time to this project only?	No, dedicated full-time per project.

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127	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that per 01 45 00 3.4 B, the Superintendent can also fulfill the Quality Control Manager (QCM) role. A.If the Super can't be the QCM, the average ADDITIONAL cost for a dedicated QCM is approximately \$36,000 per month (salary, labor burden, per diem, housing, company vehicle, monthly return trips home, company phone, etc). We expect the onsite construction portion of this project to be 18 months long, and the bid is expected to increase by \$648,000 Please confirm a dedicated QCM is still required.B.If the Super can't be the QCM and the QCM is required to be onsite full-time, should they be assigned to this project only, or can they be assigned to another project as well on the same property?	Refer to Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.B. The CQC System Manager is on site at all times during construction and may have duties as project superintendent in addition to quality control only if permitted by the accepted CQC Plan and not contradicted by project-specific RFI responses. However, project RFI responses 115, 117, 130, and 182 state the superintendent may not serve as QCM/SSHO for this project.
128	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can one person serve as the Superintendent, Quality Control Manager, & the SSHO?	No. One person cannot serve as Superintendent, Quality Control Manager, and SSHO. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9 and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.
129	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that per Specification 01 35 26, 1.9 C the Superintendent and/or Quality Control Manager cannot serve as the SSHO. A.If the Super can't be the SSHO and the SSHO is required to be onsite full-time, should they be assigned to this project only, or can they be assigned to another project as well on the same property? B. If the Super can't be the SSHO, can a subcontractor fulfill the SSHO role or does the SSHO need to be directly employed by the General Contractor?	Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C. The Prime Contractor shall provide a full-time SSHO with no other duties; the SSHO shall be separate from the Prime Contractor's Superintendent and/or Quality Control Manager. SSHO staffing and employer requirements shall comply with the accepted APP and VA approval.
130	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is badging required for the project?	Yes.

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131	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will background checks and fingerprinting be required for any scope of work related to this project? A. If required, which scope of work and workers will it be required for? B. If required, how long is the turnaround time for background check results?	Yes, contractor personnel must comply with VA security/badging requirements. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.5 Construction Security Requirements. Final background-check/fingerprinting procedures and turnaround times will be provided after award by VA security.
132	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	How many hours should the prime contractor and subcontractors' budget for on-site badging, safety training, orientation, etc.?	It is the contractor's responsibility to determine and budget the appropriate number of hours for on-site badging, safety training, orientation, and related activities for both the prime contractor and subcontractors.
133	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if tuberculosis testing is required before contractors can commence work onsite.	Yes. Tuberculosis screening is required before contractors commence work on VHA property. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.16 Tuberculosis Screening.
134	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if influenza vaccines are required for all contractors and subcontractors' employees who work on the site or if masks will be required.	Contractor shall comply with current VAMC infection-prevention requirements for influenza vaccination or masking as directed by the VA COR/Infection Control staff. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and GI010 ICRA requirements.
135	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Once awarded, will the VA provide an Administrative NTP to allow time for subcontracts to be executed, GC & Subs to work together to develop a project schedule, provide SF1413s, and prepare other Division 1 submittals?	No. Included in period of performance.
136	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Once awarded, if the VA will not provide an Administrative NTP, will the VA allow up to 90 days between the kickoff meeting and the NTP?	No. Included in period of performance.

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137	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide the manufacturer/system type for the existing fire alarm and access control systems and contact information for each responsible contractor.	Johnson Controls and Avigilon.
138	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are ICRA wall or barriers required at all locations of work? A. If not, please identify locations where ICRA wall or barriers will not be a requirement.	Refer to GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. ICRA barriers are required where dictated by the ICRA classification and final VA Infection Control/COR approval for each work area.
139	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If needed, are there specific door size requirements for the ICRA walls? A. If so, what are the locations and sizes?	ICRA barrier door sizes and locations shall be proposed by the Contractor for each work area and approved by the VA COR/Infection Control staff. Refer to GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 and 1.17.E.
140	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA allow a Temp Wall System (i.e., Starc Wall, Edge Guard, etc) instead of a rigid wall ICRA system? This usually provides substantial cost savings to the VA.	Temporary wall systems such as STARC/Edge Guard are acceptable only if they comply with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.E, including smoke/fire rating requirements where applicable, and are approved by the VA COR.
141	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA allow the use of Zip Wall (plastic sheathing with support poles) for barriers and containment on this project? A. If so, where? B. If so, can it be used instead of a Temp Wall System such as Starc Wall/Edge Guard?	Zip Wall/plastic sheathing may be used only where allowed by the applicable ICRA class and where compliant with Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.E. Fire-retardant 6-mil polyethylene is specified for sheet plastic under 1.14.D. Submit proposed barrier method to the VA COR for approval.
142	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Does the VA have a preferred barrier system type?	VA does not identify a preferred proprietary barrier system. Proposed barrier systems shall comply with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.E and be approved by the VA COR.

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143	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the government accept ICRA Walls to the drop ceiling and fire-retardant plastic from the drop ceiling to the deck above? This is usually allowed to work the plastic around piping, ducts, racks, and other obstacles in the space between the drop ceiling and the deck above in a scenario when the barriers need to go to the deck above.	ICRA wall systems terminating at the drop ceiling with fire-retardant plastic to deck may be accepted only if compliant with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 and 1.17.E. Submit proposed details to the VA COR/Infection Control staff for approval before use.
144	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If necessary, will negative air machines be permitted to exhaust through HEPA filter into the occupied space? A. If not, please provide locations where negative air machines can be exhausted.	Negative air exhaust arrangements shall comply with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14.D HEPA filtration requirements and 1.15 Dust Control. Exhaust location or recirculation through HEPA into occupied space shall be approved by the VA COR/Infection Control staff for each work area.
145	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will ICRA carts be allowed? A. If so, is there a limit to how many ICRA carts can be used at one time? B. If so, are there any areas where ICRA carts will not be allowed?	ICRA carts may be used only where compliant with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 and 1.15 and approved by the VA COR/Infection Control staff. Quantity and location limits will be established during phasing/ICRA coordination.
146	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is any scope of work for this project required to be performed outside of regular work hours? A. If so, what trades or scopes will be required to be performed outside of regular work hours? B. If so, what will the work hours and days be for scopes required to be performed outside of regular work hours?	Yes. All shutdowns and work that will affect facility operations will be required to be after hours.
147	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are electrical outlets available for contractors to connect to in the construction area? A. If not, where are electrical outlets available for contractors to connect to?	Yes, if available.

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148	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA provide space for the Prime Contractor's Superintendent to set up, or should we add costs to our bid for a mobile office? A. Where can the mobile office be located? B. Is space available for a 8' x 40' temporary ground-level office? C. Are contractors required to set a pole and meter for electric usage in the mobile office? D. Where is the electrical connection for power to the mobile office? E. What is the distance between the electrical connection and the proposed location of the mobile office? F. Is a 208V, 125A breaker available for connection to the mobile office? G. If a breaker isn't available, is a spare available? H. Would contractors be expected to supply the needed breaker? I. Will the feeder between the electrical connection and the mobile office need to be underground? J. Will this feeder run across any asphalt or concrete roads or parking lots?	Contractor shall provide its own temporary office if needed. Temporary office, utility connections, metering, routing, and location shall be coordinated with the VA COR. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas, 1.14 Use of Roadways, and 1.18 Availability and Use of Utility Services.
149	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Where are the designated contractors' and subcontractors' parking area?	No designated parking.
150	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is parking available for 2-3 vehicles for the prime contractor and each subcontractor for a total of 6-9 vehicles? A. Where shall these people park if the VA cannot make 2-3 spaces available for the prime contractor and each of the subs for a total of 6-9 vehicles?	Yes.
151	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA provide space for a 20-yard dumpster?	Yes.
152	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Where shall contractor dumpsters be located?	To be determined by COR.

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153	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA allow contractors to use VA indoor restrooms?	Contractor may request use of VA toilet accommodations assigned by the Medical Center. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.17 Temporary Toilets. Contractor must keep assigned facilities clean and is responsible for damage caused by Contractor's workers.
154	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If required, can Porta Johns be placed within a 100' radius of the job site / work area?	Porta Johns may be allowed only at locations approved by the VA COR. Contractor may also request use of VA-assigned toilet accommodations. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.17 Temporary Toilets.
155	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is temporary construction fencing required anywhere on the project or at the laydown area?	Temporary construction fencing, if required for laydown, staging, or site control, shall be coordinated with the VA COR. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas, 1.14 Use of Roadways, and GI008 laydown/phasing notes.
156	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA require third party inspections of firestopping?	Firestopping shall comply with Specification Section 07 84 00 Firestopping and NFPA 101. Third-party inspection is required only where specified by the contract documents or required by the VA COR/authority having jurisdiction.
157	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA allow for stored material so that we can procure and lay down long lead items and/or critical path material/equipment?	Yes, if approved by contracting.
158	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA fully pay for this material/equipment if stored onsite?	Yes, if stored on site in a secured location and inventoried/approved by COR.
159	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that the current design documents meet current VA TIL guidelines.	Contractor shall provide the scope of work shown in the contract drawings and comply with the VA specifications. The VA specifications take precedence. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.26 Construction Documents.

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160	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is there any work not included in the drawings or contract documents that will need to be performed under the contract?	Contractor shall provide the complete scope shown or reasonably implied by the contract documents. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.2 General Intention and 1.26.C, which states omissions or misdescriptions of details necessary to carry out the intent do not relieve the Contractor from performing such work.
161	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will there be liquidated damages on this project? A. If so, what is the amount per day for liquidated damages?	No.
162	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Do all areas of work feature ACT ceilings? A. If not, please indicate locations of work with different ceiling material.	Contractor shall field verify ceiling types and heights at each door location. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.7 Alterations, requiring a pre-work survey with the COR of areas where alterations occur.
163	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	How does the VA anticipate Phasing this project (By Building, By Floor, etc.)	Contractor shall propose phasing by building, floor, wing, or other logical work areas for VA approval. The Medical Center must remain operational 24/7. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G Phasing.
164	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Must project phases be completed consecutively (one phase fully complete before the next begins), or will the VA allow multiple phases to proceed concurrently?	Multiple phases may proceed concurrently only if included in the Contractor's phasing plan and approved by the VA COR. Contractor must maintain egress, infection-control measures, fire protection, and facility operations. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17 Fire Safety.

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165	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General Note 13 requires painting the entire wall on both sides' floors to ceiling to the next appropriate intersection where new doors are installed. Please confirm whether this repainting scope applies at every new door location in the project, including locations where only the door and/or hardware are being replaced with no modification to the existing wall or frame. A. Please provide wall height for painting of walls.	The note refers to locations where the entire door assembly is replaced. Contractor shall field verify all door locations per contract drawings.
166	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please clarify what constitutes the "next appropriate intersection" for purposes of determining the extent of wall repainting required per General Note 13.	The appropriate intersection is where the wall turns in another direction.
167	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please identify the symbol (□) that is not rendered in the drawings PDF at the individual sheet schedules:	That symbol is shown as the “&” symbol in the original contract drawing. The symbol must have been converted by the software when binding documents.
168	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the intent behind the wordings in the comments of the individual sheet schedules, see below for example: Should 3A-1-01 be interpreted to mean Provide a New Door and Hardware set at this location, no changes to the frame? a) If yes, please confirm that work on Door Frames is limited only to locations where specifically noted in the individual drawing sheet schedules.	The interpretation is correct. Door frame replacement is only required where indicated in the contract documents.
169	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the intent behind the wordings in the comments of the individual sheet schedules, for example: Should 3A-1-09 be interpreted to mean Provide a New Door, Hardware set, and Frame at this location?	The interpretation is correct.
170	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that where a hardware set is assigned to a door, all components of that set are to be furnished and installed as completely new hardware.	Hardware sets are shown in the contract specifications.

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171	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	In the even the drawings and survey pictures differ, please confirm the prevailing document.	Contractor shall field verify all door locations per contract drawings.
172	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General notes 17: "Patch existing floors are necessary to properly install new floor finishes"— we do not see new floor finishes called out in the drawings as part of the scope of work. Please confirm this is not applicable.	Floors shall be patched if damaged during construction. Please consult the VA interior designer for finishes.
173	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm which buildings in scope have service elevators available for contractor use for moving materials between floors.	Coordinate elevator usage with COR. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.16 Temporary Use of Existing Elevators.
174	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	At some buildings the drawings note that the existing automatic door circuit breaker location is unknown and direct the contractor to trace the existing circuit back to point of origin. Please confirm whether the VA can identify the existing circuit breaker feeding each automatic door prior to bid, or whether this tracing work should be included in the contract price. A. Please provide drawings showing the intended routing for electrical wiring to panelboards.	Tracing work shall be included in the contract price. Means and methods of routing electrical is the responsibility of the contractor.
175	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	The drawings direct the contractor to properly abate and dispose of asbestos containing materials within the construction limits if found to be present. In absence of specifications and an ACM report, please confirm that discovery of ACMs during construction will be handled as a differing site condition.	No pricing is to be included for asbestos abatement. If suspected asbestos is encountered during construction, immediately notify the CO/COR. Differing site conditions will apply. Refer to GI008 for ACM/hazardous waste notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. Suspect ACM discovered during construction shall not be disturbed until coordinated with the VA COR and handled in accordance with applicable hazardous-material requirements and contract provisions.

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176	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Many doors in scope serve active egress paths in occupied buildings. Please confirm the VA's requirements for maintaining egress during door replacement, including whether interim life safety measures such as alternate egress routing will be required. A. Will the VA need to approve alternate egress routing prior to door removals? If so, which locations?	Contractor shall maintain egress and submit a phasing plan for VA approval before door removals affecting active egress paths. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes, Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17 Fire Safety, including means of egress and existing fire protection, and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas.
177	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is any commissioning required on this project?	No commissioning is required. Door installations must meet all requirements of the contract documents and NFPA 101.
178	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can the Superintendent also be the Prime Contractor's Commissioning Manager during commissioning?	No. No commissioning is required for this project per RFI 179, so a Contractor Commissioning Manager role is not applicable unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer.
179	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is a full-time on-site quality control manager required for this project?	Yes, a CQC System Manager/quality-control presence is required during construction. Refer to Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.A and 3.4.B.
180	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can the Superintendent also be the quality control manager?	No. The Superintendent cannot serve as the Quality Control Manager for this project per project RFI responses. Refer to Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4 Quality Control Organization.
181	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is a full-time on-site Safety and Health Officer required for this project?	Yes. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A, which requires a full-time SSHO at each project site/shift during construction activities.
182	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can the Superintendent also be the site safety and Health Officer?	No. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.C, which requires the SSHO to be separate from the Prime Contractor's Superintendent and/or Quality Control Manager.

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183	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can the Superintendent be Triple hatted as the SSHO and QC Manager?	No. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4. Project RFI responses also state triple-hatting is not permitted.
184	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	As is typical for most VA projects can the QC plan be implemented by the onsite superintendent and administrated by the PM without additional staff (other than what is required for commissioning) as call for in 01 45 00.?	No. Implement the QC plan in accordance with Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.2 CQC Plan, 3.4 Quality Control Organization, and 3.6 Control. Project RFI responses state the superintendent may not serve as QCM/SSHO.
185	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Has this project funding request been approved and full funding for this project available to the NCO station?	Project scheduled to be awarded this FY.
186	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is Seed Project #3 going to be awarded to a contractor or is it a hypothetical project, for pricing evaluation purposes only?	This is a demonstration seed project and is intended to be awarded to a contractor.
187	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will any of this work have to be performed after hours or weekends?	Yes. All shutdowns and work that will affect facility operations will be required to be after hours.
188	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will this project have to be phased? a. If so will each phase have to be fully completed before moving to the next or can some phases be completed simultaneously?	Yes. This project must be phased. Contractor shall submit a phasing plan for VA approval. Multiple phases may proceed concurrently only if approved by the VA COR. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G Phasing.
189	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	How many doors will the contractor be allowed to work on at a time?	The number of doors the Contractor may work on at one time shall be proposed in the Contractor's phasing plan and approved by the VA COR. Egress, fire-safety, ICRA, and facility operations must be maintained at all times.

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190	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For the doors that exit outside, can the contractor just build an ICRA wall on the interior side to prevent any dust or debris and leave the exterior side of the door open and blocked off with construction barriers (i.e. removable temp fencing with windscreen?	Contractor shall submit the proposed exterior-door containment/egress control method to the VA COR for approval. ICRA and dust-control measures shall comply with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 and 1.15. Exterior barriers/fencing shall also maintain public safety and egress requirements under 1.17 Fire Safety.
191	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For stairwell doors and any other interior doors what is the preferred means of venting air from the space to achieve the negative pressure if there are no windows around?	Venting of negative air shall be proposed by the Contractor and approved by the VA COR/Infection Control staff. Refer to GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14.D HEPA filtration equipment and 1.15 Dust Control.
192	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	What openings can we use to vent our negative air to meet the ICRA requirements?	Acceptable negative-air exhaust openings shall be coordinated with and approved by the VA COR/Infection Control staff for each work area. Refer to GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 and 1.15.
193	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	In ICRA areas that require Category B Level 1 or 2, can we use zip-walls or plastic sheeting as containment?	Zip-walls or plastic sheeting may be used only where permitted by the applicable ICRA classification and where compliant with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 and 1.15. Fire-retardant 6-mil polyethylene is specified for sheet plastic under 1.14.D.
194	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	In any ICRA areas that require above Category B containment, can plastic wall panels be used for the ICRA walls, such as STARC Panels or Temporary Wall System's panels?	Plastic wall panels such as STARC or Temporary Wall System panels may be used only if compliant with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.E and approved by the VA COR/Infection Control staff.
195	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the contractor have to test and balance the HVAC system after the work is complete for any reason?	The HVAC system is not included in this contract.

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196	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will all doors be tied into the existing Fire Alarm System?	All doors that are currently connected to the fire alarm system will remain connected to the fire alarm system in new work.
197	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is the manufacturer of the current Fire Alarm system	Johnson Controls.
198	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide contact name and phone number for who services the current Fire Alarm System	Titan Fire and Security (Joe Campbell, 334-260-0453). Subject to change without notice.
199	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will any of the doors be tied into the existing Access Control System?	All doors that are currently connected to the access control system will remain connected to the access control system in new work.
200	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is the manufacturer of the current Security and Access Control system?	Avigilon.
201	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide contact name and phone number for who services the current Security and Access Control System?	POC is David Barrett dbarrett@csigovernmentsservices.com, (251) 490-7210.
202	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is the manufacturer of the current CCTV system?	Not relevant to bidding job.
203	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide contact name and phone number for who services the current CCTV System?	Not relevant to bidding job.
204	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is the manufacturer of the current Building Automation System?	Not relevant to bidding job.
205	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide contact name and phone number for who services the current Building Automation System?	Not relevant to bidding job.
206	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is there any chance of uncovering hazardous materials? a. If so please provide the latest hazardous materials survey report for the area of construction?	Refer to GI008 for ACM/hazardous-waste notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. Contractor shall coordinate with the VA COR before disturbing suspect hazardous materials.
207	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is the existing signage contractor for this VA?	Not relevant to bidding job.

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208	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the contractor be responsible for any permits?	Yes.
209	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the VA have the space entirely cleared out before the contractor begins construction?	Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas and 1.7 Alterations. VA will vacate immediate areas of alteration as coordinated, but the Medical Center remains occupied; contractor shall coordinate work-area readiness and access with the COR.
210	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the contractor be required to move any of the existing furniture or equipment?	Contractor shall coordinate furniture/equipment movement with the VA COR. Portable equipment and furnishings remain Government property.
211	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If the contractor is responsible for moving the existing furniture, will storage be available from the VA for the furniture, equipment, or casework?	Storage for Government furniture/equipment, if required, shall be coordinated with the VA COR. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.8 Disposal and Retention and 1.23 Storage Space for Department of Veterans Affairs Equipment.
212	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General note 23 on Sheet GI003 states install moisture resistant gyp board in several locations. Please confirm that this note is not relevant to this project?	Note 23 is not relevant to this contract.
213	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General note 26 on Sheet GI003 states NEW CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE PERFORMED IN A SEQUENCE AS REQUIRED TO KEEP AREAS IN OPERATION DURING NORMAL OPERATING HOURS. Please confirm that this note is not indicating that the doors and doorways have to remain operational while we are replacing the doors?	No door shall be accessible while being replaced.
214	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	GI005 provides a Door schedule with marks A,B,C,D,E,F...through Y, none of the doors called out in the plans correspond with these letters. What is this door schedule referring to and used for?	There is no door schedule on GI005 of the contract drawings. A complete door schedule is provided on AE601-AE604.

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215	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	GI005 in the door notes it states door Types 7, 8, 9 shall not be used for opposing doors. In the door types on this sheet it only shows door type 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Where are door types 7, 8, and 9?	The note is not relevant to this contract.
216	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	GI005 shows door types 1-5 and frame types 1-5, however on the plan sheets AE 602 – AE604 in the door and frame schedules, there is no indication for what doors are what type (1-5) or which frames are which type (1-5). Can the VA please provide an added column to the door and frame schedules that provides the door or frame type as indicated on GI005?	The door schedules on AE602-AE604 directly indicate the door material and wall type instead of referencing back to the details.
217	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	In the door and frame schedules on sheets AE602 - AE604, please indicate which doors are to be factory finished painted or stained and which doors are to be field finished painted or stained?	All doors shall be factory finished to match existing.
218	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Sheet AE501 please provide the missing information of what type of glass/glazing for each door, the glazing fire ratings, and hardware requirements?	All glazing fire ratings shall match the rating of the installed door assembly as indicated in the door schedules.
219	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is there any ballistic glazing on this project?	No ballistic glazing required in this contract.
220	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is there any blast resistant glazing on this project?	No blast-resistant glazing required in this contract.
221	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If a door is being replaced but the frame is remaining in place, please confirm that the frame does not receive new paint?	All metal doors and door frames shall be painted as stated in the general notes.

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222	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Note 13 states FOR EXISTING WALLS WHERE NEW DOORS ARE INSTALLED, REPAIR WALLS AS NEEDED AND PAINT ENTIRE WALL BOTH SIDES FULL EXTENT FLOOR TO CEILING AND TO NEXT APPROPRIATE INTERSECTION. Please provide clarification on who is responsible for determining if a wall repair is “needed” and what constitutes if a wall repair is “needed”? This is very subjective phasing.	Wall painting required when the door frame is replaced or if the paint is damaged otherwise during construction. Only the side where the door frame resides shall be painted.
223	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For all of the doors with the comment “Provide new door, hardware complete”, please confirm that since the contractor is only replacing the door(s) and not the frames, then note 13, “where new doors are installed repair walls as needed and paint entire wall to next intersection”, does not apply since the contractor will not be removing the frame and disturbing the walls?	All frames shall be painted, but only the walls where the frame has been replaced or damaged during construction shall be painted.
224	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	When touch-up painting in the corridors, can the contractor only go doorway to doorway?	Wall painting shall be as stated in the contract documents.
225	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If the intent is to paint the walls around every single door as indicated in note 13 than this project will quickly become a Halls and Walls painting renovation instead of a door replacement. In which case we will need the VA to provide paint types and colors for all affected corridors and walls?	Wall painting shall comply with General Note 13 and later RFI clarifications: paint walls where frames are replaced or where paint is damaged during construction; do not blend around the door opening. Paint colors/types shall be coordinated with the VA interior designer and Specification Section 09 91 00 Painting.

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226	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Confirm that Note 21 "REPLACE ALL EXISTING THRESHOLDS" is a requirement of this project? a. Confirm that it is only the thresholds of the doors that are being replaced? b. If the contractor is to replace all thresholds, please indicate which threshold type on sheet GI006 is required for each door replacement, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5?	The statement "replace all existing thresholds" only applies to the doors in this contract.
227	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	New Work Key Note 1 on Sheet AE101, AE108, AE117, AE128, and AE137A, states for the contractor to provide a new detailed panel schedule for the corresponding panel that receives the new Auto Door circuit. Please confirm that this only requires updating the existing panel's schedule to indicate where the new Automatic Door Circuits are now located in the panels (arelectrical drawings or as-builts available)?	Yes, provide a new panel schedule indicating the new circuit along with the existing circuits as shown in the current panel schedule.
228	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	When replacing door 83-1-01 & 83-1-02 and 129-1-01 & 129-1-02, these appear to be main drop-off entrances, please confirm the VA will accommodate by providing another means of entrance for patients and personnel during the replacement of these doors?	Phasing to be approved by COR.
229	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a basis of design for electromagnetic door lock system?	Electromagnetic door lock system requirements shall comply with GI007 Door Hardware, AE601 through AE604 door schedules, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and applicable Division 28 electronic safety/security specifications.
230	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a basis of design for the new card readers?	Card reader requirements shall comply with GI007 Door Hardware, AE601 through AE604 door schedules, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and Division 28 specifications. Existing access-control system manufacturer is Avigilon.

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231	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a basis of design for the new Automatic Doors?	Automatic door requirements shall comply with the contract drawings, AE601 through AE604 door schedules, GI007 Door Hardware, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and applicable electrical/security specifications. Existing circuits are to be traced; for bidding assume 100-foot circuit runs where noted.
232	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please Provide a basis of design / specification for aluminum doors / storefronts	Aluminum door/storefront requirements, where indicated, shall comply with AE501 specialty door details, AE601 through AE604 schedules, GI005/GI006 door and frame details, and Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware.
233	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a finish schedule and estimated quantity of flooring that needs to be replaced	Flooring shall be replaced if damaged during construction. Please coordinate finish with VA interior designer.
234	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Where can the contractor have an area for staging materials?	To be determined by COR.
235	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the contractor is to provide new wall protection as a part of this project.	Wall protection is not in the scope of work.
236	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm whether the Contractor is required to provide new exit signs as part of this project, including all associated electrical connections, and clarify the full extent of required electrical connections.	Contractor shall provide new exit signs at egress doors where not currently present and replace malfunctioning existing exit signs. Refer to contract drawing notes, picture book, and Specification Section 10 14 00 Signage; provide associated electrical work required for complete operation.
237	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide electrical and security drawings indicating the requirements for hardware and security systems to be wired into the facility.	New electrical circuits shall be provided. Existing electrical circuits are unknown and shall be traced during construction. For bidding purposes, assume 100-foot circuit runs.

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238	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm at all locations where new doors are to be installed, the entire wall shall be painted from seam to seam.	Walls shall be painted to the next appropriate intersection for doors receiving new frames. The appropriate intersection is where the wall turns in another direction.
239	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm all new hollow metal doors and frames are to be painted.	All new hollow metal doors and frames shall be painted.
240	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a specification section for the glass and glazing, as fire rates glass is required per the drawings.	Door glazing shall meet the fire rating of the door assembly. Refer to AE501 Specialty Door Details, GI005 Door and Frame Details, AE601 through AE604 door schedules, and applicable door specifications 08 11 13, 08 14 00, and 08 71 00.
241	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please indicate where glass types G-1 and G-2 are expected as they are only shown on drawing GI005 GLASS TYPE KEY.	Disregard Glass Key Type. All doors shall have clear tempered glass glazing when required.
242	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide drawings indicating the required firestopping scope, as a firestopping specification is included but no corresponding scope is shown on the drawings.	Firestopping shall be provided where required to maintain rated assemblies and at penetrations created or modified by the work. Refer to Specification Section 07 84 00 Firestopping, Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17.E Temporary Construction Partitions, and NFPA 101.
243	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a specification section for the wall and door protection.	Wall/door protection is not in the scope of work unless shown in the contract drawings. Door protection/hardware items such as kick plates, stops, and closers shall be provided where required by General Note 25, GI007 Door Hardware, AE601 through AE604, and Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware.

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244	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are there any expected or suspected hazardous materials?	Yes, hazardous materials may be encountered. Contractor shall comply with GI008 ACM/hazardous-material notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. Suspect materials shall not be disturbed until coordinated with the VA COR.
245	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please clarify whether there are limitations on the number of doors or locations the Contractor may work on concurrently.	Yes. Limitations on the number of concurrent doors/locations shall be established through the Contractor's VA-approved phasing plan. Contractor shall maintain egress, ICRA, fire-safety, access, and facility operations at all times. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.17 Fire Safety.
246	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm no laydown area will be provided for materials nor contractor temporary office, as indicated on drawing GI008.	Consult with the VA COR for location. Refer to GI008 laydown-area note and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas.
247	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Keynote 17 on the A-series drawings references installation of new floor finishes; please clarify the extent of this work and provide drawings and specifications describing the required floor finish installation.	Keynote 17/floor-finish work is limited to patching/repair required to properly install new doors or repair damage caused during construction. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.10 Restoration, Specification Section 09 05 16, and VA interior designer coordination for finish matching.
248	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Which document takes precedence for door and frame counts and schedules – the Attachment 16 contract drawings or Attachment 17 PIC BOOK 100 FINAL?	Contract drawings and door schedules AE601-AE604 govern door/frame counts and scheduled work. The picture book/survey photos supplement existing-condition verification. If discrepancies exist between drawings, schedules, and photos, the more stringent requirement shall govern. Contractor shall field-verify and notify the Contracting Officer/COR before proceeding. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.26 Construction Documents.

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249	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm whether ICRA hard barrier systems may consist of rigid plastic wall systems with sealed plastic ceilings in lieu of full drywall partitions extending to deck.	ICRA hard barrier systems may consist of rigid plastic wall systems with sealed plastic ceilings only if compliant with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.E and approved by the VA COR/Infection Control staff.
250	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that adequate space and access are available to exhaust HEPA filtration units to the exterior. Additionally, please confirm the preferred location(s) for connection of exhaust ducting to the outdoors. If no outdoor access is available, please confirm proper ventilation into the building is acceptable.	Refer to ICRA requirements.
251	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm whether the Contractor is permitted to utilize plastic barrier containment systems to isolate hallway sections during above-ceiling work. If permitted, please confirm whether such work is required to be performed during off-hours to avoid disruption to facility operations.	ICRA barriers shall comply with the VA specifications.
252	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	What are the current floor to existing ceiling heights?	Various heights depending on where specifically you are talking about.
253	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the Commissioning Agent (CxA) will be contracted by the VA.	No commissioning is required for this project per RFI 179. Door installations must meet the contract documents and NFPA 101.
254	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the Contractor is responsible to have a Commissioning Manager (CxM).	No commissioning is required for this project per RFI 179; therefore a Contractor Commissioning Manager is not required unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer.

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255	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the Superintendent shall not have any shared duties as a QCM, SSHO, or any other role on the project.	Confirmed for this project: the Superintendent shall not have shared duties as QCM, SSHO, or other key personnel where prohibited by the RFI responses. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9 and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.
256	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the SSHO shall not have any shared duties as a QCM, Superintendent, or any other role on the project.	Confirmed. SSHO shall not have shared duties as QCM, Superintendent, or other role on this project. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C.
257	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the QCM shall not have any shared duties as the SSHO, Superintendent or any other role on the project.	Confirmed. QCM shall not have shared duties as SSHO or Superintendent on this project based on RFI responses. Refer to Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.
258	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that all firestopping must be either installed by an FM global approved contractor, or a UL qualified firestop contractor certified.	Firestopping shall comply with Specification Section 07 84 00 Firestopping and NFPA 101, including installer qualification requirements stated in that section.
259	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that the contractor is to include the services of a third party independent firestopping inspector in their bid.	Include third-party independent firestopping inspection only if required by Specification Section 07 84 00, the Authority Having Jurisdiction, or VA COR. Firestopping work shall meet the VA specifications and NFPA 101.
260	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that firestopping installers accredited by a firestopping product manufacturer will not be approved by the VA unless they meet the FM global or UL	Firestopping installer qualifications shall comply with Specification Section 07 84 00 Firestopping. Manufacturer accreditation alone is acceptable only if it satisfies the qualification requirements of that section or is approved by the VA.
261	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if this project is tax exempt. If so, will the VA provide the documentation to the prime contractor after award?	No. See RFP section 1.4.1.2. Seed Project 1 in Charleston, SC is the only tax-exempt seed project, and Seed Project 2 and Seed Project 3 should include tax.

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262	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm this project must meet the buy American act requirements.	Yes.
263	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm level 4 finish for all finished gypsum board including patches.	Finished gypsum board patches shall be finished to match adjacent existing surfaces unless otherwise indicated. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.10 Restoration, Specification Section 07 92 00 Joint Sealants, and applicable finish/painting requirements in Section 09 91 00 Painting.
264	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the VA will be working and scheduling with the subsystem vendors on scheduling network outages.	Contractor shall coordinate outages and subsystem vendor work with the VA COR. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.J Utilities Services, which requires written requests for utility/service interruptions and coordination/approval by the COR.
265	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please define off hours, we assume off hours to be second shift work but need confirmation.	All shutdowns and work that will affect facility operations will be required to be after hours. Off-hours are hours outside normal working hours approved by the VA COR. Work affecting facility operations, shutdowns, or occupied clinical functions shall be scheduled after hours as directed. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G Phasing and 1.6.J Utility Services.
266	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the normal working hours of this contract are to be assumed as normal working hours; 7:00 am-5:00 pm.	For bidding purposes, normal working hours may be assumed as 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM unless modified by the VA COR. Work affecting facility operations or shutdowns shall be performed after hours as coordinated under Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G and 1.6.J.

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267	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if there are any requirements to work off hours and define those definable features of work that the Facility or COR will require the contractor to work during off hours.	Shutdowns and work affecting facility operations will require after-hours work. Specific definable features/locations shall be identified in the Contractor's phasing plan and coordinated with the VA COR. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G Phasing.
268	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Section 01 00 00 general requirements "alterations includes that the GC will provide a thorough survey of areas in which work is to be done with the COR and VA representative in attendance". Please confirm that the VA staff will schedule and have the time to do these surveys without delaying the contractor as these thorough surveys are extremely time consuming.	Contractor shall conduct the pre-work survey required by Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.7 Alterations with the COR. The Contractor shall schedule surveys sufficiently in advance as part of the approved project schedule and phasing plan.
269	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can the contractor QC manager serve as the photographer if they meet the requirement of having experience photographing construction projects. The term "Commercial Photographer" is vague, has no licensing requirements or any other information required.	If project photography is required by the contract documents, the QC Manager may serve as photographer only if approved by the VA COR and qualified to produce the required documentation. No separate licensing requirement is stated in the excerpted specifications; contractor shall meet applicable submittal/documentation requirements in Specification Sections 01 33 23 and 01 45 00.
270	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can the QC manager serve as the photographer for the demonstration and training recordings? The term "Commercial Photographer" is vague, has no licensing requirements or any other information required.	If demonstration/training recordings are required, the QC Manager may serve as photographer/videographer only if approved by the VA COR and able to meet the contract documentation requirements. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.20 Instructions, and Specification Section 01 33 23 submittal requirements.

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271	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the General Contractor is to have two separate and direct contracts with the DDC Contractor and the Systems Integrator.	Division 26/28 door hardware/access-control interfaces. Contractor shall coordinate required vendor work for complete and operable systems per GI007, AE601 through AE604, 08 71 00, and Division 28 specifications.
272	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If system integration is required for this contract, please provide a set of specs for this scope of work.	System integration is limited to door hardware, fire alarm, and access-control interfaces shown in the contract documents. Refer to Specification Section 08 71 00, Division 26 electrical specifications, and Division 28 electronic safety/security specifications.
273	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm no advanced utility metering system is required for this scope of work.	No advanced utility metering system is indicated for this scope. Temporary utility use/metering requirements are addressed in Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.18 Availability and Use of Utility Services.
274	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide a Special Inspection Testing Matrix required for this project. No Special Inspection Testing Matrix is provided in the contract documents.	No separate Special Inspection Testing Matrix is provided. Contractor shall comply with testing/inspection requirements in Specification Section 01 45 00 Quality Control, 3.7 Tests and 3.8 Completion Inspection, and Section 01 45 29 Testing Laboratory Services where applicable.
275	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if Procore can be used on this project.	Yes.
276	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	On the Door Schedule sheets, many doors are missing their wall types. In these instances, is the contractor to assume these walls are metal stud/drywall?	Do not assume metal stud/drywall where wall type is missing. Refer to picture book schedules and General Note 4 on each drawing; field verify existing wall types in accordance with Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.7 Alterations.

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277	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Page 80 of the door photos depicts door 04-3-09 as a double door. However, the drawings and door schedule depict door 04-3-09 as a single 3'8"-7'0" door. Please advise which is correct.	The contract drawings and door schedule govern. Door 04-3-09 shall be priced and provided per the contract drawings/schedules unless revised by amendment. Field-verify existing condition and notify the VA COR of discrepancies before fabrication.
278	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Doors 14-1-01,02,03 Are shown as wood on door schedule bldg. 14 AE602. These doors appear to be hollow metal on pages 135-136 of the photos. Please advise which is correct.	Use hollow metal.
279	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	In any other instance where the door schedule, drawings, and photos do not match, is the contractor to provide pricing per the door schedule?	Yes. If discrepancies exist between drawings, schedules, and photos, the more stringent requirement shall govern. Field-verify existing conditions and notify the VA COR of discrepancies before fabrication/procurement.
280	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Many letters and symbols on the drawings appear to have some type of formatting error with the fonts (see General Note #4 on most sheets). Please provide drawings with corrected text on all notes, tables, and schedules to avoid any mistakes in takeoff.	See attached titled "Seed 3_619A4-25-102 - Correct Egress Door Deficiencies Final Drawings"
281	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Phasing Note 5 on GI008 says the contractor shall maintain at least one lane of pedestrian traffic access. This will not be possible when replacing corridor doors and frames. Please advise how the contractor should address this.	Contractor shall provide phasing plan for VA approval. See Note 2 "Phasing Notes" on GI008.
282	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	For a more accurate paint estimate, please provide existing ceiling heights at walls where door frames will be replaced.	See picture book for areas that need paint. See notes in drawings for painting requirements.
283	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Do all new door frames receive a new fire label?	See Note 18 General Notes, all sheets.
284	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Does each door leaf need a new label, or is the intent one label per frame?	See Note 22 General Notes, all sheets. All/each component(s) shall be labeled.

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285	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Do all egress doors receive new exit signs?	Exit sign requirements are stated in notes in contract drawings.
286	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are we to assume all egress doors currently have exit signs to be replaced in kind?	No. See notes and picture book.
287	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If any egress doors do not have existing exit signs to be replaced in kind these must be identified so new power can be provided to these locations.	See notes and picture book for requirements at each location.
288	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Many exterior doors have steel angle around the perimeter of the frame. The photos provided do not show all of these. Please identify all doors with steel angle at frames	Contract documents require contractor to field verify existing conditions.
289	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will new steel angle need to be provided on exterior doors which currently have them?	Contractor shall provide the VA with a complete and operable door system that complies with all VA specifications.
290	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the existing frames to remain be refinished/repainted?	Existing frames to remain shall be refinished/repainted where required by General Note 24 and later RFI clarifications. Refer to applicable A-series General Notes and Specification Section 09 91 00 Painting.
291	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are there any new auto operators to be installed?	New automatic operators shall be installed where shown in the contract drawings/schedules. Refer to AE601 through AE604 door schedules, GI007 Door Hardware, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and Division 26/28 specifications.
292	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If existing electrified devices are not in frames, do they need to be replaced in frame or match existing wall mounted conduit/raceways?	Replace in frame.
293	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If existing frames are grouted, how do we route power for existing hardware?	Contractor is responsible for means and methods and shall provide VA with a complete and operable system.

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294	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Do all new door frames get grouted	Door frames shall be grouted/installed only as required by the contract documents, manufacturer installation instructions, and applicable wall/frame condition. Refer to Specification Section 08 11 13 Hollow Metal Doors and Frames, GI005/GI006 details, and AE601 through AE604 schedules.
295	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is there any PACS required to be installed/replaced?	PACS/access-control work is required only where shown in the door schedules, hardware sets, and Division 28 requirements. Existing access-control system is Avigilon. Provide complete and operable integration for scheduled/access-controlled openings.
296	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can frames be cut out of masonry walls and new frames be installed within the existing openings, or will masonry need to be demoed and replaced/toothjambed?	Contractor is responsible for means and methods.
297	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please identify the location of the proposed contractor laydown yard for this project	Proposed laydown yard/location shall be coordinated with and approved by the VA COR. Refer to GI008 laydown-area note and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas.
298	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	After a new frame is installed, the plans require walls to be painted from corner to corner. Some of the corridors have hundreds of feet between breaks in the wall. In these locations, will the entire run of wall need to be repainted, or can we blend around the door opening?	Refer to contract drawing notes, Note 13. Contractor shall not blend around door.
299	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	What is the manufacturer of the existing fire alarm system on campus?	Johnson Controls.
300	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Does the new Fire Alarm system need to match the existing?	All new devices requiring fire alarm communication shall be connected to the existing fire alarm system.
301	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is the existing fire alarm system proprietary requiring a specific contractor to do the work such as JCI?	Yes. Johnson Controls.

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302	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	What is the manufacturer of existing PACS system?	Existing PACS/access-control system manufacturer is Avigilon. Refer to Division 28 specifications, GI007 Door Hardware, and AE601 through AE604 schedules.
303	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Does the new PACS system need to match the existing?	New PACS/access-control components shall be compatible with and connected to the existing Avigilon access-control system where required. Refer to Division 28 specifications, GI007 Door Hardware, and AE601 through AE604 schedules.
304	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is the existing PACS system proprietary requiring a specific contractor to do the work such as JCI?	Existing PACS/access-control system manufacturer is Avigilon. Coordinate proprietary/vendor requirements with the VA COR and the access-control service contact provided in RFIs 203 and 328.
305	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	New Work Key Note 1 on AE108, AE117, AE128, and AE134 says location of existing circuit breaker of automatic door is unknown. Contractor shall trace existing circuit and demolish complete back to point of origin. Without knowing the location of the existing panels, the cost associated with this note will vary greatly between general contractor proposals. Please identify locations of panels on the drawings or provide an assumed quantity of conduit and wire demolition.	For bidding purposes assume 100-foot runs for electrical circuits.
306	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is firestopping required at wall/floor/ceiling penetrations where conduits are denoted for removal?	Yes, firestopping is required at wall/floor/ceiling penetrations where removal or new work affects rated construction. Refer to Specification Section 07 84 00 Firestopping and NFPA 101.

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307	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is any of the conduit denoted to be removed in hard ceilings (i.e. gypsum/plaster) requiring demolition and patching?	If conduit removal or new conduit routing occurs above hard ceilings, include demolition, access, patching, and restoration necessary to complete the work. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.10 Restoration and applicable electrical requirements in Division 26/28. Field-verify ceiling conditions.
308	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General Note #7 on most sheets (see AE 137B) says to provide tempered safety glazing in doors at all locations required by IBC code 2406 UNO. Please identify all door requiring tempered safety glass.	Refer to schedules and picture book for doors requiring glazing.
309	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General Note #17 on most sheets (see AE 137B) calls for patching at floor before installing new floor finish. Are we to assume floor patching/replacement at all locations where frames are replaced?	Do not assume floor patching/replacement at all frame-replacement locations. Floor patching is required only where necessary to properly install new doors/frames or where damaged by construction. Refer to General Note 17 as clarified by RFI 73 and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.10 Restoration.
310	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General Note #24 on most sheets (see AE 137B) calls for all door assemblies in the scope of work shall be painted to match existing. Does this mean all existing frames to remain shall be painted?	Yes. Existing frames to remain shall be painted where required by General Note 24 and later RFI clarifications. Painting shall comply with Specification Section 09 91 00 Painting and VA interior designer color coordination.
311	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	General Note #25 on most sheets (see AE 137B) states that all mechanical room doors shall have door stops, self closer and kick plates. Does this not apply even if the hardware set does not specifically list these items?	Yes.
312	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Specification 07 84 00 firestopping 1.5.B says installer must have FM Global 4991 or UL qualification. In lieu if this, will the government allow firestopping installer to be certified by the firestopping manufacturer?	Firestopping installer qualifications shall comply with Specification Section 07 84 00, 1.5 Quality Assurance/Installer Qualifications. Manufacturer certification is acceptable only if it satisfies the listed qualification requirements or is approved by VA.

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313	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Spec 01 00 00 1.24.A and 1.25.A calls for new post and panel signs. Are these signs required for this project?	Yes. Contractor shall request VA COR approval for quantity and location. It is recommended at least one at each building location during construction activities.
314	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Spec 01 35 26 1.9.A calls for a dedicated SSHO with no additional duties. For a project of limited scope such as this a dedicated SSHO seems like overkill. Can the Superintended serve a dual-hat role and act as the SSHO.	No. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C. The SSHO is required to be full-time with no other duties and separate from the Superintendent/QC Manager.
315	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Spec 01 35 26 1.11.A has requirements for CSP** Spec 01 35 26.1.8.B states that monthly inspections are required by a third-party Certified Safety Professional (CSP). Are these monthly inspections required?	Yes. Monthly inspections by a CSP or CSHT are required by Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.11.B, unless otherwise modified by the Contracting Officer.
316	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If the monthly inspections are required, can they be performed by our Corporate Safety Officer or our SSHO?	Monthly inspections may be performed by a Corporate Safety Officer if that individual is a CSP or CSHT, is not part of the immediate site project team, and meets Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.11.B. The SSHO/immediate site safety staff may not serve as the independent monthly inspector.
317	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can non-fire rated Starc Wall barriers be used at all locations?	Non-fire-rated STARC wall barriers may be used only where fire-rated/smoke-rated temporary partitions are not required. Temporary barriers shall comply with GI010 and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.E.
318	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Spec 01 45 00 3.4.B calls for the CQCM to be a graduate engineer, graduate architect, or a graduate of construction management. In lieu of this requirement will the Government accept someone with years of quality control experience?	CQC System Manager qualifications shall comply with Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.B and 3.4.D. Substitutions based on experience in lieu of degree require VA approval.

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319	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm all buildings included in the project scope are shown in the photo survey and all doors shown in the photo survey are listed shown on the plans.	The complete bid package, including all construction documents, shall be reviewed and used as a whole.
320	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are there any doors denoted to receive new PACS and security that does not currently have a PACS and security system to connect to at the existing opening.	New PACS/security is required only at locations shown in the door schedules, hardware sets, and Division 28 requirements. If an opening is scheduled to receive PACS/security but no existing system is present, Contractor shall provide required infrastructure and coordinate integration with the VA COR and access-control vendor.
321	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can work be performed outside of normal business hours?	Yes, work may be performed outside normal business hours where approved/required by the VA COR, especially shutdowns or work affecting facility operations. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G Phasing.
322	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm wall types at each opening including CMU, drywall, terra cotta, and any special conditions requiring structural modification.	Wall types shall be determined from the contract drawings, picture book schedules, and field verification. Contractor shall not assume metal stud/drywall where wall type is missing. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.7 Alterations and 1.26 Construction Documents.
323	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide the types of new thresholds to be provided at each door opening.	Thresholds/transitions shall be provided in accordance with GI006 door/threshold details, AE601-AE604 door schedules, applicable hardware requirements, and accessibility/code requirements. Where a threshold type is not specifically indicated, provide a compatible threshold suitable for the scheduled door assembly and existing condition, subject to VA COR approval.

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324	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	What items are to be furnished by the GOV and installed by the Contractor?	No Government-furnished items are identified unless specifically shown in the contract documents. Contractor shall furnish and install all materials, hardware, electrical/security components, and accessories required for a complete and operable scope. Coordinate any Government-furnished property under Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.21 Government-Furnished Property.
325	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Is the contractor to furnish and install new cores?	Contractor shall furnish lock cores/cylinders as required by the door hardware scope unless specifically identified as Government-furnished. Coordinate keying and permanent cylinder installation with the VA locksmith. Refer to Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.5.C Key Control and Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware.
326	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is the vendor or contractor currently servicing and maintaining the Security/Access Control System	Avigilon.
327	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will the contractor be responsible for restoring Access Control on new	Yes. Contractor is responsible for restoring access control on new/replaced doors where existing access control is present or where new access control is scheduled. Provide a complete and operable access-control interface compatible with the existing Avigilon system. Refer to GI007 Door Hardware, AE601-AE604 door schedules, Specification Section 08 71 00 Door Hardware, and Division 28 specifications.
328	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Who is the vendor or contractor currently servicing and maintaining the Fire Alarm System?	Johnson Controls.
329	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that there is no night work or off-hours requirements	Off-hours work is required for shutdowns and work affecting facility operations. Refer to GI008 Phasing Notes and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G and 1.6.J.

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330	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of SSHO for Seed project #3?	No. For Seed Project #3, the superintendent cannot dual-hat as SSHO. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C.
331	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If no to the question above, will the SSHO need to be full-time for Seed project #3?	Yes. SSHO shall be full-time during construction activities. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A.
332	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please clarify if a superintendent can be a dual hat to cover the requirements of QA/QC for Seed project #3?	No. For Seed Project #3, the superintendent cannot dual-hat as QA/QC based on project RFI responses. Refer to Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.
333	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	If no to the question above, will the QA/QC need to be full time for Seed project #3?	Yes. QA/QC shall be full-time/on-site during construction as required by Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.A and 3.4.B.
334	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Can a superintendent be a triple hat to cover the requirements of SSHO and QA/QC for Seed project #3?	No. The superintendent cannot be triple-hatted as SSHO and QA/QC. Refer to Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.9.A and 1.9.C and Specification Section 01 45 00, 3.4.
335	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm if the current prevailing wages will be consistent for the life of Seed project #3 with no escalation?	Applicable Davis-Bacon wage rates will be identified in each task order solicitation issued under this MATOC and will be current at the time of award which may be located online at https://sam.gov/wage-determinations . The Government confirms that wage determinations may be updated by amendment between the proposal due date and the award of each Task Order. It is the Contractor's responsibility to review and comply with any updated wage determinations. Contracting will comply with Revolutionary Far Overhaul 22.403 (c) depending upon when any wage rates change. https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul/far-part-deviation-guide/far-overhaul-part-22 .

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336	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the current Seed Project #3 design documents meet current VA TIL guidelines.	Yes.
337	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm the areas on site for construction trailers and material storage.	Construction trailer and material-storage areas shall be coordinated with the VA COR. Refer to GI008 laydown-area note and Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6 Operations and Storage Areas.
338	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Will a guard / escort be required at any work areas including but not limited to buildings, outside areas?	No. Not if badged.
339	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm there is no abatement requirements for Seed project #3. Additionally, please provide the latest asbestos/lead survey.	No pricing is to be included for asbestos abatement. If suspected asbestos is encountered during construction, immediately notify the CO/COR. Differing site conditions will apply. Refer to GI008 for ACM/hazardous-waste notes and Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.14 Pre-Construction Risk Assessment and 1.15 Dust Control. No separate VA-provided ACM survey is indicated; coordinate suspect materials with the VA COR before disturbance.
340	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm which doors in scope, if any, have a fire alarm connection with an auto-close function.	Doors with fire alarm connection/auto-close requirements shall be identified from AE601 through AE604 door schedules, GI007 Door Hardware, and field verification. Doors currently connected to the fire alarm system shall remain connected in the new work.
341	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please provide the latest life-safety survey for this facility.	No separate life-safety survey is provided for bidding. Contractor shall rely on contract drawings/specifications, including GI003 Project Information, GI008 General Notes/Phasing, GI009 Risk Assessment, GI010 ICRA, and NFPA 101 requirements referenced by the specifications.

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342	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Are there any areas of construction with restricted access? Building 129 CLC and Building 120 3rd floor were specifically mentioned on the site visit to have restricted access.	Yes.
343	Seed 3, Project #619A4-2102	Please confirm that a 14-day advance notice is required to restrict door access for construction.	Contractor shall provide advance notice in accordance with the contract documents before restricting door access or affecting egress. Specification Section 01 00 00, 1.6.G requires two weeks' advance notice before starting work in each specific area; prior RFI response confirms 15-day notice for stair closures. Coordinate final restriction dates and alternate egress with the VA COR.