Solicitation: 36C24226B0046

Project No.: 526-20-508 Replace Morgue Freezers

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1) Please confirm all the demolition and new construction work can be performed during regular work hours of Monday to Friday. **Answer**: **Yes it can.**

2) Drawing 100-AS-101, construction key note no.1 states install new premanufactured polyurethane walls and ceilings. These walls and ceilings are for the new morgue freezers/walk-in-coolers, right? Then these walls and ceilings should be constructed of stainless-steel panels and polyurethane. Please clarify. **Answer**: **Polyurethane walls and ceilings are polyurethane with stainless steel outer and inner jackets.**

3) Spec section 01 00 00, page no.3 states ALTERNATE NO.1: Demolition of existing area and ALTERNATE NO.1: Construction of new suite. Please advise if there are any alternates and revised the bid sheet accordingly. **Answer**: **There are no alternates. Please disregard this bid form.**

4) Please advise if there is any phasing involved for this project. **Answer**: **One morgue shall remain operational at all times see phasing drawing 100-PH-100.**

5) Please advise that freight elevator will be allowed for hauling of all construction material. **Answer**: **Freight elevator will be allowed for hauling construction materials.**

6) Drawing detail 2 of 100-PH-100 indicates temp construction partition wall up to the deck height. Please specify what is the floor to deck height. **Answer**: **Assume 10’6” for bidding purposes.**

7) Drawing no. 100-PH-100 key note 1 state to close off the existing door opening. Please specify how many door openings and what is the size. Its not clearly shown on the drawing. **Answer**: **Close off one door opening on the plan west side of the main morgue.**

8) Drawing no.100-AS-101 General note no.2 states provide new spray-on fireproofing at all locations it was affected. Please identify on drawing the locations for new spray-on fire proofing. **Answer**: **Located at all ceiling suspension bars where new work was installed or old work removed.**

9) There is a spec section for Metal Fabrication. Please clarify the scope of the work. **Answer**: **To coordinate the stacking of the water-cooled condensing units.**

10) Drawing 100-MH-101 states replace ceiling tiles to match if running in hung ceiling. Please specify the ceiling tile manufacturer's item number to procure pricing from supplier **Answer**: **Armstrong ultima ceiling tile model # BP1940.**

11) There is a spec section for General Commissioning Requirements. Please confirm VA will hire a third-party agent. **Answer**: **VA will hire a third-party agent.**

12) There is a discrepancy in quantities of asbestos shown on drawing 100-HA-101 and of spec section 02 82 11, page no.2. Please advise which quantities are correct and to be used for bidding. **Answer**: **Use the drawings for bidding and removals.**

13) Please confirm VA will hire independent 3rd party air monitoring firm for all the required asbestos abatement monitoring work and contractor is not responsible. **Answer**: **VA will hire independent 3rd party air monitoring firm for all the required asbestos abatement monitoring work.**

14) The VA morgue project adds a Square D 208Y/120V three-phase subpanel, new lighting, and temperature monitoring while phasing work around an operating facility. Is the new three-phase subpanel enclosure or the phased tie-in to the morgue refrigeration load the first distribution-box item to settle? I can return a fit check on that one item. **Answer: Phasing should be coordinated with the GC and COR.**

15) I am inquiring whether this bid specification requires us to provide the tear-out**. Answer: Performance of demolition shall be decided by the GC.**

16) Will the VA allow the use of a standard top track offset with fire-rated mineral wool stuffing in the honeycomb gaps, or must the metal track be snipped and physically contoured to every jog**? Answer: The use of a standard top track offset with fire-rated mineral wool is acceptable.**

17) Are the Phase 1 and Phase 2 boundaries required to be completely independent, or will we be allowed to shift temporary barriers without completely decommissioning the negative pressure zones? **Answer: Phase 1 and Phase 2 boundaries are independent. However, when one phase is complete, you will be allowed to move the temporary barriers to the next.**

18) Who is responsible for providing, running, and analyzing the air samples mentioned on Page 2—the contractor or the VA's third-party safety inspector? **Answer: The VA's third-party safety inspector.**

19) Page 7 references a Sequence of Operations for the Morgue Cooler Control System. Are the existing digital controls (ECC/Engineering Control Center) fully functional, or should the

bidder allocate a allowance for legacy software integration issues? **Answer: The bidder should allocate an allowance for legacy software integration.**

20) Are there any known hazardous materials (e.g., asbestos insulation) inside the walls scheduled for demolition on the 2nd floor? **Answer: None that is known of.**