

## Improve Potable Water Distribution Systems

Pre-Bid Walk Through

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### **Key Points Pertaining to this Project**

#### **COVID-19 and Influenza**

- We predominately have older Veterans and therefore we have strict COVID-19 and Influenza requirements that are set by the VA at Central Office (This is NOT a Batavia Specific Policy). Refer to the 010000 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS specifications pertaining to COVID-19 and Influenza. The contractors AND sub-contractors will be REQUIRED to meet these requirements, or they will NOT be allowed to enter the building(s), NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Masks always on the campus. That is the policy, and this has not changed in over two (2) years.

#### **Lockdown on the Campus**

- We are in the world of the Active Shooter. This campus is locked down and is NO Longer an Open Campus. The contractor will need to gain access each day by the VA COR. The VA Police will brief the prime contractor on the policy moving forward when a contractor is awarded the project. The contractor is NOT allowed to keep doors open nor let anybody into the campus buildings. More to follow when briefed after award.

#### **Asbestos Work**

- There is a firm timeframe for all asbestos work on this project. We have an Air Monitor Contract, and the concentration of this work shall be on asbestos areas while we have the Air Monitor. The schedule submitted shall reflect the asbestos work being completed in the timeframe allotted with the air monitor.
- The Abatement Plans will be SPECIFIC to each area in each building. This is not a one size fits all abatement project. The contractor shall submit each plan for each specific area in each building.
- The Plumber on this project shall be certified to work in an asbestos area. Example: The containment will be built by the contractor; the length of pipe shall be abated, and the plumber shall cut that length of pipe inside of the containment. The containment remains as we are NOT doing a full abatement, only abating enough pipe to remove the dead leg of the pipe. Submittal REQUIRED for plumbing contractor certification prior to mobilization.

#### **Hours of Operation**

- The ICRA Drawings and the 010000 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS specifications have the timeframe for work areas as per the areas you will be working. There is a substantial number of off hours work on this project.

## **Safety and Infection Control**

- The Western New York VA has new and very qualified staff for both Safety and Infection Control. The Contractors should expect that the standards will be upheld as per the contract requirements.
- The ICRA drawings have requirements on the drawings for infection control.
- The specification 013526 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS is updated VA wide, and this is the guide that the contractors shall follow for working at the VA Western New York. Some key points for this
- There are confined space requirements for both buildings 30 and 4 that shall be submitted in a plan for review by safety.
- projects are as follows:
  - Section 1.6 Accident Prevention Plan (APP)
  - Section 1.7 Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA). You will be required to submit an AHA for ALL phases of this project for each individual area.
  - Section 1.9 Site and Safety Health officer (SSHO) and Competent Person. The SSHO is NOT the Project Manager or Superintendent and requires specific training as defined in section 1.10 Training.
  - Section 1.10 Training. **There are specific training requirements for this safety job titles that the contractor will have to provide a submittal as proof for this project.**

**The contractor shall review the entire safety specification prior to bidding to assure that they can meet the job requirements for this project. What is defined above are key points moving forward on this project. The contractor will NOT have authorization to mobilize and start work until the submittals are approved for the safety sections. The contractors shall anticipate more stringent requirements moving forward with respect to the VA Safety and Infection Control as the VA is targeting these areas of concern to be brought to the standards of the VA specifications.**