

Submitted: 5/7/2024 9:19:11 AM **By:**

Question: 1 - Temp Skid Enclosure

Will a Shelter or Enclosure be needed to go along with the exterior Temp Pump Skid? If so, can the VA provide requirements for this construction?

[Answer](#)

Fire Pump & Temp Pump not in the SOW (Scope of Work).

Submitted: 5/7/2024 9:21:36 AM **By:**

Question: 2 - Electrical Drawings & Info

The Bid Plan set of drawings only included one cover page for the Electrical drawing set - Page E0.00. Are there any additional Electrical drawings or scope information for the Div. 26 bidders?

[Answer](#)

No.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 8:49:39 AM **By:**

Question: 3 - Fire Stop Inspections

Are any Fire Stop Inspection(s) required under this project scope? If so, can the VA provide testing parameters and requirements?

[Answer](#)

VA requires a Visual Inspection to be done by the COR or CCR after any penetrations have been made in the Ceiling, Floors and Walls to ensure Fire Rated Caulking has been used.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 8:51:25 AM **By:**

Question: 4 - Underground Work

Is there a requirement to provide an underground flush and test? There is no new underground noted in the drawings.

[Answer](#)

No underground required. Testing of components after install shall be necessary.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 8:53:08 AM **By:**

Question: 5 - High Elevation Access

Are we able to use a single man, push around lift for sprinkler replacement in the CLC? We will need this or some other way of getting to the sprinklers roughly 22'-0" above the floor. If not, will scaffolding be approved? Other recommended VA options?

[Answer](#)

Single man Push Around Lift is allowable as long as there are 2 persons, 1 in lift and 1 on the ground for safety and placement of orange cones.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 8:53:45 AM **By:**

Question: 6 - Check Valves

Are the new sectional valve controls supposed to be equipped with a check valve? A check will help keep more areas in service when there is work done on adjacent zones in the future.

Answer

Yes.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 8:54:34 AM **By:**

Question: 7 - NFPA 13

Per NFPA 13, the sectional valve assemblies count as a sprinkler system, and every sprinkler system is supposed to have an air vent installed at the highest point of the system. Is the highest point of each system known or available for bidding purposes? And is the preference for the air vent to be manual or automatic?

Answer

Interpretation that each valve assembly could be considered a system, which would require a vent, it is out of scope of this project for us to assume that air vents don't exist for each floor/zone. The limits of this project end at the valve assemblies. We also assume that the valve assemblies for each zone are not the high points of each zone or system, and if the zones/systems currently do not have vents, then they won't be added during this project. We do not assume that the "rest of each system" is not compliant or does not have proper air venting.

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Question: 8 - Sectional Controls

The sectional control in Mechanical Room-2, BE-05-2, is not installed like the other zones. There is only a control valve in the mechanical room and a flow switch in the room to the North of it. Is the sectional control supposed to be set like the others on campus or leave as is?

Answer

Set like the others and per the standards.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 8:56:57 AM **By:**

Question: 9 - Buy American

Does this project need to conform to the Buy American Act?

Answer

Yes.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:17:01 AM **By:**

Question: 10 - VAAR 819.702(b)

Section 10 of the SF 1442 currently states: "In accordance with VAAR 819.702(b), at the time of submission of offer and prior to award of any task order, the offeror is required to be: 1.SDVOSB eligible under VAAR 819.70, 2.Small Business concern under the NAICS assigned to this acquisition, AND 3.Listed as a verified SDVOSB in VIP database at www.vip.vetbiz.gov B. Should this section read the following? 1. SDVOSB or VOSB eligible under this subpart; 2. Small business concern under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)_ code assigned to the acquisition; AND 3. Certified SDVOSB/VOSB listed in the SBAE certification database at <https://veterans.certify.sba.gov/> (see 13 CFR 128)

Answer

Agreed. Will utilize in upcoming RFP Amendment 0001, the SBAE certification data base, replacing outdated Vetbiz.gov

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:18:20 AM **By:**

Question: 11 - Commissioning Agent

Spec Section 21 08 00 Part 1.1.B states that the Commissioning Agent (CxA) is appointed by the VA. Is the VA contracting the CxA under a separate contract and taking responsibility for that cost outside of this contract?

[Answer](#)

Commissioning is not required.

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Question: 12 - Specification Section 01 91 00

Spec Section 21 08 00 references Spec Section 01 91 00. Spec Section 01 91 00 is not currently in the specification manual. Can the VA please provide spec section 01 91 00?

[Answer](#)

Remove from Specification Section 21 08 00 pertaining to commissioning

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:19:41 AM **By:**

Question: 13 - Asbestos

Is any asbestos abatement required?

[Answer](#)

No.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:20:12 AM **By:**

Question: 14 - Asbestos Survey

Can you please provide an asbestos and/or hazardous materials survey for this project?

[Answer](#)

No.

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Question: 15 - Asbestos Specification Section

If asbestos abatement or hazardous material abatement is required, can you please provide a spec section?

[Answer](#)

N/A

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:35:32 AM **By:**

Question: 16 - Phasing

During the different phasing for this project do we need to allow extra time after our work is complete for any VA provided work such as painting of walls?

[Answer](#)

No.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:36:29 AM **By:**

Question: 17 - Fire Stopping

The Fire Protection plans (Drawing Pages 5-13) do not show any locations for firestopping or fireproofing. Are there conditions in which fireproofing or firestopping is required? If yes, can you please provide a detail and locations on the plans?

[Answer](#)

Repair any damage that may be done with Firestop or Fireproofing

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:38:27 AM **By:**

Question: 18 - Drawing Sheets Missing

Attachment C-Drawings cover sheet, Sheet List calls for pages E0.01, E0.02, E1.00, E.1.01, and FA1.00, but they are not included in the drawing set. Can you please provide these drawings?

[Answer](#)

Those drawings have been excluded from project, not needed.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:39:36 AM **By:**

Question: 19 - Additional Drawings

Are there any other drawing pages that are intended to be included for this project?

[Answer](#)

No.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:40:22 AM **By:**

Question: 20 - Life Safety Plans

Can Life Safety Plans be provided indicating Rated partitions for the walls on this project?

[Answer](#)

Yes.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:40:54 AM **By:**

Question: 21 - FM Global

Spec Section 07 84 00 Section 1.5.B requires the fireproofing installer required to be FM Global 4991 approved or been evaluated by UL and found to comply with UL's "Qualified Firestop Contractor Program requirements" How recent is the UL evaluation required to be?

[Answer](#)

Refer to Manufacturer.

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Question: 22 - UL

Spec Section 07 84 00 Section 1.5.B requires the fireproofing installer required to be FM Global 4991 approved or been evaluated by UL and found to comply with UL's "Qualified Firestop Contractor Program requirements" What are the past performance requirements for the fireproofing installer?

[Answer](#)

Documentation of successful completion of FM Global or UL program.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:41:59 AM **By:**

Question: 23 - Missing Spec

Spec Section 07 92 00 1.2.A references spec section 01 81 13. Can you please provide spec section 01 81 13?

[Answer](#)

Disregard that Spec section.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:42:21 AM **By:**

Question: 24 - Missing Spec

Spec Section 07 92 00 1.2.H references spec section 22 05 11. Can you please provide spec section 22 05 11?

[Answer](#)

Disregard that Spec section.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:48:50 AM **By:**

Question: 25 - Scope Definition

If work for spec section 22 05 11 is required on this project, can you please provide drawings indication what work is required?

[Answer](#)

N/A

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:49:51 AM **By:**

Question: 26 - Component Manufacturer and Name

Spec Section 09 51 00 part 2.1.A states to match existing ceiling unit system. Can you please provide the existing ceiling unit system components manufacturer and model name?

[Answer](#)

N/A

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:50:17 AM **By:**

Question: 27 - Wage Determination

Is wage determination ND20240013 04/05/2024 the most current and applicable Wage Determination for this project?

[Answer](#)

Must pay most current Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:52:12 AM **By:**

Question: 28 - SOW Attachment

Attachment A – SOW Final states: "The contractor will provide and erect premanufactured portable wall assemblies as a part of the base contract and upon completion of the contract. An alternate bid item will be to forego the portable wall assemblies and build a standard gypsum construction barrier." A. The Solicitation price schedule does not list an alternate. Does the VA want an alternate bid option? B. Does the VA want the premanufactured portable wall assemblies to be turned over the VA at the end of the project, or are these to be the property of the contractor after the project completion?

[Answer](#)

Yes.

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Question: 29 - Bid Alternates

Spec Section 01 00 00 Section 1.3.B Alternate bids states NONE. Are there to be any alternate bids for this project?

[Answer](#)

No.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:53:13 AM **By:**

Question: 30 - Superintendent

Spec Section 01 45 00 Section 1.4.A states the superintendent shall not be shared between projects. Can the Superintendent also be the SSHO and QC manager?

[Answer](#)

No.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:53:52 AM **By:**

Question: 31 - SSHO

Spec Section 01 45 00 Section 1.4.B states the SSHO shall be independent from the CQC System Manager. Is it required to have a separate SSHO from our CQC Manage and Superintendent?

[Answer](#)

Yes. Spec Section 1.4.B does not exist, refer to 1.4.A

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:54:16 AM **By:**

Question: 32 - Triple Hat

Can the superintendent "Triple hat" for the Superintendent, SSHO, and CQC system manager roles?

[Answer](#)

No. Refer to Spec 1.4.A

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:56:49 AM **By:**

Question: 33 - CLC Spaces

With the SOW indicating we are to replace 5000 lineal foot of piping for this project. Where is this pipe located that will need to be replaced?

[Answer](#)

No. Refer to question 35

Submitted: 5/10/2024 10:58:44 AM **By:**

Question: 34 - Sprinkler Piping Replacement

In the CLC space with Hard lid. Is this a location where the Piping will need to be replaced or will it be acceptable to replace only the Concealed Sprinkler Heads?

[Answer](#)

Refer to question 35

Submitted: 5/10/2024 11:00:12 AM **By:**

Question: 35 - 5000'

Can the VA please Indicate where the 5000 Lineal foot of pipe is expected to be replaced for this project?

[Answer](#)

No, only piping associated with recessed replacement heads, and in zoned area's remove/replacements.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 11:03:08 AM **By:**

Question: 36 - Type, Temp, Style

Can the VA Please Verify the Type, the Temp and the Style of piping and heads that are going to be used to replace existing.

[Answer](#)

Replace with Equal or Better as to what is already present at locations to be replaced.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 11:05:55 AM **By:**

Question: 37 - Phasing

Can the VA provide a phasing plan for project areas not shown on page A1.21 that are included in the project scope of work?

[Answer](#)

N/A

Submitted: 5/10/2024 11:06:49 AM **By:**

Question: 38 - Fire Pumps

Are all Fire Pumps with bypass being replaced or just the transfer switch to make it automatic?

[Answer](#)

N/A

Submitted: 5/10/2024 11:08:59 AM **By:**

Question: 39 - CLC Spaces

Do CLC Spaces need to be opened up at the end of each Shift?

[Answer](#)

No - Open when work is complete.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 11:09:35 AM **By:**

Question: 40 - Main Replacement

Can the VA Please Indicate Locations where main line is to be replaced?

[Answer](#)

No mainlines to be replaced.

Submitted: 5/10/2024 11:10:28 AM **By:**

Question: 41 - Coverage

Is the contractor to Match Temp and Coverage for heads that will be replaced?

Answer

Yes, match existing to equal or better.

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Question: 42 - Attic Stock

Does the VA have any attic stock of their ACT tile that the contractor can utilize in limited quantities?

Answer

No, Contractor must provide.

Submitted: 5/15/2024 3:22:35 PM **By:**

Question: 43 - Bid Date

The current project bid due date is 5/27 - which is Memorial Monday where all government offices are closed. Most bidders and Generals are also closed on this day. Could the bid date be modified to account for the holiday?

Answer

Noted. Proposal due date now 5/28/2024 due to Holiday.