

1. We'd like to request a geotechnical report for this project if one is available. **A. The geotechnical report will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 03 - PN 436-114 Ft. Harrison - Final Geotech Report\_2019-0207 Q 1.9.11)**
2. How many cubic yards of soils are currently stockpiled on the building site? **A. The current stockpile is 2070 cubic yards. Anticipated 900 +/- cubic yards will be removed prior to award of contract. Bid on 1200 cubic yards.**
3. What type of Nurse Call System is the VAFH utilizing now? Is the new nurse call for this project supposed to interface with the existing nurse call system in the main hospital? **A. Nurse call system was not a sole-source item and are typically Rauland systems. For the new OPMH Building please refer to Keynote #10 on sheet ET101-P1 for integration with existing building Nurse Call. For the Education Addition, refer to Keynote #9 on sheet ET101-P2 and Keynote #3 on Sheet ET102-P2.**
4. Is the VAFH looking for the new nurse call system to have future capabilities to connect into the caregiver's handheld cell phones or devices? **A. No.**
5. Is the VAFH looking for the new nurse call system to have future capabilities to connect into the Cerner EMR system? **A. No.**
6. Relative to cyber security, will nurse call system require OEM and contractor to follow the DoD's ATO/RMF procedures? (Questions 3-7 **Section 27 52 23 Nurse Call and Code Blue Systems**) **A. No.**
7. Reference Spec 117300 (Section 2.2 Lift Unit B.7. Horizontal axis motor): Can this specification be substituted for a "non-Horizontal axis/non-horizontally powered" lift motor? (**Section 11 73 00 Ceiling Mounted Patient Lift system**) **A. No, the requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.**
8. Will you please provide a copy of the sign-in sheet from site visit on 7/11/22? **A. The sign-in sheet will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 02 - Outpatient Mental Health Prebid Sign-in Sheet Q 8)**
9. Please provide the geotechnical report (Terracon Project No. C4185062, Geotechnical Engineering Report – Outpatient Mental Health Facility dated February 7th, 2019) **A. The geotechnical report will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 03 - PN 436-114 Ft. Harrison - Final Geotech Report\_2019-0207 Q 1.9.11)**
10. The current bid date is August 8, at 8:30 AM MST. Is it possible to move the time to later in the day? Many mechanical and electrical suppliers like to hold their pricing until the last minute. Being the bid is right after business opening, local time, on a Monday morning, possibility of proper pricing or even getting pricing drops greatly when bids are on a Monday, especially first thing in the morning. **A. If the date is extended it will be extended via an amendment. Please check SAM.gov for any updates.**
11. Refer to Sheet S-001-P1, Spread Footing Note #1 makes the Terracon Soils Report part of the construction documents. The specified Soils Report was not included with the solicitation.
  - a. Please provide a copy of the Soils Report prepared by Terracon, report number C4185062 dated February 7, 2019. **A. The geotechnical report will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 03 - PN 436-114 Ft. Harrison - Final Geotech Report\_2019-0207 Q 1.9.11)**
12. Sheet FP101-P1, depicts the 4" Domestic/Sprinkler Water entering Building #173 between 7 & 7.8 Ln. Sheet CU101-P1 also shows the water supply line as 4". Detail 2/FP101-P1 Sprinkler Riser Detail indicates that the underground sprinkler riser is 6".

- a. What size should the water supply line entering Mech B104 be 4" or 6"? **A. The combined service from the main shall be 6 in.**
- 13. Reference Fire Sprinkler Plan FP101-P1, Riser Detail Keynote 13 specifies a 6" flanged "T" 12" AFF.
  - a. Can we substitute the flange tee at base of riser with a UL/FM listed grooved tee, we would like to make sure we get a required flexible grooved fitting within 24" of the finished floor. **A. Yes. Refer to specification 21 13 13 2.1 3 for grooved piping. Tee needs to meet all requirements for Chapter 6 international plumbing codes for cross contamination, NFPA requirements, and specifications for plumbing and fire suppression.**
- 14. Section 10 14 00 Signage was included with the Solicitation Documents but, there are not any sign designs or sign locations provided.
  - a. Please provide a sign design and specify the locations for each type of sign. **A. Signage shall match existing station standards. Provide pricing based on providing a room identification sign for each room indicated on the floor plans. Plastic signs with raised printed room number and insert for room function/occupancy for offices with restrooms, conference rooms, etc. function printed on the sign. Office signs to be approximately 6"x10". Details of signage to be guided by VA Interior Design during submittal review process.**
- 15. Refer to Sheet CU101-P1, KN #7 specifies the Natural Gas connection to the new building. The owner of the Utility is North Western Energy. NWE will not provide pricing directly to the contractor to perform this work.
  - a. Please confirm the VA will contract directly with NWE to complete the gas service into the building. **A. All work associated with the Natural Gas connection shall be the responsibility of the contractor. VA was given pricing for natural gas meter and connection from existing pipeline to new building. Offerors should use \$3,500 as the NWE direct cost for this work. (See Attachment 05 - VA\_Fort Harrison\_Out Patient\_Mental Health\_Estimate Letter Question 15)**
- 16. Spec Section 01 00 00, paragraph 1.3B. Deductive Alternates do not match Price Schedule provided in the Solicitation.
  - a. Please confirm the Price Schedule overrides the Specifications. **A. An updated Spec Section 01 00 00 will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 04 - 010000 General Requirements Q 16)**
- 17. Please confirm the CLIN's listed in the Price Schedule are listed in order of priority. **A. Yes, CLINs are listed in order of priority and as detailed by notes 1-6 immediately following the Price Schedule in the solicitation document "36C77621B0017\_1+Rev+7.5.pdf".**
- 18. Please confirm only one of the CLIN's will be accepted for the contract award. **A. See Question 17.**
- 19. The Price Schedule in the Solicitation lists (6) CLIN's as deductive alternates. Each CLIN is deducted from CLIN 0001, the base bid. The deducts are not cumulative.
  - a. Please confirm the Price Schedule is correct as issued and the Alternates/CLIN's are not cumulative deducts. **A. See Question 17. Each CLIN deduct will be considered individual from the CLIN 001 Base Bid.**
- 20. Price CLIN 0004 indicates to reduce plantings by 70%.

- a. Please provide a separate Landscape Drawing, indicating what part of the landscape you would like deleted. A. A revised landscape plan will be provided via Construction Bulletin if this CLIN is accepted by the VA.
- 21. Price Schedule, Notice Item #4 indicates "Deduction of CLIN 0002 will have a significant reduction in total period of performance as this CLIN is defined by the entirety of work to be performed under Phase 2 of the construction package."
  - a. Please provide the Period of Performance for CLIN 0002. CLIN 0002 is to be considered 30% of the overall Period of Performance
- 22. During the Site Walk, the VA representative indicated they would be reviewing the Tech Proposals along with the Price Proposals. No Technical Proposal is specified in the Solicitation.
  - a. Please provide the desired Technical Proposal requirements. A. This solicitation is being issued as an Invitation for Bid (IFB) in accordance with FAR Part 14, 19, and 36. No Technical Proposals will be accepted. Please refer to the "INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS" section of the solicitation.
- 23. The Solicitation Documents do not include a detailed Statement of Work.
  - a. Please provide a Statement of Work. A. Please refer to the specs for the detailed statement of work. The documents provided in the solicitation combine to serve as the detailed Statement of Work.
- 24. The Solicitation Documents indicate there are two Phases to this project, Phase 1 New Outpatient Mental Health Building and Phase 2 Education Building Renovation. A phasing plan/description was not provided with the documents.
  - a. Please confirm Phase 1 and Phase 2 can be performed concurrently. A. Phase 1 and Phase 2 must be completed sequentially, not concurrently. See response to Questions 51-54.
- 25. Please confirm the Site Superintendent and SSHO are to be on site full time and employees of the offeror. A. See Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.7 for requirements. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.
- 26. Please confirm all workers on site are to have OSHA 10 Certification. A. See Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.8 for requirements. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.
- 27. Please provide VA review time for RFI's. A. VA review period is 15 working days for submittals and 10 working days for RFIs.
- 28. 01 91 00 3.9 D 3. Requires "A professional photographer who is experienced photographing construction projects".
  - a. Please confirm this is not required for the project A. The requirement for photographer qualifications per 01 91 00 3.9 D3 can be omitted. Any other references to maintaining photographic documentation of work are not altered by this response.
- 29. 01 45 00 – Refers to multiple people in QC organization to include Superintendent, Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO) and the Quality Control Manager.
  - a. Please confirm (3) individuals need to be assigned to this project. A. This project will require these 3 individuals be assigned full time to this project.
  - b. Please confirm these (3) individuals CANNOT have collateral duties and must be (3) unique individuals. A. Each of these three unique individuals must be assigned full-time to this

contract and cannot be serving to support other projects simultaneously. However, as situations come up the COR may grant occasional temporary exceptions to allow a single individual to cover two positions. This must be brought to the attention of the COR in advance and as soon as practically possible. The other two individuals must be onsite during all working hours during these exception periods.

30. Please confirm that the SSHO, Superintendent, and QCM must all be employees of the offeror. A. See Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.7 and Section 01 45 00, 3.4 for requirements. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.
31. Please confirm the CQC System Manager must be on site at all times and be an employee of the offeror. A. See Specification Section 01 35 26, 1.7 and Section 01 45 00, 3.4 for requirements. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.
32. Please confirm the CQC System Manager is required to have a valid USACE CQM certificate per the VA TIL 01 45 00 requirements for CQC System Manager. A. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.
33. Per 01 35 26 1.9B, confirm a CSP or CHST must conduct a monthly site inspection. A. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.
34. 01 45 00 3.1 states – “The QC System covers all design and construction operations, both on site and off site, and be keyed to the proposed design and construction sequence”
  - a. Please confirm the DESIGN QC system does not apply to this contract as the design is already complete. If a design CQC plan was completed, please provide for reference prior to bid. A. In the context of this requirement, the word “design” would refer to any delegated designs that are the responsibility of the General Contractor and/or their subcontractors or vendors and suppliers.
35. Per 01 45 00 3.4C, The General Contractor is to provide the following CQC organization ( in addition to CQC personnel specified elsewhere in the contract) Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Structural Engineer, Architect, Environmental Engineer, Submittal Clerk, LEED Specialist, and AABC or NEBB TAB specialist , with qualifications per the Experience Matrix and are required to be employed by the General Contractor. This is a highly experienced and expensive staffing requirement for the General Contractor to provide.
  - a. Please confirm this is indeed a requirement for this contract. A. An updated Spec Section 01 45 00 will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 06 - Addendum No. 1\_SPECS Q 35) The update to Paragraph 3.4C will remove the requirement that the CQC personnel be directly employed by the GC. These personnel may be provided as consultants to the GC. The requirement that the personnel must not be employed by any other supplier or subcontractor will remain.
36. Throughout the project specifications, there are references to design requirements.
  - a. Please confirm this is a Design -Bid-Build project and NOT a Design Build project. A. Correct, this project is Design-Bid-Build.

- b. Please also confirm the general contractors are bidding on a completed design “for construction” with plans that have been reviewed per the VA CQC requirements outlined.  
A. In the context of this requirement, the word “design” would refer to any delegated designs that are the responsibility of the General Contractor and/or their subcontractors or vendors and suppliers.
  - c. Please clarify any design requirements or responsibilities of the General Contractor. A. Delegated design requirements include but are not limited to fire protection (Section 21 13 13) and seismic bracing for non-structural components (Section 13 05 41), landscape irrigation (Section 32 84 00).
- 37. 22 05 11 3.3E. calls out for a Registered Professional Engineer to provide rigging plan for the project. Please clarify if this professional engineer is to be provided by the VA, A&E or the offeror. A. The requirement clearly states that the “Contractor shall check all clearances, weight limitations and shall provide a rigging plan designed by a Registered Professional Engineer.
- 38. 32 84 00 2.2 Planting Irrigation System Performance calls out for submittal documents including design calculations and drawings be signed and sealed by registered design professional, licensed in the state where work is to be located.
  - a. Please clarify whether this Planting Irrigation design professional is to be provided by the A&E, VA or offeror. A. Specification Section 32 84 00, 2.2 clearly states that these items are “Delegated Design” which is to be provided by the General Contractor.
- 39. On sheet M-701, the I/O Points List Building 173 shows that there are “read” values for the air handler supply fan VFD, air handler return fan VFD, and the 173-ACU-01 split system. Is this referring to these pieces of equipment will be provided with BACnet communication options? A. See Specification Section 23 09 231.1 2. All controls shall be native BACnet.
- 40. On sheet M-701, in the 173-AHU-01 sequence of operation the high duct pressure limit switch is called out to be manual reset. Please verify this is the case. A. Manual reset is required.
- 41. On Sheet M-701, in the 173-AHU-01 sequence of operation the supply fan is called out to modulate speed based on the supply fan pressure transmitter. There are two that are called out in the drawings both on sheet M-701 and MH101-P1, is the intent to have these sensors averaged together in order to provided a single pressure reading to modulate the VFD? A. Manual reset is required.
- 42. The plan for phase 2 is to re-use the existing air handling unit. This unit is currently not controlled by the campus’s Schneider Electric building automation system. Is the intent to convert it to the Schneider Electric system? If so, can sequences be provided? A. Modification of existing controls on the existing unit is not part of this project.
- 43. Specification Section 230923 “Direct Digital Control System for HVAC”, section 3.2 “System Validation and Demonstration”, part C “Demonstration”, Line 4i states: “Demonstrate that each control loop responds to set point adjustment and stabilizes within one (1) minute. Control loop trend data shall be instantaneous and the time between data points shall not be greater than one (1) minute.” Most control loops will require more than (1) minute to stabilize after a change in parameters. Please verify that this is a requirement. A. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.
- 44. How many cubic yards of soils are currently stockpiled on the building site? A. See response to Question 2.

45. Specification section 01 45 00 requires that the contractor include a CQC System Manager in the CQC plan. Can the contractor's superintendent assume the role of CQC System Manager, or does the government require the CQC System Manager to be a separate individual? **A. See response to Question #29**
46. Specification section 01 35 26 requires that the contractor designate one SSHO at each project site. Can the contractor's superintendent assume the role of SSHO, or does the government require the SSHO to be a separate individual? **A. See response to RFI #29**
47. Please provide the location for temporary electricity connections for phase 1 and phase 2. **A. Phase 1. Connect to existing lighting circuits or to new transformer when installed. Other transformers/electrical sources in the vicinity are outside of the construction barriers and would require protection of temporary cables from active traffic. Phase 2. Use existing power in building.**
48. Please provide the location for temporary water connections for phase 1 and phase 2. **A. Phase 1. Use nearby fire hydrant for filling of water trucks for dust suppression and related site civil water needs. To be coordinated with COR and VA Fire Dept. at time of mobilization. Phase 2. Use existing water sources in the work area. Water is not readily available for a job trailer during either phase.**
49. Specification Section 01 32 16 requires contractor to submit a computer-generated schedule. Will the government accept a schedule created on Primavera 6? **A. Any software format capable of producing a comprehensive project schedule and being updated through the course of the project is acceptable. The software must also be capable of providing a legible document transmittable as a PDF for VA use.**
50. Specification Section 01 32 16 requires the schedule to be cost loaded. Please confirm that the government will require the contractor to create and keep up to date a cost loaded schedule. **A. The requirements of the specifications stand unless omitted or otherwise modified by issuance of an Addendum or Bulletin.**
51. During the site visit, it was mentioned that Phase 2 work would not be allowed to commence until Phase 1 work was complete. Reason being is because all hospital staff currently working in Phase 2 will be moving from their current location to the new building constructed during Phase 1. Please confirm. **A. This is a correct statement.**
52. If Phase 2 cannot start until Phase 1 is complete and the staff in Phase 2 has been moved to Phase 1, is the contractor responsible for moving furniture and/or equipment from Phase 2 to Phase 1? **A. VA will be installing new furniture in this building under separate contract. General Contractor will need to provide minimal coordination of telecom and electrical with installation of systems furniture where utilized.**
53. The period of performance is listed as 1050 calendar days. Is the time from when Phase 1 is complete and when all hospital staff, furniture, and equipment is moved from Phase 2 to Phase 1 included in that 1050 calendar days? **A. Yes, see response to Question 54.**
54. If the move from Phase 2 to Phase 1 is included in the overall duration of 1050 calendar days, how many days should the contractor allow in the schedule for the government to move? **A. Allow 30 days from turnover of Phase 1 building until VA is cleared out of Phase 2 space.**
55. Bid Package Contents items e-i are answers that the contractor provides on sam.gov annually. What does the government request to see for these items when the proposal is submitted? Can the contractor refer the government to sam.gov for these answers, or



does the government prefer the contractor to provide a copy of the response from sam.gov for each item? **A. Please provide all information as listed in section "2.8 Bid Submission" of the solicitation.**

56. Does the government require any other technical information be provided in the Bid Package Contents? For example, resumes of contractor personnel, past performance, technical write up, or schedule? **A. Provide only what is listed under Section "2.8 Bid Submission" of the solicitation.**
57. Has a lead & asbestos inspection been conducted? If so, please provide the report? **A. A lead and asbestos inspection has not been conducted and will be a requirement of the offeror. Any hazardous materials discovered shall be dealt with as an unforeseen site condition during construction.**
58. Please provide locations for contractor yard/staging area for both Phase 1 and Phase 2. **A. The laydown areas will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 07 - Laydown Area for 173 Q 58)**
59. During the site visit, it was mentioned that one of the existing walls in the Phase 2 portion of work was either a CMU or Cast-In-Place Concrete wall. Please confirm whether this is CMU or Cast-In-Place Concrete. In looking through the plans, it appears this wall is on grid line 3 starting just before gridline H and going just past grid line J. Please confirm these are the limits of the wall and that this wall is to remain in place. **A. That is correct. There is an existing poured in place concrete wall located on Grid Line 0.3 between grids J and H that must remain in place.**
60. Specification Section 01 00 00 requires the contractor to meter and pay for certain electrical usages. Can the government provide a rate for how much the contractor will be charged for the use of electricity? **There will be no requirement for the contractor to reimburse the VA for utilities used under the performance of this construction contract.**
61. Depending on responses received on the questions above as well as from other contractors, we'd like to request additional days to submit more questions. **A. There will not be another opportunity.**
62. On the Phase 2 documents, there are (4) existing fin tube heaters shown on sheet MP101-P2. Are the fin tube valves to remain and be re-used, or be replaced with new? **A. Note on MP101-P2 says "Reuse 4X (E) Convection Heaters"**
63. On the Phase 2 documents, there is (1) existing unit heater on sheet MP101-P2. Is the valve actuators to remain and be re-used, or be replaced with new? **A. Piping to unit heater remains as is and is connected to new HWS and HWR.**
64. On the Phase 2 sheet MP101-P2, there is a space CO2 sensor called out for the Conference Room 108. Please provide sequence of operations for that VAV. **A. Please see M-702, Control Sequence titled "CO2 control."**
65. Sheet CU101-P1, keynote 5, has a ductile iron pie water loop. The specification 33 10 00-14 3.3 states that ductile iron pipe is not used. And gives no installation guidance. Confirm ductile iron pipe is to be used and if so provide installation specification. **A. Ductile Iron Pipe is allowed and should be used as indicated on Sheet CU101-P1. (See Attachment 06 - Addendum No. 1\_SPECS Q 35)**
66. Regarding the asphalt patch back for the new sanitary sewer line. What is the depth of the existing asphalt? Does the asphalt have any specialized characteristics that we need to be aware of? **A. Existing asphalt depth unverified. Depth to be verified at time of construction. Based on prior work specifications, assume a minimum of 3-4 inches asphalt. Per as-builts from most recent road**

project, asphalt is plant mix bituminous surfacing (MPWSS Type B with PG 58-28 Binder). (See Attachment 06 - Addendum No. 1\_SPECS Q 35)

67. Is the depth for asphalt patching on Devil's Brigade Road (needed for waterline connection) ? A. Existing asphalt depth unverified. Depth to be verified at time of construction. Based on as-builts from construction of Devil's Brigade Road, assume 3" asphalt over 8" of 1' minus crushed base course. (See Attachment 06 - Addendum No. 1\_SPECS Q 35)
68. It appears the water main tie in is under a sidewalk to the west of Devil's Brigade. What is the depth of the sidewalk? What is the expectation for repair to the grassy area? Will seeding be acceptable? A. See details on sheet CS502-P1 and Sheet L-300-P1. Sod is specified for grass areas.
69. "Can we get clarification on the headwall elevations? This will help us determine exactly what headwall is required and its services." A. The headwall elevations will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 09 - Headwall Elevations - Existing Hospital System Q 69)
70. Note #3 Utilities shown west of Devils Brigade drive have been relocated during construction of building 172. Q: Can then provide new as built drawings for the new location of utilities? Has the water main been relocated? A. The as-builts as provided by the GC on Bldg. 172 will be provided as an amendment. (See Attachment 08- Utilities\_Construct Primary Care - Record Drawing\_As-Built Set Q 70)
71. Will the water supply for the entire hospital need to be shut off when tying into the existing water line? A. Water supply forms a loop around campus. With proper coordination, disruptions of service should be preventable.