RFI Questions: SOLICITATION: 36C26126R0048 | Correct Martinez and Mare Island Generator Fuel Lines

Question #1: Please confirm that the Site Super, SSHO and QC can have other collateral roles/duties as Competent Persons mentioned in the specifications?

VA Response: The SSHO and the Site Superintendent may be the same person. QC person should be different . All roles must meet the qualification and competency requirements as specified in the contract documents.

Question #2: Please confirm that the Site Super and QC role can be one and the same individual if the requirements for each are met.

VA Response: QC and Superintendent cannot be the same person.

Question #3: Please confirm whether temporary power will be provided by the Owner/VA for contractor use during construction, or if the contractor is responsible for furnishing all temporary power requirements for the duration of the project.

NEI Response: Temporary power will be provided for the contractor to use during construction in accordance with specification 01 00 00 section 1.19 *AVAILABILITY AND USE OF UTILITY SERVICES*.

Question #4: Will the VA permit planned outages of the generator fuel systems during construction, and if so, what outage windows are available at Martinez Buildings 19 and 20 and Mare Island Building 201?

NEI Response: Planned outages are only acceptable when switching from the existing fuel oil piping system to the replacement fuel oil piping system and must occur within a single 8-hour shift which must take place during off hours on weekdays between 5:00PM-7:00AM or on weekends. Any outages must be approved by the station. Refer to phasing contract

drawings GC-100 through GC-104 and phasing listed in specification 01 00 00 for further details.

Question #5: Has the VA performed any hazardous materials surveys (asbestos, lead-based paint, contaminated soil, petroleum-contaminated soil, etc.) in the work areas? If so, please provide the reports. If hazardous materials are encountered, will remediation be handled by the owner under a separate contract?

VA Response: The VA has not performed additional hazardous materials surveys specific to this project beyond standard facility documentation. Contractor shall be responsible for identifying, handling, and disposing of any hazardous materials encountered during construction in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. No separate VA contract is anticipated for hazardous materials remediation.

Question #6: For the excavation work near Building 19 parking areas, are there specific traffic control plans, lane closures, or work-hour restrictions required by the VA?

NEI Response: Contractor shall prepare and submit traffic control plan shop drawing for review. Refer to contract drawings GC-100 through GC-104 and specification 01 00 00 for phasing guidelines at each location within the project.

Question #7: Please clarify whether the Contractor will be permitted to perform work in both project areas concurrently. Specifically, may the same crew and staff be utilized simultaneously across both work locations, or does the Government require separate crews and/or phased execution between the two areas?

NEI Response: Work can be completed within this contract concurrently with the same crew and staff if the contractor's team is compliant with specifications 01 45 00 *QUALITY CONTROL* and 01 35 26 *SAFETY REQUIREMENTS*. The contractor must also comply with schedule requirements set forth by the VA and requirements specified in specification 01 32 16.15 *PROJECT SCHEDULES*.

Question #8: Are there existing as-built or record drawings available showing the current generator fuel lines, tanks, vaults, and associated utilities at both campuses?

NEI Response: Contractor shall refer to contract drawings CS-001 through CU-002 for information regarding existing utilities. Contractor shall refer to contract drawings MP-100 through MP-109 for information regarding existing fuel oil system equipment. Contractor shall inspect and verify all field dimensions and site conditions prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall perform underground utility locations to identify the horizontal and vertical position of all existing utilities. Submit findings to the A&E firm for review and approval prior to any excavation or digging.

Question # 9: Who is responsible for removing, disposing of, or handling any remaining fuel, contaminated soil, or hazardous materials encountered during the work?

NEI Response: Contractor shall dispose of fuel within piping designated for replacement in a manner that complies with local, state, and federal regulations.

Question #10: Will the VA provide current utility locates prior to bid, or is the contractor responsible for all potholing and utility locates in the work areas?

NEI Response: Contractor shall inspect and verify all field dimensions and site conditions prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall perform underground utility locations to identify the horizontal and vertical position of all existing utilities. Submit findings to NEI and the station for review and approval prior to any excavation or digging.

Question #11: What are the required phasing and sequencing requirements between the two separate sites (Martinez and Mare Island)?

NEI Response: Refer to contract drawings GC-100 through GC-104 and specification 01 00 00 for phasing guidelines at each location within the project.

Question #12: What security badge requirements, after-hours work restrictions, and coordination procedures apply at each campus?

NEI Response: Contractor shall comply with contract documents and specifications including but not limited to specification 01 00 00 section *1.5 CONSTRUCTION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS*. Any work completed during after hours between 5:00PM and 7:00AM during weekdays or during the weekend shall be coordinated with VA Police Department and VA COR.

Question #13: As per the specs can you please confirm that it is acceptable for the Site Superintendent to also serve as the qualified Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO).

NEI Response: As per specification 01 35 26 section 1.9 B, the SSHO has to be a separate qualified individual from the Prime Contractor's Superintendent.

Question #14: Given that the two work locations (Martinez VA Medical Center and Mare Island VA Medical Clinic) are approximately 30–40 miles apart, is it acceptable for a single qualified individual to serve as the full-time Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO) for both sites, provided they can be physically present at each active work area during all construction activities?

NEI Response: This is acceptable only if requirements in specification 01 35 26 section 1.9 are satisfied.

Question #15: Can you provide the most recent as-built or record drawings for the fuel systems, electrical systems, and site utilities at both locations?

NEI Response: Contractor shall inspect and verify all field dimensions and site conditions prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall perform underground utility locations to identify the horizontal and vertical position of all existing utilities. Submit findings to NEI and the station for review and approval prior to any excavation or digging.

Question #16: Can you provide a copy of the site visit sign-in sheet or attendance list from May 27, 2026, site visits at Martinez and Mare Island?

VA Response: See attached

Question #17: What are the exact limits of work and any temporary protections required around the existing 6,000-gallon fuel tanks and generator enclosures shown on the civil plans?

NEI Response: Contractor must submit a protection plan shop drawing for the existing fuel oil tank during construction. This plan must be approved prior to the start of work.

Question #18: What does "correct" the generator fuel lines entail at each location (Martinez Building 19/20 and Mare Island Building 201)? Does this include complete replacement, repair of leaks, abandonment of existing lines, or installation of new direct-buried lines?

NEI Response: The scope of work for this project includes but is not limited to; installation of replacement direct-buried fuel oil piping, removal of existing direct buried fuel oil piping, installation of replacement leak detection system, installation of replacement fuel oil pumps, removal of existing fuel oil pumps, integration of replacement fuel oil leak detection devices, and all other work as identified within the contract documents.

Question #19: Who is currently responsible for servicing and maintaining the existing generator fuel lines, day tanks, and associated fuel systems at the Martinez and Mare Island locations? Please provide the company name and contact information (phone number and email) for their point of contact.

NEI Response: The Martinez and Mare Island campuses utilize Johnson Controls for information on controls related equipment. The contact is Nick Fiorito. Email: NICHOLAS.FIORITO@JCI.COM. Phone number: (916)-932-3884.

VA Response : VA utilizes CIC for Diesel Fuel Monitoring. The contact is Tuan Pham. Cell: 650-465-6263 Office: 888-242-4664

Question # 20: Have the existing utilities been potholed? If so, can the government provide that data.

NEI Response: Contractor shall perform underground utility locations to identify the horizontal and vertical position of all existing utilities. Submit findings to NEI and the station for review and approval prior to any excavation or digging.

Question #21: During the site visit, the existing fuel piping in Bldg. 20 could not be investigated because the ceiling tiles. Can the government please take pictures of that area and provide? Please verify there is enough room to install new piping while existing is in service.

NEI Response: Sufficient room was present during the time of survey.

Question #22: Please confirm that the basis of design is based on the Tricon Double-Con Plus system.

NEI Response: Replacement fuel oil piping shall be double-wall containment with cable-leak detection which complies with provided division 23 specifications and is able to be integrated within the leak detection system. Piping information is listed as basis of design or approved equal. Approved equals shall have alike qualities.

Question #23: Please confirm that a continuous leak detection sensor should be installed for the entire containment piping run and not just at the low points.

NEI Response: Design intent is to utilize double-wall containment piping with continuous cable-leak detection system installed for the entire containment piping run.

Question#24: Are existing leak sensors compatible with Veeder-Root TLS-450?

NEI Response: Contractor shall verify compatibility of existing leak sensors and provide replacement sensors that are compatible with all new equipment and can be tied into the control system. The contractor shall provide a complete functioning system before turning the project over to the VA.

Question #25: For Federal Projects of similar size and complexity the onsite roles of Superintendent, QCM and SSHO are often completed by a single 3-hat Super/QCM/SSHO. Can this approach be reconsidered for this Project?

VA Response: The SSHO and the Site Superintendent may be the same person. QC person should be different. All roles must meet the qualification and competency requirements as specified in the contract documents.

Question #26:

Section 23 10 00:

2.4, 2.5, 2.6 Secondary Containment pipe for underground fuel piping systems

E. Leak Detector Sensor Locations: On each piping system, provide sumps at the low points with water-tight openings above grade for access to leak detector sensors. Design sumps to intercept all potential leakage. Maximum spacing between sumps, 3000 mm (10 feet.) Plans specify cable-leak detection basis of design. Please confirm leak detection sensors are not included in the scope.

NEI Response: Design intent is to utilize double-wall containment piping with continuous cable-leak detection system installed for the entire containment piping run. Leak detection sensors must also be provided as indicated on control plans MI-100 through MI-402.